

## John Bunker Sands Wetland Boardwalk Trail and Accessibility

The John Bunker Sands Wetland Center is A.D.A. compliant and we are happy to have a boardwalk to allow otherwise abled individuals an opportunity to explore. While the boardwalk itself was designed to allow single file traffic for more mindful observations, there are several cutouts that allow individuals, groups, and assisted devices to turn around, rest, or just hang out while observing nature. Some areas of the Boardwalk do have sharp turns and leaving the wooden platform to get onto the levees can be challenging for anyone. There is elevation gained/lost as one enters and/or exits the boardwalk. Below is a description along with images to help you better determine if the boardwalk is for you.

While the boardwalk is the gateway to the 800 public use acres, it is important to note that there are a few key features both on and off the walkway. The Boardwalk was designed for single file/individual traffic. The width of the boardwalk allows less interference from large groupings for a more mindful journey.



There are several 'CUTOUT' sections which increase the size of the boardwalk momentarily. These locations allow for a suitable turn around location for assisted hikers.

While the Boardwalk provides a relatively smooth rate of travel just inches above the water, getting off the boardwalk may be a bit more adventurous. As you could imagine, the transition from wooden planks to levee roads requires some effort. Please see the pics below for the incline transitions.



Another set of structures on the boardwalk to be aware of are the Shaded Info Panel Stations. These structures are located on opposite "arms" of the Boardwalk and provide a much-needed respite from late Spring and Summer Sun. Please be aware that these are the only 2 places where shade structures exist beyond the Center itself.

