

# TEAM PLAYERS

Try to find these common coastal critters.



Laughing Gull  
BIRD



Marsh Rabbit  
MAMMAL



Golden Silk Spider  
ARACHNID



Glass Lizard  
REPTILE



Squareback Marsh Crab  
CRUSTACEAN



Osprey  
BIRD



Green Treefrog  
AMPHIBIAN



American Alligator  
REPTILE



White-tailed Deer  
MAMMAL



Gulf Fritillary  
INSECT



Great Blue Heron  
BIRD



Marsh Periwinkle  
GASTROPOD

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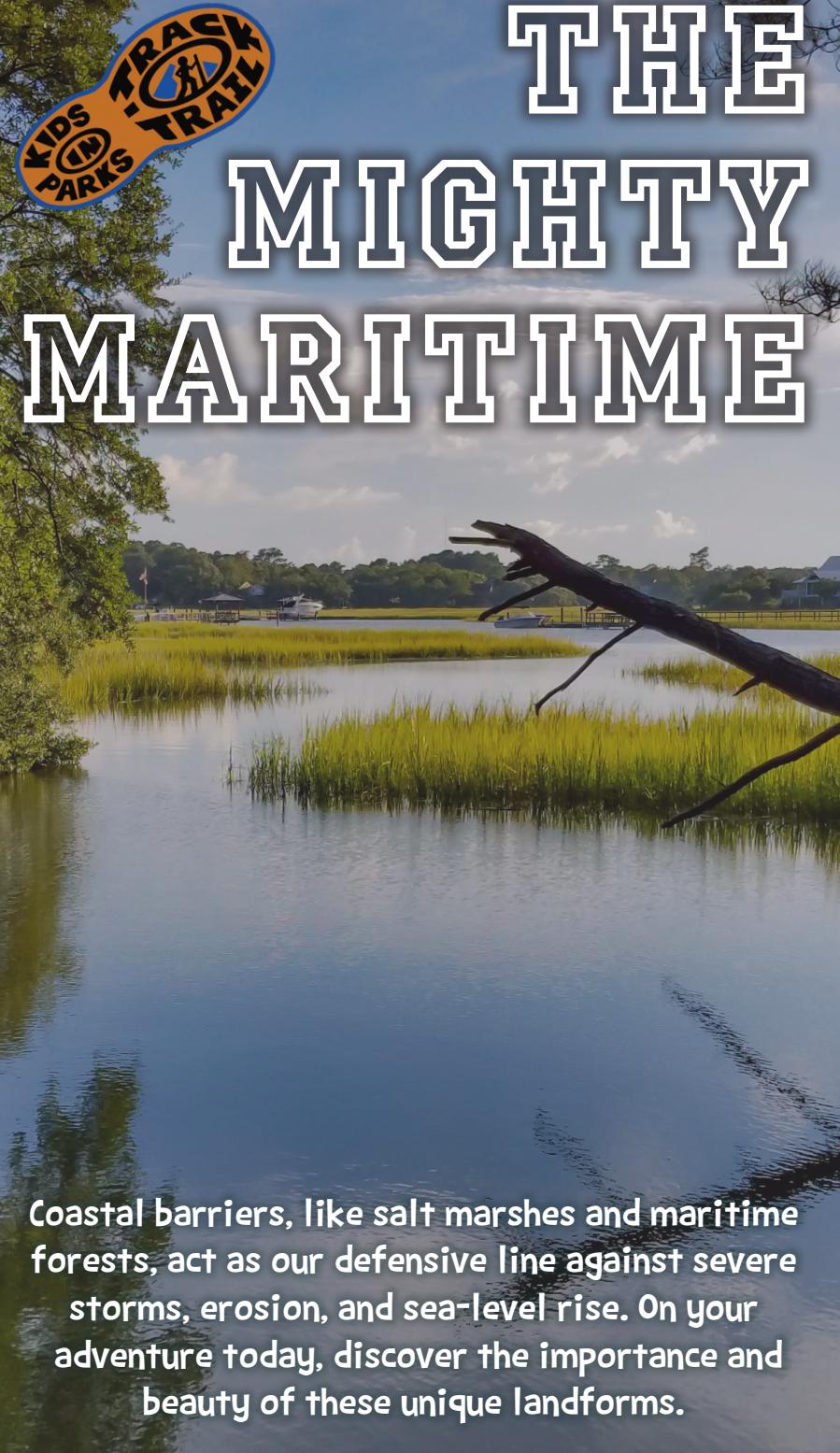


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# THE DEFENSIVE LINE

Coastal barriers not only protect the mainland, but they also provide unique habitats for plants and wildlife. What will you see in this ever-changing landscape?

## BARRIER ISLAND

Barrier islands break up large storm surges and shield the mainland from wind and water erosion. Species that live here must tolerate salt spray, strong winds, sandy soil, and limited freshwater. A barrier island can also have other coastal barriers on it depending on its size.



WAX MYRTLE



YAUPON HOLLY



WHITE BEGGER-TICKS



## DUNES

Dunes act as a wall against strong winds and high tides, taking the brunt of most storms. Though dunes may shift in the sand, plants with deep root networks, like sea oats, provide stabilization and minimize wind erosion.



FIREWHEEL



SEA OATS



## MARSH

Salt marshes change daily with the tides and can tolerate extra water flow, decreasing inland flooding. Plants found here are salt-tolerant and help filter out pollutants and excess runoff during storms.



SEA-OX-EYE



SALTMARSH CORDGRASS



NEEDLEGRASS RUSH



LIVE OAK

## MARITIME FOREST

Maritime forests further weaken storm surges and strong winds. The dense vegetation stabilizes the soil and absorbs rain and excess floodwater. This habitat is dependent on dune formations - without these barriers, the entire coastline is at risk.



LOBLOLLY PINE



BALD CYPRESS



SPANISH MOSS