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Maps for a walking tour of the Colonial Archaeological Trail are available at the T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum and Tivoli High House information desks.