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Guides



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About the Route

The western endpoint of the Jacksonville-Baldwin Trail is at Larry M. Carroll Memorial Park in Baldwin. From here, the trail heads east, skimming the northern bounds of Baldwin, and crossing under two iterations of US- 301.

Near the trail's midpoint, just east of Halsema Road N., the Camp Milton Trail runs a short distance south from the trail to reach the Camp Milton Historic Preserve. Once home to the largest encampment of Confederate troops during the Civil War, the site includes the remains of a mile-long defensive works, a re-creation of a late 19th-century homestead, a replica bridge, and an arboretum. Just west of Camp Milton, trail users may hear naval aircraft on training runs at nearby Whitehouse Field.

Nearing Jacksonville, the surrounds became more suburban. However, the easternmost mile of the trail approaching the Jacksonville endpoint spans the forested Bulls Bay Preserve. Shortly before the endpoint, the trail has an at-grade crossing with Commonwealth Ave. The Jacksonville-Baldwin Trail's eastern endpoint is at 1800 Imeson Road in Jacksonville.

Trail History

The Jacksonville-Baldwin Trail's right of way formerly carried the Jacksonville & Southwestern Railroad (J&SW), first opened in 1899. In 1904, it was purchased by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, a rising regional powerhouse, which operated it as the Jacksonville-Wilcox Line. Through the first half of the 20th century, the line carried and passengers as far as St. Petersburg on Florida's gulf coast. Passenger service ended in 1971 and the segment that now carries the trail was abandoned the following year. In 1992, CSX sold the segment to the Florida agencies who developed it into a rail-trail.



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States: Florida

Counties: Duval

Length: 14.6miles

Trail end points: 1800 Imeson Road
(Jacksonville) to 89 Brandy Branch Rd / CR 121
(Baldwin)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Horseback
Riding,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Jacksonville-Baldwin Trail runs between 89 Brandy Branch Rd / CR 121 (Baldwin) and 1800 Imeson Road (Jacksonville), with parking available at both endpoints.

Parking is also available:

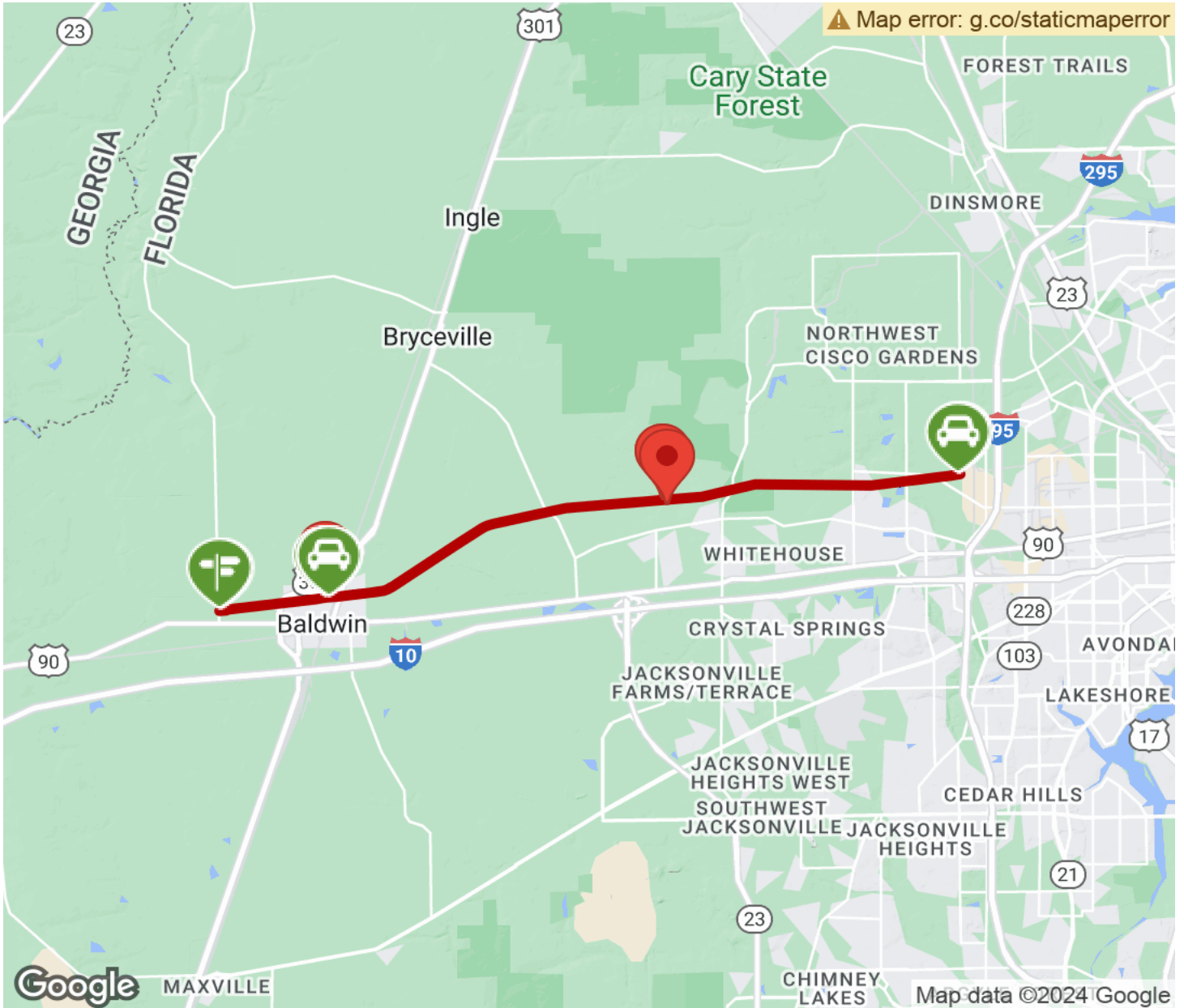
- Larry M. Carroll Memorial Park (Baldwin)
- 1383 Halsema Rd N (Jacksonville)
- 1384 Otis Rd (Jacksonville)

See [TrailLink Map](#) for more detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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