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Guides



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River  
Greenway at  
Branford**  
*Florida*



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Suwannee River Greenway includes an east-west route between the Suwannee and Ichetucknee rivers, as well as a short north-south section that starts mid-way between the two rivers and heads to the Santa Fe River. The entire trail is paved and partially follows a former CSX Railroad corridor. Along the way, numerous benches and small covered pavilions beneath a dense tree canopy provide plenty of shady rest stops.

Two trailheads—at Ivey Memorial Park and in Branford—lie in a bend along the western half of the trail. Ivey has the only public restroom and water fountain, so you may want to start your trip here. Consider a visit to Branford's restaurants, convenience stores and gas stations before hitting the trail.

North of town, the trail parallels US Highway 129 for about 2.5 miles before it ends. If you continue west just over 1 mile along lightly traveled CR 248, you'll reach Little River Springs State Park. Cool off with a dip in the springs at this slice of old Florida on the Suwannee.

Heading back toward Branford along the trail, you'll pass the trailheads before reaching a gopher turtle preserve at the trail midpoint. Be on the lookout for a gopher turtle or two, as well as other small trail critters.

The path around the south side of Branford is built on the old rail bed and is smooth and solid. The section parallel to US27, from the east side of Branford to the Ichetucknee River is potholed and uneven.

By the time you reach trail's end, you may be ready for a relaxing tube ride down the meandering Ichetucknee. Also worth a visit is Ichetucknee Springs State Park, a short drive away. On the other side of the Ichetucknee you pick up the [Ichetucknee to O'Leno Trail](#).

This is a pet-friendly trail but they must be kept leashed and have current vaccination records for inspection.



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**States:** Florida

**Counties:** Suwannee

Length: 14 miles

**Trail end points:** US 129 & CR 248 to  
Ichetucknee River at US 27/SR20

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Mountain

Biking, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

To reach the Branford trailhead, take US Highway 27 north to US Highway 129, turn north then take the first left on Trail Street/Owens Avenue. Parking is at road's end.

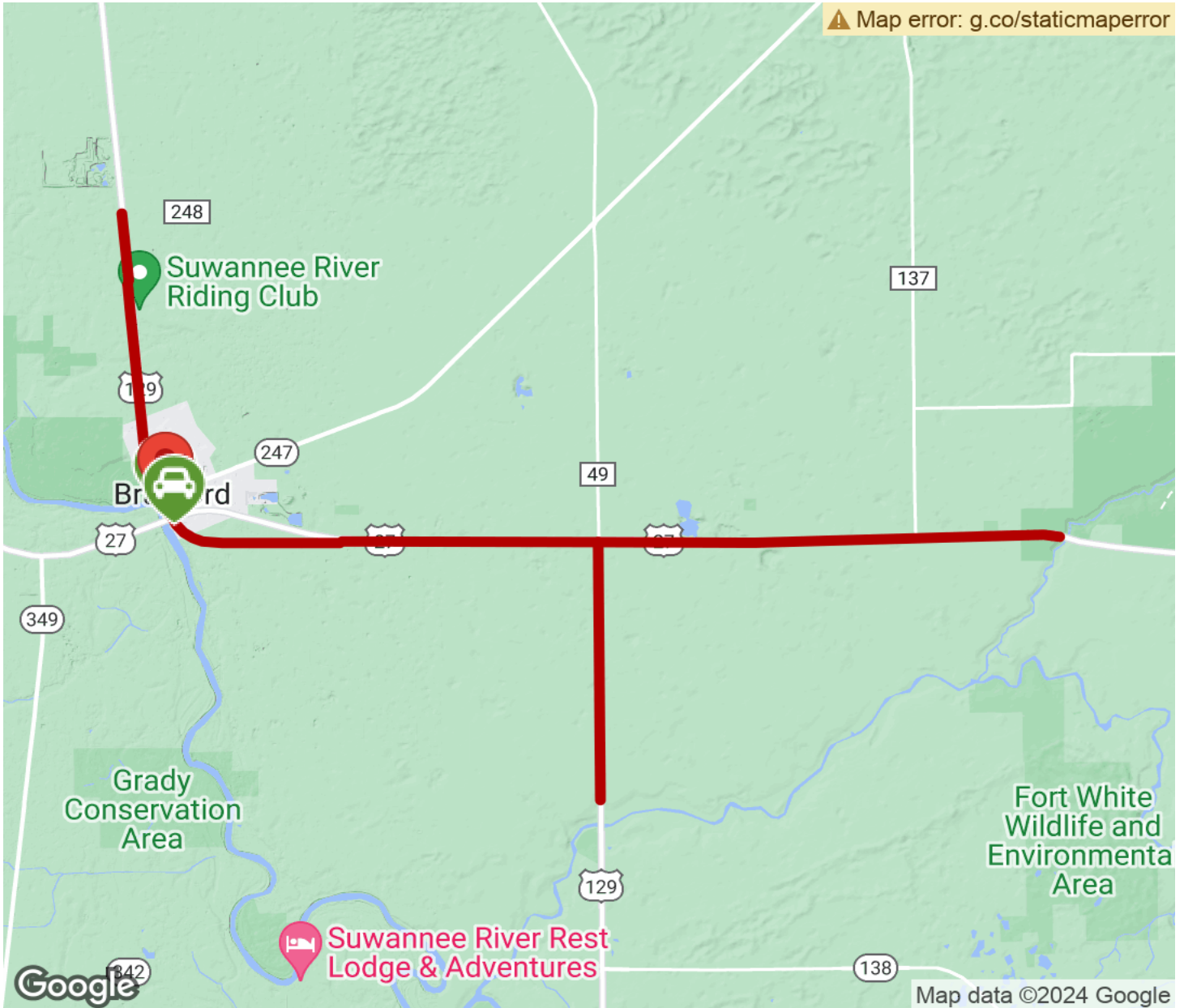
Ivey Memorial Park is on the other side of US Highway 27, just east of the Suwannee River. For more information, contact:

Suwannee County Recreation Department  
1201 Silas Drive  
Live Oak, FL 32064  
386-362-3004



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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