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**Route A1A & A1A Urban Trail** *Florida* 



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A short distance inland of Florida's eastern coast, the Route A1A Trail offers a paved pathway of over 60 miles along Florida's Barrier Islands from Port Canaveral to South Beach. A large section of this trail is part of the <u>East</u> <u>Coast Greenway Trail</u>, which stretches the entire Atlantic coast of the United States.

On its southern end, the pathway connects to Round Island Park, a tranquil place for bird watching, fishing, kayaking, and nature walks. With access to both the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian River Lagoon, travelers may also glimpse manatees. From the park, you can pedal north through residential neighborhoods paralleling the highway lined with palm trees. There are also a few golf courses within a short distance of the trail throughout its length. About a third of the way into your journey, you'll pass Jaycee Park, which you can access via a crosswalk to reach the park's swimming beach, playground, and picnic pavilions. Continuing north, the surrounding landscape becomes more commercial and the ocean closer at hand (just a block to the east). About midway, Turtle Trail Beach is also accessible via a crosswalk across the highway. Its uncrowded coastline offers a pleasant place to relax.

On the northern half of the trail, you'll have access to Wabasso Beach Park, which offers a boardwalk and snack shops in addition to ocean swimming. Traveling northward, you'll pass the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, where you can make a connection to the <u>Historic Jungle Trail</u>. Note that this connecting trail is sandy and best suited for on-foot travel.

Approaching trail's end, you'll have wide open vistas of the Indian River, followed by passage into Sebastian Inlet State Park. This vast park is worth taking extra time to explore. Activities to enjoy here include surfing, fishing, swimming, boating, kayaking, camping, and visiting two museums.

From the Sebastian Inlet, the northern portion of the trail is called the <u>A1A Urban Trail</u> by the Space Coast Transportation Planning Org. because it runs a more urban route through towns like Port Canaveral, Cocoa Beach, and Floridana Beach. The barrier island where towns like Cocoa Beach are located are only a few streets wide, so the Urban A1A Trail creates accesible car-free transportation to nearly all parts of the island. The East Coast Greenway portion of the trail ends in Indian Shores Beach, on Eau Gallie Rd. (and bridge) where it continues towards the mainland and north all the way towards Maine. However, this section of the A1A Urban Trail continues for a while more north until coming to an end in Port Canaveral just south of the Banana River Bridge.







States: Florida Counties: Indian River Length: 62.3miles Trail end points: Atlantis Rd. (Port Canaveral) to Round Island Beach Park Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Fishing,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

## **Parking & Trail Access**

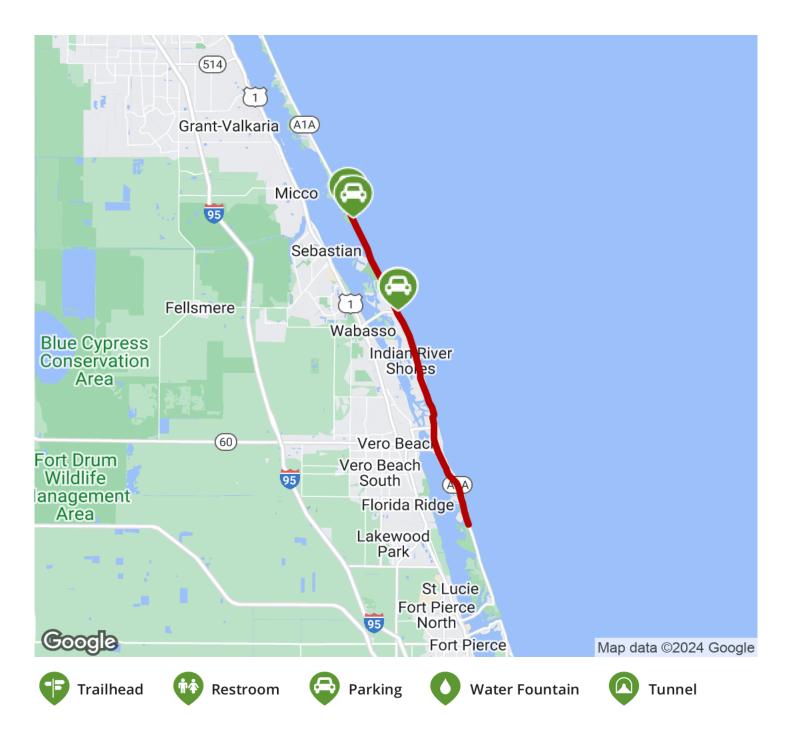
Parking is available on the south end of the trail in Round Island Park (2200 S. Highway A1A) and midway at Jaycee Park (5205 Ocean Dr.) and at Turtle Trail Beach (8102 North Highway A1A). On the trail's northern end, parking is available at Wabasso Beach Park (1820 County Road 510) and Sebastian Inlet State Park (9700 S. Highway A1A).

There are numerous parking options along the Urban A1A route, <u>see TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.



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