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## Overview

Trail users will find the John Yarbrough Linear Park Trail to be an unexpected surprise in Fort Myers. Although bound by busy streets in all directions, the corridor itself is green and serene. The paved trail rolls alongside the Ten Mile Canal for 6 miles and crosses over it on a few pedestrian bridges where you can stop and take in the views. Look for egrets, herons, and other birds wading through its lush vegetation, and eagles in the tall treetops. Trail users might even get lucky and spot an alligator.

## About the Route

As the northern end of the trail opens up, over a median of brush, trail users should be able to see the train cars of the

Seminole Gulf Railway, which the trail parallels. The rail line serves freight, but also murder mystery dinner trains several nights a week. The trail ends at Colonial Boulevard and just on the other side of the roadway is Colonial Station, where the trains depart from. Trail users in need of refreshment at the end of the journey will have access to a few chain restaurants nearby that are accessible via the narrow paved pathways heading both east and west along the boulevard.

At multiple points, trail users will encounter covered picnic tables, so they'll be able to take shelter from the hot sun or the cool rain—both likely on any given day in Florida! Towards the southern end of the route, trail users will find the only dedicated trail parking on the southern end of the trail, on the south side of Daniels Parkway.

## Trail History

The canal was built in the 1920s to control flooding in the southern part of the city and, when the trail's first section opened in 2005, it was named Ten Mile Linear Park after the waterway. Later, it was renamed to honor a longtime director of Lee County Parks and Recreation, the entity that owns and operates the trail. Portions of the trail can be found along both banks of the canal and those on the west side are built on the former Seaboard Air Line Railroad.



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**States:** Florida

**Counties:** Lee

Length: 5.97miles

**Trail end points:** Colonial Blvd. (Fort Myers) to  
Six Mile Cypress Parkway (Fort Myers)

**Trail surfaces:** Concrete

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline  
Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair  
Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

The John Yarbrough Linear Park Trail runs between Colonial Blvd. (Fort Myers) and Six Mile Cypress Parkway (Fort Myers).

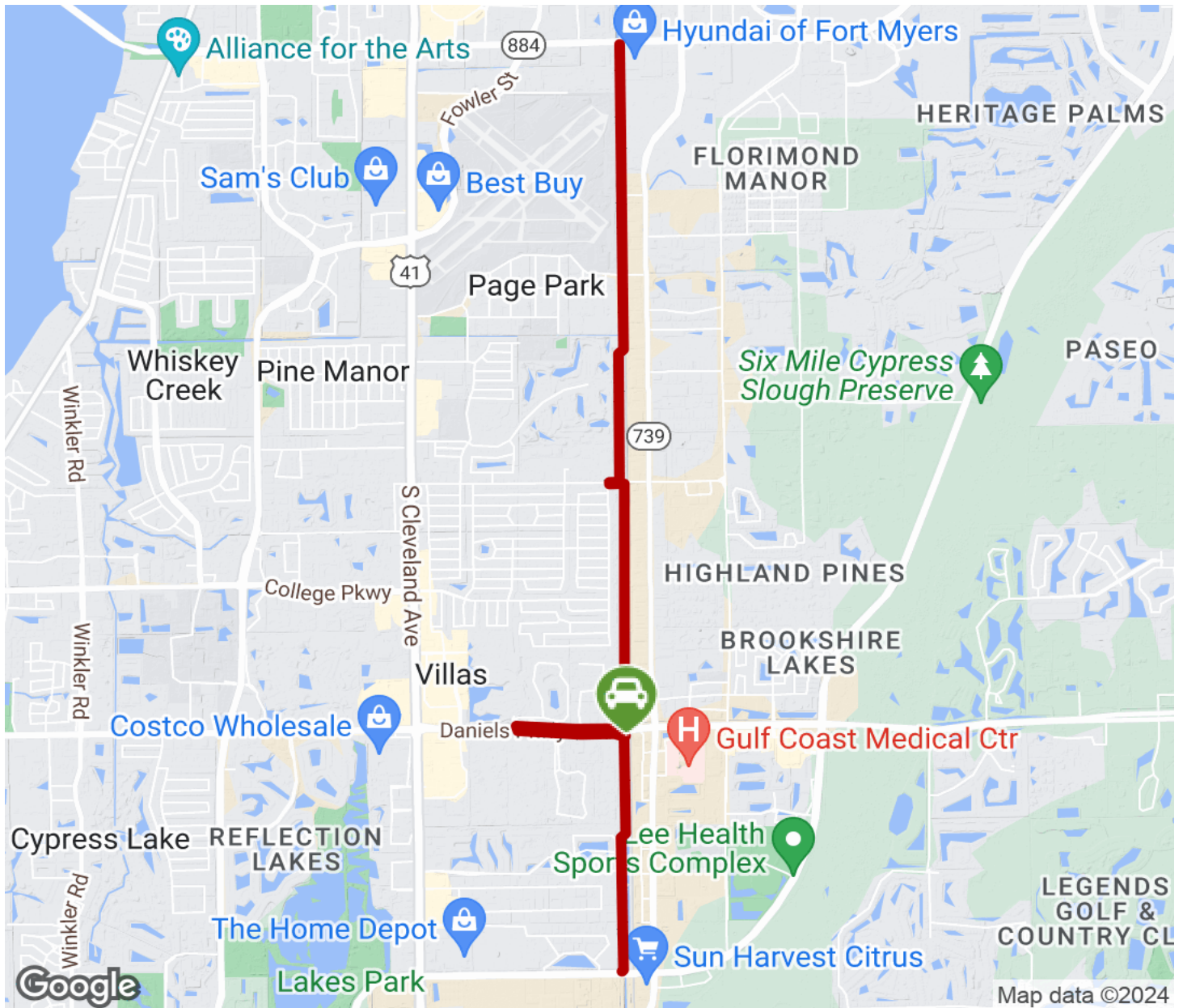
Parking is available along Daniels Pkwy, just west of Metro Parkway.

See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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