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Guides



**Coastal Trail**  
*Florida*



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### Overview

The Coastal Trail is a 24.2-mile crucial link in the Capital City to the Sea regional trails system in the Greater Tallahassee Area. The paved trail is 10-ft wide and flat, with ample shade against the Florida sunshine.

### About the Route

At its northeast end, the trail begins at the entrance to the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and Lighthouse on Lighthouse Rd in Crawfordville. The paved trail is a dedicated path that runs west along the south side of the Coastal Hwy (US-98/FL-30). While crossing the St. Marks River, the route becomes a non-separated and unprotected lane on the George Nesmith Bridge/US-98.

After the bridge, the trail returns to being an off-road dedicated path.

In 2.7 miles, the trail intersects with the [Tallahassee - St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail](#) and there is a trailhead with parking and restrooms on the north side of the Coastal Hwy/US-98. The Coastal Trail heads southwest 21.5 miles within the woody margin of the highway. The path sits on the north side of the road, but then switches to the south side close to the Wakulla River bridge, which has a separated non-motorized lane.

Beyond the bridge, the trail switches back to the north side of US 98 and continues paralleling the road. After crossing Spring Creek Highway, sections of the trail drift slightly farther away from the road and pass through woods and wetlands with a few sections of boardwalk.

The trail continues to parallel US 98 as the highway curves southwest. At the intersection with Crawfordville Highway/US 319, the trail switches again and runs along the southeast side of US 98. Continuing to follow the highway, the trail runs south through the communities of Medart and Panacea. Between communities the trail runs through wetlands.

After heading south through Panacea, the trail parallels the highway through wetlands and salt marshes. The route includes two long bridges over the wetlands.

At its southern end in Panacea, the trail connects with the [Ochlockonee Bay Trail](#) on Surf Road. There is a trailhead with parking, restrooms and picnic tables at the intersection of Surf Road and US 98.

### Connections

The Coastal Trail provides a connection between the [Tallahassee - St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail](#) and the [Ochlockonee Bay Trail](#).



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**States:** Florida

**Counties:** Wakulla

Length: 24.2miles

**Trail end points:** Lighthouse Rd  
(Crawfordville) to Surf Rd & US 98 (Panacea)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Boardwalk

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Wheelchair  
Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

The Coastal Trail runs between Lighthouse Rd (Crawfordville) and Surf Rd & US 98 (Panacea). Parking and restrooms are available at both ends of the trail.

Additional parking is available at a number of locations along the trail, including:

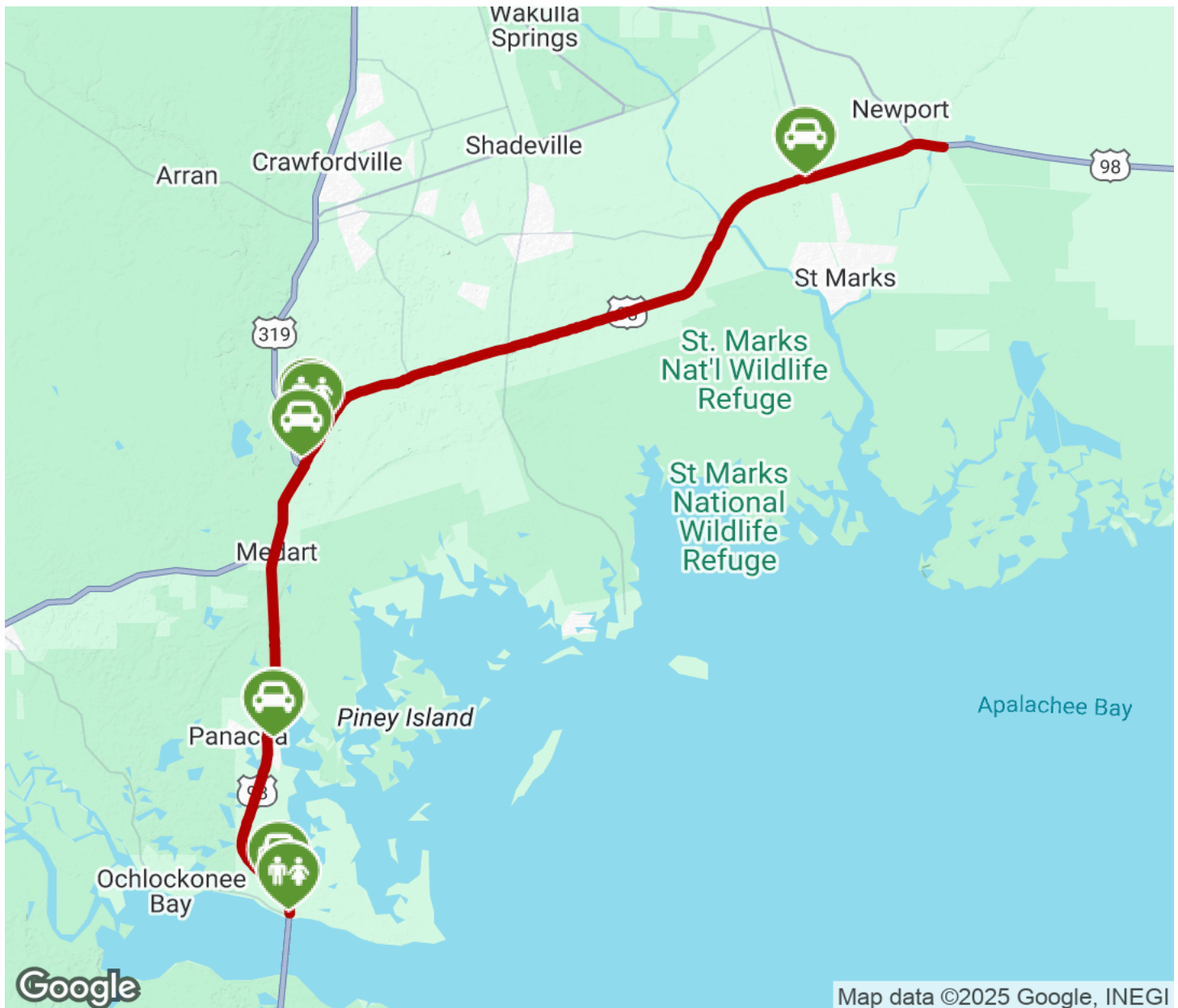
- Medart Park, 79 Recreation Dr (Crawfordville)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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