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Guides



**Pinckney
Island
National
Wildlife
Refuge Main
Trail**

South Carolina



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About the Route

Managed as a National Wildlife Refuge, Pinckney Island offers evidence of Native American settlements dating back 10,000 years in addition to early-18th century European settlements. Trail users will also be treated to notable plant and animal wildlife, especially in the spring,



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States: South Carolina

Counties: Beaufort

Length: 3.5miles

Trail end points: Clubhouse Pond to Parking
Lot off of US 278

Trail surfaces: Dirt,Gravel

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

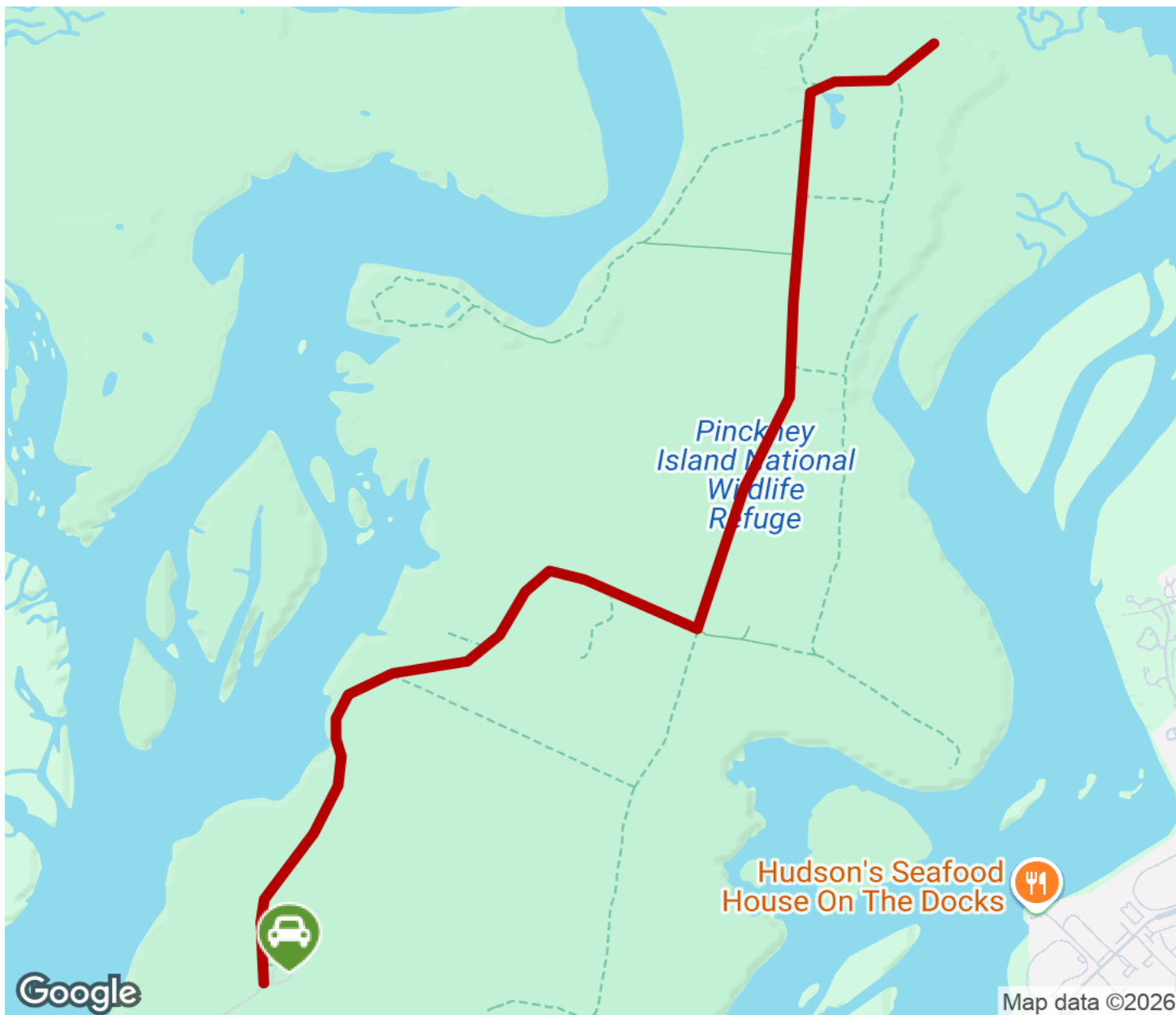
The Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge Main Trail runs between a parking lot off of US 278 and Clubhouse Pond.

Parking is available at the southern end of the trail. Please see TrailLink Map for detailed directions.



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- Trailhead
- Restroom
- Parking
- Water Fountain
- Tunnel