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The Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail is the first paved rail trail developed by the state, and it follows the route of Florida's first and longest-operating railroad that was used primarily to transport cotton from plantations to awaiting ships. Today adventure awaits, as the rail trail—plus side trails and nearby state parks—stand ready for exploration.

As its name implies, the trail stretches 21 miles from the capital city south to St. Marks. Longleaf pine and forests of oak, wax myrtle, and yaupon holly nicely shade the route.

About the Route

In Tallahassee, the trail leaves off less than a block from the Doak Campbell Stadium and just south of the Florida

State University campus. On the north side of W. Gaines Street, trail users can connect to the Stadium Drive Bikepath - frequently used by students to access the university. Head south from Gaines Street on the Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail and you'll enjoy a pleasant tree-lined corridor.

Continuing along, note that the trail's first few miles can be a bit congested, particularly on the weekends. Just remember proper trail etiquette and have a good time. When riding a mountain bike, consider turning into the Munson Hills Off-Road Trail, off the trail about 1 mile (mileage is painted on the asphalt) from the Capital Circle Trailhead. The loop system can get sandy during dry months, but the scenic areas and remote terrain make it worth a visit.

Wakulla Station Trailhead, near mile marker 9, provides water, shelter, and restrooms. A bit farther south you can take a 5-mile detour along the paved shoulder of State Route 267 to get to Wakulla Springs State Park, known for its big, beautiful spring and refreshing swimming hole.

With only 6 or so miles of trail remaining, trail users will soon find themselves in St. Marks. Another state park, San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park, is to the south and west of the trail's end. Or simply hit one of the small waterfront restaurants to wet your whistle and carb-load with friends while watching the boats cruise along the St. Marks River.

Connections

Near the northern end of the trail, trail users can connect to the [Capital Circle Connector Trail](#) and [Stadium Drive Bikepath](#).

At the southern end of the trail, trail users can connect to the [Coastal Trail](#).



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States: Florida

Counties: Leon, Wakulla

Length: 21 miles

Trail end points: Lake Bradford Rd.
(Tallahassee) to Riverside Dr. (St. Marks)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback Riding, Inline
Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail runs between Lake Bradford Rd. (Tallahassee) and Riverside Dr. (St. Marks), where parking is available.

Parking is also available at:

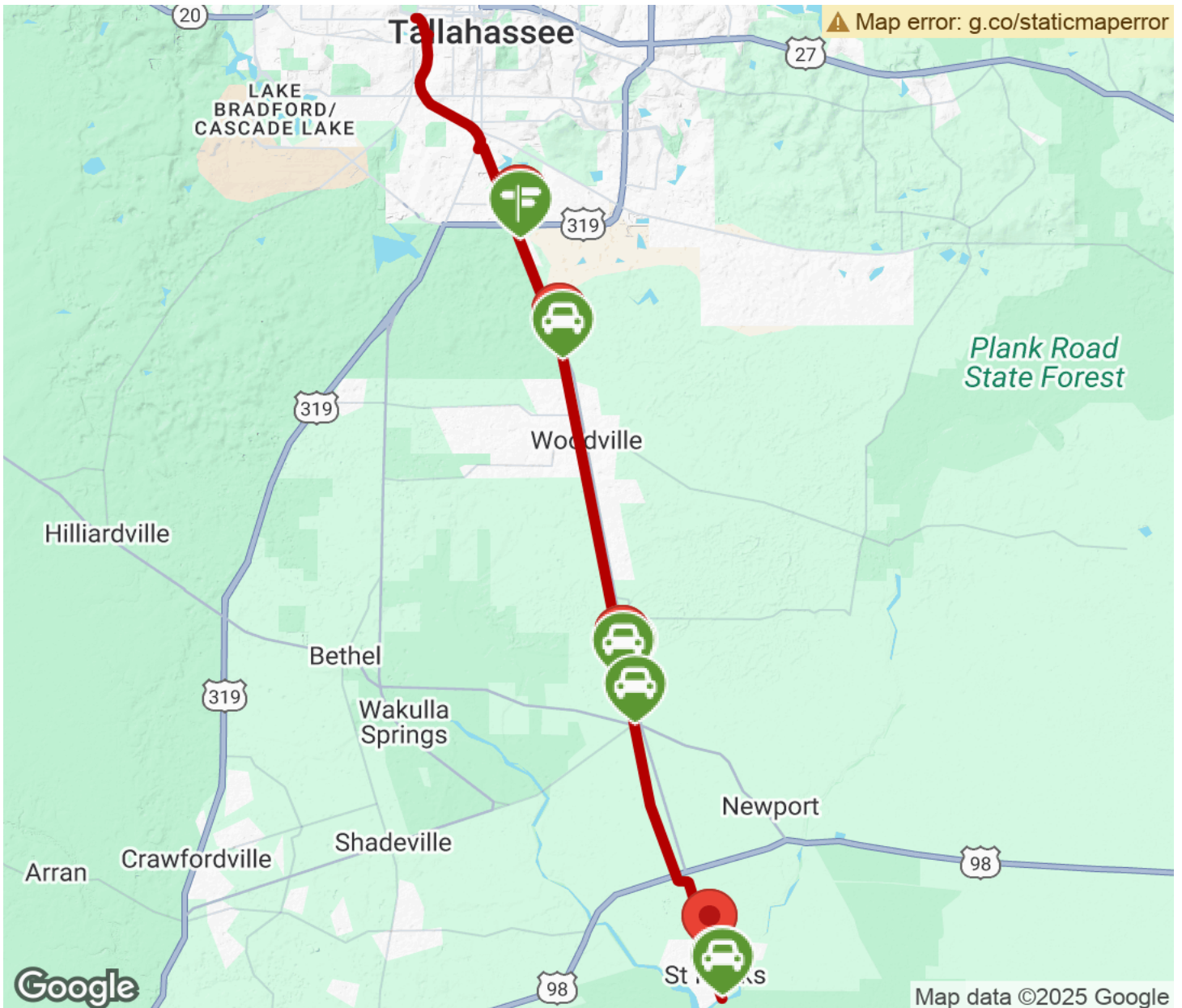
- 4778 Woodville Hwy (Tallahassee)
- 1362 Woodville Hwy (Crawfordville)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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