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Visitors come to Gasparilla Island for its soothing beaches, upscale eateries, shopping, and the history in and around Boca Grande. You, too, can sample these amenities up and down this paved 6-mile trail, known locally as the Boca Grande Bike Path. Credited as being one of Florida's first rail trails, the path travels the length of the Gulf Coast barrier island, offering a host of activities, from sunbathing to state park rambles. Remember to bring your sunscreen and your wallet: While the use of the trail is free, the causeway crossing and sites along the route charge fees.

About the Route

Starting from the south shore, trail users might consider paying the state park entrance fee to visit the museum,

which chronicles the island's history and fishing industry. Two miles north lies the Range Light Beach Access and its namesake squat historic lighthouse.

Those who start from the north will have their pick of beautiful overlooks of Gasparilla Sound. Also watch for the iguanas (non-native) that have successfully inhabited this lush, palm-covered island, as well as gopher tortoises. This end offers a separate jogging track.

Whichever direction you choose, the beautifully landscaped and well-kept trail soon reaches central Boca Grande, just south of the trail midpoint. The old Boca Grande Depot has been converted into an upscale commercial center, and behind it lies a section of preserved track. Surprisingly, golf carts harmoniously share the trail with other users, showcasing a unique blend of Southern hospitality and practical transportation for residents and visitors alike.

Connections

After exploring the Boca Grande Bike Path, check out the nearby Cape Haze Pioneer Trail, north of Gasparilla Island.

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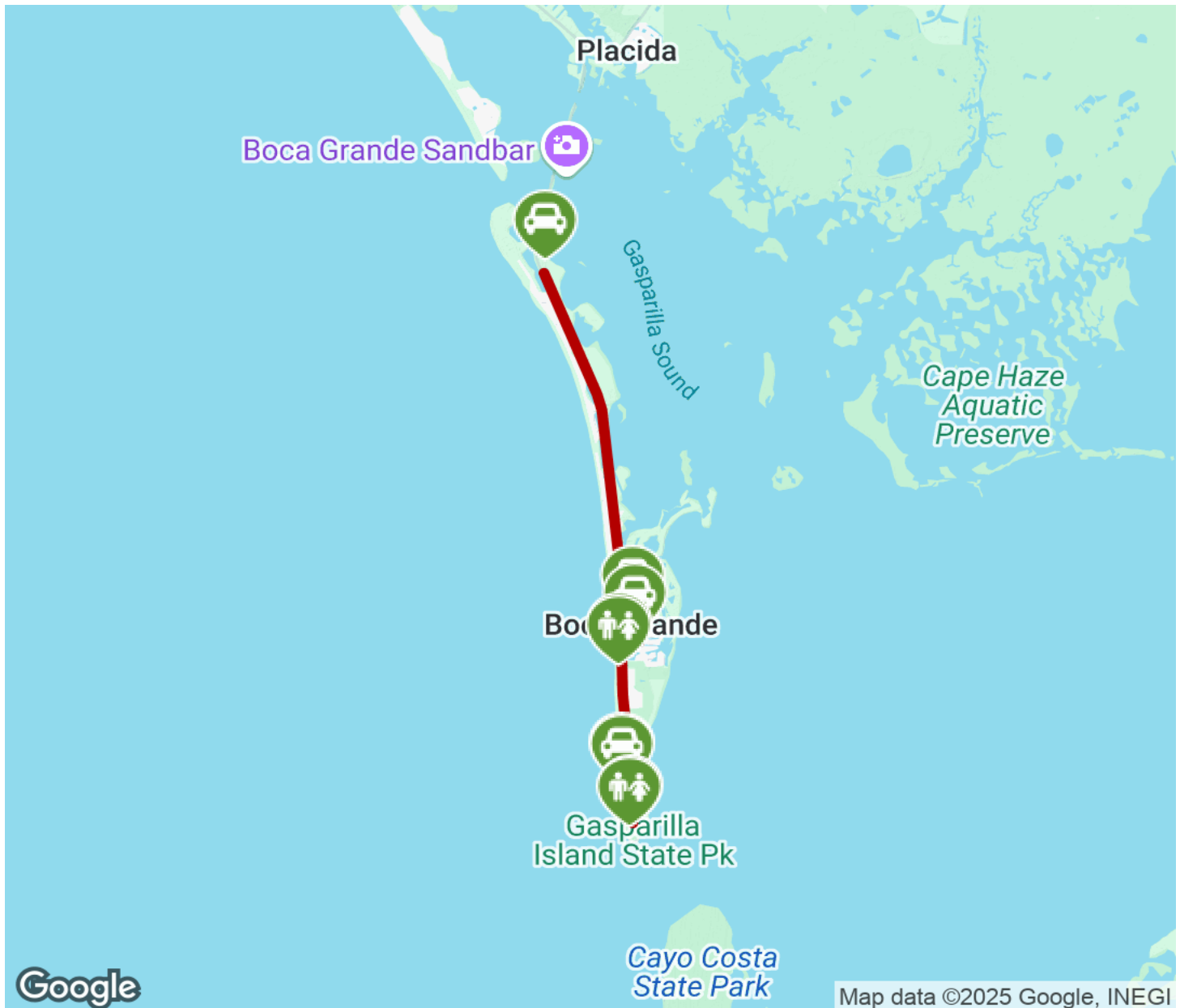
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## Parking & Trail Access

The Boca Grande Bike Path runs between 5800 Gasparilla Rd. (Boca Grande) and 880 Belcher Rd. (Boca Grande),

Please see TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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Boca Grande Sandbar

Gasparilla Sound

Cape Haze Aquatic Preserve

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