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Pioneer Trail**
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About the Route

The fairly straight and flat rail-trail offers a relaxing ride and welcome relief from the area's growing traffic congestion. From its origins near Charlotte Beach, the trail has a rural feel, while multiple access points offer an opportunity for a break when needed. Boasting ample parking, water and restrooms, the northern trailhead is named after longtime trail advocates Robert and Anne Mercer, credited with starting Charlotte County's thriving rail-trail movement.

The trail continues southward after crossing a short, dirt driveway used as a service area for the Coral Creek Golf Club. This newly paved section of the trail continues from the entrance to the golf club, parallel to CR 771, across the new bicycle-friendly Coral Creek bridge to end at the traffic light to the Boca Grande Causeway.

Connections

There are plans to extend the trail south to the Gulf and connect it with the [Boca Grande Bike Path](#) on Gasparilla Island, which shares the corridor. The resulting regional trail will span coastal Charlotte and Lee counties.

Trail History

The Cape Haze Pioneer Trail follows the railroad line that once serviced Florida's early phosphate industry and also moved people, livestock and locally grown crops, such as watermelons, to waiting steamships in Boca Grande on Gasparilla Island. The long-running Charlotte Harbor & Northern Railroad operated until the late 1970s.



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States: Florida

Counties: Charlotte

Length: 8.1miles

Trail end points: Cape Haze Pioneer Trail Park
(1688 Gasparilla Rd, Port Charlotte) to Placida
Rd (Placida)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

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

Parking & Trail Access

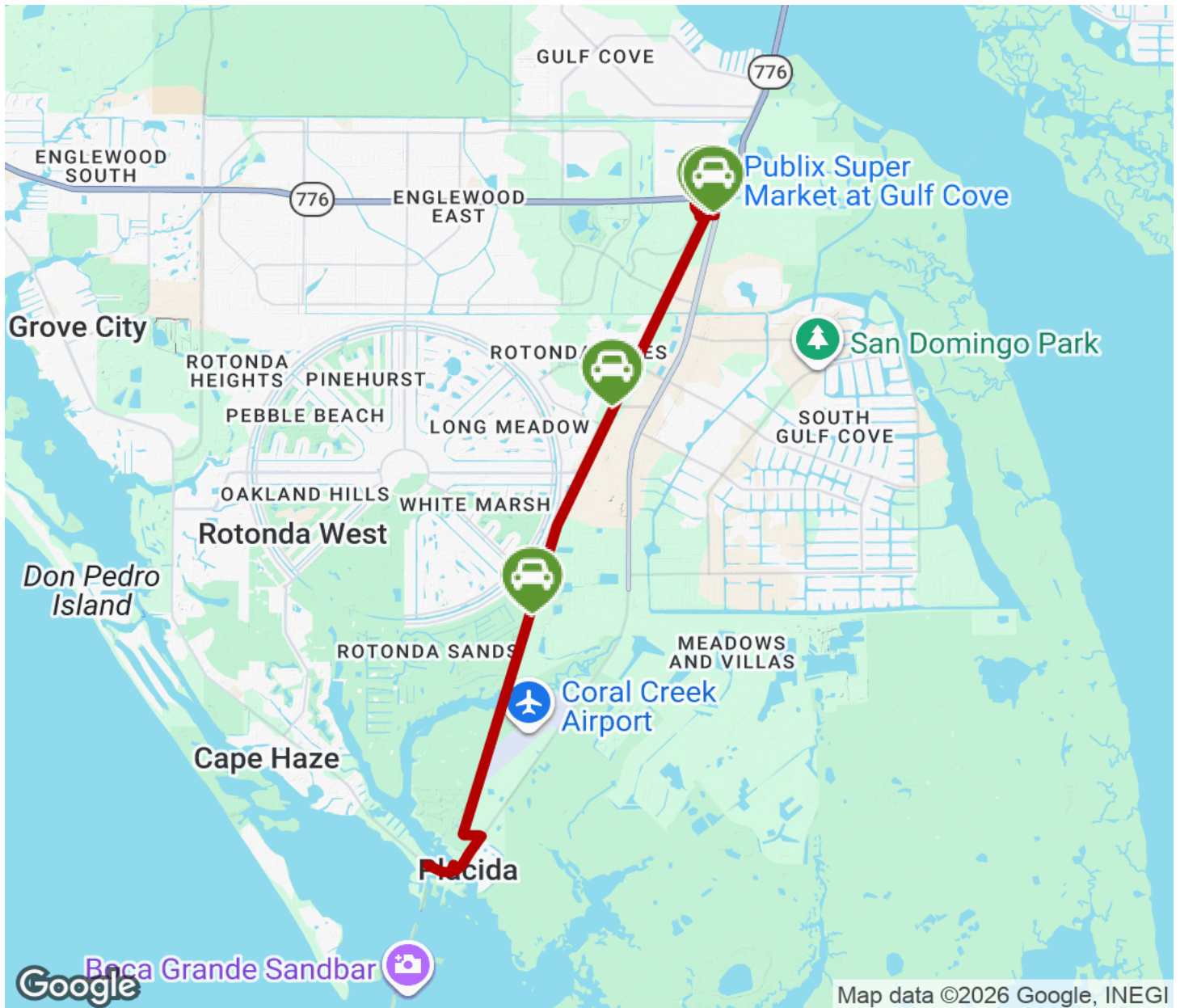
The Cape Haze Pioneer Trail runs between Cape Haze Pioneer Trail Park (1688 Gasparilla Rd, Port Charlotte), where parking is available, and Placida Rd (Placida).

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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