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Connecting small communities and suburban neighborhoods, the 22-mile West Orange Trail is one of Florida's most popular rail-trails, thanks to its reputation and proximity to metro Orlando. Fifteen minutes northwest of downtown, the route serves as a window on the region's past and present, passing through 1950s communities that grew up around the once-thriving Orange Belt Railway, as well as more developed areas in this rapidly expanding metropolitan area.

About the Route

Killarney Station, a modern take on an old-time train depot, anchors the southern trailhead. Here, trail users



will find bike rentals, restrooms and water. From here the route leads northeast through the quiet, wooded community of Oakland before hitting downtown Winter Garden. For about 1 mile the trail threads down the middle of two-lane Plant Street, allowing trail users to browse the shops and restaurants of this lively community.

For the next 10 miles the trail pops in and out of thinly wooded areas, occasionally passing orange groves that speak to the county's agricultural roots. This stretch is open to equestrian use.

Beyond lies Apopka, one of central Florida's fastest growing communities. Here, the trail follows a combination of trailonly sections as well as along a couple of side roads (the trail is still a trail!), crossing busy US 441 along Forest Avenue and a beautiful trail overcrossing of Florida's Orange Blossom Trail in downtown Apopka. Running along North Park Avenue and Rock Springs Rd for 3.5 miles, the trail then turns west at Lester Rd and continues along the south side of street for another mile until it reaches its southern endpoint at Vick Rd.

Connections

At the trail's western endpoint, it becomes the <u>South Lake and</u> <u>Lake Minneola Scenic Trail</u>.

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States: Florida Counties: Orange Length: 22.4miles Trail end points: Killarney Station at Old CR 50 & Lake Blvd (Oakland) to Lester Rd & Rock Springs Rd. (Apopka) Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Concrete,Dirt, Woodchips Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Horseback Riding,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The West Orange Trail runs between Killarney Station at Old CR 50 & Lake Blvd (Oakland), where parking is available, and Lester Rd & Rock Springs Rd. (Apopka).

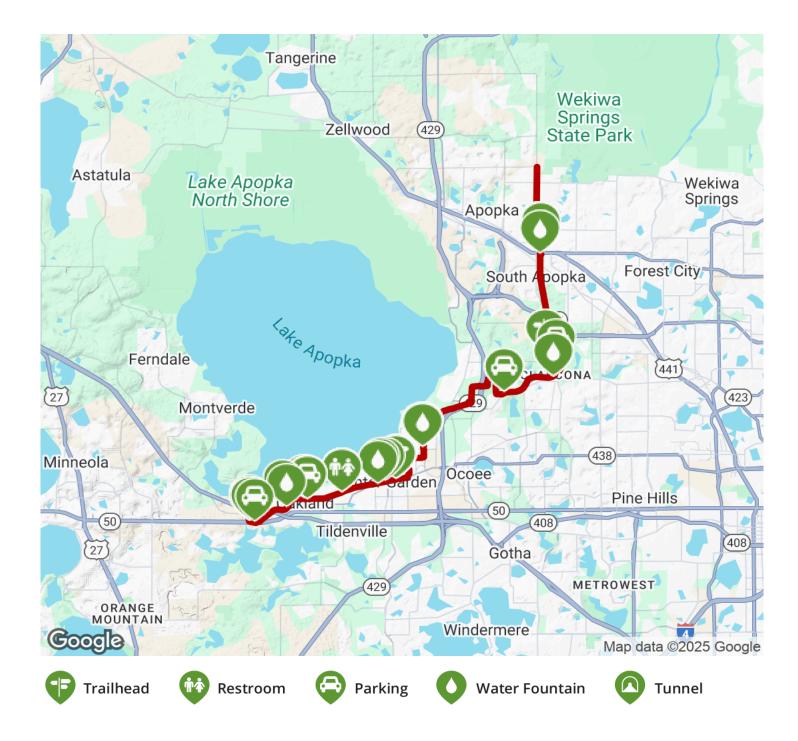
Additional parking can be found at:

- 501 Crown Point Cross Rd (Winter Garden)
- 5794 N Apopka Vineland Rd (Orlando)
- 111 S Forest Ave (Apopka)

There are several parking options available along this route, see <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.









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