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## About the Route

The northern endpoint of the Withlacoochee State Trail is located just off W Shellbark Dr., nestled within a neighborhood. Here, the trail heads south along a wooded corridor nestled in the suburbs. It passes the downtown regions of Hernando and Inverness, which offer several retail and dining establishments.

Just south of Floral City, the trail cuts through the

Withlacoochee State Forest and Croom Wildlife Management Area. In the mornings and early evenings, trail users can expect to see deer along this roughly 6-mile stretch. Near the southern boundary of the park, Silver Lake Recreation Area offers year-round camping. The trail continues, lined with trees on both sides until it reaches its southern endpoint just before meeting US 98/SR 50 again.

The Withlacoochee's length, popularity, and proximity to numerous communities have given rise to five trailheads, information kiosks, colorful murals, and convenient parks.

## Connections

At the trail's northern endpoint, the trail meets the [Dunnellon Trail](#).

In the Chroom Wildlife Management Area, the trail connects to the [Good Neighbor Trail](#).



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**States:** Florida

**Counties:** Citrus, Hernando, Marion, Pasco

Length: 45.9 miles

**Trail end points:** Gulf Junction Trailhead, 2246

W Magenta Dr. (Citrus Springs) to Owensboro

Trailhead, 19755 U.S. Highway 301 (Dade City)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Boardwalk, Concrete

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Horseback

Riding, Mountain Biking, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

## Parking & Trail Access

The Withlacoochee State Trail runs between Gulf Junction Trailhead, 2246 W Magenta Dr (Citrus Springs), and the Owensboro Trailhead, 19755 U.S. Highway 301 (Dade City), with parking at both ends.

Parking is also available at:

- Hernando Trailhead, 6964 N Lecanto Hwy (Hernando)
- 315 N Apopka Ave (Inverness)
- 6410 Croom Rital Rd (Ridge Manor)

There are numerous parking options along the route, please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



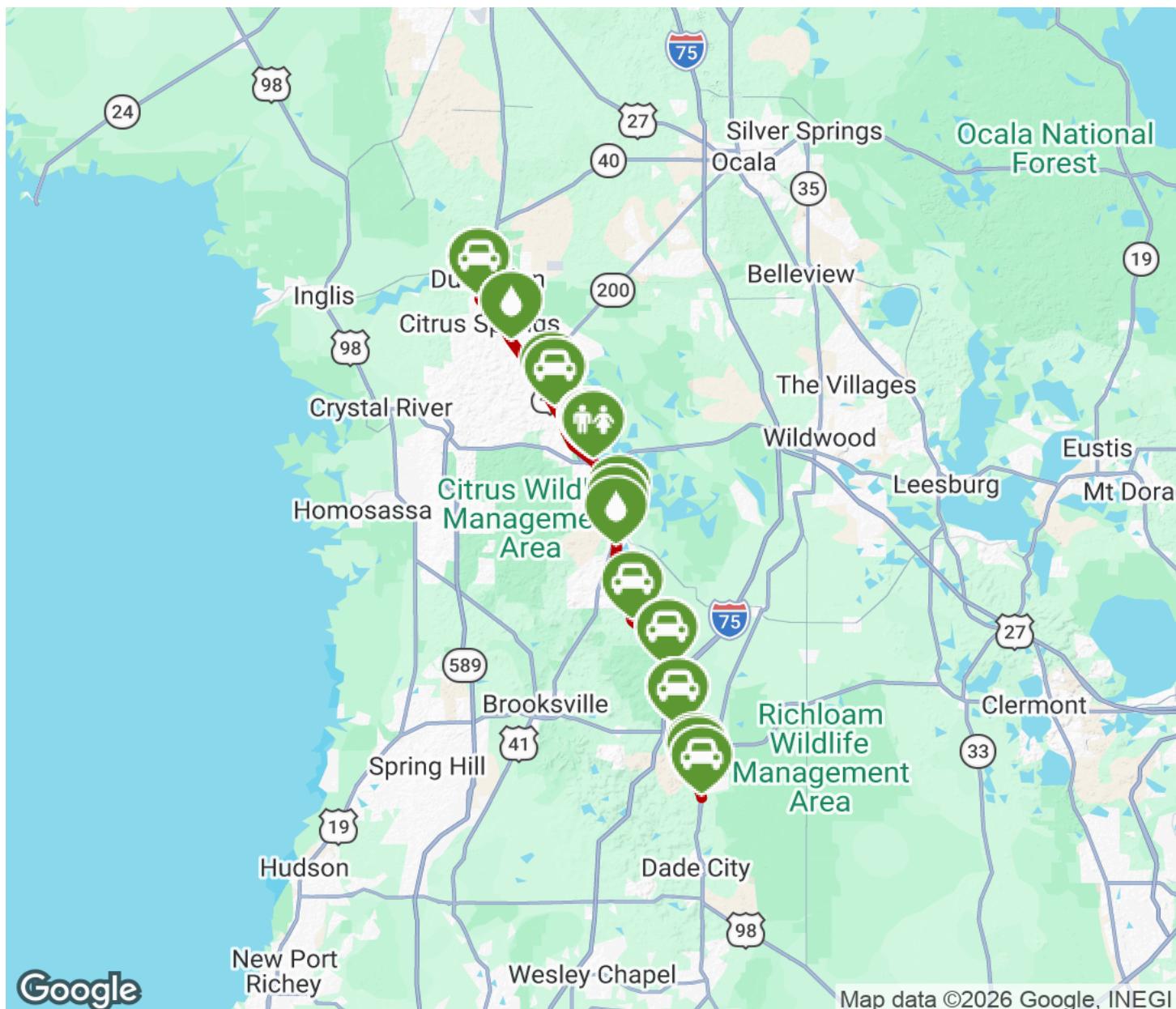
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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