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Guides



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State Trail**  
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The 7-mile section of lightly traveled trail east of Fanning Springs leads to the quaint town of Trenton, where there's a trailhead, restrooms, nearby businesses, and a colorful railroad mural.

On the 9-mile route southeast to Chiefland, the trail skirts hardwood hammocks along the northern boundary of Andrews Wildlife Management Area. While lucky trail users have spotted bobcats, gopher tortoises are a much more common sight.

Equestrians can access the trail at either the Old Town or Fanning Springs trailheads, where trailer parking is provided. The Fanning Springs trailhead also links up with Fanning Springs State Park, which rewards the weary with refreshing dips in cool spring waters.

One of the Sunshine State's best-kept trail secrets, the Nature Coast State Trail connects five small rural towns—Cross City, Old Town, Fanning Springs, Trenton, and Chiefland—along a T-shaped, 32-mile corridor. From the hub in Fanning Springs, trail users can take their pick of trips. The well-maintained asphalt path provides enough trailheads, pavilions, and services to ease journeys of any length.

### About the Route

On the 12-mile leg northwest to Cross City via Old Town, trail users can pause at viewing areas along the old railroad trestle spanning the Suwannee River. During cooler months you may catch sight of manatees in the river below.



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**States:** Florida

**Counties:** Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy

Length: 32 miles

**Trail end points:** NE 256th Ave. (Cross City) to  
SE 4th Ave. (Chiefland)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Horseback

Riding, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

The Nature Coast State Trail runs between NE 256th Ave. (Cross City) and SE 4th Ave. (Chiefland).

Parking is available at:

- 111 NW 4th Ave. (Trenton)
- Chiefland Chamber of Commerce, 23 SE 2 Ave. (Chiefland)

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



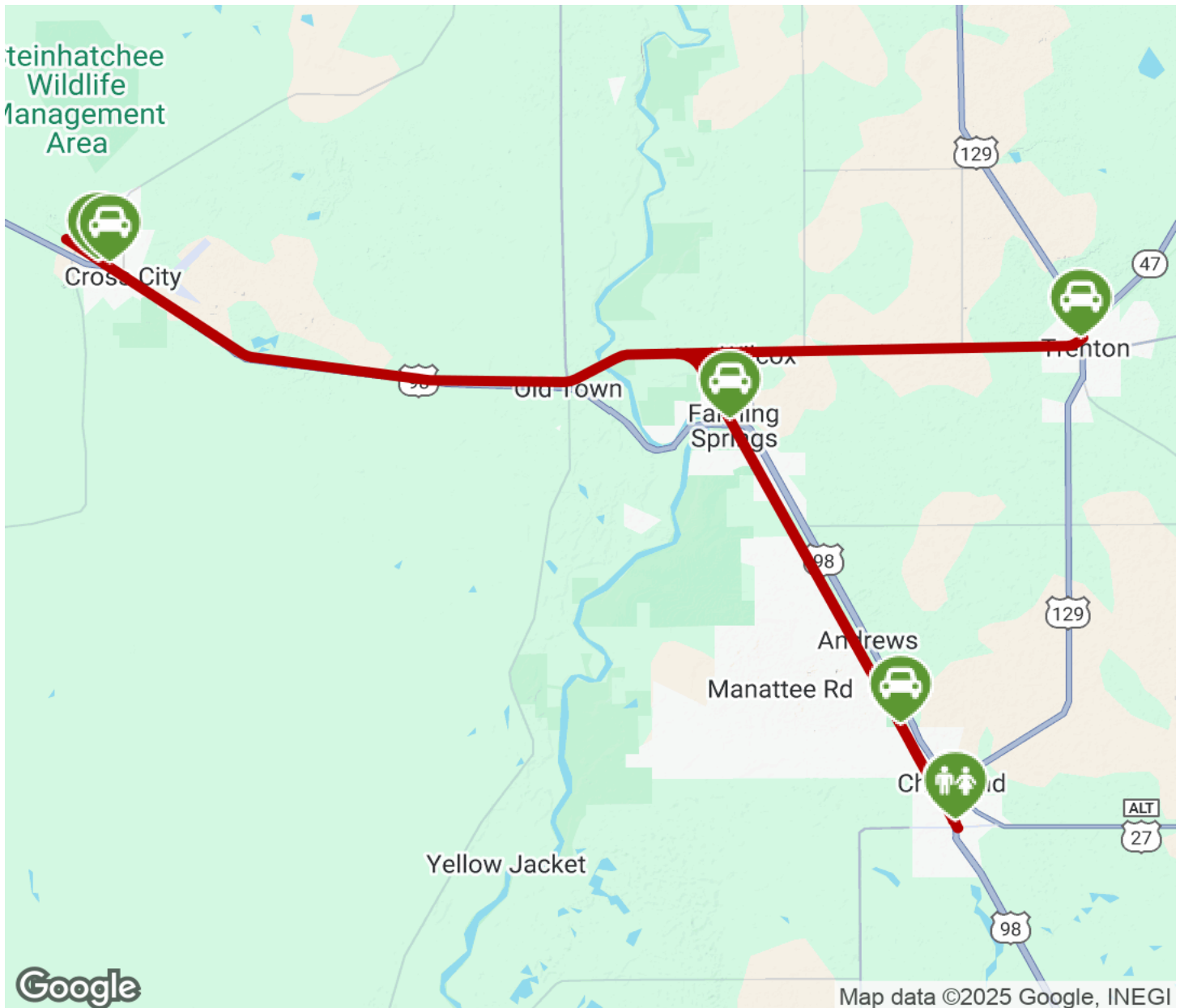
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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