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Guides



**Nature Coast
State Trail**
Florida



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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.

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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, Horseback Riding, Inline
Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

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

Parking is available at:

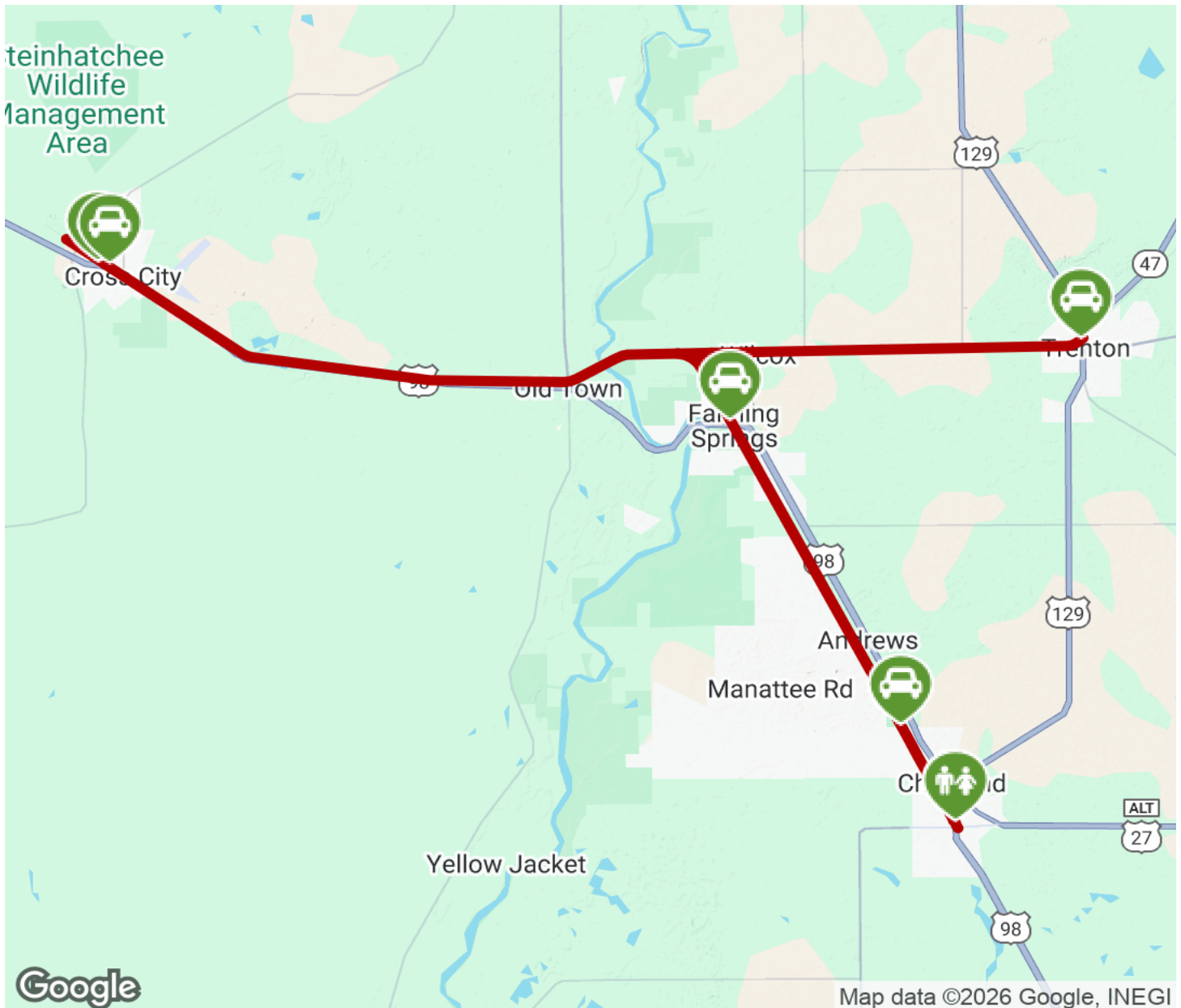
- 111 NW 4th Ave. (Trenton)
- Chiefland Chamber of Commerce, 23 SE 2 Ave. (Chiefland)

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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