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Guides



**Fort Fraser  
Trail**  
*Florida*



# Fort Fraser Trail

Florida

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Additional trail features include picnic and rest shelters (there are 5 picnic shelters and 6 rest shelters).

The trail travels through various environments like shaded tree canopies, populated suburban areas and pastures alike. In the pastures, look for some of the 33 different species of butterfly that flit among the native plantings, including the lovely zebra swallowtail.

## Trail History

The Fort Fraser Trail is named for the 1837 fort, built during the Second Seminole War, which in turn was named for Captain Upton S. Fraser, who was killed in the first battle of the war two years earlier.

Today, a historical marker notes the spot where the fort once stood, just south of CR 540A.

## Overview

The paved Fort Fraser Trail traverses part of the former CSX Railroad line, running parallel to US Highway 98 for 7.54 miles, between Lakeland and Bartow, Florida.

## About the Route

The Fort Fraser's Northern endpoint is located at FL 540 in Lakeland, where the trail heads south alongside US Highway 98 for the majority of its route until reaching FL 60 in Bartow.

Throughout the route, there are three trestle bridges, including the bridge over Banana Creek which displays the trail's name on top of its roof that faces the road.



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**States:** Florida

**Counties:** Polk

Length: 7.54miles

**Trail end points:** FL 540 & US 98 (Lakeland) to  
FL 60 & US 98 (Bartow)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

The Fort Fraser Trail runs between FL 540 & US 98 (Lakeland) and FL 60 & US 98 (Bartow).

Parking is available at:

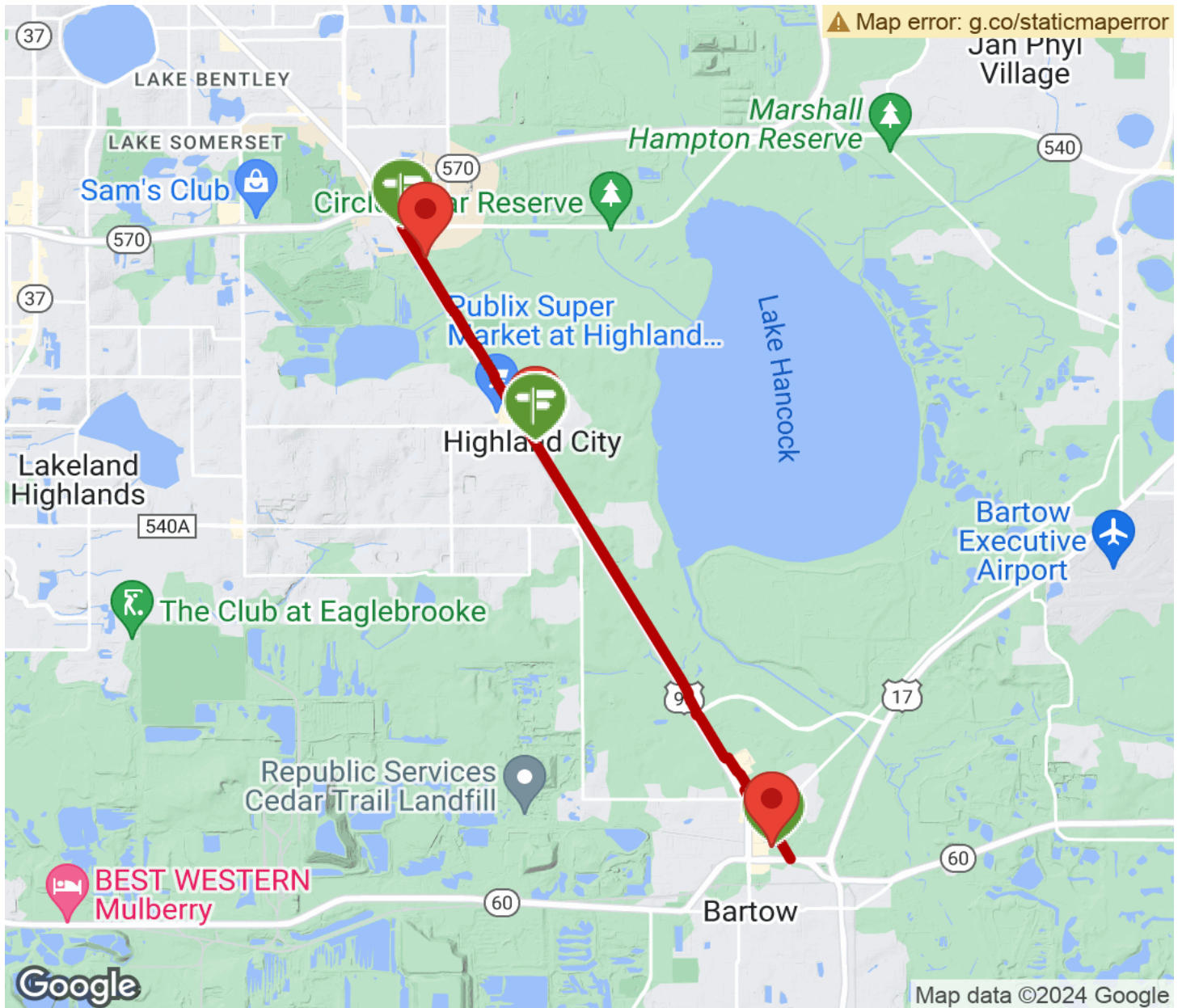
- 1197 N Wilson Ave (Bartow)

See [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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