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The Historic Jungle trail winds for nearly 8 miles along a sandy road through the hammock habitat of Florida's barrier islands north of Vero Beach. Making its way through wetlands teeming with birds and marine life and upscale golf communities, the trail offers a serene backroad curving between the Indian River and Atlantic Ocean. Although open to cars, the trail is mostly used by cyclists, walkers and joggers. The surface is mostly hard packed sand. While the trail can get soft in some places, it's mostly easy going for wide-tire bicycles.

About the Route

The Historic Jungle Trail's northern endpoint is at 13014

Florida A1A, in the North Beach section of Vero Beach. The northern-most part of the trail goes through Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, the nation's first wildlife refuge established in 1903 by Theodore Roosevelt to protect birds from feather hunters. At the northern end-point, trail-users can explore a 2.5-mile walking path (no bikes) along a peninsula on the Indian River. 0.5 miles south, at Wildlife Way, an additional parking lot is available, just west of the trail. Similarly, here, trail users can access Centennial Trail (walking only, accessible; bike racks available), a part-paved and part-boardwalk trail leading to a lookout from which the original Pelican Island is visible. (The refuge has expanded greatly since 1903.)

Heading south, the trail remains close to the river, passing a kayak/canoe launch point. Fishing, too, is popular along this stretch. Check local regulations for these activities. After continuing 1.3 miles along the Indian River, the trail turns inland, passing gated golf course communities on each side of the trail. This stretch is more shaded though the road may be covered in debris if the vegetation-trimming crew has recently been around. Watch for snakes here warming themselves on the road in early morning or around dusk. Upon crossing Orchid Island Way, trail-users can make an on-road connection to [Route A1A & A1A Urban Trail](#) by traveling 200 feet east on the road. The trail continues south, weaving between residential communities, before crossing Wabasso Beach Road. Take caution with both of these crossings since there are no pedestrian signals.

South of Wabasso Beach Road, the trail becomes much less shaded as it reunites with the bank of the Indian River. At Captain Forster's Hammock Preserve, trail users can step off the trail to explore the 110-acre area, which has additional nature trails winding through the trees. The preserve also offers bike racks, bathrooms and drinking fountains. The trail continues south where it meets Old Winter Beach Road, which it follows on a paved segment from the river to the ocean. The Historic Jungle Trail's southern endpoint is at Old Winter



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States: Florida

Counties: Indian River

Length: 7.9miles

Trail end points: 13014 Florida A1A (Vero Beach) to FL A1A at Old Winter Beach Rd (Indian River Shores)

Trail surfaces: Sand

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Wheelchair Accessible,Mountain Biking,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Historic Jungle Trail runs between 13014 Florida A1A (Vero Beach) in Vero Beach's North Beach area and FL A1A at Old Winter Beach Rd (Indian River Shores), with parking available at the northern endpoint in Vero Beach.

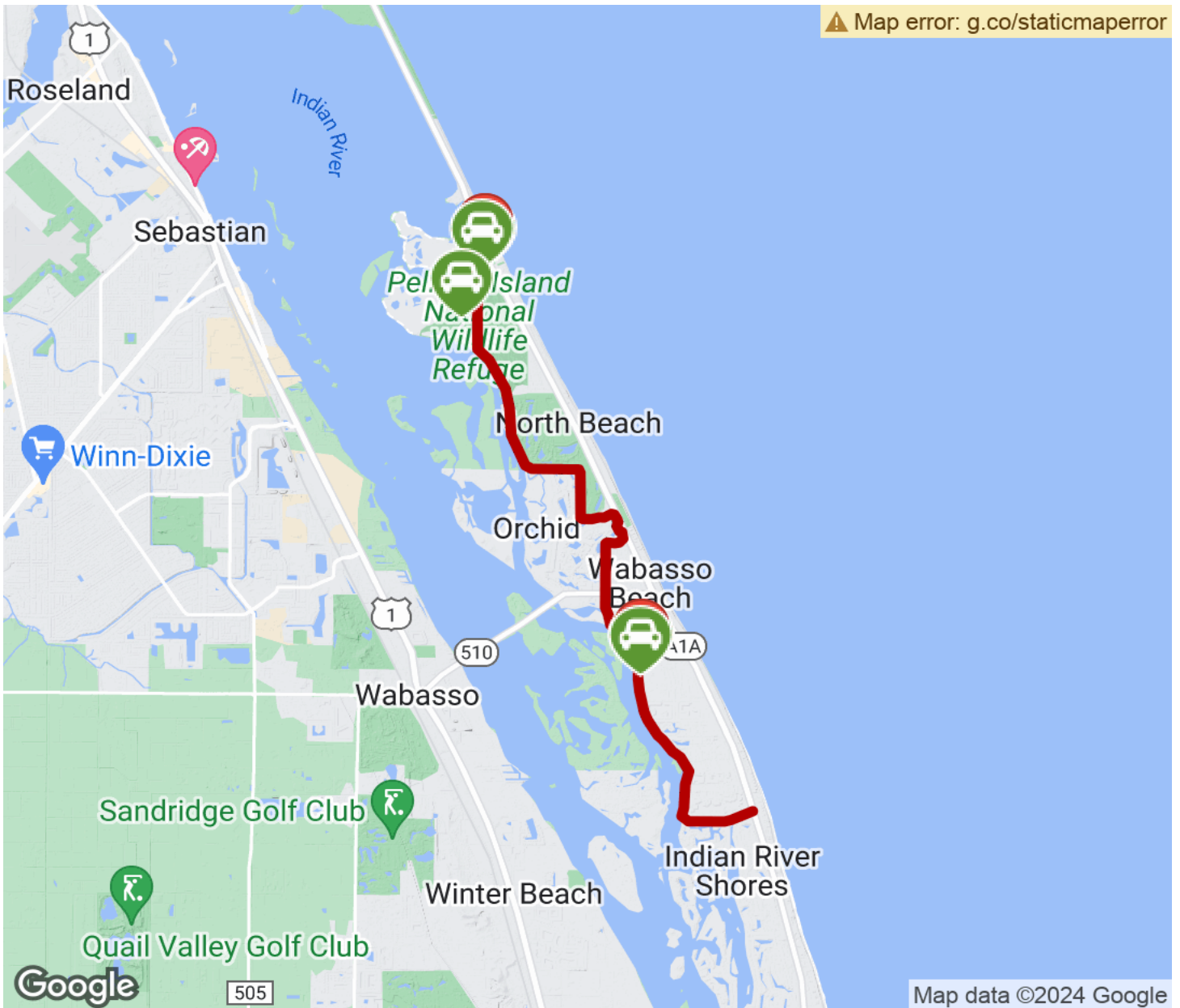
Parking is also available:

- 11455 Jungle Trail, at Pelican Island NWR Wildlife Viewing Area (Vero Beach)
- 650 Jungle Trail at Captain Forster Hammock Preserve (Vero Beach)



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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