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Route A1A & A1A Urban Trail *Florida*



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About the Route

On its southern end, the pathway connects to Round Island Park, a tranquil place for bird watching, fishing, kayaking, and nature walks. With access to both the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian River Lagoon, trail users may also glimpse manatees. From the park, trail users can pedal north through residential neighborhoods paralleling the highway lined with palm trees. There are also a few golf courses within a short distance of the trail throughout its length.

About a third of the way north the trail passes Jaycee Park, which is accessible via a crosswalk to reach the park's swimming beach, playground, and picnic pavilions. Continuing north, the surrounding landscape becomes more commercial and the ocean closer at hand (just a block to the east). About midway, Turtle Trail Beach is also accessible via a crosswalk across the highway. Its uncrowded coastline offers a pleasant place to relax.

On the northern half of the trail, the route offers access to Wabasso Beach Park, which offers a boardwalk and snack shops in addition to ocean swimming. Traveling northward, the route passes the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, where you can make a connection to the Historic Jungle Trail. Note that this connecting trail is sandy and best suited for onfoot travel.

Heading north, the trail offers wide open vistas of the Indian River, followed by passage into Sebastian Inlet State Park. This vast park is worth taking extra time to explore. Activities to enjoy here include surfing, fishing, swimming, boating, kayaking, camping, and visiting two museums.

From the Sebastian Inlet, the northern portion of the trail is called the <u>A1A Urban Trail</u> by the Space Coast Transportation Planning Org. because it runs a more urban route through towns like Port Canaveral, Cocoa Beach, and Floridana Beach. The barrier island where towns like Cocoa Beach are located is only a few streets wide, so the Urban A1A Trail creates accessible car-free transportation to nearly all parts of the island. The East Coast Greenway portion of the trail ends in Indian Shores Beach, on Eau Gallie Rd. (and bridge) where it continues towards the mainland and north towards Maine. However, this section of the A1A Urban Trail continues for a while north until coming to an end in Port Canaveral just north of the Banana River Bridge.



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States: Florida Counties: Indian River Length: 61.7miles Trail end points: Mullet Rd. (Port Canaveral) to Round Island Beach Park, 2200 South A1A (Vero Beach) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Fishing,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Route A1A and A1A Urban Trail runs between Round Island Beach Park, 2200 South A1A (Vero Beach), and Mullet Rd. (Port Canaveral).

Parking is available at:

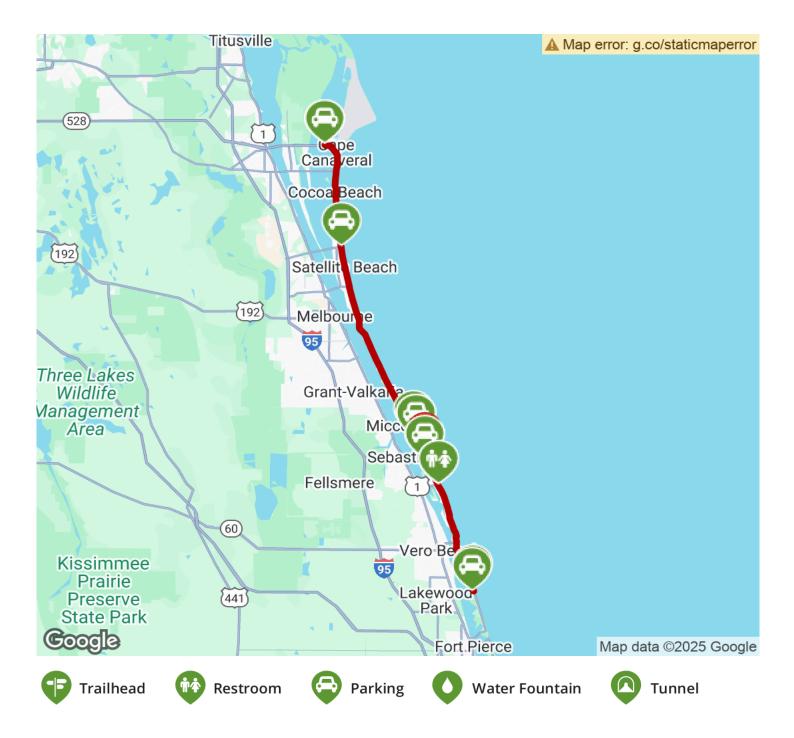
- Wabasso Beach Park, 1808 Wabasso Beach Rd. (Vero Beach)
- Bonsteel Park, 8455 Florida A1A (Melbourne Beach)
- Sidney Fischer Park, 2200 N Atlantic Ave. (Cocoa Beach)

There are numerous parking options along this trail, please see <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.



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