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Blountstown Greenway Bike Path *Florida*



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A highlight of the route is the Panhandle Pioneer Settlement on the north end of the trail. With several historical buildings in a rustic farm setting—a schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, grist mill and others—the museum provides a glimpse of life in Northwest Florida during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Mid-trail, exhibits inside the restored depot at M&B

Railroad Memorial Park tell the story of the Marianna and Blountstown line on which the rail-trail was built. Out front, the railroad's original steam locomotive #444 is a cheerful sight with its cherry-red caboose. With less than 30 miles of track, the railroad was Florida's shortest, but it was so important to the region that the M&B was dubbed "Meat and Bread." During its long tenure, from 1909 to 1972, it carried, at one time or another, agricultural products, lumber, manufactured goods, mail and passengers.

The rail-trail is designated as part of the Florida National Scenic Trail, a hiking and backpacking route that stretches more than 1,000 miles from the Georgia border to the Everglades.



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States: Florida Counties: Calhoun Length: 3.4miles Trail end points: Sam Atkins Park at FL 71 and 11th St. to Neal Landing Public Boat Ramp (Blountstown) Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Concrete Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

There are three major access points with parking for the Blountstown Greenway: Sam Atkins Park on the trail's north side, Neal Landing Public Boat Ramp on the trail's southern end (where River Street meets the Apalachicola River), and midway at the M&B Train Park at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and N. Pear Street.



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