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Guides



**Palatka-to-
Lake Butler
State Trail**
Florida



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Dogs are welcome, but must remain on a handheld leash (six feet or shorter).

Connections

In Keystone Heights, travelers can make a connection to a [spur trail](#) to travel 7 miles to Gold Head Branch State Park, which offers a wealth of amenities and recreational opportunities, including camping and an equestrian trail.

On the southern end of the trail, only a 2.5-mile gap stands between it and the [Palatka-to-St. Augustine State Trail](#). Together, with an additional planned 25-mile trail between Lake Butler and Lake City, these trails will form the developing 101-mile Lake City-to-St. Augustine Rail Trail.

Trail History

The Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail follows the former Norfolk-Southern Railroad right-of-way.

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About the Route

The Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail has 4.1 miles of paved asphalt in Lake Butler and 32.4 miles of paved asphalt between Hampton and Palatka.

Travelers might see black bears, white-tailed deer, bobcats, turkeys, snakes and even one of Florida's most famed inhabitants, alligators.



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States: Florida

Counties: Bradford, Clay, Putnam, Union

Length: 36.5 miles

Trail end points: SW 6th Ave (Lake Butler) to Reid St (Palatka)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback Riding, Inline Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail runs between SW 6th Ave (Lake Butler) & SE County Rd 237; and between Navarre Ave (Hampton) & Reid St (Palatka).

Parking is available at:

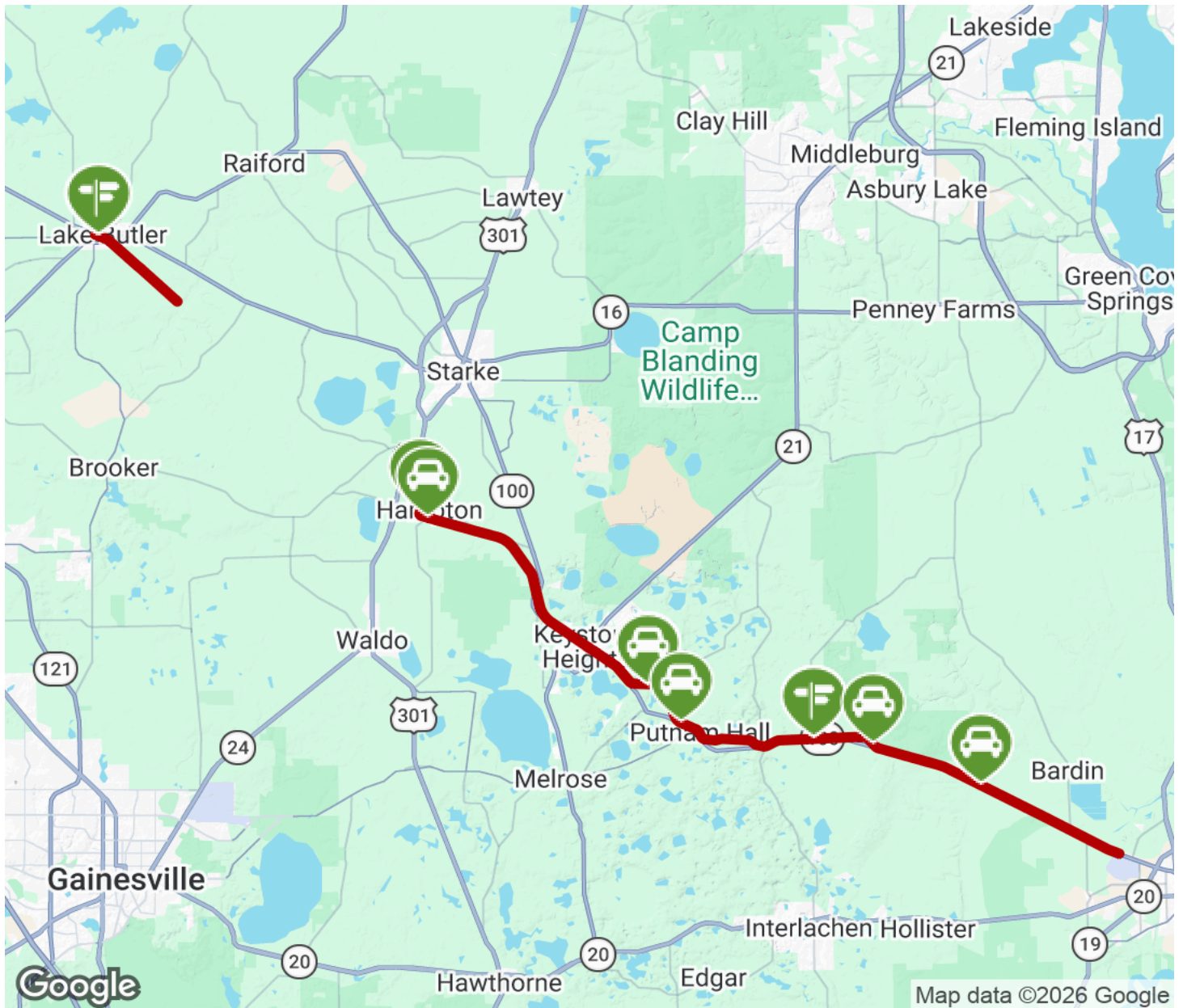
- Lake Butler Trailhead, 525 SW 1st St (Lake Butler)
- Twin Lakes Park Trailhead, 6065 Twin Lakes Rd (Keystone Heights)
- Florahome Trailhead, 105 Coral Farms Rd (Florahome)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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