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About the Route

The southern end of the trail begins at the parking lot for the Gordons Pond Day Use Area and continues to an observation deck, which overlooks the pond and Atlantic Ocean. There are also two historic World War II observation towers on the beach to explore.

Along the way, be sure to look for osprey nests and bald eagles in the pine and oak trees that line the path. The

trail is popular with bird watchers as it is located on one of four migration "super highways" in North America. In winter, fall, and spring, the pond is a popular resting spot for a wide variety of waterfowl. As sections of the trail may be closed seasonally for nesting or hunting, check with Cape Henlopen State Park before visiting.

The trail's northern end includes a half-mile elevated boardwalk over wetlands with observation areas to enjoy the surroundings. The northern end of the trail ends at an intersection with the Walking Dunes Trail, which allows travelers to continue two more miles through the park's beautiful natural landscape, especially scenic in the spring when dotted with wildflowers.

Connections

The northern end of the trail connects to the [Walking Dunes Trail](#).

At the junction with Dune Road, travelers can trek north a short distance to connect with the paved [Cape Henlopen State Park Bike Loop](#). Near the Biden Center, hop on the [Salt Marsh Spur](#) to head west into tidal marsh.



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States: Delaware

Counties: Sussex

Length: 3.2miles

Trail end points: Walking Dunes Trail at Dune Rd (Herring Point) to Gordons Pond Day Use Area parking lot on Ocean Dr (Lewes)

Trail surfaces: Boardwalk, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Gordons Pond Trail runs between the Walking Dunes Trail at Dune Rd (Herring Point) and the Gordons Pond Day Use Area parking lot on Ocean Dr (Lewes), where there is parking.

Parking is available at:

- Herring Point parking lot, Dunes Rd (Lewes)

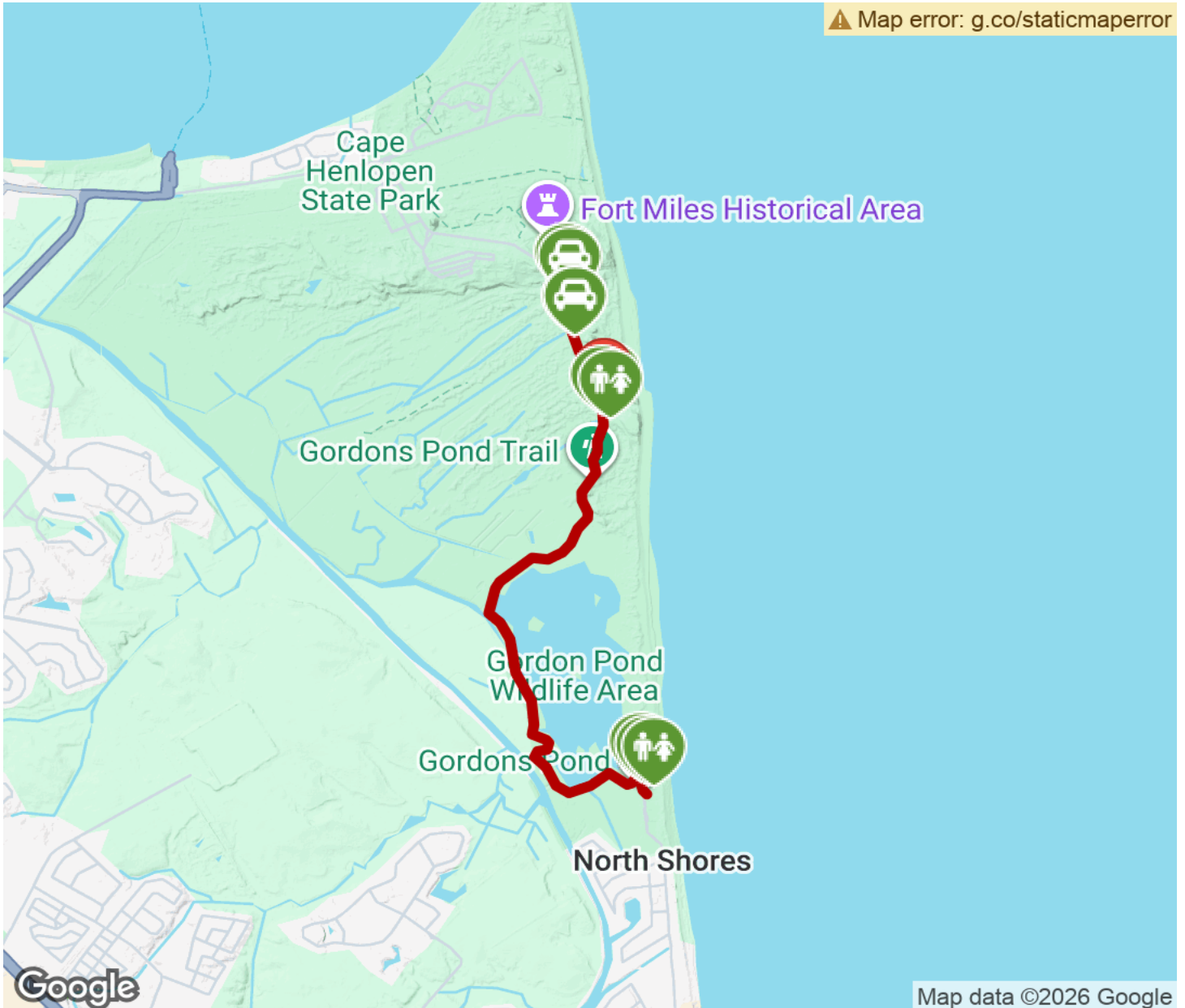
Please note there is a state park entrance fee.

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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