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Guides



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A paved connector trail to the north provides direct access to State Route 1, while to the south the [Fred Hudson Road Trail](#) follows the road to its intersection with Cedar Neck Road in Ocean View.

Note that this trail is closed during hunting season. See the DNREC [website](#) for hunting season dates and locations, and keep an eye out for signs at the park.



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**States:** Delaware

**Counties:** Sussex

Length: 3.5miles

**Trail end points:** Hickman Rd. (Ocean View) to  
Fresh Pond (Delaware Seashore State Park)

**Trail surfaces:** Crushed Stone, Grass, Sand

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Horseback  
Riding, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Prickly Pear Trail is available at the trailhead on Hickman Road in Ocean View, just east of Cedar Neck Road.



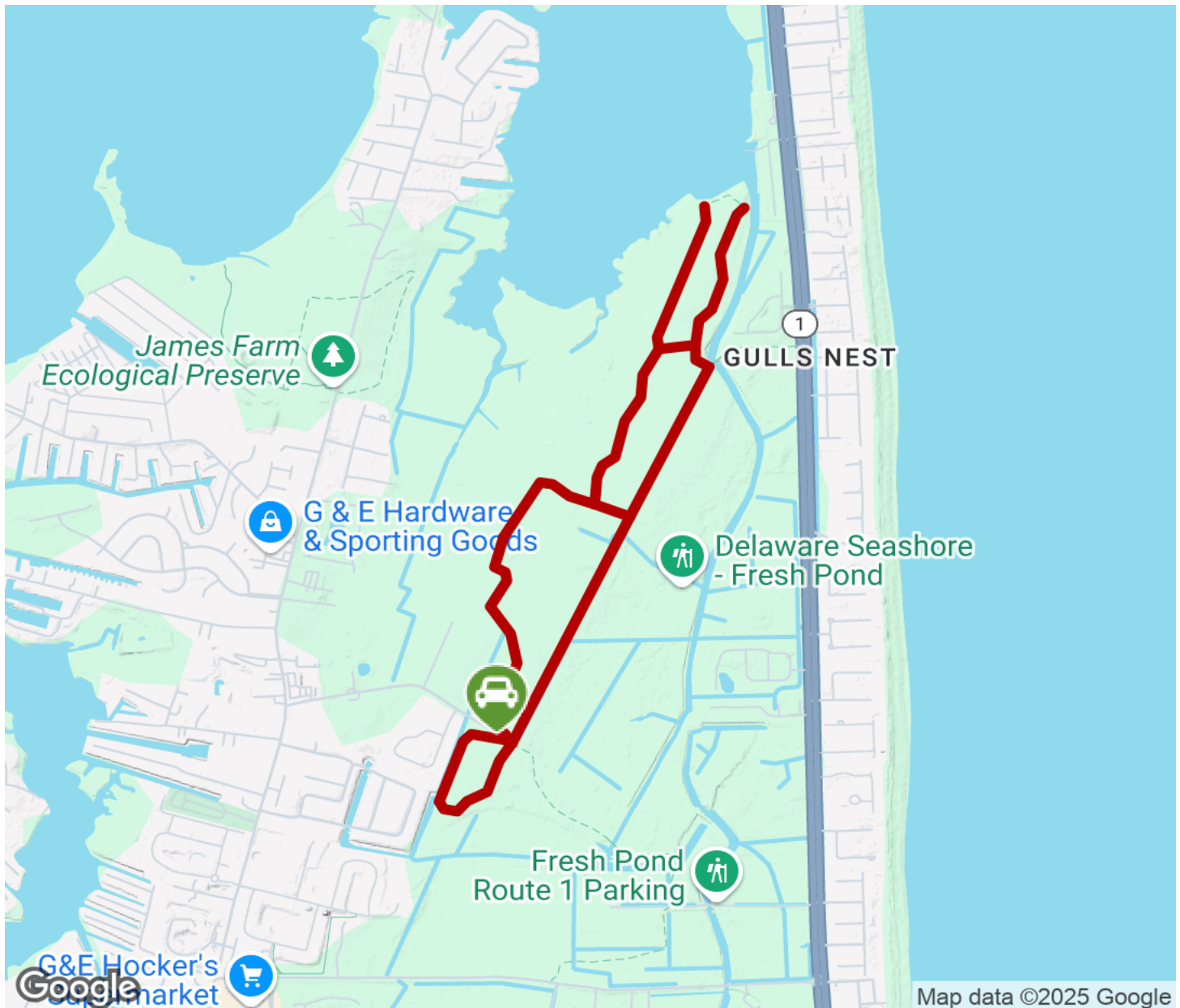
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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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