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Guides   



**Gulf Oak  
Ridge Trail**  
*Alabama*



## Gulf Oak Ridge Trail

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The pathway offers a charming, easy ride under the canopy of mossy old-growth trees within Gulf State Park. Along the way, keep your eyes open for birds as the area is known as an excellent birding site, as well as armadillos, coyotes, foxes, wild boar, alligators and other animals that call the maritime forest and wetlands home.



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**States:** Alabama

**Counties:** Baldwin

Length: 3.2miles

**Trail end points:** State Park Road 2 Trailhead to Orange Beach Sportsplex

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

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

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline Skating,Walking

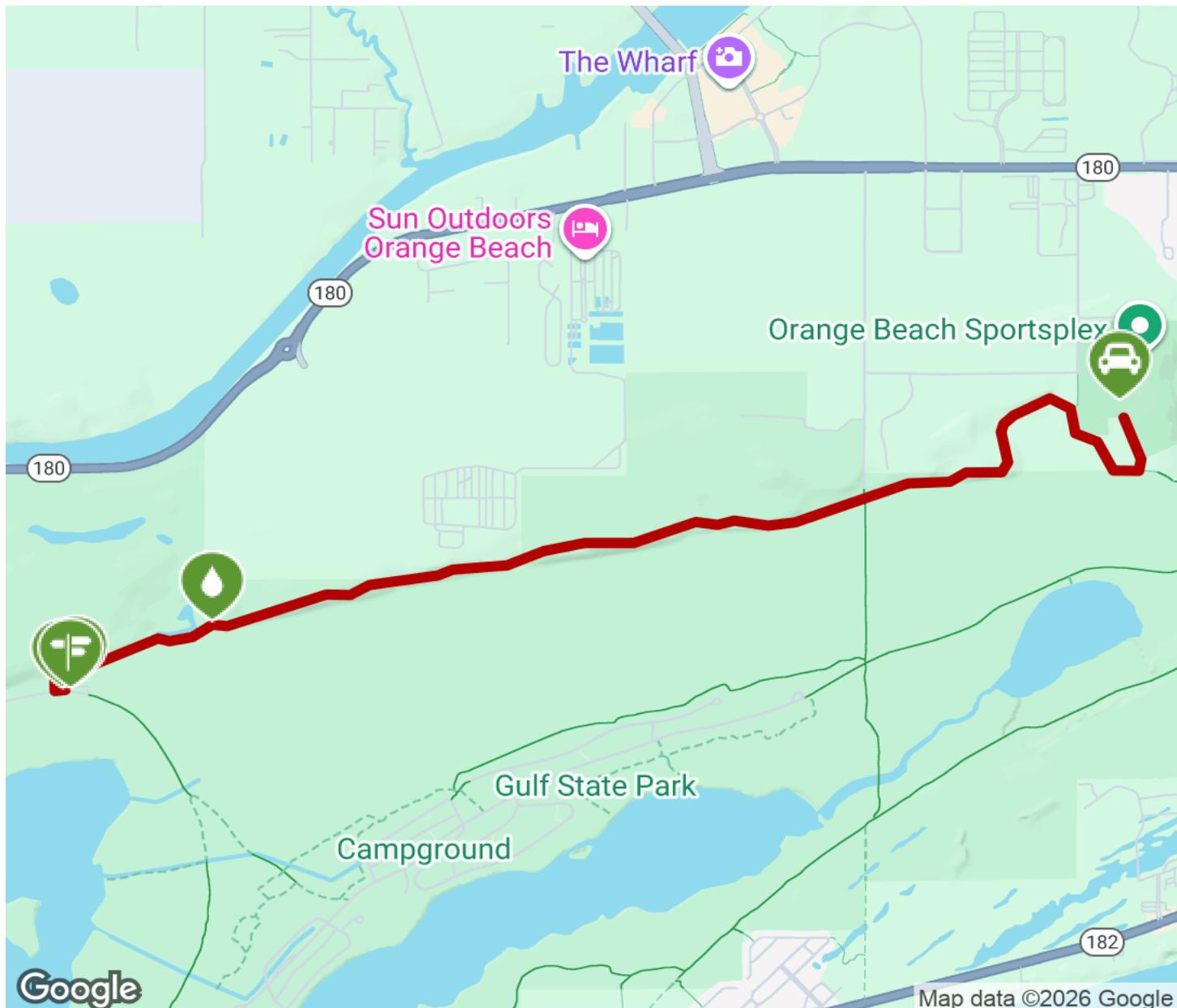
## Parking & Trail Access

Parking can be found at the State Park Road 2 Trailhead on the trail's western end, or at the Orange Beach Sportsplex (4385 William Silvers Parkway) at the trail's eastern end.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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