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About the Route

Sanibel Island is connected to the Florida mainland via the Sanibel Causeway on its eastern shore. For trail users arriving from the Cape Coral/Fort Meyers area, the bridge is bikeable and walkable with a wide road shoulder, although trail users will be sharing the road with car

traffic. Upon arriving on the island, the brightly colored Chamber of Commerce and visitor center is almost immediately visible. Visitors can stop here for maps and trip-planning information.

The island's main thoroughfare is Periwinkle Way and an off-road bike path follows the south side of the roadway, offering convenient access to restaurants and shops. Heading east along Periwinkle Way, trail users can visit the Sanibel Lighthouse, the island's most famous landmark.

Heading west, Periwinkle Way ends at a T-juncture with Tarpon Bay Road. Take a right and follow the path north until you can take a left onto the pathway paralleling Sanibel-Captiva Road. This path will take trail users past the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, featuring exhibits on shell art, mollusk habitats, fossils, and native Florida varieties. Continuing west down Sanibel-Captiva Road, the trail also passes the J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge at Wildlife Drive on your right. The park protects one of the country's largest undeveloped mangrove ecosystems; explore its 5,200 acres by foot, bike, or even via kayak. Trail users can bike through the park's road, although they should note, that fees apply here.

The bike path follows alongside Sanibel-Captiva Road across the island until Turner Beach on its western shore. West of here, the bike path connects to the nearby Captiva Island.

Alternative routes around the island on the bike paths include a path along Rabbit Road, which follows along a wooded canal. Look for alligators, herons, and the marsh rabbits for which the road is named. After about a mile, the bike path follows alongside West Gulf Drive. Heading east from this junction takes trail users past waterfront estates and hotels. When the road makes a northern upswing, it becomes Casa Ybel Road, which connects back to Periwinkle Way.

Additional bike paths along Middle Gulf Dr., Lindgren Blvd.,



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States: Florida

Counties: Lee

Length: 24.7miles

Trail end points: Sanibel Lighthouse, 110
Periwinkle Way (Sanibel) to Blind Pass Beach,
6491-6499 Sanibel Captiva Rd. (Sanibel)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Sanibel Island Shared-Use Paths run between Sanibel Lighthouse, 110 Periwinkle Way (Sanibel), and Blind Pass Beach, 6491-6499 Sanibel Captiva Rd. (Sanibel), with parking available at both ends.

Parking is also available at:

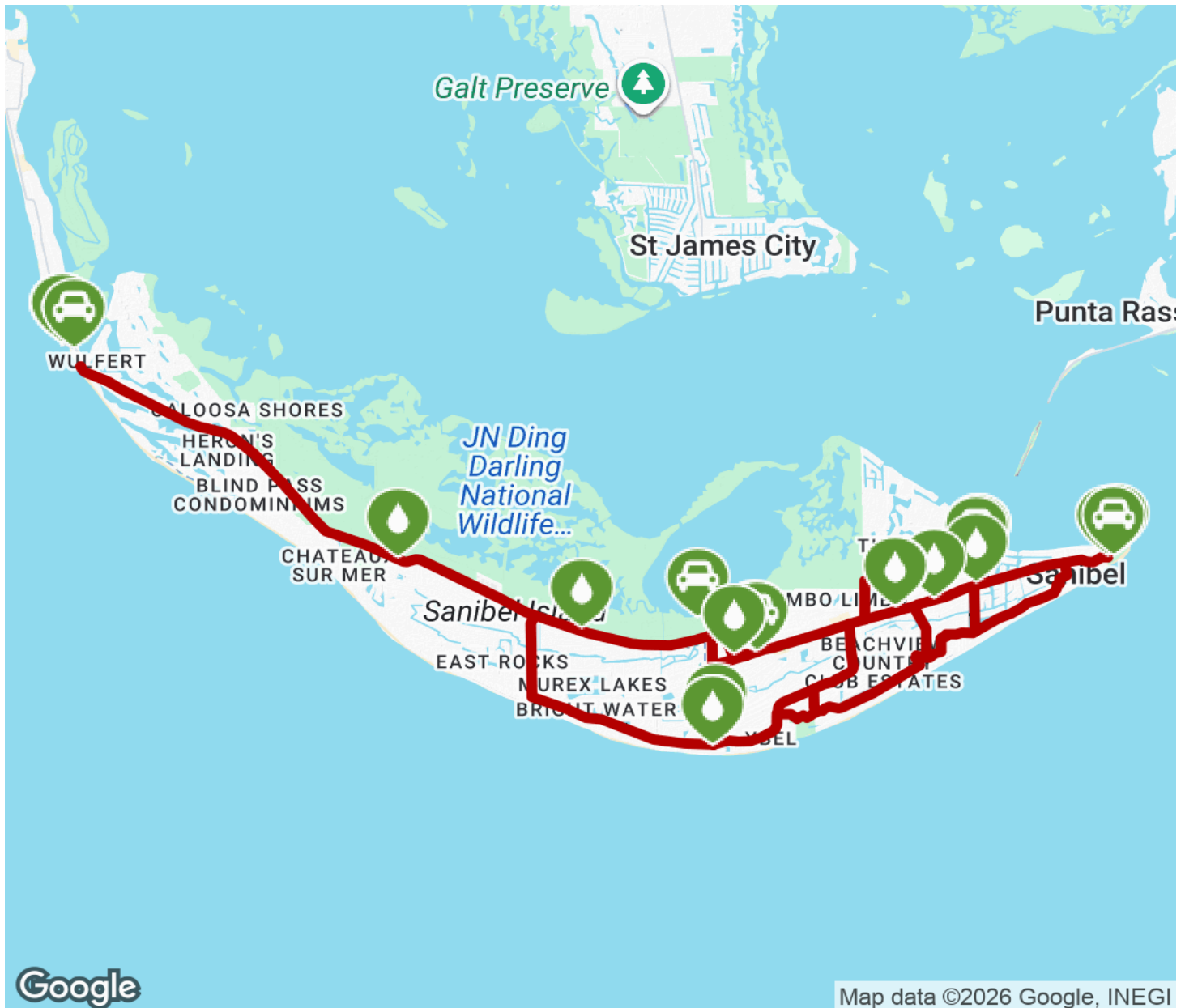
- Tarpon Bay Road Beach Park, 111 Tarpon Bay Rd. (Sanibel)
- Sanibel Community Park, 2231 Periwinkle Way (Sanibel)
- 1300 Periwinkle Way (Sanibel)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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