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Guides



**Lake Apopka  
Loop Trail**  
*Florida*



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there are no amenities at the Clay Island trailhead.

The trail was proposed by the Friends of Lake Apopka to boost appreciation for the suffering lake in Orange and Lake Counties. It may one day tie into the West Orange Trail and other paths to circle the 50-square-mile lake. With improved water conditions, wetland plant species are returning. This is a wonderful trail for nature lovers; a popular birding destination; with abundant alligators and occasional raccoons, otters, and turtles.

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## About the Route

There is very little shade anywhere on this trail. Restrooms are at Magnolia Park, a port-a-john at the old pump house at mile marker 4, and near the Green Mountain Overlook. There is also a restroom about a quarter mile from the North Shore Trailhead in the nearby McDonald Canal Boat Ramp. Other than parking,



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**States:** Florida

**Counties:** Lake, Orange

Length: 18.4 miles

**Trail end points:** Green Mountain Scenic Overlook & Trailhead (20700 County Rd 455, Minneola) to Magnolia Park (2929 S Binion Rd, Apopka)

**Trail surfaces:** Crushed Stone, Gravel

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

**Trail activities:** Horseback Riding, Mountain Biking, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

The Lake Apopka Loop Trail runs between the Green Mountain Scenic Overlook & Trailhead (20700 County Rd 455, Minneola) and Magnolia Park (2929 S Binion Rd, Apopka), both of which offer parking.

Parking is also available at:

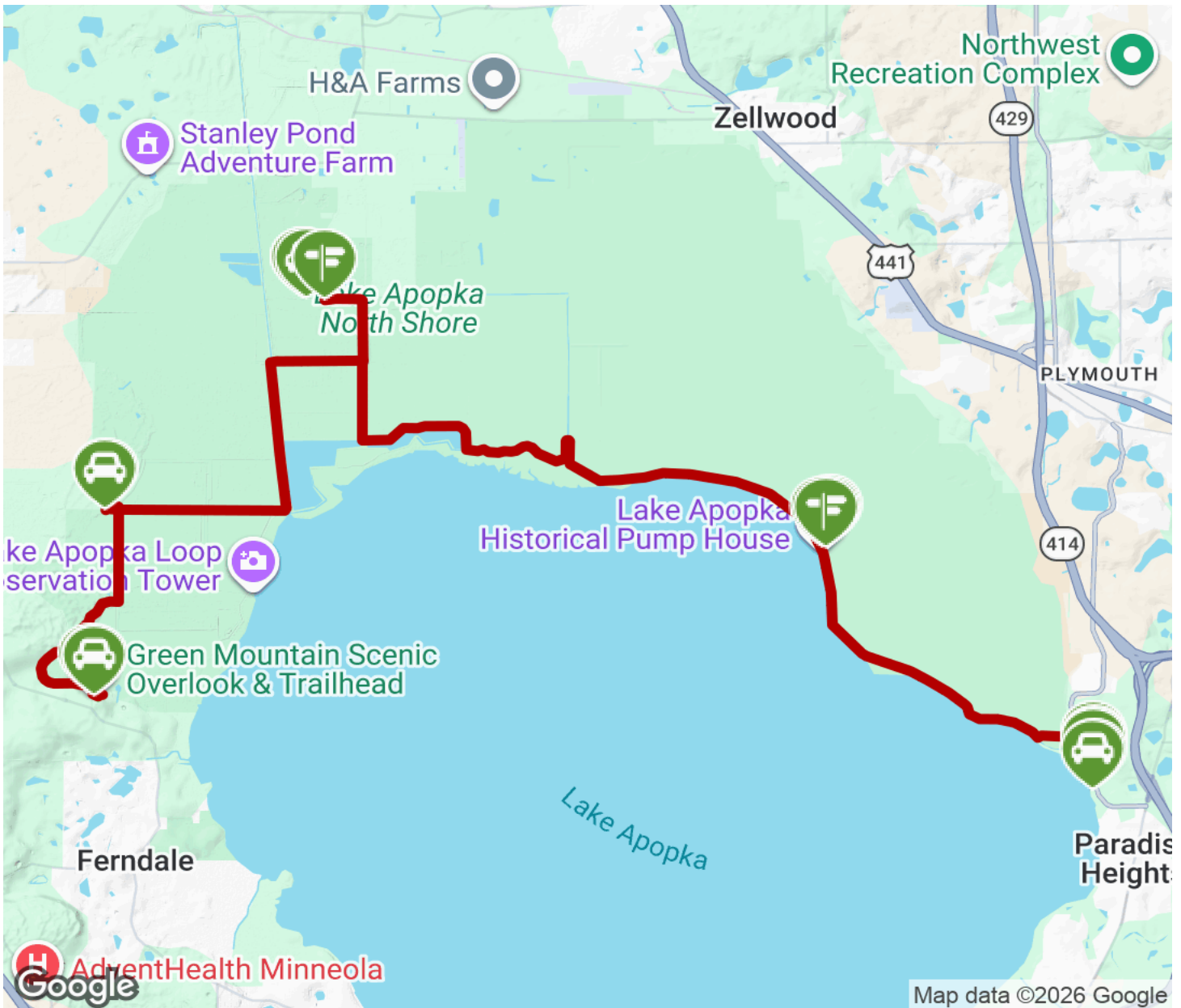
- Clay Island Trailhead, 22526 Carolyn Ln (Astatula)
- North Shore Trailhead, 24500 County Rd 448A (Mt. Dora)

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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