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Guides



**Fort Desoto
Island Park
Trail**
Florida



Fort Desoto Island Park Trail

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The trail is also known as a gateway site for the Great Florida Birding Trail, a collection of more than 500 locations in the U.S. state of Florida where the state's bird habitats are protected.

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About the Route

Lying southwest of St. Petersburg, visitors to the Fort Desoto Island Park Trail, visitors to the island will notice remnants of the former military fort on the island and have access to two piers, beaches, picnic areas, camping areas, bicycling trails, a kayak trail, and a ferry to Egmont Key State Park. Bike rentals are available on site and fishing is permitted. Visitors to the island will also enjoy the Tampa Bay overlooks all along the trail.



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States: Florida

Counties: Pinellas

Length: 6.6miles

Trail end points: Pinellas Bayway S (St. Petersburg) to Fort Desoto Park (Tierra Verde)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Fort Desoto Island Park Trail runs throughout Fort Desoto Park.

Parking is available at:

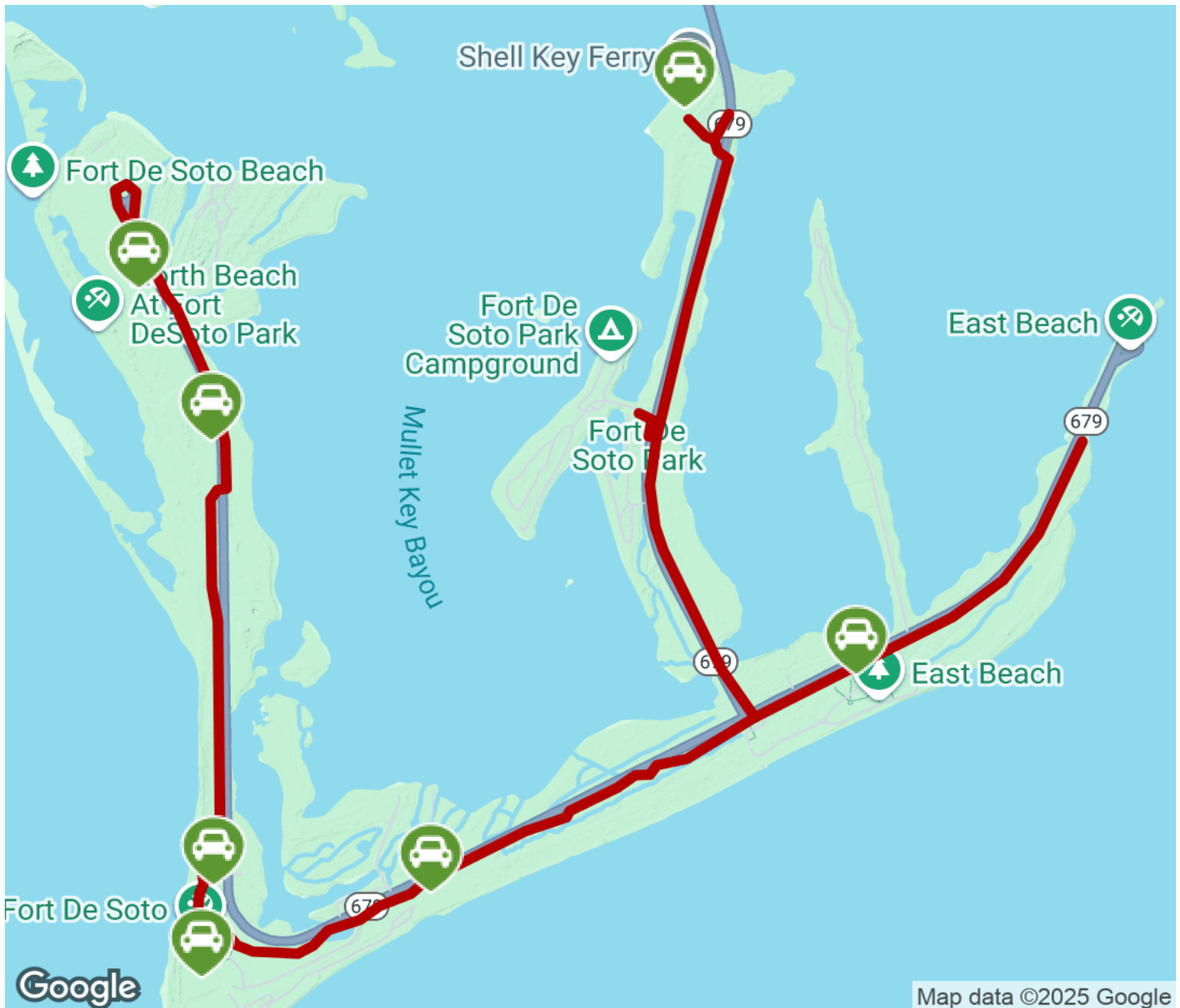
- North Beach at Fort Desoto Park
- Fort De Soto Quartermasters Museum
- 3500 Pinellas Bayway S (St. Petersburg)

Some of these parking options do not have official addresses so 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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