

TALLAHASSEE-ST. MARKS HISTORIC RAILROAD STATE TRAIL

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HISTORY AND NATURE

The Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail, Florida's first state rail-trail, follows the abandoned railbed of the historic Tallahassee-St. Marks Railroad. The state-managed section of the trail runs 16 miles due south from the main trailhead, which is just south of Capital Circle Southeast, to the coastal city of St. Marks. An additional 4.5 miles of trail north of Capital Circle is maintained by the city of Tallahassee.

The Tallahassee-St. Marks railroad was active longer than any other in Florida, operating for 146 years from 1836 to 1983. This railroad stimulated the region's development and settlement by transporting goods, including cotton, turpentine and timber, to Apalachee Bay for shipment. During the Civil War, the railroad transported troops and materials, playing a crucial role in the Confederacy's victorious Battle of Natural Bridge in 1865.

Today, the paved Tallahassee-St. Marks State Trail provides a scenic experience for runners, walkers, bikers and inline skaters. Equestrian riders can enjoy the adjacent unpaved trail. Approximately 1.25 miles south of the main trailhead, outdoor enthusiasts can bike or hike the Munson Hills Trail in the Apalachicola National Forest, where some of the area's last remaining stands of longleaf pine exist. The barrier-free Felburn Foundation Boundless Playground,® at the Wakulla Station Trailhead, is designed to give children of all abilities the opportunity to learn and play freely together.

At the southern end of the trail, visitors can enjoy seafood dining and entertainment in the coastal community of St. Marks and learn about the history of the area at San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park.

TRAIL GUIDELINES

- Hours are 8 a.m. to sunset, 365 days a year.
- No entrance fee is required.
- Obey all trail rules posted at trailheads.
- Pets are permitted in designated areas only. Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and be well-behaved at all times.
- Do not disturb wildlife. All animal and plant life are protected. Collection, destruction or disturbance is prohibited.
- Alcohol, fireworks and hunting are prohibited.
- Equestrians should carry a copy of the negative Coggins test (Chapter 5C-18.010, F.A.C.).
- Helmets are required by Florida law for bicyclists and equestrians under the age of 16.
- To become a volunteer, call 850-487-7989.
- Florida's state parks are committed to providing all visitors equal access to facilities and programs. If you need assistance to enable your participation, please call 850-487-7989.



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This 16-mile stretch of converted railway takes bikers and hikers from Florida's capital to the gulf coast



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ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

Major Activities: Hiking, biking, inline skating, horseback riding and bird watching

Trail Length/Surface: 16 miles, paved, 8' to 12' wide. A 4.5-mile, paved, 12' wide St. Marks Trail extension continues north of Capital Circle into the city of Tallahassee.

Nearby Towns: Tallahassee, Woodville, St. Marks

Benches are conveniently located along the trail. An **adjacent trail** is available for equestrians. **Horseback riding** should be confined to the designated **equestrian trail** or grass shoulder areas. A **barrier-free Boundless Playground®** is located at the Wakulla Station Trailhead.

TRAILHEAD LOCATIONS

Main Trailhead

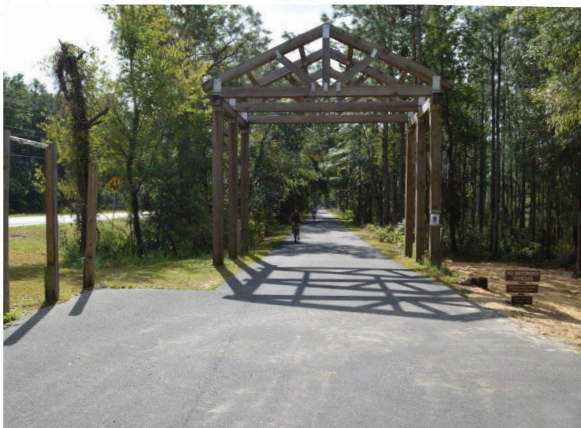
4778 Woodville Highway, Tallahassee, FL 32305
GPS: N 30.3715 / W -84.2688

Wakulla Station Trailhead

(Boundless Playground)
1358 Old Woodville Road
Crawfordville, FL 32327
GPS: N 30.2451 / W -84.2358

St. Marks River Trailhead

25 Riverside Drive, St. Marks, FL 32355
GPS: N 30.1544 / W -84.2042



Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic State Trail



- Biking
- Covered Bench
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Museum
- Paddling
- Parking
- Picnicking
- Picnic Pavilion
- Playground
- Potable Water
- Restroom
- Wildlife Viewing