

TRAIL GUIDELINES

- Bicyclists and In-line skaters yield to other users; all trail users yield to equestrians.
- Obey all trail rules posted at trailheads.
- Stay to the right except when passing.
- Pass slower traffic on their left; yield to oncoming traffic when passing.
- Give a clear warning signal when passing, and always look ahead and behind.
- Move off the trail surface when stopped to allow others to pass.
- Travel at responsible speed.
- Keep pets on a maximum 6-foot leash and walk them on the edge of the trail.
- Do not trespass on private property.
- Yield to other users when entering and crossing the trail.
- Do not disturb the wildlife.
- Watch out for traffic at road crossings.
- Obey all traffic signals.
- Helmets are required by Florida law for cyclists under the age of 16; all cyclists are urged to wear helmets.
- Equestrians should carry a copy of the negative Coggins test (Chapter 5C-18.010, F.A.C.).



WITHLACOOCHEE BAY TRAIL AND FELBURN PARK

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HISTORY AND NATURE

The state's premier greenway crosses central Florida for approximately 110 miles from the Gulf of Mexico to the St. Johns River, is the state's premier greenway. The Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway occupies much of the land formerly known as the Cross Florida Barge Canal. A series of historic events transformed this corridor from one of Florida's biggest public works projects to a world class greenway.

The Withlacoochee Bay Trail and the J. Phil and Ethyl L. Felburn Park Trailhead are managed as a unit of the more than 70,000-acre Cross Florida Greenway.

The Withlacoochee Bay Trail traverses five miles west from the Felburn Trailhead to the Gulf of Mexico, along the southern side of the Cross Florida Barge Canal. The 12-foot-wide multi-use paved trail runs adjacent to the barge canal for the first 2.5 miles and then switches its path to the south side of the berm" created by the canal's excavation. The westernmost 2.5 miles of the trail run through maritime hammocks and salt marsh. Bicycling, walking or skating on the paved trail provide numerous opportunities to observe wildlife, picnic or fish along the route.

Parallel to the paved trail, a vehicle access road traverses from the U.S. 19 bridge west for almost five miles. This road provides access to the numerous pavilions along the barge canal and the marsh adjacent to the paved trail. The pavilions are suitable for nature observation, picnicking, fishing or just enjoying the great outdoors. A canoe/kayak launch and parking area are located at the westernmost end of the access road.

The Withlacoochee Bay Trail and Felburn Trailhead are the result of a partnership between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Transportation, Citrus County, and the Felburn Foundation, through the efforts of Ellie Schiller, daughter of Phil Felburn.



The westernmost segment
of the Cross Florida Greenway

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There are no fees to utilize the trails or the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway. All trails are open from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

The Withlacoochee Bay Trail has five miles of paved trails for multi-use. In addition to the paved trail, the 740-acre Dixon Hammock, located west of U.S. 19, provides unpaved trails for those seeking a more rustic experience. Miles of old logging roads provide ample opportunity for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians to explore into the woods of Florida.

There are two additional options for equestrian visitors: the Red Trail is 3.3 miles and the Green Trail which is 2.3 miles in length. Those trails are denoted by both a red and green blaze markers.



DIRECTIONS

From the North - Inglis: Take U.S. 19 south, crossing over the Cross Florida Barge Canal (U.S. 19) Bridge. Turn left onto the access road just east of U.S. 19 at the foot of the bridge and follow the road north to the barge canal. Continue following signs to Felburn Trailhead. Turn right at the Felburn Trailhead entrance.

From the South - Crystal River: Take U.S. 19 north. Turn right onto the the access road east of U.S. 19 at the foot of the bridge and follow the road north to the barge canal. Continue following signs to Felburn Trailhead. Turn right at the Felburn Trailhead entrance.

