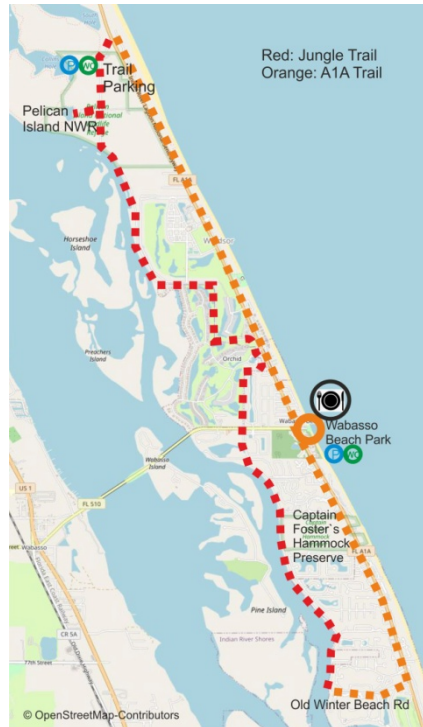


Vero Beach: Jungle Trail

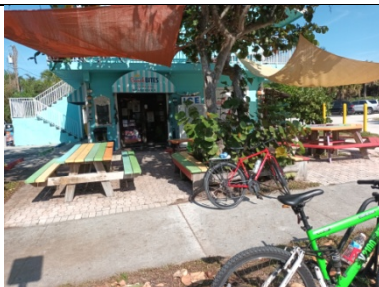
Vero Beach: Historic Jungle Trail, 8 mi resp. 15.5 mi roundtrip (25 km)

The Historic Jungle trail winds for nearly 8 miles along a sandy dirt road along the Indian River. It was built in the 1920s so that citrus growers could haul their produce up and down the barrier island. Although cars do drive along the road, it's mostly used by cyclists, walkers and joggers. The road is sandy but mostly hard packed and easy going for most bicycles. Some places can get soft at times.

To make a round trip I recommend parking at Webasso Beach Park and going south on A1A. Next to the Park is **Beach Bites** (1840 Webasso Beach Rd., N27 45.798 W80 23.893), a nice place selling drinks and food with bicycle parking and tables outside.



Webasso Beach Parking	N27 45.798 W80 23.860
Start Jungle Trail:	N27 43.796 W80 23.581
End Jungle Trail:	N27 48.755 W80 25.501



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M 0 Webasso Beach Park, N27 45.798 W80 23.860. Take the bike lane on A1A to the south. On A1A there is a marked side path so you don't have to ride on the road.

M 2.5 Old Winter Beach Rd, turn right. After 0.5 mi start of Jungle Trail, dirt gravel road. When I rode it in December 2022 it was a hard surface for all bikes, but that can change after rain. It runs along the Indian River, but most time the view is blocked by the newly planted mangroves against erosion.



M 3.5 Jones' Pier, an historic pier and a house nearby. **M 4.8 Captain Foster Hammock Preserve**. Take a side-trip through the area, which has

additional nature trails winding through the trees. You'll find parking here, bike racks, bathrooms, drinking fountain and an old fireplace, last remnant from the old house.

M 9 Kayak Launch. **M 9.7** Turn left to visit Pelican Island NRW.

Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge is the nation's first wildlife refuge established in 1903 by Teddy Roosevelt to protect birds from feather hunters. Bird feathers were widely used to decorate women's hats in the early 20th century, and Florida's barrier islands were teeming with the most vulnerable of species. From here you can also explore the Centennial Trail (walking only; bike racks available). The Centennial Trail is a part-paved and part-boardwalk trail leading to a lookout from which you can see the original Pelican Island. On the board are all National Parks noted.

M 11 Back on the trail. After 0.5 mi you reach the northern trail parking lot and from there A1A. Take the bike lane south. **M 15.5** Back at Webasso Beach Park and refreshments at Beach Bites.