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### Dunnellon Trail, 4 miles

This beautiful 4 mile trail connects the Withlacoochee River in Dunnellon with the Withlacoochee Trail. Map see Withlacoochee Trail.

<b>Start:</b> Bridges Rd Trailhead, 12334 S. Bridges Rd, with parking.	N29 02.628 W82 26.128
<b>End:</b> Gulf Junction Trailhead	N29 01.595 W82 28.261

**Mi 0** Bridges Rd TH, take the paved trail. Beautiful ride along the Withlacoochee River. At **Mi 1** there is the Blue Run Trailhead with parking and Potty to the right, continue straight. At **Mi 1.6** we cross the river on a bridge, **Mi 2.6** tunnel near a gas station.

**Mi 3.6** Gulf Junction Trailhead, start of Withlacoochee State Trail.



Bridges TH in Dunnellon



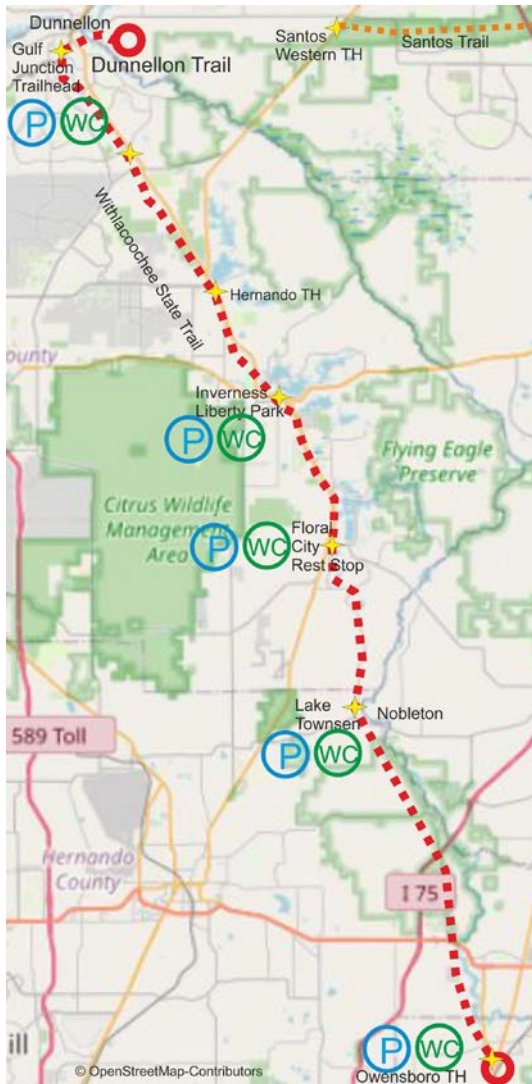
Gulf Junction connects the 2 trails

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### Withlacoochee State Trail, 46 miles (74 km)

With a generally flat terrain and many access points, the trail is an ideal venue for all skill and fitness levels of cycling, running, walking and skating. An unpaved equestrian trail parallels portions of the paved trail. The trail corridor traverses three counties (Citrus, Hernando and Pasco), offering an enjoyable, varied journey as it runs through small towns, ranches and six distinct natural communities between Citrus Springs and Dade City. For much of its length, the trail parallels the Withlacoochee River, a state-designated paddling trail. At 46 miles, the Withlacoochee State Trail is one of the longest paved rail-to-trails in Florida and can even be extended with the Dunnellon Trail to 50 miles.

Partly canopy for shade, partly open and sunny, bring enough water, speed limit 20 mph. Several slow traffic roads to be crossed with stop sign. Mile marker on pavement from



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southern start. Along the trail are still the old railways signs, showing the miles to Richmond. Also there are nesting posts for the Blue Birds.



Mile	Name	GPS
0	Gulf Junction TH, parking, restrooms.	N29 01.595 W82 28.261
4.5	Citrus Springs TH, large parking, restrooms, water, tables	N28 58.542 W82 25.778
10.6	Lemon Dr Hernando, Burger Station	N28 54.129 W82 22.616
10.9	Hernando TH, parking, restrooms, tables, water. Refreshments nearby. Cross SR 486	N28 53.924 W82 22.472
16	Inverness Liberty Park, restrooms, water, tables, Trek Bike Store (rental).	N28 50.463 W82 19.860
18.8	Paved trail to Fort Cooper State Park. Between here and Floral City several places to have drinks or food.	N28 48.246 W82 18.630
23	Floral City Rest Stop, restrooms, water, parking, bike shop (rental). Now through mostly forested areas with a few horse/cattle farms and swamps along the way.	N28 44.994 W82 17.799
30.7	Lake Townsen Regional Park near Nobleton, parking, restrooms, water, picnic, kayak launch. The best place to catch river views and put in your canoe or kayak. From here the trail crosses the Withlacoochee State Forest and Croom Wildlife Management Area.	N28 39.024 W82 16.488
35.3	Croom MTB parking (app. 15), potty, table	N28 35.767 W82 13.929

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35.8	Good Neighbor Trail connection	N28 35.376 W82 13.716
40	Heavily used Ridge Manor TH, just off US 98/SR 50. Fortunately, a state-of-the-art overpass leads safely across the congested roadway. The trail continues, lined with trees on both sides.	N28 31.608 W82 13.114
46	End at Owensboro TH just before meeting US 98/SR 50 again; a fairly spartan dirt lot with a trail map and a historical marker, just off US-301, and a short drive from I-75. About 20 parking spaces, no potty or water.	N28 26.759 W82 11.345

**Dunnellon:** This small town is located on the Rainbow and Withlacoochee rivers and has something to offer everyone: from beautiful Rainbow Springs State Park and the awesome rivers to strolling the lovely tree lined streets of the Dunnellon Historic District. Take a break in Dunnellon and enjoy true old-time charm. It is worth to be connected to the Withlacoochee Trail.



**Hernando:** For me this little town situated at the Lake Hernando is the best stop for lunch at this route. Several restaurants, but I liked the Burger Station. Had very good ribs and a cold beer.

**Inverness:** Inverness is a very nice little town by the way. There are benches everywhere and some spots where you can enjoy the little lakes. Close to the trailhead is the old train station and depot, now you can have a drink there.

There is a motel directly at the trail: Central Motel – Inverness, 721 US Highway 41 South.



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Burger Station



Inverness – Trail Station

**Floral City** not only has a beautiful bike rest stop, but also several restaurants in the area. Try Shamrock Inn next to the Rest Stop with German beer. Check out Avenue of the Oaks for a picturesque Old Florida feel of southern living.



The **Good Neighbor Trail** (10.3 miles) connects the Withlacoochee State Trail to Brooksville and fills a gap in the broader Coast to Coast connector project. The Suncoast Trail stretches 41.3 miles from the Tampa metropolitan area to north of Brooksville. **Trail end points:** Russell Street Trailhead (Brooksville) and Withlacoochee State Trail (Croom).