

49th Avenue to Land Bridge

Stretching from the Gulf of Mexico to the St. Johns River, the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway occupies much of the land formerly known as the Cross Florida Barge Canal. This 110-mile corridor encompasses a variety of natural habitats and offers an array of trails and recreation areas where visitors can experience Florida's premier greenway.

The trails in the 49th Avenue to Land Bridge region provide access to the west entrance of the Interstate 75 Land Bridge. This bridge was completed in 2000, providing a permanent trail connection across the six-lane highway, making safe passage for hikers, equestrians, bicyclists and wildlife a reality. Longleaf pine, sand hills and sand pine scrub natural communities dominate this region of the Cross Florida Greenway. The area is also the site of an historic "digging." Remnants of the former canal project, these features are wide linear areas that were literally carved out of the landscape to create the canal. Today, they exist as reforested, small-scale valleys. Because the bottoms of "digging" are comprised of clayey soils that hold moisture, they are dominated by loblolly pines that prefer wetter areas than longleaf or sand pines. In many areas, they also offer challenging terrain for trail users. The hiking trail in this area is part of the Florida Trail, and is officially designated as the Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST). The arrow symbol on the map indicates where connecting and loop trails continue elsewhere.



Trail Safety and Etiquette

- Bicyclists 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.
- Always look ahead and behind when passing.
- Travel at a responsible speed.
- Keep pets on a leash.
- Do not trespass on private property.
- Move off the trail surface when stopped to allow others to pass.
- Yield to other trail users when entering and crossing the trail.
- Do not disturb the wildlife.
- Watch out for traffic when crossing the street.
- Obey all traffic signals.
- Helmets for children under 16 required, but recommended for everyone riding bicycles.

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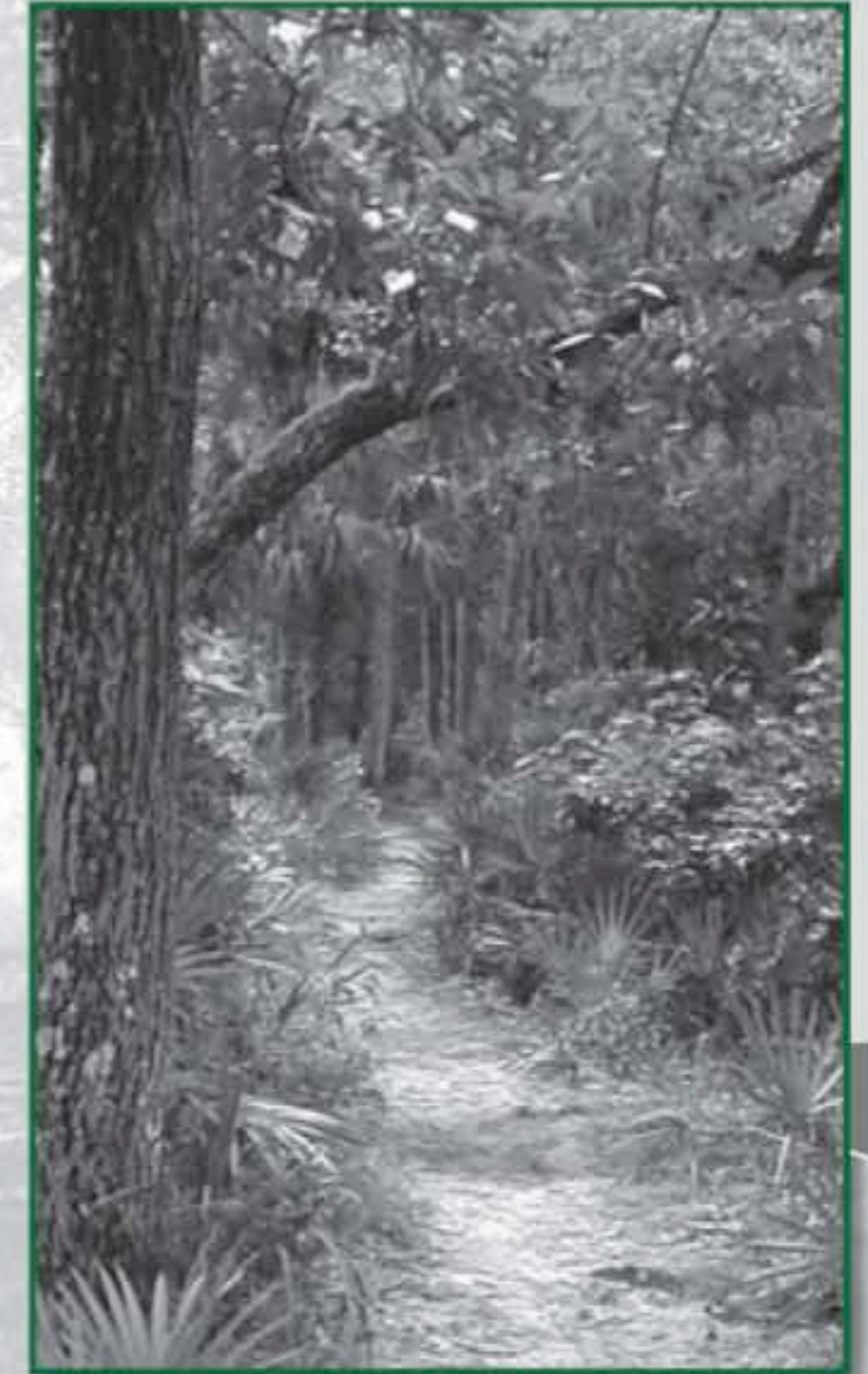


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...where nature and
history mingle...

49th Avenue to Land Bridge - Cross Florida Greenway

Major Activities:

Hiking, mountain biking, equestrian

Trail Length/Surface:

- unpaved hiking, Florida Trail, approximately 2.4 miles
- unpaved equestrian, approximately 8.7 total miles
- unpaved mountain biking, approximately 4.5 miles
- multi-use limerock road, 2.1 Miles

Fee: None

County: Marion

Nearby Town: Ocala

Notes:

The 49th Avenue Trailhead provides a hardened parking area, picnic pavilion and non-potable water. Parking is also available and can accommodate approximately 5 equestrian trailers.

Please note that the Land Bridge Trailhead to the east of I-75 also provides a large equestrian parking and horse wash-down area, making it the preferred staging area for equestrians who are primarily interested in visiting the Land Bridge. The Land Bridge Trailhead also provides the most direct trail access to the Land Bridge for hikers, equestrians and bikers who want to reach the bridge in the shortest amount of time.

Hours: 8:00 am – Sunset, 7 days a week, 365 days a year

Access/Directions:

49th Avenue Trailhead

From I-75 south of Ocala, take Exit 341 to CR 484. Head west (toward Dunnellon) on CR 484 approximately 2.5 miles until you reach Marion Oaks Course, (approx. 3/4 mile from CR484). Take a right on Marion Oaks Course which becomes Marion Oaks Trail and follow it until you reach SW 49th Avenue. Turn right on SW 49th Avenue and proceed north for a very short distance. The trailhead is on the right.

