



## Florida Bike Touring and State Trail Public Camping Options

Helpful links to plan a bike tour in Florida:

- **East Coast Greenway, [Florida Section](#)**. Part of the route covers the [St. Johns River to Sea Loop](#) (click on the maps link).
- **Adventure Cycling Association – [Florida Connector](#)**. This group also features information about the U.S. Bicycle Route System.
- **[Suwannee Bicycle Association](#)**: Click on the Trails & Routes link. A good place to camp near White Springs is at [Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park](#).
- **[Florida Bicycle Association](#)**: They keep up a statewide touring calendar and they also link to [bicycle clubs](#) around the state.
- **Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**: Their comprehensive [TrailLink site](#) covers multi-use paved bike trail information in Florida:
- **[Florida Department of Transportation Bicycle Friendly Roads](#)**: This interactive map shows all the state roads (and a lot of local roads) along with variables of interest to bicyclists, such as whether there is a bike lane or paved shoulder; the speed limit of the road, and the daily traffic. This will let you “roll yer own” bike route based on the criteria of most concern to you. It also includes the State

paved trails, State Parks, US Bike Routes, and Adventure Cycling routes. If you zoom in far enough, it will drop you into StreetView so you can actually see the area you are interested in visiting.

- [Florida Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities \(FDOT\)](#): This page has information about bicycling on-road in Florida and includes contacts for each FDOT District Bike/Ped Coordinators and other organizations that support bike touring in Florida.

## **Camping Near State Trails**

Note: Unless otherwise specified, contact the [Florida State Park Reservation System](#) to reserve campsites or cabins in state parks.

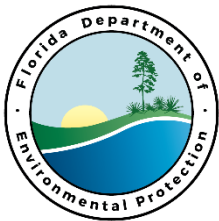
- [Blackwater Heritage State Trail](#) (8.1 miles): No camping along trail, but camping to the north in [Blackwater River State Forest](#) and east in [Blackwater River State Park](#).
- [Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail](#) (16 miles): [The Newport Campground](#), operated by Wakulla County, is located on the St. Marks River about 3 miles east of the trail along U.S. 98. The [Wakulla Springs Lodge](#) in [Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park](#) is about four miles west of the trail on SR 267.
- [Nature Coast State Trail](#) (32 miles): Camping to the west in [Manatee Springs State Park](#) and cabins and primitive camping are available along the trail in Fanning Springs in [Fanning Springs State Park](#). Primitive camping here is above the canoe launch and only for those arriving by foot, bicycle or kayak or canoe (no car camping).
- [General James A. Van Fleet State Trail](#) (29 miles): Primitive camping to west in the [Richloam Tract](#) of the Withlacoochee State Forest. Camping and cabins to the east in [Lake Louisa State Park](#).
- [Withlacoochee State Trail](#) (46 miles): Primitive camping in [Croom Tract](#) of Withlacoochee State Forest a short ways from trail and camping near Inverness in [Fort Cooper State Park](#) (group sites only. Smallest is for up to 8 people; largest up to 25 people). There is also camping at the [Silver Lake Recreation Complex](#), part of the

Withlacoochee State Trail. A side trail leads to the campgrounds (see map).

- [Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail](#) (20 miles with more miles being developed): Cabins and camping to north near Keystone Heights in [Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park](#). A 7-mile bike trail along State Road 21 connects to the park.
- [Palatka-to-St. Augustine State Trail](#) (8.5 miles with more miles being developed): No nearby camping.
- [Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway](#) (110 mile corridor): The Greenway mostly features mountain bike trails, especially in the Santos section, although a paved 5 mile trail is the Withlacoochee Bay Trail on the western end of the Greenway (no nearby public camping). Shangri-La Campground is on the Greenway near Ocala. [Silver Springs State Park](#) near Ocala also has camping along with cabins. The [Ross Prairie Campground](#), 12 miles west of Ocala on SR 200, and the [Santos Campground](#), about 5 miles south of Ocala, are also available along the Greenway.
- [Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail](#) (90 out of 106 total miles are complete): There are numerous state parks and campgrounds throughout the route. Please be aware that because of the popularity of the Keys, reservations must often be made far in advance, although some parks make accommodations for those who arrive by bicycle. Keys mileage is measured in mile markers (MM)
  - [John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park](#) (MM 102) – 3 sites cannot be reserved and are open on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call the park to check on availability: (305) 451-1202. There is also a primitive group camp (up to 24 people) that bike groups can utilize if available. Call the park to reserve this site.
  - [Long Key State Park](#) (MM 68) – Several primitive sites are open to bicyclists on a first-come, first-serve basis. Feel free to call the park on the day of planned arrival to check on availability: (305) 664-4815.

- [Curry Hammock State Park](#) (MM 56) – The park has one site for visitors arriving by bicycle. Call the park within 24 hours of planned arrival to make a reservation if it is available: (305) 289-2690.
- [Bahia Honda State Park](#) (MM 38) – A handful of campsites are open on a first-come, first-serve basis. Also, campsite #80 is open to paddlers and bicyclists on a first-come, first-serve basis up to 3 p.m. each day (whereupon it can then be taken by anyone). Occupants can stay for up to two nights. Call (305) 872-2353.

There are numerous private campgrounds in the Keys and most cater to recreational vehicles (RVs), but a few allow for tent camping. It is best to do an internet search of what is currently available since information is constantly changing.



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