

Withlacoochee Bay Trail and Felburn Park

Crossing 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 90,000 acre Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway.

The Withlacoochee Bay Trail travels five miles west from the Felburn Trailhead to the Gulf of Mexico along the southern side of the former Cross Florida Barge Canal. The twelve 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 provides numerous opportunities to observe wildlife, picnic or fish along the route.

Parallel to the paved trail, a vehicle access road travels from the US 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 suited 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 Felburn Foundation, through the efforts of Ellie Schiller, daughter of Phil Felburn, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Transportation and Citrus County.



Trail Safety and Etiquette

- 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.
- 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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Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway



the westernmost
segment of the
Cross Florida Greenway

Withlacoochee Bay Trail - Cross Florida Greenway

Major Activities:

Hiking, biking, in-line skating, horseback riding, birdwatching and fishing

Trail Length/Surface:

Withlacoochee Bay Trail 5 miles, equestrian trails total 5.6 miles (red trail 3.3 miles, green trail 2.3 miles)

Fee: None

County: Citrus

Nearby Cities:

Yankeetown, Inglis and Crystal River

Notes:

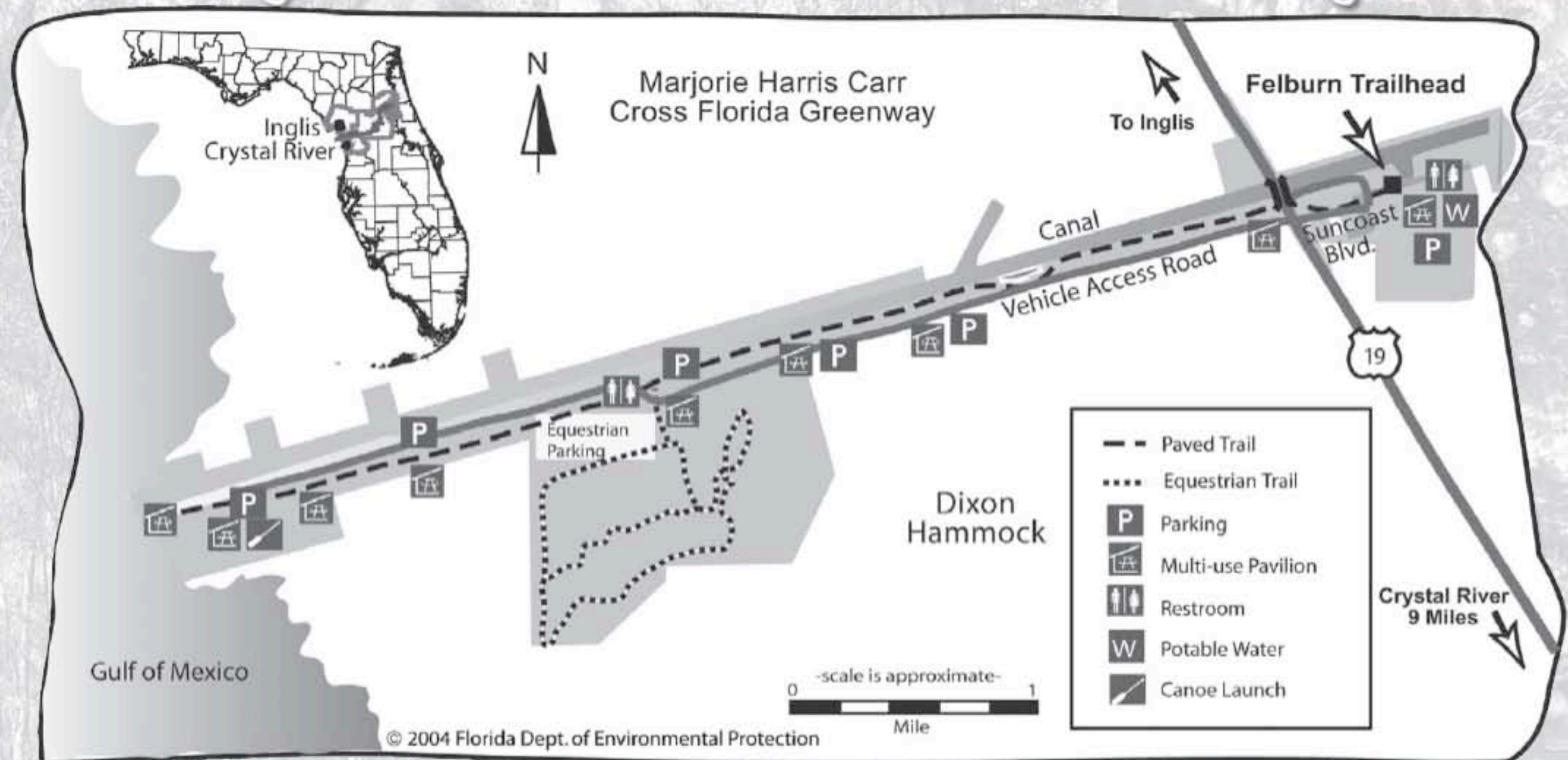
In addition to the paved trail, the 740 acre Dixon Hammock, located west of US 19, provides unpaved trails for those seeking a more rustic experience.

Miles of old logging roads provide ample opportunity for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians to get back into the woods of Florida.

Equestrian trails are denoted by both a red and green blaze.

Hours:

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



Access/Directions:

From the North – Inglis: Take US 19 South, crossing over the Cross Florida Barge Canal (US 19) Bridge. Turn left onto Suncoast Blvd. Follow the Suncoast Blvd. north to the barge canal. Continue following signs to Felburn Trailhead. Turn right at the Felburn Trailhead entrance.

From the South – Crystal River: Take US 19 North. Turn right onto the Suncoast Blvd. (at the foot of the bridge). Follow the Suncoast Blvd. North towards the barge canal. Continue following signs to Felburn Trailhead. Turn right at the Felburn Trailhead entrance.

