

Baseline Road to Marshall Swamp Trail

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 Baseline Road to Marshall Swamp Trail area of the Cross Florida Greenway offers two types of trails. Visitors have the opportunity to enjoy five miles of wheelchair accessible multi-use paved trails suitable for bicycling, in-line skating and walking. This trail stretches across former pastures in an area that is currently being restored to its native longleaf pine sandhill community. There is also an unpaved three mile hiking (or mountain biking) trail that weaves through the cypress and hardwood hammock communities of the Marshall Swamp, offering a more secluded and scenic experience. Both trails provide the chance for wildlife viewing, just minutes from downtown Ocala and Silver Springs.

The **Baseline Road Trailhead** is the main access point to the multi-use trail, with facilities including restrooms, potable water, a picnic pavilion with tables and grills, wheelchair access and plenty of parking. An accessible playground to accommodate children with disabilities is open at the Baseline Road Trailhead in. The five miles of multi-use trails were constructed in 2000 through a cooperative effort between the Office of Greenways & Trails, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Marion County Board of County Commissioners.

The **Marshall Swamp Trailhead** provides access to a scenic natural surface hiking/biking trail, with restrooms, potable water, a picnic pavilion, grills and tables.

The **SE 64th Avenue Road Trailhead** provides access to the multi-use trail as well as the natural surface trail, offering convenient access to explore both. Nearby is the Disc Golf Course. Parking and a composting toilet are available at this trailhead.

The Banyan Road Trailhead, Pecan Course Circle Trailhead, Pecan Pass Trailhead and the Teak Way Drive Trailhead all provide trail access for area residents.



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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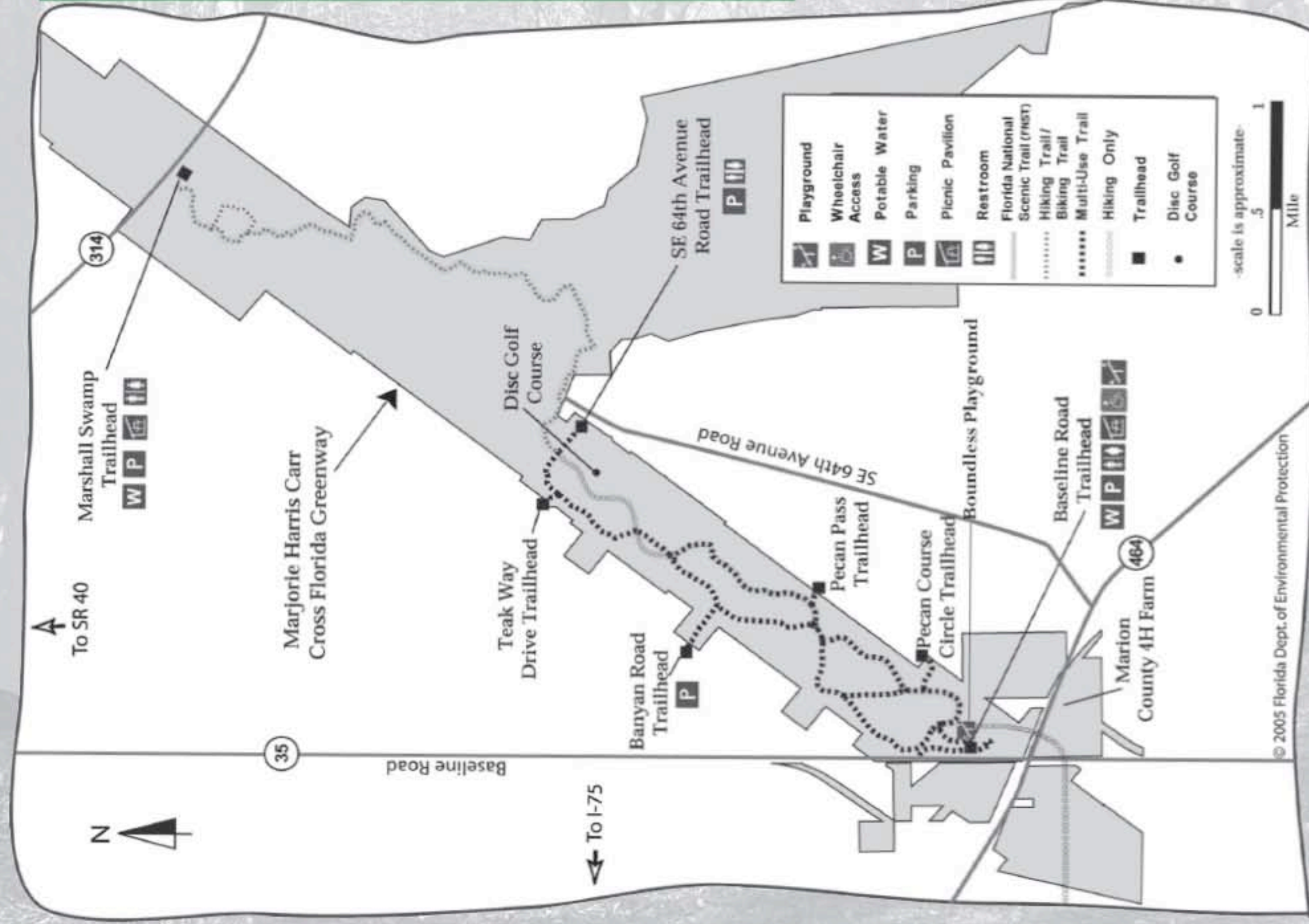
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Major Activities:
Walking, biking, in-line skating, bird watching, Disc Golf Course and the Boundless Playground

Trail Length/Surface:
5 miles multi-use (pavement varies from 12-16' in width); 3 miles scenic hiking/biking (areas may be occasionally wet)

Fee: None

County: Marion

Nearby Towns:
Ocala, Silver Springs

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

Access/Directions:

Baseline Road Trailhead (access to the multi-use paved trail)

From I-75 south of Ocala: take CR 484 Exit 341 east approx. 7 miles. Turn north onto SR 35 (Baseline Road) and travel approx. 6 miles to the intersection of CR 464 and SR 35. Trailhead is on the right.

From I-75 north of Ocala: take Ocala Exit 352 to SR 40 (Silver Springs Blvd). Continue east for approximately 9 miles until you reach SR 35 (Baseline Road) and then turn right. Just before the intersection of SR 35 with CR 464, the trailhead entrance is on the left.

Marshall Swamp Trailhead (access to natural surface hiking/biking trail)

From I-75 take Ocala Exit 352 to SR 40 (Silver Springs Blvd). Continue east for approximately 9 miles until you reach SR 35 (Baseline Road) and then turn right. At the next stop light at Hwy 314 (SE 7th Street) turn left and continue for approximately 2.5 miles. Trailhead is on the right.

SE 64th Avenue Road Trailhead

From the intersection of SR 35 (Baseline Road) and SR 464 (Maricamp Road), SE 64th Avenue Road is approximately 1/2 mile to the east. Follow SE 64th Avenue Road until you reach the trailhead on the left.