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Guides



**Cape Haze
Pioneer Trail**
Florida



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break whenever you need one. Boasting ample parking, water and restrooms, the northern trailhead is named after longtime trail advocates Robert and Anne Mercer, credited with starting Charlotte County's thriving rail-trail movement.

As of January 1, 2013, the trail continues southward after crossing a short, dirt driveway used as a service area for the Coral Creek Golf Club. This newly paved section of the trail continues from the entrance to the golf club, parallel to CR 771, across the new bicycle-friendly Coral Creek bridge to end at the traffic light to the Boca Grande Causeway.

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The fairly straight and flat rail-trail offers a relaxing ride and welcome relief from the area's growing traffic congestion. From its origins near Charlotte Beach, the trail has a rural feel, while multiple access points offer a



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States: Florida

Counties: Charlotte

Length: 7.8miles

Trail end points: CR 771 in Cape Haze Pioneer
Trail Park to Boca Grande Causeway

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline
Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair
Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

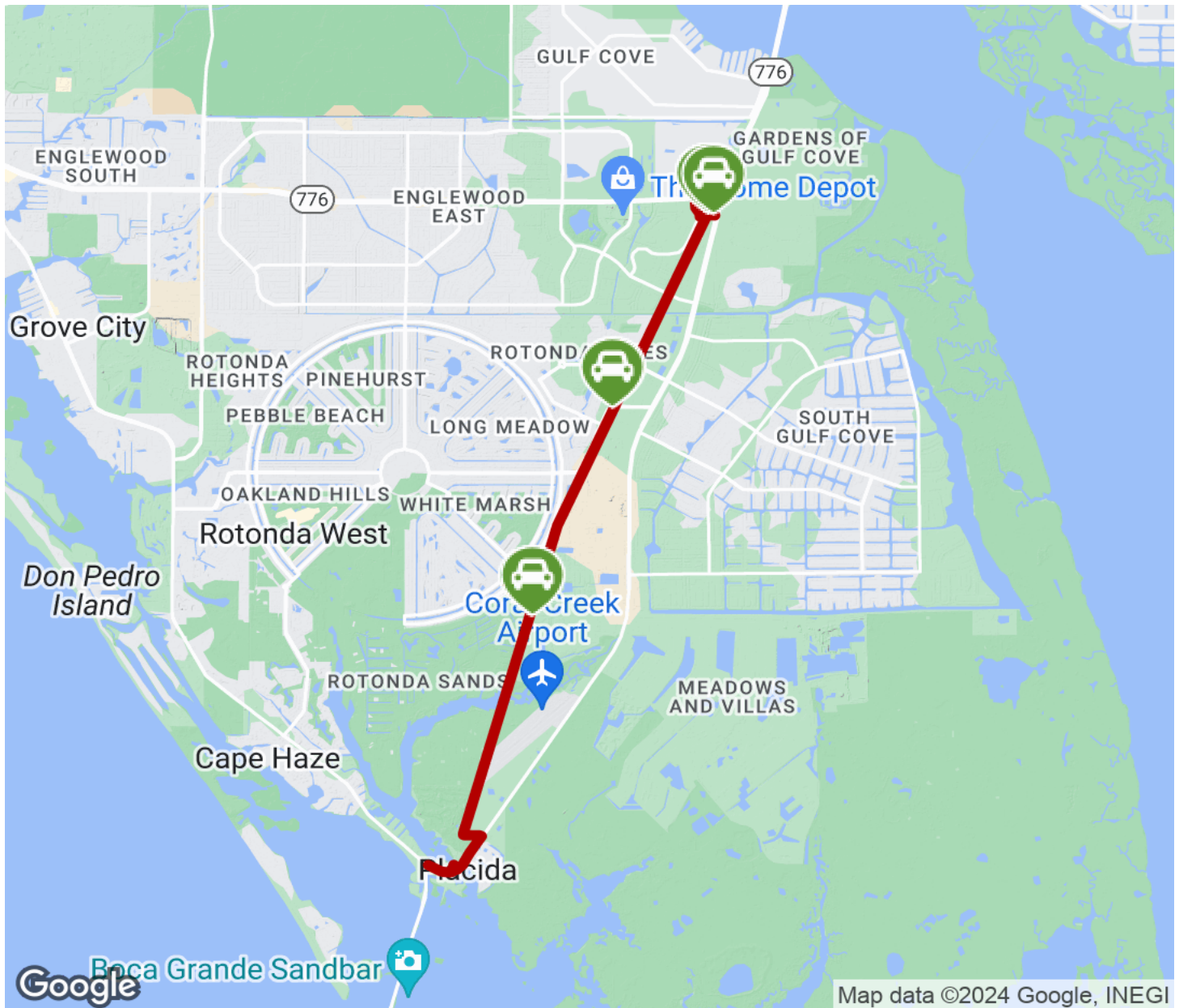
There is parking near the northern endpoint of this trail at 1688 Gasparilla Rd.

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all access options and directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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