

THE LEGACY TRAIL

The Legacy Trail is the largest public recreation project ever constructed in Sarasota County. At more than 10-miles in length the trail offers one of the best ways to experience what makes Sarasota County the jewel of the gulf coast.

Trailheads

Bay Street Park Trailhead

300 Bay Street, Osprey

Bay Street Park is located approximately ½-mile east of U.S.

Highway 41 in Osprey and offers a playground, picnic facilities and restrooms. Future improvements on Bay Street include sidewalks and bike lanes.

Oscar Scherer State Park

1843 South Tamiami Trail, Osprey

Oscar Scherer State Park offers plenty of parking, picnic facilities, rustic nature trails and overnight camping.

Laurel Park Trailhead

509 Collins Road, Laurel

Laurel Park offers a walking/fitness trail, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, restrooms, a large picnic pavilion, several smaller picnic shelters and a community garden as well as access to the Sandra Sims Terry Community Center.

Nokomis Park Trailhead

234 Nippino Trail East, Nokomis

Nokomis Community Park is 17-acres of beautiful park space which has restrooms, kayak launch, a covered basketball court, two sand volleyball courts, two tennis courts, a covered stage, cricket field, multi-purpose field, a fishing pier, six covered picnic shelters with grills, a covered children's playground and a ½ mile shell-mix walking trail with fitness work-out stations.

Patriots Park Trailhead

800 Venetia Bay Blvd., Venice

Patriots Park offers restrooms, picnic tables and benches. The park is also home to a paved courtyard dedicated to veterans of world wars, first responders, the victims of 9/11 and heroes everywhere.

Venice Train Depot Trailhead

303 East Venice Ave., Venice

The Rollins W. Coakley Railroad Park and Historic Venice Train Depot is the perfect spot to host a party, meeting, or special event. The Freight Room comfortably accommodates up to 120 guests. This unique facility also houses a small museum with displays native to the Venice area and the locomotive industry.

Future Trailheads

Culverhouse Nature Park Trailhead

7301 McIntosh Road, Sarasota

This 82-acre future park site is located in the residential community of Palmer Ranch. This park will provide recreational amenities such as nature trails, a community garden and picnic areas.

Osprey Junction Trailhead

939 E. Bay St., Osprey

This 10-acre park site is located adjacent to the Legacy Trail and will feature parking, benches, and picnic areas as part of the initial phase of improvements.

VENETIAN WATERWAY PARK

The Venetian Waterway Park trail is 10-miles in length and follows along both sides of the Intracoastal Waterway. At the northern terminus trail users can access historic downtown Venice which features shopping, restaurants and cultural attractions including the Venice Public Library the Venice Archives, the Venice Art Center and the Venice Community Center.

Trailheads

VABI (Venice Area Beautification Inc.) Trailhead

257 North Tamiami Trail, Venice

The Legacy Trail links to the Venetian Waterway Park (VWP) at the historic Venice Train Depot at the Venice Avenue Bridge, where trail users can continue south on VWP mainland trail to the Shamrock Park Nature Center or cross the Intracoastal Waterway to the VWP island-side trail and south to Caspersen Beach and Park. It is about 15 miles from the Legacy Trail's beginning point near Sawyer Loop Road in Sarasota to Venetian Waterway Park and its southern trailheads at Caspersen Beach or Shamrock Park.

Caspersen Beach Trailhead

4100 Harbor Drive, Venice

Caspersen Beach is recognized as one of the most enjoyable shelling beaches in this area. Visitors can enjoy a 20 minute walk through Caspersen's nature trail which winds through a coastal hammock. Amenities include 9,000 feet of beach, 1,100 feet of boardwalk, a playground, kayak launch, dune walkovers, restrooms and a picnic area.

Shamrock Park Trailhead

3900 Shamrock Drive, Venice

Shamrock Park and Nature Center offers more than 80 acres of natural area land providing opportunities for nature study, educational hikes, environmental programs as well as facilities for active recreation. Amenities include restrooms, picnic tables, a pavilion, playground, basketball courts and tennis courts.



Welcome to The Legacy Trail and Venetian Waterway Park, two of the most popular recreational areas in Sarasota County. Thousands of walkers, joggers and cyclists use these trails everyday to exercise, connect with nature or just relax.

Sarasota County has something for everyone like the #1 Beach in America, Siesta Beach, great shopping, fine dining and of course, the best sunsets anywhere. The best part is that virtually all of it is accessible from the trails.

On behalf of the parks staff and volunteers that help make Sarasota County so special, welcome to our little piece of paradise. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable experience.

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Trail Etiquette and Rules

The Legacy Trail and Venetian Waterway Park trails are used by thousands of walkers, joggers, cyclists and roller blade enthusiasts every day. The rules are designed to ensure that everyone is able to enjoy all the features of the trails safely. Trail users should remember the **three "C's"** of trail use:

Courtesy – Stay to the right, let others pass on your left, announce you are "passing on the left"

Consideration – When the trail is crowded **slow down**, please pull off the trail to chat

Control – Cyclists and skaters should be in control and obey the 15 mph speed limit at all times

- Trails are open for use from sunrise to sunset
- The speed limit on the trail is 15 mph
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited
- Pets allowed on a maximum six-foot leash
- No littering
- Cyclists under the age of 16 must wear a helmet
- A complete list of rules can be found at all trailheads

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Home to Siesta Beach,
the #1 Beach in the USA, 2011*

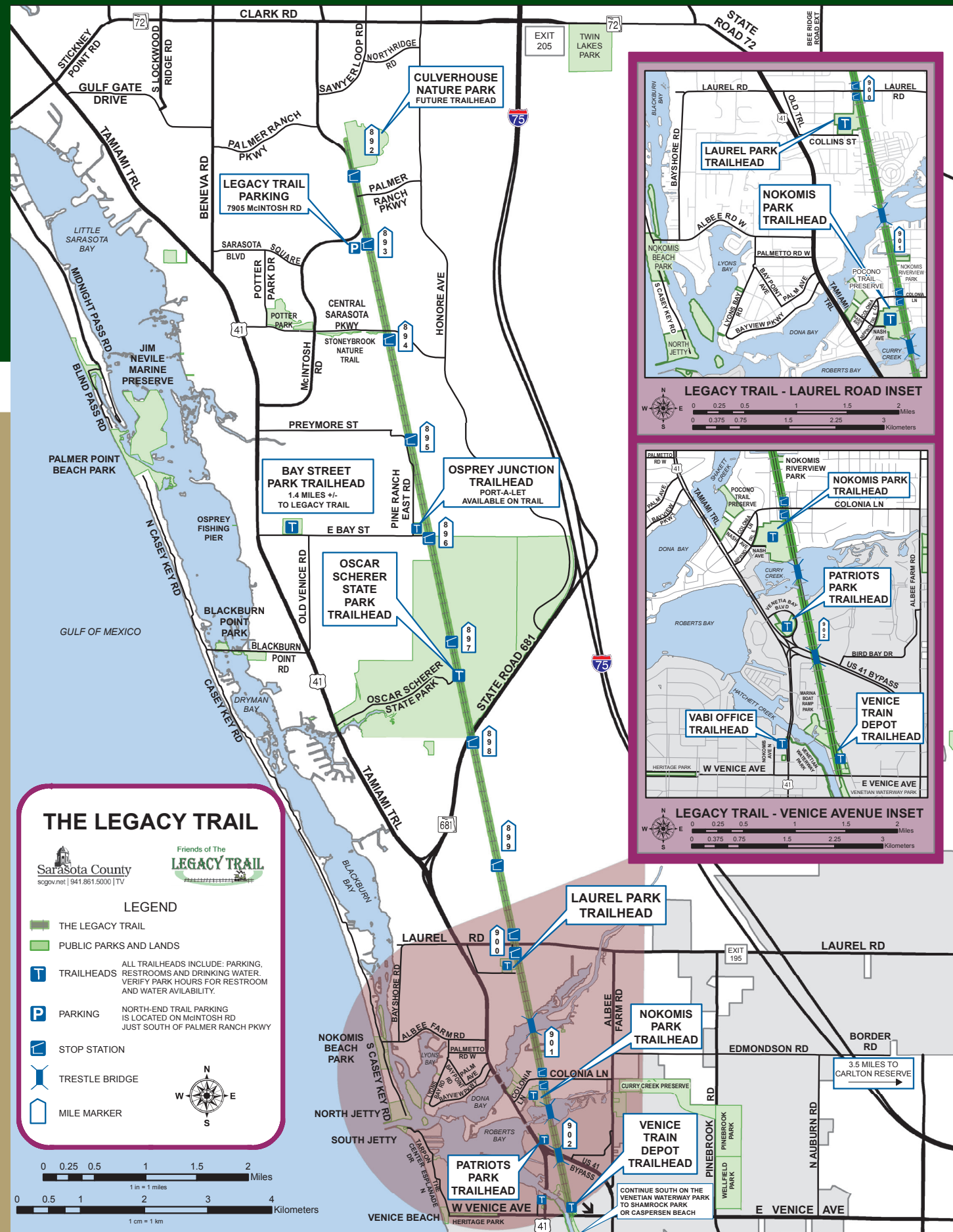


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THE LEGACY TRAIL & VENETIAN WATERWAY PARK MAP GUIDE



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