MOUNTAIN BIKING IN FLORIDA

Thrilling adventure awaits, and so do rocks, roots and heart-racing descents. Here are 10 locations where you can check out mountain biking in Florida. Find one close to you!



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ALAFIA RIVER STATE PARK

The Alafia River State Park trail system offers more than 20 miles of single-track trails. The three easiest trails are connected to form the "Easy Loop" – an eight-mile, one-way trip. Follow the signs for River Loop to Rock Garden to Sand Pine. All three trails are designed to accommodate children with small bikes and can be ridden with city bikes. The intermediate sections are Garden Ridge, North Creek and Roller Coaster. Alafia mountain bike trails offer challenges enjoyable at any age.

ALAFIA RIVER STATE PARK

14326 S. COUNTY ROAD 39 LITHIA, FL 33547

TERRAIN: VARIED NATURAL SURFACES

ENTRANCE FEE REQUIRED

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-HELMET REQUIRED -LEASHED PETS ONLY

IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY PHONE 911

PARK PHONE (813) 672-5320

20 MILES 29 TRAILS 7,717 ACRES

Very few Florida mountain bike trails can boast "double black diamond," but Alafia River State Park offers four.

Check for periodic mountain bike skills clinics.

Maintained by Friends of Alafia Trail Crew For more information, check out alafiaTrails.com



BALM BOYETTE SCRUB NATURE PRESERVE

The preserve is 5,723 acres in Hillsborough County, with 25 miles of mountain biking trails providing recreation for everyone. Begin with an easy warm-up, then hit the intermediate trails and top it off with some of the most challenging trails in Florida. The Balm Boyette Scrub Nature Preserve has over 800 acres of intact scrub habitat. This habitat supports various protected plant and animal species, including the Florida golden aster, scrub-jays and gopher tortoises.

BALM BOYETTE SCRUB NATURE PRESERVE



15102 COUNTY ROAD 672 WIMAUMA, FL 33598

TERRAIN: NATURAL SURFACE

\$ FREE



25 MILES 34 TRAILS 5,723 ACRES

Balm Boyette Scrub Nature Preserve was built on old mining land.

Check out

IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY PHONE 911

*** PRESERVE PHONE** (813) 672-7876







BIG SHOALS PUBLIC LANDS

Big Shoals Public Lands consists of 4,000 acres of wooded terrain, providing ample opportunity for hiking, mountain bike riding and wildlife viewing. With views that are seen nowhere else in the state, the unique vistas from high atop the limestone bluffs some 80 feet above the Suwannee River will amaze and enchant you. To top it off, some of the only "whitewater" in Florida may be found along this section of the river. Make sure to check out all 28 miles!

BIG SHOALS PUBLIC LANDS

11330 SE COUNTY ROAD 135 WHITE SPRINGS, FL 32096

TERRAIN: VARIED NATURAL SURFACES

ENTRANCE FEE REQUIRED

-HELMET REQUIRED

-MULTI-DIRECTIONAL TRAILS

IMMEDIATE **EMERGENCY PHONE** 911

PARK PHONE (386) 397-4331

Maintained by Suwannee **River Water Management District**. Florida Forest Service, Florida State **Parks and Florida Fish and Wildlife** Conservation Commission



28 MILES **17 TRAILS 4.000 ACRES**

These trails include scenic river bluffs and **Big Shoals** itself, Florida's only class III rapids.

Big Shoals Wildlife Management Area has limited hunts. so check out hunting schedules beforehand.

Suwannee Bicycle Association hosts the Annual Spring Pedal 'n' Paddle Festival, four days of road, trail riding and paddling!

MARKHAM PARK TRAIL

With roughly 14 miles of trails, the Markham Park Mountain Bike Trails offer bicycle enthusiasts a challenging experience. Trails are available for the novice, intermediate, expert/pro rider and the adaptive bike rider. Also, there is a four-mile trail specifically for off-road, hand-powered recumbent bikes. This trail is open to children, first-time mountain bikers and anyone else who may be uncertain if they are ready for the park's more rugged 10 miles of mountain bike trails.

MARKHAM PARK TRAIL

16001 W. STATE ROAD 84 SUNRISE, FL 33326

TERRAIN: NATURAL/ ROCKY SURFACES

ENTRANCE FEE REQUIRED

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-HELMET REQUIRED

-NO EARBUDS

-SINGLE DIRECTIONAL TRAILS

IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY PHONE 911

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PARK PHONE (954) 357-8868 14 MILES 29 TRAILS 669 ACRES

To bike, you will need to buy a pass, sign a waiver and watch a short video.

For more

experienced

riders, check out the Alligator Alley, Grassy Knoll, Gun Range and Area 51 trails.

Maintained by Markham Trail Crew For more information, check out markhampark.com/biking/



CHUCK LENNON PARK

The Chuck Lennon Trails are hard clay packed trails for novice to advanced skill levels. From the steep ups and downs to the hairpin turns, the Chuck Lennon Trails will test all abilities. There are seven separate one-way trails you can ride for approximately 11 miles. There is also a pump track and a small advanced skills area (dirt jumps). Remember, most trails at Chuck Lennon Park will be temporarily closed after excessive rainfall.

CHUCK LENNON PARK

5000 GREENFIELD DAIRY ROAD DE LEON SPRINGS, FL 32130

> TERRAIN: NATURAL SURFACES

FREE

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-HELMET REQUIRED

-REMEMBER INSECT REPELLENT 11 MILES 11 TRAILS 136 ACRES

> A pump track and a small advanced skills area for jumps are available.

IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY PHONE 911

PARK PHONE (386) 736-5953 Trails may alternate direction based on the day of the week. Read posted signs.

Maintained by Florida Association of Single Track Riders More for information, check out fastrsorba.com/trails/chuck-lennon-trails



KATHRYN ABBEY HANNA PARK

Largely shaded by trees and often accompanied by an ocean breeze, the 20 miles of single-track trails and a three-mile fire road in the park offers year-round enjoyment for all ages. The trails found at Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park are filled with diverse wildlife, ranging from sandhill cranes to armadillos. Alligators can be seen along the park's 60-acre freshwater lake. Hikers and runners also utilize the trails alongside mountain bikers.

KATHRYN ABBEY HANNA PARK

500 WONDERWOOD DRIVE JACKSONVILLE, FL 32233

TERRAIN: VARIED NATURAL SURFACES

\$ ENTRANCE FEE REQUIRED

-HELMET REQUIRED

-LEASHED PETS IN DESIGNATED AREAS

IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY PHONE 911

ARK PHONE (904) 255-6767

20 MILES 9 TRAILS 447 ACRES

This park also features a full-service campground and ocean views.

With 1.5 miles of sandy beach, it is also home to the premier surfing spot, The Poles.

Maintained by Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association For more information, check out sorbajax.org/hanna-park



GRAHAM SWAMP TRAIL

This mountain bike trail is an entertaining yet challenging 5.5-mile-long trail with heavy climbs and switchbacks. Taking visitors through a variety of environments, the Graham Swamp Preserve Mountain Bike Trail consists of swampland, flatwoods, rocky hills and thick forest. Expect wildlife to be roaming around as this is a conservation area.

GRAHAM SWAMP TRAIL

5140 COLBERT LANE PALM COAST, FL 32137

TERRAIN: NATURAL/ ROCKY SURFACES

\$ FREE

-HELMET REQUIRED -SINGLE-TRACK ONLY

-LEASHED PETS IN DESIGNATED AREAS

IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY PHONE 911

PARK PHONE (386) 313-4020 6.5 MILES 3,084 ACRES

Restrooms, water and a bike station are located about a quarter mile south of the parking lot at the Lehigh Trailhead.

Trails can have loose sand if it hasn't rained in a while, making for difficult riding.

Maintained by Graham Swamp Trail Crew For more information, check out flaglercounty.gov



TOM BROWN PARK

Located in eastern Tallahassee, this large, multi-purpose park features a wide range of recreational activities. Tom Brown Park offers access to a couple single track trails as well as a pump track. These trails include Gun Range Trail and Magnolia Trail. Tom Brown Park is adjacent to and connects with Lafayette Heritage Trail Park, featuring more trails. Most of the trails at Tom Brown are suitable for all ages and ability levels.

TOM BROWN PARK

501 EASTERWOOD DRIVE TALLAHASSEE, FL 32311

TERRAIN: VARIED NATURAL SURFACE

\$ FREE

-HELMET REQUIRED -SINGLE-TRACK TRAILS -LEASHED PETS ONLY

IMMEDIATE • EMERGENCY PHONE 911



3.1 MILES 2 TRAILS 305 ACRES

> As one of Tallahassee's largest parks, Tom Brown Park boasts biking trails and a pump track.

There are biking opportunities at Tom Brown Park for all abilities and ages.

Maintained by the City of Tallahassee and Tallahassee Mountain Bike Association For more information, visit talgov.com/parks/parks-tombrown



SANTOS TRAILS

The trail system at Santos is designed in a series of concentric loops, all within the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway. Santos Trails boasts three main trails with smaller loops throughout. The outer loop of Pine Tree Trail is an easy trail, with two turnoffs. Dr. Ruth and Cowbone are considered intermediate. The Sinkhole Trail is considered one of the more difficult trails, with a series of tight curves alongside sloping forested hillsides. The Vortex Trail is for more experienced riders, with extremely steep sides and known as "Extreme Mountain Bike Section."

SANTOS TRAILS

3080 SE 80TH ST. OCALA, FL 34480

TERRAIN: NATURAL SURFACES



FREE (CAMPGROUND REQUIRES FEE)

-HELMET REQUIRED -SINGLE-TRACK ONLY -LEASHED PETS ONLY



IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY PHONE 911

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PARK PHONE (352) 369-2693 90 MILES 21 TRAILS 70,000 ACRES

The deeper into the loops you go, the tougher the trails are.

Check out Santos Annual Fat Tire Festival, hosted every March.



Maintained by Ocala Mountain Bike Association For more information, visit omba.org



WEST CAMPUS TRAILS

Discover the beauty of nature and the thrill of mountain biking at the West Campus Trails of the University of West Florida. With 23 miles of well-maintained trails winding through scenic landscapes, riders of all levels can enjoy a variety of experiences, from leisurely rides to exhilarating challenges. Whether exploring the gentle slopes of easy trails or testing your skills on more difficult terrain, the West Campus Trails offer something for everyone. Immerse yourself in the serenity of Pensacola's natural surroundings.

WEST CAMPUS TRAILS

11969 PATE ST. PENSACOLA, FL 32514

TERRAIN: VARIED NATURAL SURFACES

FREE

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-STAY ON DESIGNATED TRAILS

-HELMETS REQUIRED

-NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES

IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY PHONE 911

UWF POLICE PHONE (850) 474-2415 23 MILES

The West Campus Trails span diverse terrain, providing ample space for outdoor adventure.

Covers 23 miles and offer a vast network of interconnected paths for riders to explore.

Maintained by Pensacola Off-Road Cyclists PORC.org/UWF-Trails



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