

RUN ROUTES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Below you will find a list of run routes all over Jacksonville and our service areas of Nassau County, Clay County, Flagler County, and Volusia County.

For accuracy, be sure to grab your Fitbit, Apple Watch, or your gps enabled watch or phone to track your run! If you do not have any of those, be sure to download Strava – a free running gps app!

Lastly, don't forget to stretch and hydrate! Be safe and have fun!



JACKSONVILLE RIVER WALK - RIVERSIDE

1001 Museum Circle
Jacksonville, FL 32207

This scenic Jacksonville River Walk is our usual Little BIG Run course! Bordering the St. Johns River, this boardwalk is usually filled with joggers, walkers, bikers, and tourists, folks sitting on benches, and lovers walking hand-in-hand, all of them watching the riverboats, the shorebirds, and downtown's skyline reflected in the water. Here you can also find the water taxi dock near Chart House available for kayak launch.



HENRY KLUTHO PARK – SPRING PARK

204 W 3rd Street
Jacksonville, FL 32206

Klutho Park is in the heart of the historic neighborhood of Springfield. There are many sidewalks, benches, picnic tables, and restaurants in the area to “run” to grab a drink or quick bite at!



ORTEGA RIVER- ORTEGA

204 W 3rd Street
Jacksonville, FL 32206

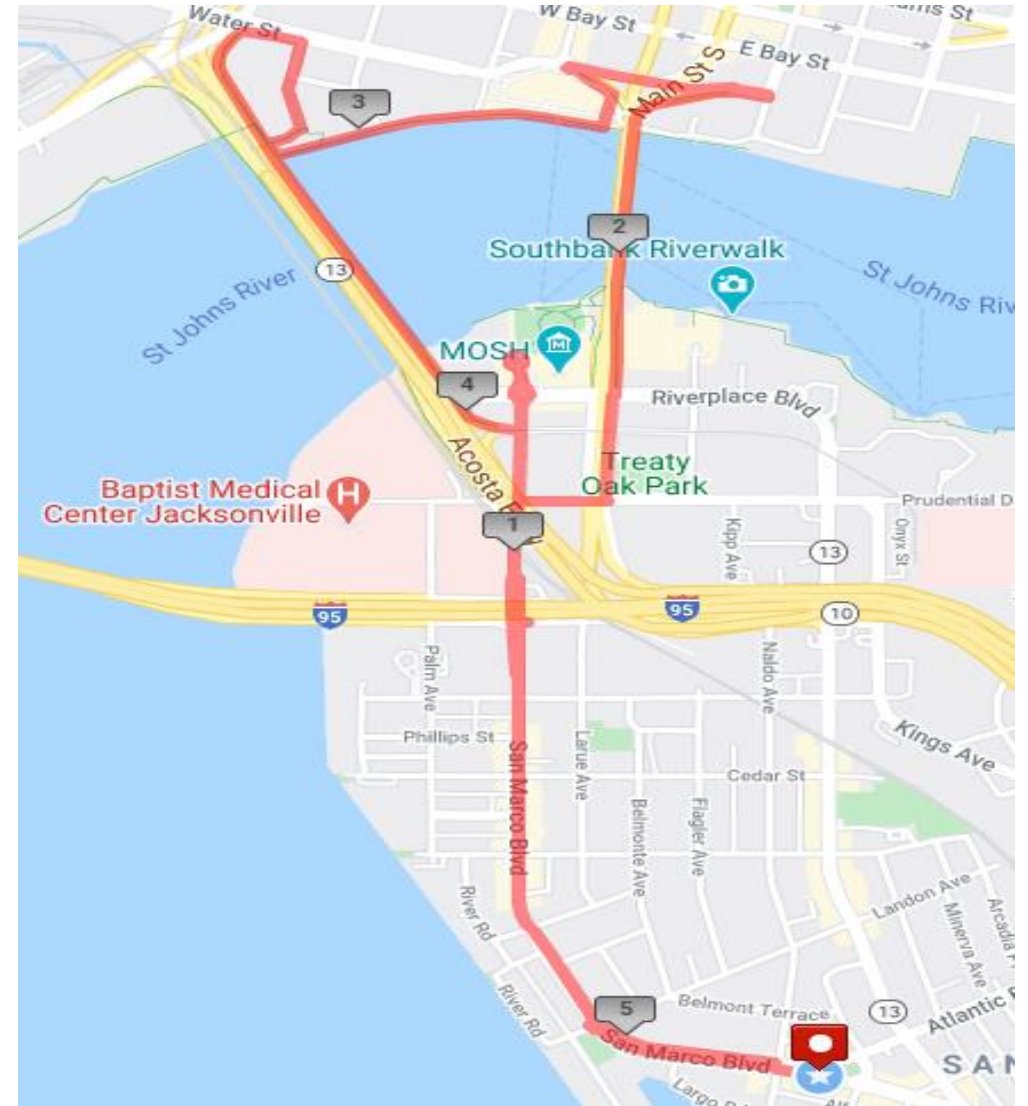
The Ortega neighborhood is bordered by the St. Johns River on the East, the Cedar River on the North, and the Ortega river on the West. It is the location of many historic homes and buildings - making it a great spot to run! Most runners who venture out here start at St. Mark's Episcopal Church and run down a five mile loop.



TWO BRIDGES & SAN MARCO SQUARE – SAN MARCO

2018 San Marko Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32207

San Marco Square is known for its incredible dining, upscale trendy clothing boutiques, and sensational art galleries - just a few minutes from Downtown! There are plenty of sidewalk space and pathways to run safely. A run from Great Runs suggests starting at the Lions fountain in the center San Marco Square, head down the picturesque San Marco Boulevard to the iconic Friendship Fountain on the Southbank, then cross over the Main Street Bridge to the Jacksonville Landing, and onto the Northbank Riverwalk to the Riverside neighborhood.



BEACHES AVENUE- ATLANTIC BEACH

1 Ocean Boulevard
Atlantic Beach

Keep cool in the shade of the oceanfront homes along Beach Avenue as you watch the sun rise over the Atlantic Ocean. Beginning at the Beaches Town Center near One Ocean Resort in Atlantic Beach, this breezy avenue spans 22 blocks. Out-and-back, the route is a 5.5K, filled with joggers and bicyclists of all skill levels at every hour of the day. The midpoint of this running route scales the 19th Street hill.



JACKSONVILLE BEACHES – ATLANTIC, NEPTUNE, JAX

Various Starting Points

Jacksonville's beaches are located 20 miles east of the city. A nearly 11-mile strip of continuous beach forms the 'Tri-Beaches' area, consisting of Atlantic, Neptune, and Jacksonville beaches. Run any one of these attractive and relatively uncrowded beaches, which have numerous access points and parking areas.

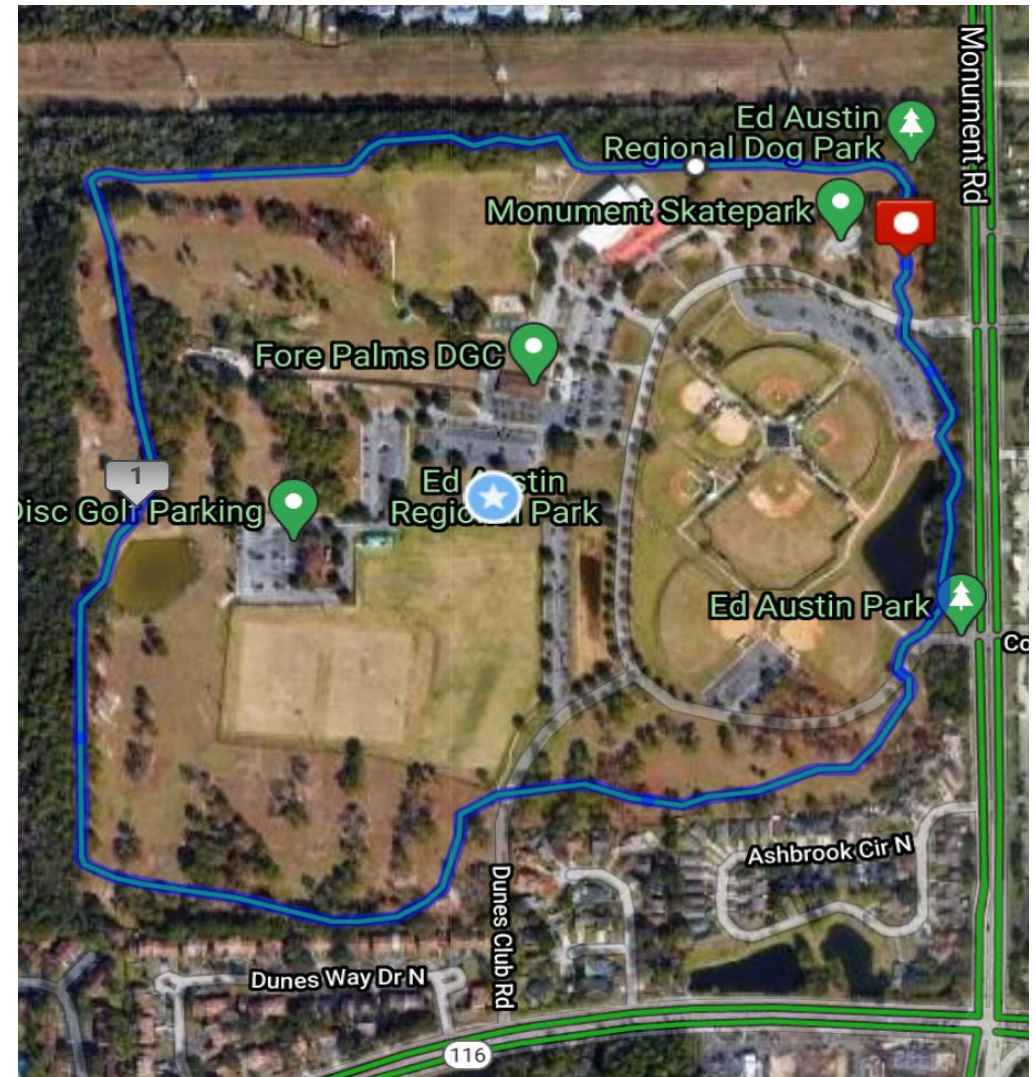
From Hanna Park, it's 2.5 miles south to the community of Atlantic Beach; another 1.5 miles to Neptune Beach; 2 more miles to Jacksonville Beach; and a final 5 miles to Ponte Vedra. There is generally firm sand near the water, especially at low tide, when the beach is also wider. Locals say the best stretch, from a firm sand perspective, is the 4 miles combining Neptune and Atlantic beaches.



ED AUSTIN REGIONAL PARK- EAST ARLINGTON

11751 McCormick Road
Jacksonville, FL 32225

Start the day off with exploring, running, walking, or biking the paved trail loop at Ed Austin Regional Park! This park is family friendly and dog friendly with plenty of room to get a great exercise. Be sure to park in the designating parking lot!



UNF LOFTIN NATURE TRAILS - SOUTHSIDE

1 UNF Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224

The UNF Loftin Nature Trails are five miles of trails winding through UNF's college campus and natural preserves in Jacksonville's Southside area.

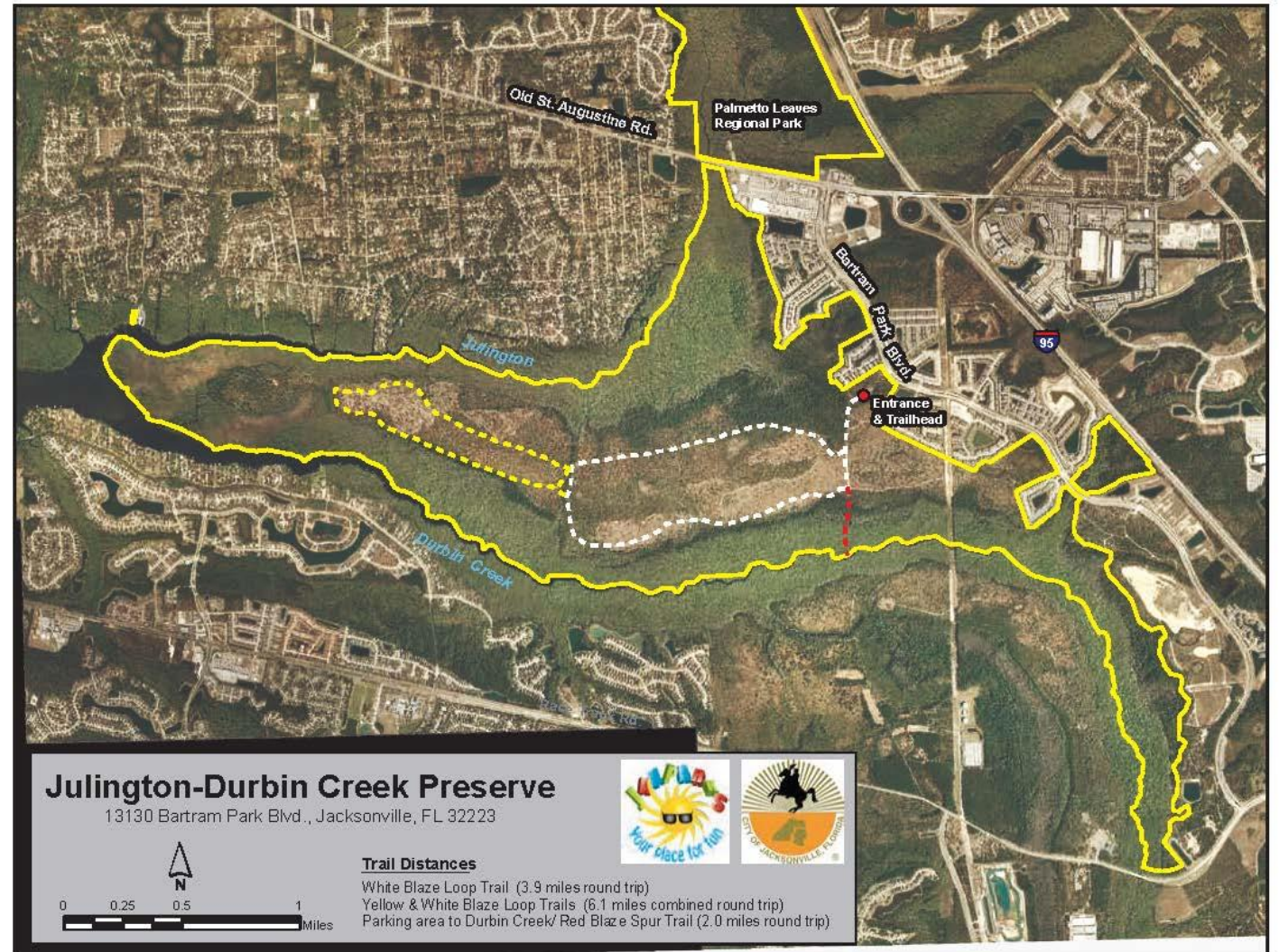
Educational signs can be found on these trails about wildlife and plants. Work in a run at this trail before a shopping spree or healthy lunch at the nearby St. Johns Town Center. Unless on a weekend, be prepared to pay for parking!



JULINGTON DURBIN CREEK PRESERVE - MANDARIN

13130 Bartram Park Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Located off of Bartram Park Boulevard, this preserve has three trails ranging from two to six miles. Colored spray paint on the trees helps mark your way through the foliage. The dirt paths are wide and can get dusty (or muddy with our daily Florida downpours), but a little dirt never hurt anyone, right?



Julington-Durbin Creek Preserve

13130 Bartram Park Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32223



Trail Distances

White Blaze Loop Trail (3.9 miles round trip)
Yellow & White Blaze Loop Trails (6.1 miles combined round trip)
Parking area to Durbin Creek/ Red Blaze Spur Trail (2.0 miles round trip)

GREENWAY TRAILS - NOCATEE

245 Nocatee Center Way
Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

Located in the healthiest county in Florida, Greenway Trails have nice, wide paved pathways. The running trails are made up of 3 prongs that all connect in the middle. Each prong is a 1/2 mile long. Expect a few bridges, maybe an electric car or two, and bicycles. Parking will be near the center of the trails – when you find the tennis courts, you're there!



GUANA RIVER STATE PARK– PONTE VEDRA

505 Guana River Road
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Located on A1A in South Ponte Vedra Beach, about 30 miles south of downtown. This park has approximately 9 miles of trails that wind through undisturbed maritime forest, with marsh and intracoastal waterway views. The wide paths are marked by color codes and can be easily followed except on the north end, where the trails leave the park and enter the wildlife management area. In some places, the sand is soft which will slow you down a little and there are some exposed roots, but for the most part this trail is fairly easy! Grab some cash – parking is \$3.00.

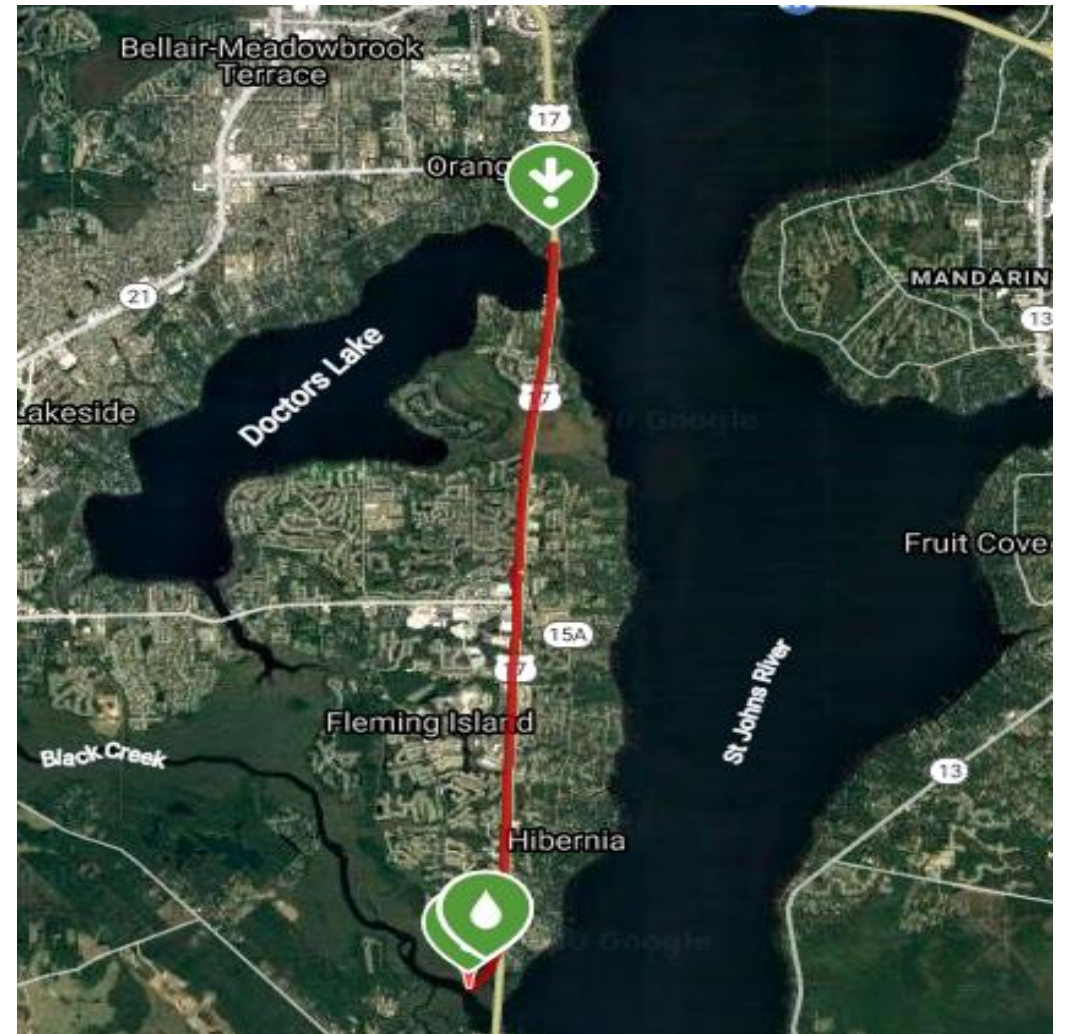


BLACK CREEK TRAIL- ORANGE PARK

7890 US-17

Orange Park, FL 32003

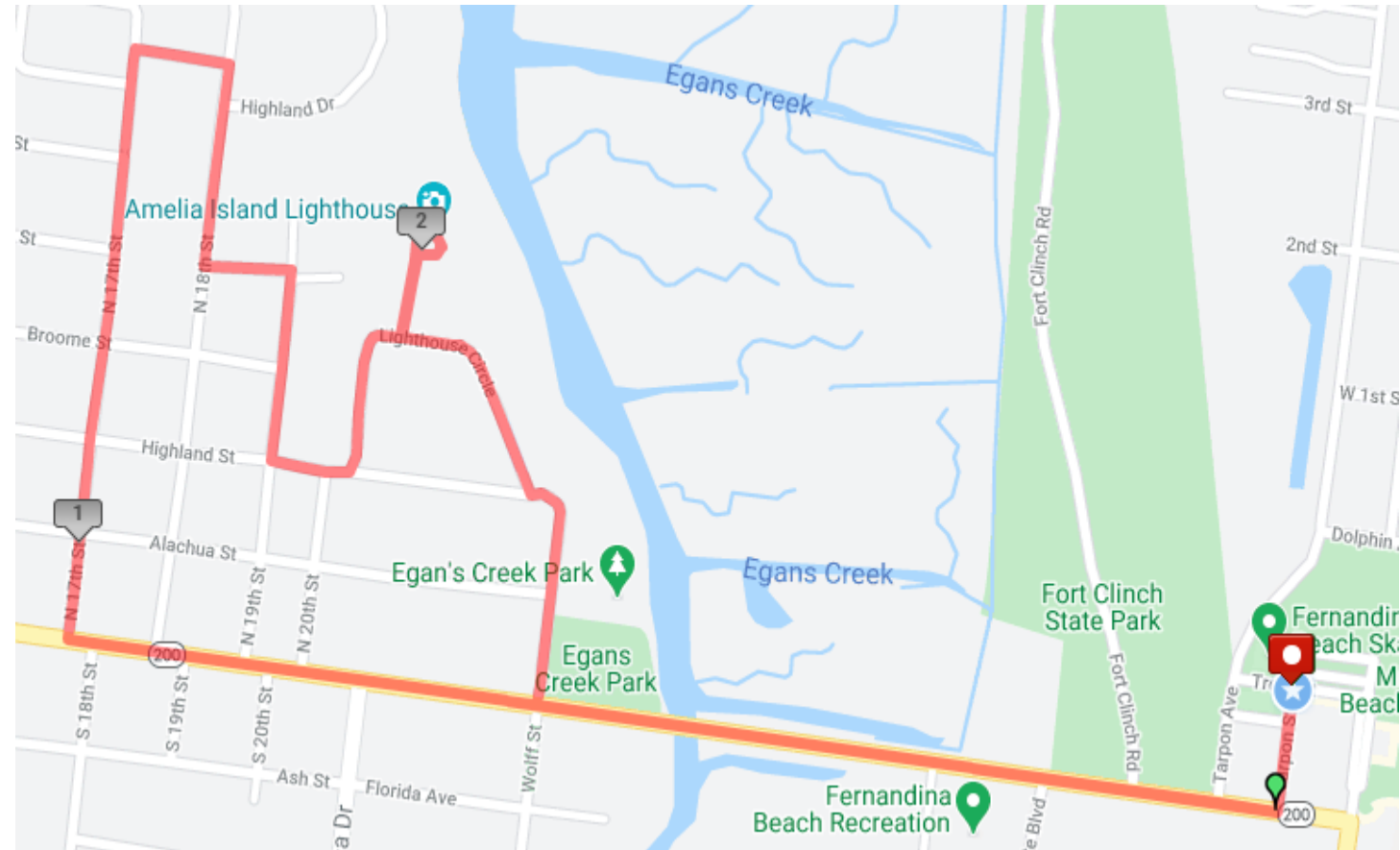
The Black Creek Trail parallels U.S. Highway 17, from Orange Park south to Black Creek Park near Lakeside, FL, just south of Jacksonville. Passing through scenic forest and wetlands, the trail crosses Fleming Island, bordered on the east by the St. Johns River and Doctor's Lake, a river inlet, on the west. Parking is available at Black Creek Park, which also has a covered pavilion and restrooms.



LIGHTHOUSE LOOP- AMELIA ISLAND

32 North Fletcher Avenue
Amelia Island, FL 32034

Take this course to see the beautiful views of Amelia Island and the highlight of the course, the Amelia Island Lighthouse – the oldest lighthouse in Florida.



DOWNTOWN- FERNANDINA BEACH

309 ½ Centre Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

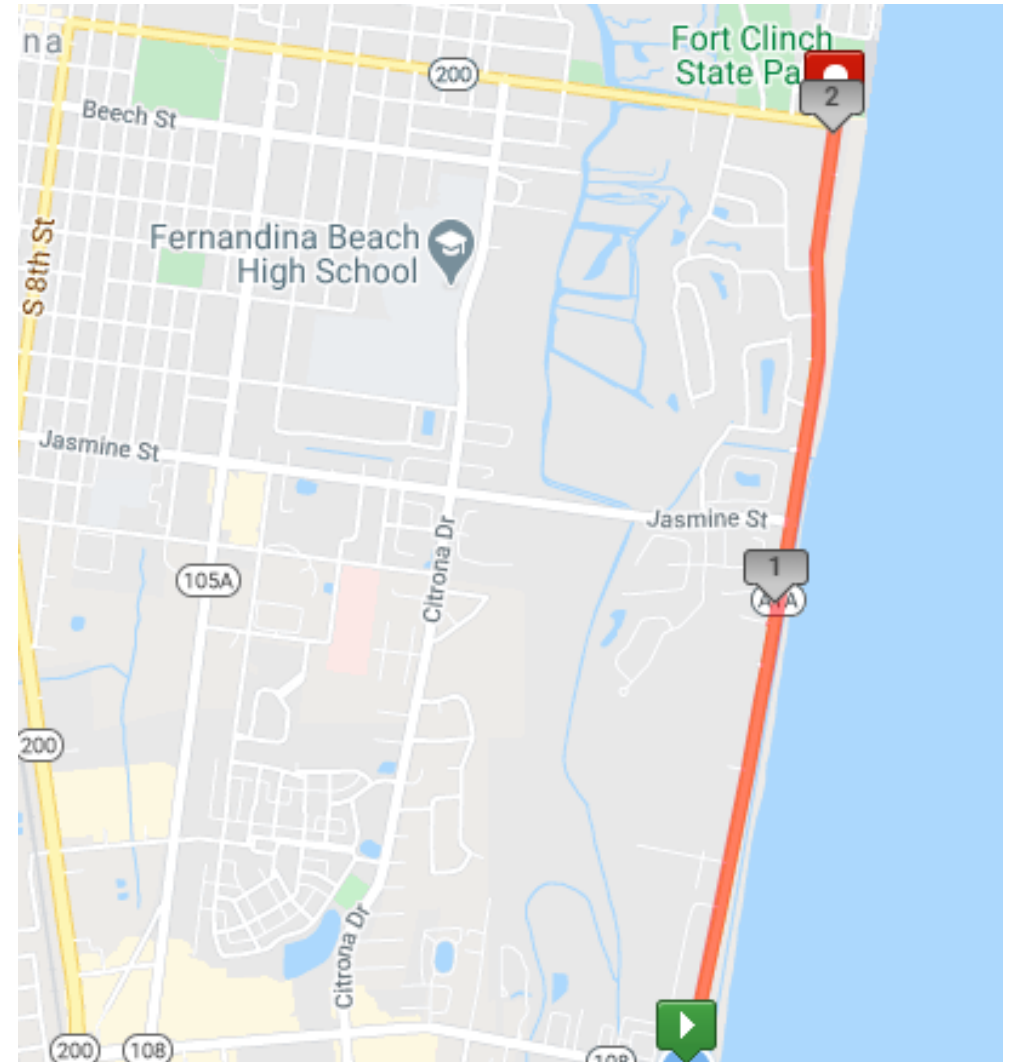
Historic downtown Fernandina Beach is an collection of restaurants and shops around Centre Street and Front Street on the northwest shore of the island. The brick sidewalks, shaded by Spanish moss covered trees, are incredibly inviting — just watch out for strolling pedestrians in this busy section of town. Create your own route, weaving in and out of the residential side streets off Centre St., or run the 2 miles east along Centre St./Atlantic Ave., to the Main Beach Park. Shaded and very pleasant with nice homes.



SOUTH FLETCHER AVE- FERNANDINA BEACH

2601 Atlantic Avenue
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

The stretch of South Fletcher Ave. (A1A) along Fernandina Beach is an excellent run either on its own or in combination with a run of the sand. A nice flat sidewalk spans most of the street, which is lined with elegant waterfront homes. The best section is north of the intersection with Sadler Road (108) to the Main Beach Park, which is about 2 miles one-way. There are occasional water views, but the ocean side is generally lined with homes.



SPRINT-TO-SPRING TRAIL- VOLUSIA COUNTY

202 North Florida Avenue
DeLand, FL 32720

The paved Spring-to-Spring Trail is a multi-use trail in Volusia County, about 25 miles west of Daytona Beach. The trail is so-named because it connects several springs in the central Florida area north of Orlando. Many sections of the trail are wooded, skirting numerous inland parks. With many trails to choose from, you'll be sure to find the best fit for you! There are several access points and parking areas.



DAYTONA BEACH- DAYTONA

43 North Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach, FL 32218

Daytona Beach is 23 miles of hard, packed white sand and a width of 500 feet in some spots, it's no wonder that the city has branded Daytona Beach as 'The Most Famous Beach in the United States'. The beach stretches from Ormond-By-The Sea at the north end down to Ponce Inlet at the southern tip of the barrier island. Just across Ponce Inlet, New Smyrna Beach goes for another 17 miles. Just pick a place on the beach and start running as long as you like.



LEHIGH GREENWAY RAIL TRAIL- FLAGLER COUNTY

Belle Terre Parkway – Colbert Lane
Palm Coast, FL 32137

Just north of Flagler Beach, there are numerous options for putting in many miles along this paved trail. There is a favored section up to 6.7 miles one-way along the canal, paralleling and across from Royal Palms Parkway, from Colbert Ln. west to Rt. 1. You can expect no restroom, boardwalks, shade, and maybe an alligator!

