SUN Trail Funding Fact Sheet

Timucuan Trail

For over 20 years local, state, and federal government and nonprofit partners have been working to develop the Timucuan Trail to connect culturally rich and ecologically diverse resources along Florida's northeast coast. Beginning in 2018, the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program awarded design and subsequently construction funds totaling over $3 million for extending the 10-foot-wide, one-and-a-half-mile segment along the east side of State Road A1A, also known as Heckscher Drive with bridges over Simpson and Myrtle creeks. The project extends from the entrance of Little Talbot Island State Park to Big Talbot Island State Park's Big Pine Trailhead, north of Houston Avenue.

Established in 2015 under Section 339.81, Florida Statutes, the SUN Trail program receives an annual allocation from the redistribution of new vehicle tag revenues deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund. Administration of the program is by the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) Systems Implementation Office. The competitively awarded funding is one source for expanding a safe statewide system of interconnected, high priority, and strategic paved multiuse trails (SUN Trail network) for bicyclists and pedestrians and to connect Florida's Wildlife Corridors.

Learn more about distinctions and resources along the Timucuan Trail:

- East Coast Greenway, which is a developing 3,000-mile national trail system that will link communities along the eastern seaboard from Key West, Florida to Calais, Maine. See: **www.greenway.org**
- A1A Ocean Islands Trail, a Florida Scenic Highway, connecting communities along Florida's First Coast". See: **floridascenichighways.com/our-byways/northern-region/a1a-ocean-islands-trail/**
- Designation by the Secretary of the Interior as a National Recreation Trail. See: **www.americantrails.org/national-recreation-trails**
- The Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, which is a federal National Heritage Area established by the U.S. Congress to recognize the unique culture of the people who resided in the coastal areas and the sea islands, from Pender County, North Carolina, to St. Johns County, Florida. See: **www.gullahgeecheecorridor.org/?Itemid=102**
- The French Heritage Trail guide, produced in partnership from the Florida Department of State with the France – Florida Federation for the Arts and the Consulate General of France in Miami. See: **dos.myflorida.com/historical/preservation/heritage-trails/french-heritage-trail/**
- The Native American Heritage Trail, which promotes awareness about Native American cultures in Florida. See: **dos.myflorida.com/historical/preservation/heritage-trails/native-american-heritage-trail/**
- The Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail, a network of wildlife viewing sites across the state. See: **floridabirdingtrail.com/**

To visit the trail or for more information, please contact

City of Jacksonville – Parks and Recreation

904-630-4100 • https://floridastateparks.org/learn/bike-timucuan-trail

PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

TRAIL

FDOT DISTRICT NUMBER: 2

CITY: Jacksonville

COUNTY: Duval

WIDTH: 10 feet

LENGTH: 1.5 miles

SURFACE TYPE: Mostly asphalt

PROJECT

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT NUMBER: 435619-1

LIMITS: State Road A1A, also known as Heckscher Drive, from the entrance at Little Talbot Island State Park to Big Talbot Island State Park's Big Pine Trailhead, just north of Houston Avenue

CONSTRUCTION START: August 2020

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION: December 2023

PHASE: Design, Environmental / Mitigation, Construction, and Construction Engineering Inspections

Connecting resources along Northeast Florida's unique sea islands

FUNDING

FISCAL YEAR: 2018, 2020, 2021

AMOUNT: SUN Trail awarded $3,028,275 for completion of this project. Within the project boundary an additional $1,079,354 was provided by other federal and state sources

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