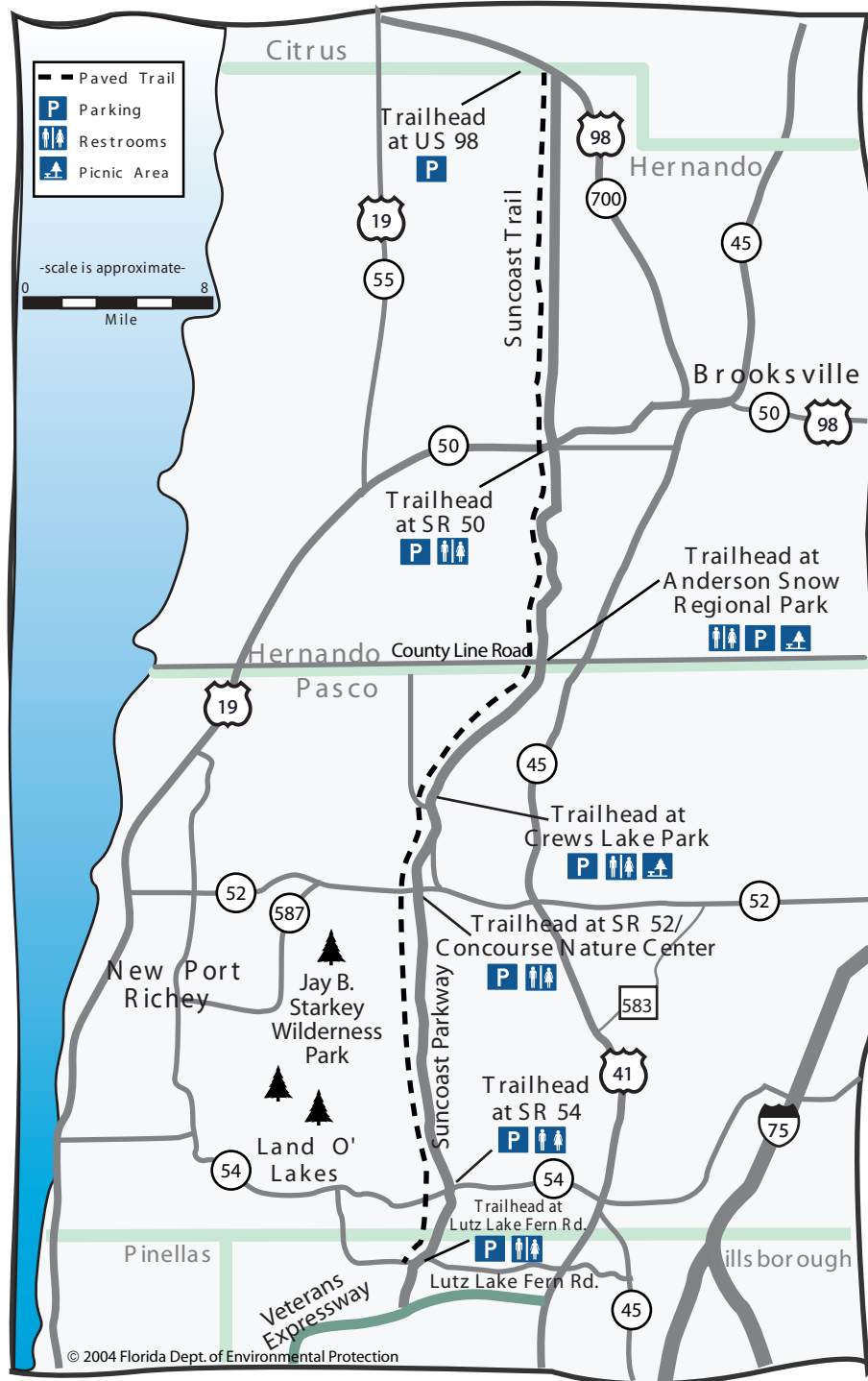


Suncoast Trail

The Suncoast Trail is officially designated as part of Florida's Statewide Greenways and Trails System. Opened in 2001, this non-motorized paved trail was developed as part of the Suncoast Parkway. Paralleling the parkway, the trail begins in northern Hillsborough County and proceeds north through Pasco and Hernando counties, traversing suburban, agricultural and natural areas. Throughout the trail, rest/interpretive areas illustrate historical significance, emphasize transitions between ecological communities and identify native species. Among the trail's highlights is the segment adjacent to the Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park. This section crosses various rivers and creeks, including the Anclote and Pithlachascotee, and provides views of beautiful natural

communities. The Suncoast Trail will eventually serve as a key regional connector, linking to other projects such as the Good Neighbor Trail, the Upper Tampa Bay Trail and the Pinellas Trail.



Suncoast Trail

Major Activities: Walking, Hiking, Biking, In-line Skating, Wheelchair

Trail Length/ Surface: 41.3 Miles/non-motorized paved trail

Fee: None

Counties: Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando

Nearby Towns: Tampa, New Port Richey, Land O Lakes, Brooksville

Notes:

There are points of access and rest areas throughout the length of the trail. Listed below and indicated on the map are the 7 major trailheads that are currently open. Future trailheads are planned for Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park and other locations.

Access/ Directions:

Trailhead at Lutz Lake Fern Road (southern terminus of trail)

From Tampa, take Dale Mabry Highway (CR 597) north to Lutz Lake Fern Road. Take a left (heading west) and continue for approximately 3 miles until you pass under the Suncoast Parkway. Trailhead is on the right.

Trailhead at State Road 54 (2.5 miles from southern terminus of trail)

From Interstate 75, take Exit 58 to State Road 54. Head east (toward New Port Richey/Land O' Lakes) on SR 54 until you pass under the Suncoast Parkway. Trailhead entrance is on the right about .25 mile beyond overpass.

From New Port Richey, head east on State Road 54. Look for trailhead entrance on left about .25 mile before passing under Suncoast Parkway.

Trailhead at State Road 52/ Concourse Nature Center (12.9 miles from southern terminus of trail).

From Interstate 75, take exit 285 to State Road 52. Head west on SR 52 (away from San Antonio) until you pass under the Suncoast Parkway. Trailhead entrance is on the right about 0.50 mile beyond the overpass.

Trailhead at Crews Lake Park (15.3 miles from southern terminus of trail)

From Interstate 75, take Exit 59 (new Exit 285) to State Road 52. Head west on SR 52 (away from San Antonio) until you reach Shady Hills Road. Turn right on Shady Hills Road and proceed north until you reach Crews Lake Drive. The Suncoast Trail can be accessed via a trail within the park.

Trailhead at Anderson Snow Regional Park/ Sports Complex (22.45 miles from southern terminus of trail)

From Brooksville, take US 41 south to County Line Road. Take a right (heading west) on County Line Road and proceed until you pass the Suncoast Parkway. Anderson Snow Road is just past the parkway on right. Take Anderson Snow Road to the park. The Suncoast Trail can be accessed from within the park.



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Trailhead at State Road 50 (29.5 Miles from southern terminus of trail)

From Interstate 75, take Exit 301 to US 98/ SR 50. Head west on US 98/ SR 50 towards Brooksville to Suncoast Parkway. Turn left on Grove Road and continue approximately .25 Miles to High Field Road. Turn left on High Field and proceed to trailhead.

Trailhead at US 98 (41.3 miles from southern terminus of trail)

From Brooksville, head north on US 98 approximtely 15 miles to Suncoast Parkway.

Trailhead is just past the Parkway, south of US 98.



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