

Espanola Loop

The Espanola Loop is approximately 10.5 miles long and is focused around the small historic community of Espanola (formerly known as Windemere), which was originally located along an old Indian footpath known as “Spring Garden Trail.” As you travel this loop, that starts in Downtown Bunnell, some of the unique resources you will encounter are listed below and located on the route map.

- 1 Black Branch Canal** - This area of the corridor is lush and scenic. Wildlife can be seen along this natural corridor as they migrate from one part of the county to another.
- 2 Community Baptist Church** - Step back in time to see this rustic church from another era.
- 3 Pine Plantation Forests** - Reminiscent of the “old days” in Flagler County, cyclists will travel through a number of pine plantations along this loop. Although lumbering technology has changed, these forests continue to supply the building materials that drive the housing industry in Florida.
- 4 Espanola Cemetery** - Taking a walk through this wooded country cemetery, visitors will note several headstones that date back to the 1870s. Many of the founding fathers of Northeast Florida are buried in this small community cemetery.
- 5 City of Espanola** - Espanola might look like a quiet, sleepy town today; but with the arrival of the railroad in 1885, it was a boomtown. Espanola produced turpentine and lumber products, and with the high demand for these materials to support construction along the east coast of Florida, all eyes were on this small town and others like it. A second explosion of interest in this community occurred with the construction of the Dixie Highway in the early 1900s. Suddenly tourists from the north were flooding into the area. Espanola’s hotels, restaurants, and boarding houses were filled to capacity with adventurers and people from the north looking for a new life.
- 6 Old Brick Road (Old Dixie Hwy)** - Completed in 1917, Flagler County is home to a small remnant segment of the famous old brick highway that was designed to bring visitors from the northern states to south Florida. The full length of the road extended from Michigan to Miami Beach and was considered the super highway of its day. Each block that composes this old road was hand laid. This section of roadway is on the National Register of Historic Places and offers a unique diversion from the main Espanola Loop route.
- 7 Espanola Community Center** - Many of this small town’s community functions occur at this venue. Softball fields and restrooms are some of the many amenities located here.
- 8 Flagler County Recreation Area and Fairground** - On the north side of CR 13, one-half mile west of US 1, the recreation area boasts baseball and softball fields, a barbecue area, pavilion, horse arena with seating, and livestock buildings.

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- 1 Holden House** - As you sit at the Flagler Playhouse preparing for your cycling trip, make sure to look across the highway to appreciate one of the best preserved examples of the county’s history. This well-maintained historic residence was built in 1918 for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holden as a wedding gift. One of the outstanding features is the facade of the home. When the house was built, the gable over the front porch was inset with pieces of apothecary bottles from Holden’s Drug Store. When the sun porch was added, the gable was inset with antique colored glass and old pieces of dishes.
- 2 Thunder Gulch Campground** - This eclectic campground offers RV camp sites as well as the Black Cloud Saloon, which hosts musicians and performers in classic country and old rock styles of music. Make sure to say “hello” to the carved wooden indian that looks over the saloon.
- 3 African-American Cultural Center** - The Mission of the African-American Cultural Society, Inc., is to preserve and perpetuate African-American heritage through educational, artistic, intellectual, and social activities and services deemed to be in the best interest of the entire community.
- 4 Florida Agricultural Museum** - This museum showcases Florida’s agricultural history including structures that tell the story of Flagler County’s and early American roots. During your visit you can see farm livestock such as “cracker horses.” Horseback trail riding is also available.
- 5 Old Kings Road** - The original alignment of Old Kings Road was established between 1763 and 1783 by the British. Bulow Plantation and Princess Place Preserve were among some of the large southern plantations that dotted this roadway. Over the years, many famous individuals traveled this road including James Audubon and the famous Seminole warrior, Osceola.
- 6 Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve** - Located on Flagler County’s northern border, the estuary is the very last on the east coast of Florida that still has a naturally occurring inlet, spared from the dredging and diking that has commonly occurred elsewhere on Florida’s coast. Estuaries are one of the most biologically productive systems on earth.

7 Pellicer Creek Aquatic Preserve Corridor - On the north end of the Coastal Greenway (a continuous 20-mile, 33,000-acre corridor of public lands and waterways) is the Pellicer Creek Corridor which consists of over 7,100 acres of uplands, waterways, and marshes. Pellicer Creek, designated as an Outstanding Florida Water, a State Canoe Trail, and a State Aquatic Preserve, links Faver-Dykes State Park (in St. Johns County) and the Princess Place Preserve.

8 Princess Place Preserve - This preserve is a unique historical and environmental treasure, featuring the oldest standing home site in Flagler County and the first in-ground swimming pool in Florida. The Princess Place Preserve was once occupied by a Russian Prince and his wife. The lodge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail.

9 Lehigh Greenway Rail Trail - During the Florida boom, Lehigh Portland Cement Company built a plant near Flagler Beach. As part of this construction, a railroad spur was built to transport the finished product to market. The cement produced here was used to build Cape Canaveral. This rail corridor was purchased and eventually converted into a State Greenway. This “rails-to-trails” conversion offers a unique passage through rural Flagler County.

10 Graham Swamp Conservation Area - This 4,500-acre hardwood swamp stretches seven miles and connects with Bulow Creek. This conservation area is one of the last remaining major coastal hardwood swamp ecosystems in Florida. Two miles of hiking and bicycling trails are available on the eastern edge of the conservation area.

11 Flagship Harbor Preserve - Hiking trails, fishing, and boating facilities are located here. This is a great location to stop and take a break.

12 Bulow Plantation and Bulow Plantation Ruins State Park - Once a prosperous sugar cane plantation, the park features the scattered ruins of a sugar mill constructed of coquina rock. During the plantation’s heyday, John James Audubon visited to collect local specimens for his influential work, *Birds of America*. Today, a scenic walking trail leads visitors to the ruins of the sugar mill where an interpretive center tells the plantation’s history.

13 St. Mary’s Catholic Church - The community of Korona was settled in the early 20th Century, mainly by Polish immigrants from the Great Lakes Region. The area was advertised as a land “free of ice and snow.” St. Mary’s Church became the focal point for this community and remains today as the oldest church in Flagler County. The settlers came to this church not only to pray, but to meet with neighbors, address community issues, and maintain the bond they had as a unique group of immigrants to a new land. This church still stands as a testament to a lifestyle long forgotten.

Flagler Beach Spur

- 1 Flagler Beach Municipal Pier** - Originally constructed in 1925, the pier is one of the area’s most popular fishing spots. The pier is also great for bird watching.
- 2 Flagler Beach Historical Museum** - This building was built for the Flagler Beach Volunteer Fire Department in 1965. When the Fire Department moved to its current location, the building was renovated for the Museum. All items, photographs and artifacts have been donated by friends of the museum.
- 3 Moody Landing** - Moody Landing offers boardwalks overlooking the salt-water marsh. Adjacent to Moody Landing is the Flagship Harbor Preserve. This 341-acre environmental preserve provides walking trails, picnic areas, education/picnic pavilion, boardwalks, and observation platforms overlooking the saltwater marsh and the Intracoastal Waterway.
- 4 Wadsworth Park** - This 35-acre park offers a number of varied recreational opportunities along with picnic pavilions and a playground. For the bird watching enthusiast, look for egrets along the boardwalk, warblers in the trees, and herons over the wetlands.

SR 11 Spur

- 1 Cody’s Corner** - This section of SR 11 brings back memories of what much of western Flagler County looked like in years gone by. Huge oak and pine trees that line the road offer a cool and shady trip back in time. Originally built to connect the county seats of Bunnell and Deland, the setting makes you want to park your bicycle and enjoy a glass of cool lemonade.

SR 11 Spur



Scenic Highways in Florida

The City of Bunnell was officially incorporated as a town in 1911, but its history as a community starts back in the 1880s. As with many other communities in Florida, Bunnell owes its start, in part, to the railroad industry.

Alvah Bunnell established a cypress shingle mill and promised to supply the fledgling regional rail business with wood for their wood burning locomotives. Bunnell Stop was the name identified on the earliest rail route.

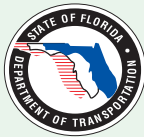
By 1900, Isaac I. Moody and others had developed a flourishing turpentine business in the Bunnell area. The name “Moody” would forever be tied to this area. Moody, J.R. Sloan, and James Frank “Major” Lambert formed the Bunnell Development Company in 1909. With that came the formation of Bunnell’s roots.

Our heritage will embrace you as you cycle from one street to the next and as you talk to the people of this community. Think back to the community’s early pioneers standing on the same streets you are traveling along. If you listen carefully to the breeze that rustles the leaves of the great oak trees that line many of the streets, it will sometimes sound like the whispers of the founders of our community as they discuss their vision for Flagler County and the entire State of Florida. It is the vision of our founding fathers we are so proud of; but so difficult to see in the fast-paced electronic age we live in. This is Heritage Crossroads. . .

Thanks for visiting us!

The Florida Scenic Highway Program (FSHP) has been an ongoing economic development and preservation tool that was established in 1993 by the State of Florida. This volunteer-based program is a grassroots effort to promote the awareness of Florida’s resources. The FSHP Mission Statement is, **“The Florida Scenic Highways Program will preserve, enhance and maintain the intrinsic resources of scenic corridors through a sustainable balance of conservation and land use. Through community based consensus and partnerships, the program will promote economic prosperity and broaden the traveler’s overall recreational and educational experience.”** The FSHP is funded in part by the Federal Highway Administration and in part by the Florida Department of Transportation. It is a designation given to select Florida roadways that promote the unique intrinsic characteristics that are native to Florida. The Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History is primarily focused on promoting the heritage of this community but also maintains that the scenic components are just as integral to the richness of this area.

Thank You!



Cycling Heritage Crossroads



Miles of History

Much of the history and heritage of Northeast Florida and Flagler County has been preserved and is available to be experienced by all. The Heritage Crossroads Heritage Highway is a network of approximately 92 miles of historic and cultural opportunities. Over 40 historical sites and structures have been recorded along this corridor. Each played an important role and together they tell the story of 300-plus years of history of fledgling groups of individuals that built the foundation for the community we see today. The citizens of Flagler County and the supporters of this Heritage Highway encourage you to experience the legacy we are so proud of.

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Cycling Through History

For the experienced cyclist, local enthusiasts have crafted several biking loops that will challenge your cycling skills while offering you a unique opportunity to experience a number of our key cultural and historic resources. For the more casual cyclist, our routes offer you that same experience while allowing you to select the cycling segments that best fit your cycling skill level.

Whatever your skill level, and regardless of the segment of the Heritage Highway that you select to tour, make sure to experience the feel of the community as you travel along. Take time to talk to the residents you’ll encounter along the way. Visit some of the highlighted resources that have been listed in this brochure and are identified on the route map. When you take advantage of these opportunities, you will better understand the heritage of the community.

Self-guided cycling tours are designed to start at the Flagler Playhouse in the heart of the City of Bunnell. The Flagler Playhouse offers ample parking and easy access to stores and other facilities needed to make your cycling tour comfortable.

All tours radiate out from the center of Bunnell to highlight many of the most significant resources our community has to offer. As you pass by each of the resources highlighted in this brochure, spend a moment to understand its contribution to a young and blossoming community of the late 1800s and early 1900s.



Cycling Along the Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History Heritage Highway



Stanley Steamer Event, Old Brick Road



Original Old Brick Road



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The Flagler Loop begins just east of the crossroads of US 1 and SR 100 at the Flagler Playhouse. First, travel west on SR 100, then turn north on US 1. Travel north to where Old Kings Road meets US 1 and then turn east/southeast. (For a tangent, continue north into St. John's County and turn west on CR 204 to where CR 204 meets the Old Brick Road.) Travel south on Old Kings Road over SR 100 where it turns into CR 2001 and continue south to S. Old Dixie Highway (CR 2002). Continue west on CR 2002 then travel north/northwest on US 1 to Bunnell and SR 100.

Flagler Beach Spur

For the 13 mile Flagler Beach spur, travel east on SR 100 to SR A1A. Then travel south on SR A1A to High Bridge Road. Head west/northwest on High Bridge Road to Walter Boardman Road. Follow Walter Boardman Road east to John Anderson Highway. Travel north on John Anderson Highway to complete the spur.

SR 11 Spur

Follow SR 11 out of Bunnell heading south to Codys Corner for a refreshing drink and a taste of Old Florida.

Legend

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| Flagler Playhouse / Parking | Rain Shelter/Bench/Table |
| Access / Connection | Wildlife Crossing |
| Points of Interest | Restroom |
| Water Supply | Public Telephone |
| Purchase Drinks / Food | SR 11 Spur |
| Espanola Loop | Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail |
| Flagler Loop | Flagler Beach Spur |
| A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway | |

* Portions of Old Brick Road may no longer be suitable for cycling. Please use caution.

Note: Many of the Trail access points shown are not yet established and do not incorporate parking and amenities.



Graham's Swamp Conservation Area



Flagler Beach Pier



Flagler Playhouse



Bulow Plantation



Pellicer Creek Cemetery



Holden House

