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THE LEGACY TRAIL

This popular asphalt-paved multi-use trail is more than 10 miles long and extends from Sarasota to Venice. Formerly a railroad corridor, the trail passes through a variety of unique habitats and includes a series of interpretive signs and rest stations. Multiple trailheads provide access and other amenities. Open 6 a.m. - sunset.

Culverhouse Nature Park
7301 McIntosh Road, Sarasota
This 82-acre park provides a portable restroom and does not have access to drinking water. Open 6 a.m. - sunset

Legacy Trail Parking
7905 McIntosh Road, Sarasota
Restrooms and water are not available at this location. Open 6 a.m. - Sunset

Osprey Junction Trailhead
939 E. Bay St., Osprey
Park closed until fall 2018

Oscar Scherer State Park
1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey
Pedestrian/bicyclist entrance fee. Visit floridastateparks.org/park/Oscar-Scherer or call 941-483-5956.
Open 8 a.m. – Sundown

Laurel Park and Sandra Sims Terry Community Center
509 Collins Road, Laurel
Laurel Park offers numerous amenities including a fitness trail right off of The Legacy Trail. Open 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Nokomis Community Park
234 Nippino Trail E., Nokomis
This community park has many amenities and features a popular playground. Open 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Nokomis Riverview Park
251 Riverview Drive S., Nokomis
This park offers a kayak launch leading to Shakett Creek. Open 6 a.m. - sunset

Patriots Park
300 E. Venice Ave., Venice
This park is home to a paved courtyard dedicated to veterans of world wars, first responders, the victims of 9/11 and heroes everywhere. Open 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Venice Train Depot
7905 McIntosh Road, Sarasota
Restrooms and water are not available at this location.

VENETIAN WATERWAY PARK

The Venetian Waterway Park (VWP) is a concrete multi-use trail that follows along both the east and west sides of the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW). The VWP east (3.8-miles long) connects The Legacy Trail near the historic Venice Train Depot and travels south to Shamrock Park. Cross the ICW and the VWP west (5-miles long) takes you south to Caspersen Beach Park. The trail provides great water views and wildlife sighting opportunities.

Trailheads

VABI (Venice Area Beautification, Inc.) Office
257 N. Tamiami Trail, Venice.
Located on the island of Venice, this is a good starting point to explore the VWP.

Caspersen Beach Park
4100 Harbor Drive, Venice
Cool off after your bike ride with a swim at the beach. Open 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Shamrock Park
3900 Shamrock Drive, Venice
This park offers great wildlife viewing, including Florida scrub-jays and gopher tortoise sightings. Open 6 a.m. - sunset

Skip Stasko Park
2101 Scenic Drive, Venice
This park features a tranquil resting place and lake front view. Open 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.