



Eastern Indigo Snake



Osprey



Wood Stork



Florida Black Bear

Purify Bay Trailhead: 84.3682056°W 30.0777677°N



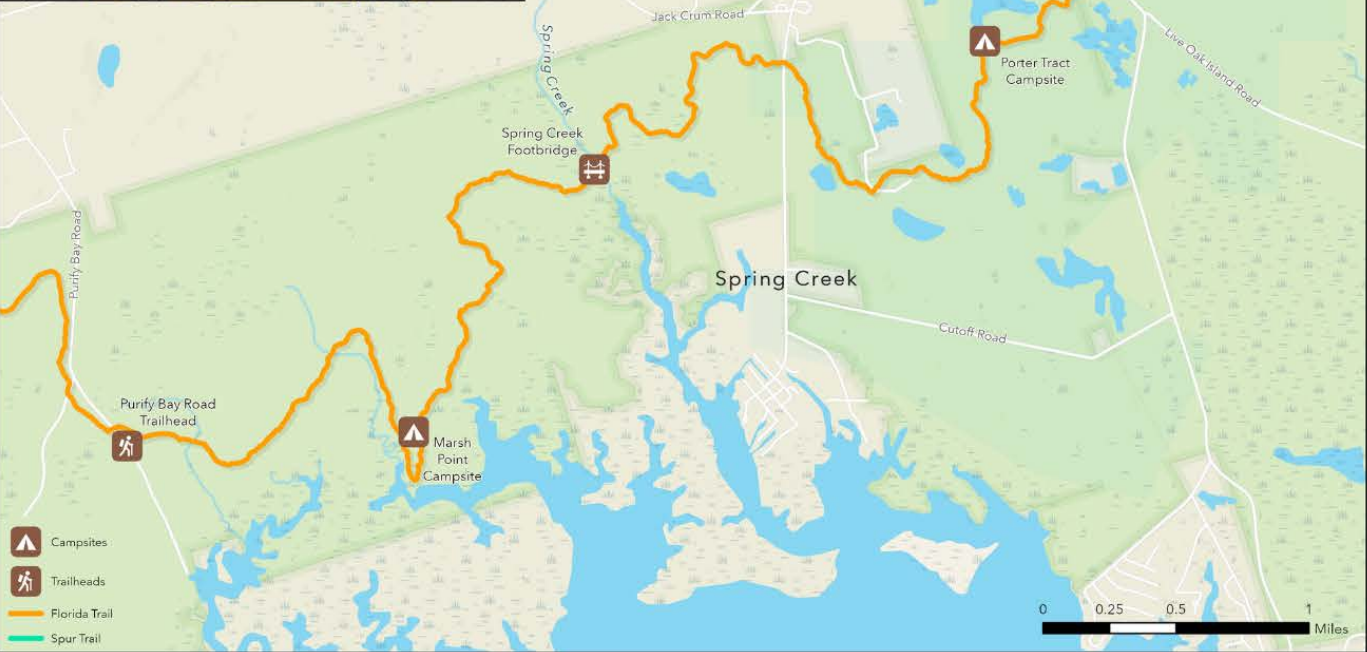
Spring Creek Hwy Trailhead: 84.3149966°W 30.1210511°N



Spring Creek

St. Marks National
Wildlife Refuge

Florida National Scenic Trail



KEY DISTANCES

from Purify Bay Trailhead:

Located within St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, the Purify Bay Trailhead provides access to the Spring Creek section of the Florida Trail. From U.S. Highway 319, follow refuge signs to Purify Bay Road and continue to the trailhead parking area. The trailhead serves as the southern gateway to Spring Creek Bridge and the St. Marks section of the Florida Trail. Be prepared with water, sun protection, and bug spray before beginning your hike.

From Purify Bay to Spring Creek Bridge	4
From Spring Creek Bridge to Spring Creek Hwy	1.4
From Spring Creek Bridge to Spring Creek Hwy TH	5.26
Trailhead to Trailhead	9.26

The Spring Creek section of the Florida Trail traverses coastal wetlands, pine flatwoods, and marsh habitats within St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. Hikers can enjoy expansive views, abundant birdlife, and the nearly 1,000-foot-long Spring Creek Bridge, built through more than 2,400 hours of volunteer labor led by Florida Trail Association staff in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.

The full trail segment between Purify Bay Trailhead and Spring Creek Highway Trailhead is approximately 9.3 miles one way. Along the route, hikers will encounter the iconic Spring Creek Bridge and opportunities to observe the unique ecosystems of Florida's Gulf Coast.

Note: Marsh Point Campsite and Porter Tract Campsite are available only to thru-hikers completing the entire St. Marks section of the Florida Trail. A valid backcountry permit from St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge is required.

The nearby Town of St. Marks is a Florida Trail Gateway Community offering restaurants, lodging, resupply options, and other services for hikers and visitors.

