

THE LEGACY TRAIL AND VENETIAN WATERWAY PARK MAP GUIDE



WELCOME

The Legacy Trail and Venetian Waterway Park are two of the most popular recreational trails in Sarasota County. Thousands of walkers, joggers and cyclists use these trails every month to exercise, commute, connect to their community and experience nature.


GET INVOLVED – VOLUNTEER!

Looking for a way to make a difference? Volunteer your time and talent! There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available with Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources, Friends of The Legacy Trail and Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI). For more information, visit scgov.net (keyword volunteer) or call 941-861-5000.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE AND RULES

The rules are designed to ensure that everyone is able to enjoy all the features of the trails safely. A complete list of rules are posted along the trails. Trail users should remember the **three “C’s”** of trail use: **Courtesy**, **Consideration** and **Control**.

- Stay to the right. Let others pass on your left. Announce you are “passing on the left.”
- The speed limit on the trail is 15 mph.
- Always stop and use crossing signals at road intersections.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited.
- Dog-friendly. All dogs must be kept on a hand-held, maximum 6-foot leash.
- Cyclists under 16 must wear a helmet.
- Bicycles yield to pedestrians.

 The Legacy Trail and Venetian Waterway Park east feature 911 Emergency Location Markers, located on the center of the trail every .05 miles. In an emergency, call 911 and provide them with the location number (e.g., LT 0.00).

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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.

Trailheads

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

~~A portable restroom and water fountain are available at this trailhead. Check scgov.net (keyword parks) or call 941-861-5000 for updates.~~



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



PACK IN / PACK OUT

We all have a responsibility to be good stewards. If you pack it in, remember to pack it out.

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

800 Venetia Bay Blvd., 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

303 E. Venice Ave., Venice

The Rollins W. Coakley Railroad Park and historic Venice Train Depot are a great place to visit and learn the history of this area. Additional parking and restrooms are available at adjacent Legacy Park.

Open 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.



AMENITIES LEGEND



Basketball



Birding/Wildlife Viewing



Canoe/Kayak Launch



Community Garden



Dog-Friendly



Drinking Water



Fishing Pier



Fitness Equipment (Outdoor)

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.

Restrooms are open from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Caspersen Beach Park

4100 Harbor Drive, Venice

Cool off after your bike ride with a swim at the beach.

Open 6 a.m. - 10 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.



Interpretive Signage



Nature Center



Pickleball



Picnicking



Picnic Shelter/Pavilion



Playground



Restroom



Tennis



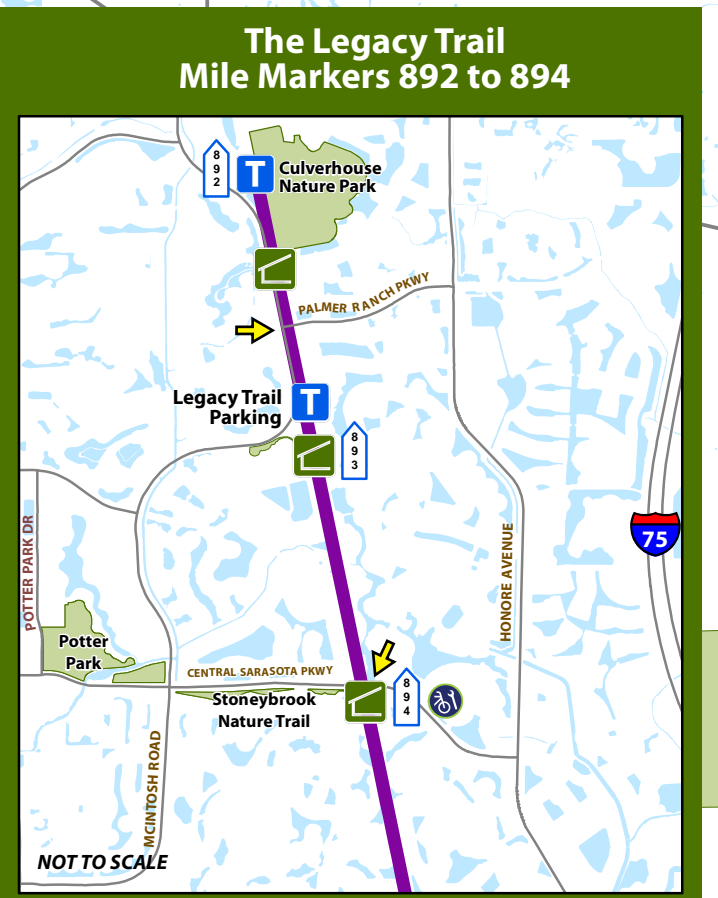
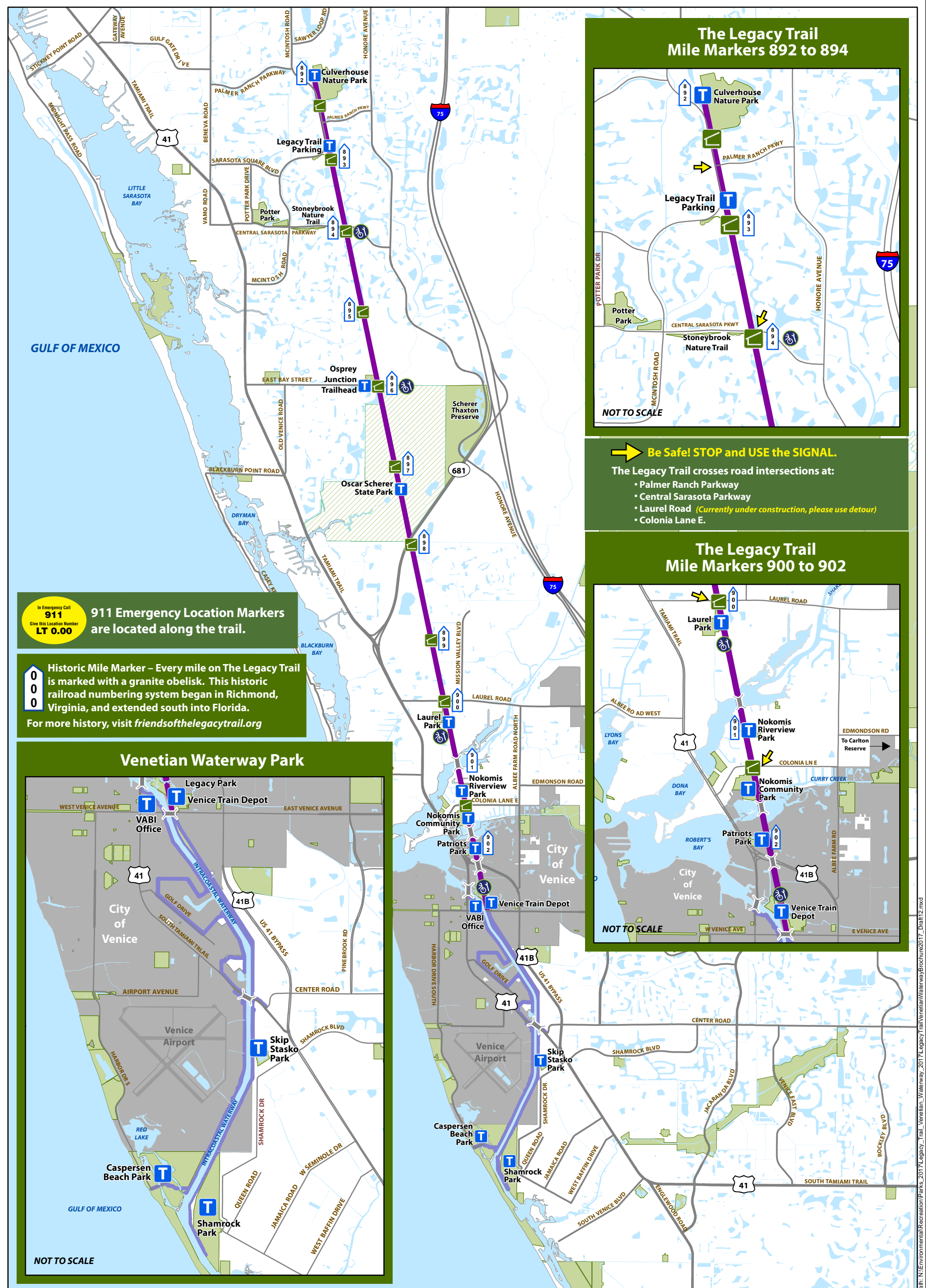
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Trails - Unpaved



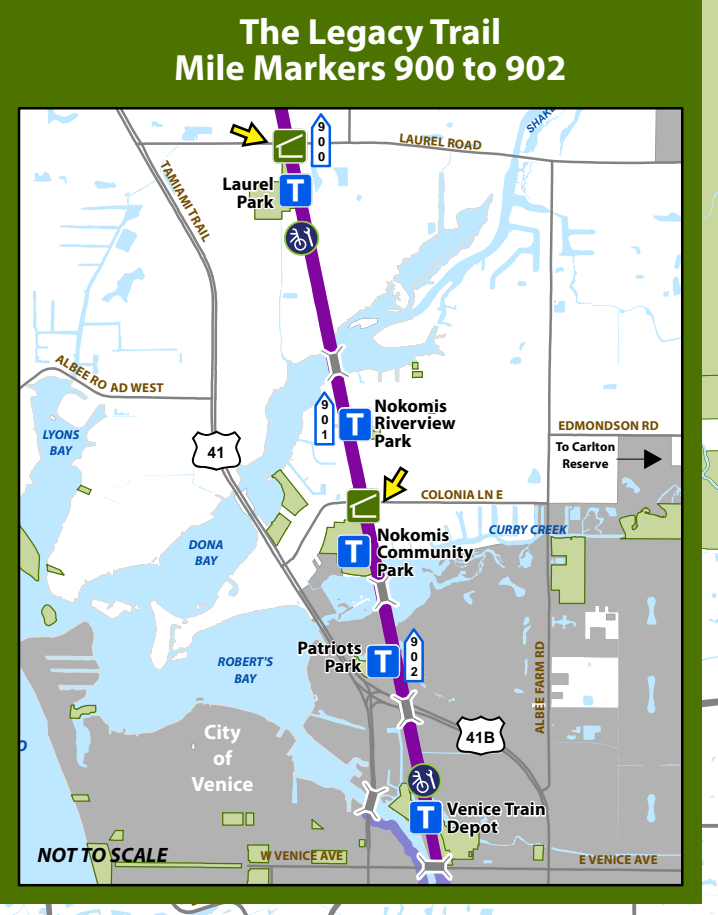
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Be Safe! STOP and USE the SIGNAL.

The Legacy Trail crosses road intersections at:

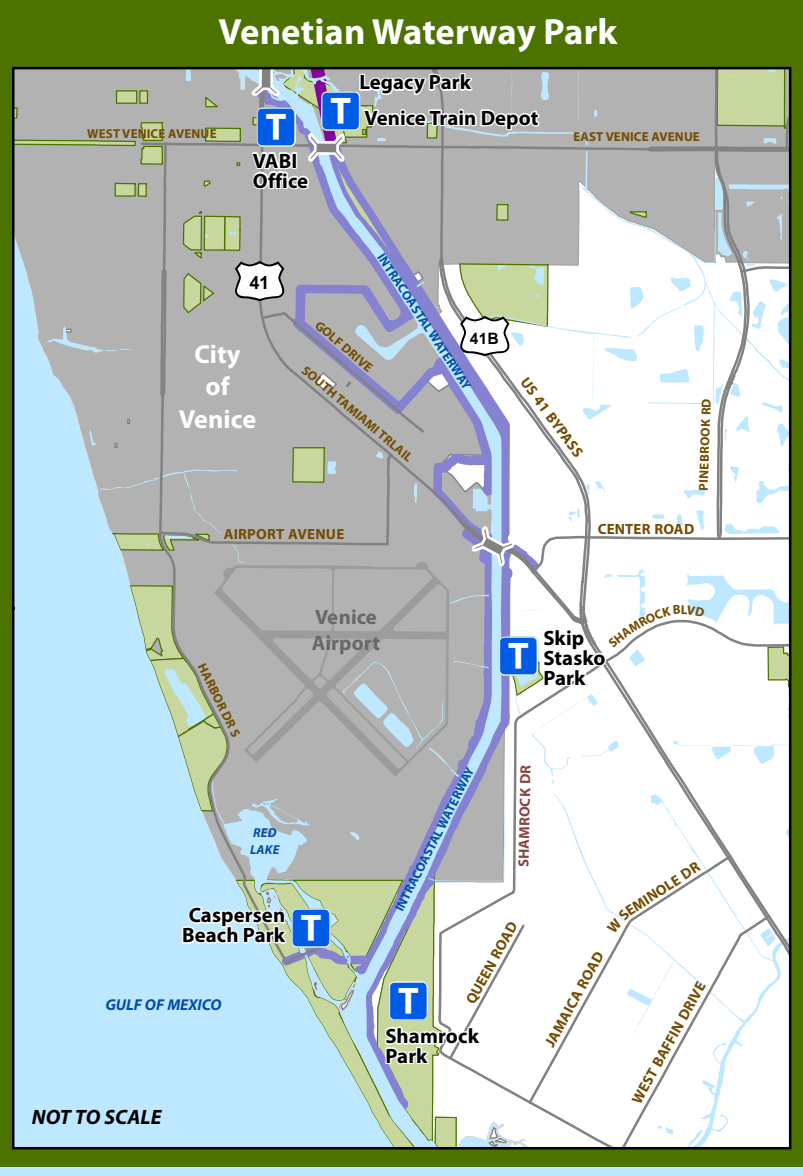
- Palmer Ranch Parkway
- Central Sarasota Parkway
- Laurel Road (Currently under construction, please use detour)
- Colonia Lane E.



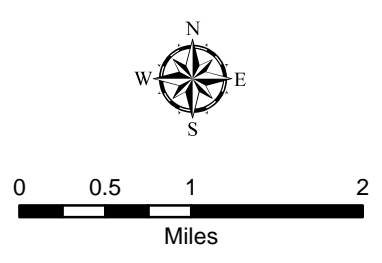
In Emergency Call **911**
Give This Location Number **LT 0.00**

911 Emergency Location Markers are located along the trail.

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Historic Mile Marker - Every mile on The Legacy Trail is marked with a granite obelisk. This historic railroad numbering system began in Richmond, Virginia, and extended south into Florida.
For more history, visit friendsofthelegacytrail.org



	Bridge		Trailhead		Parks
	Bike Repair Station		The Legacy Trail		State Lands
	Historic Mile Marker		Venetian Waterway Park		City of Venice
	Stop Station		Sarasota County		



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