

Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail

Visitors seeking a cultural and/or historic experience will find museums, historic public buildings, and private homes along the corridor, in Tomoka State Park, and in locations a few blocks off the designated roadways. This is a byway where recreational opportunities abound.

Length: 36 miles / 57.6 km



Local Information

We do not have contact information for this Byway.

Visitor Services



Accessibility

All of the intrinsic resources along the corridor are ADA accessible, with accommodations that include wheelchair ramps and ADA accessible restrooms.



Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities

Along the west side of the SR A1A portion of the byway, there is a separated, paved path that varies in width from four to eight feet. This bike and pedestrian path is part of the East Coast Greenway that runs 3,000 miles between Calais, Maine, and Key West, Florida.



Food

There are places to buy food along this byway.



Gasoline

Gasoline is available.



Information

A public visitor/welcome center is located at the Historic Trust Welcome Center at 38 East Granada Blvd. Check ahead for days and times.



Restrooms

There are toilet facilities along this byway.

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Special Considerations

The Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail could have closures or restrictions during hurricane season, between June 1 and November 30.

Restrictions

All travel lanes within the Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail vary from eight feet wide to twelve feet wide, with a few sharp curves along the road. Drivers of large (above average) trucks, recreational vehicles, and tour buses should take special precautions when traveling and maneuvering throughout the corridor.

Seasons

Best Time to Drive

Spring is the best time, for that is when the native foliage peaks, the skies are clear and blue, daily highs average around 80 degrees, and the Atlantic Ocean is refreshing and azure.

High Season

A visitor is likely to encounter increased traffic due to regional special events scheduled in February and October.

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Map and Directions



Legend:

	Point of Interest		Campground		Featured Byway		Water		State Border
	Park		Picnic/Rest Area		America's Byways		Wildlife Refuge		Urban Area
	Mountain		Interstate		Other Byway		Wilderness Area		Tribal Nation
	City		U.S. Highway		Other Road		Other Federal Lands		Military Base
	Capital		State Highway		Trail		Other State Lands		

Driving Directions

- Travel south on SR A1A to Granada Blvd. (SR 40).
- Turn right onto Granada Blvd.
- Follow SR 40 to North Beach St.
- Turn right on North Beach St.
- Turn left onto Pine Tree Dr. and drive west to Ormond Lakes Blvd.
- Return to the junction of Pine Tree Dr. and North Beach St.
- Continue on North Beach St., which turns into Old Dixie Highway.

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- Follow Old Dixie Highway until Walter Boardman Lane.
- Turn right onto Walter Boardman Lane.
- Turn east onto Highbridge Road and go back to SR A1A.
- The byway corridor also includes John Anderson Dr. from SR 40, close to where SR A1A and SR 40 intersect, north to Highbridge Road.

Getting to the Byway



Nearby airports

Orlando-Sanford Airport, FL (51.8 miles / 83.36 km, 1 hour)

Start:



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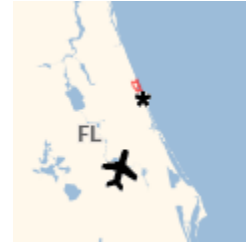
- Head west on Red Cleveland Blvd
- Turn right at E. Lake Mary Blvd/Silver lake Dr
- Take a slight left at E. Lake Mary Blvd/Silver Lake Dr
- Turn right onto State Hwy 417 N ramp to I-4 (toll road)
- Merge onto SR-417 N (Central Florida Greenway)

Directions:

- Take exit 55A to merge onto I-4 E
- Take the exit on the left onto I-95 N
- Take exit 268 for State Hwy 40
- Turn right at W. Granada Blvd/SR-40/Tomoka Rd
- Turn left at SR-5/US-1/S Yonge St
- Turn right at Lincoln Ave
- Turn right at N. Beach St, which is the southwest corner of the Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail

Junction with byway:

* Intersection of Lincoln Ave and North Beach St
N 29.286° W 81.056° [?]



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Nearby cities

Daytona Beach, FL (6 miles / 9.66 km, 15 minutes)

Start:



N 29.193° W 81.067° [?]

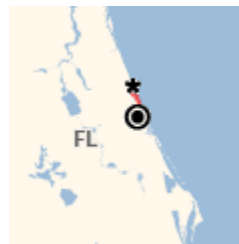
Directions:

- Head north on SR A1A
- Turn west on Highbridge Road
- This corner is the northeast section of the corridor

Junction with byway:

* Intersection of SR A1A and Highbridge Road

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Flagler Beach, FL (8 miles / 12.87 km, 20 minutes)

Start:



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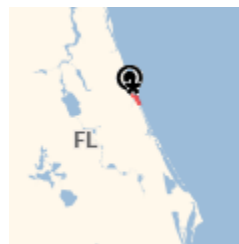
Directions:

- Head south on SR A1A
- Turn right on Highbridge Road
- Start on the corner of SR A1A and Highbridge Road, which is the northeast corner of the corridor

Junction with byway:

* Intersection of Highbridge Road and SR A1A

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**Road Trip:
Old Florida Ocean to Oaks Scenic Drive Experience****Departure:** Granada Bridge, Florida**Destination:** Ocean Shore Boulevard, Florida**Time to allow:** 1 day

Encompassing almost 36 miles of scenic roadways, the Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail takes you from historic downtown Ormond Beach, along the Intracoastal Waterway, through inland Florida, and to amazing views of the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy a relaxing and photographic journey into the heart of Old Florida.

Day 1**• Start: Granada Bridge**

The peak of the Granada Bridge presents a breathtaking scenic bird's eye view of the Intracoastal Waterway and the surrounding area, stretching north and south as far as the eye can see. All four corners of the bridge approaches have been developed into unique parks, with full walkway access under the bridge and a wooden walking and fishing pier extending far into the waterway. You can safely walk or bicycle the entire expanse of the bridge and savor the sites and history of this charming area.



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- **Stop 1: North Beach Street**

From previous stop: 1 minute / 0.1 mi (0.2 km)

Directions: Head north on Beach Street directly from Granada Boulevard (Granada Bridge).

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

From the Granada Bridge, the journey into Old Florida will take you north along the Intracoastal Waterway on the amazing stretch of scenic roadway known as North Beach Street. Here, you will pass through a quiet residential area with large oak trees lining the roadway. Unexpectedly, the long line of homes ends, and the roadway is cloaked with lush woodland on both sides of the road, creating a full canopy over the road, which just might take your breath away. A break in the canopy reveals the entrance to the Tomoka State Park. Onward, the roadway crosses a short bridge and then traverses the Tomoka River, a popular fishing spot for Osprey and Belted King Fishers and the weekend fisherman. You will find tranquility in the breathtaking views of the marshes and open water of the Tomoka Basin, and you'll soon enter a forested canopy which is dotted by turnoffs to historic sites, including 19th-century sugar and rum factory ruins and the Fairchild Oak, which has a Whalin Trail that crosses a spring seepage area and meanders through hardwood hammock, pine flatwoods, open salt marsh areas and deep, cool wetlands in which you can find butterflies, numerous birds and deer. This trail links with the longer Bulow Woods Trail that goes all the way to Bulow Plantation State Park.

- **Stop 2: Walter Boardman Lane**

From previous stop: 1 minute / 0.1 mi (0.2 km)

Directions: North Beach Street ends at Walter Boardman Lane. Turn right on Walter Boardman Lane.

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

At Walter Boardman Lane, you will turn east while the road narrows and plunges into dark, forested wetlands with a full overhead canopy of trees filtering sunlight almost to the point of darkness. A close look reveals delicate white spider lilies dusting the blackness of the forest floor, and you feel like you are traveling in a green tunnel where time has stood still. Shortly, the woods open into a clearing and Walter Boardman Pond, teeming with wading birds, is at the bank of the roadway. Often wild pigs and a Belted King Fisher can be seen here as well. Other salt marsh birds abound as well. Make a brief stop at this site, and you'll observe a multitude of natural activities taking place.

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• Stop 3: Bulow Creek

From previous stop: 2 minutes / 0.5 mi (0.8 km)

Directions: Head east on Walter Boardman Lane to the Bulow Creek State Park

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

Just before Walter Boardman Lane crosses Bulow Creek, there are pull-offs for the Great Florida Birding Trail to the south and to the north, rustic trails through a forest of oak and pine trees leading to the Bulow Plantation State Park. At Bulow Creek, experience the vast view and see birds flying high in the sky. Here, the full sunlight plays on the marsh grasses and the forest of trees through which the you have just passed.

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• Stop 4: Highbridge Road

From previous stop: same location

Directions: Walter Boardman becomes Highbridge Road

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

Turning to the south onto Highbridge Road, the roadway winds along a creek, where ducks and manatees meander. On the other side of the roadway, two stately white homes rest on a hill in a clearing, appearing to have been watching over the area for some time. The trees create another canopy over the road that continues to weave along the water. For some relaxing fishing, stop at one of the few remaining narrow pull-offs on the road and enjoy some of the few places left to bank fish in the area. The roadway continues to bend and curve sharply through a series of turns that at each point offers a new scenic vista across the salt marsh and adjacent waterways. This is Old Florida.

Continuing along Highbridge Road lined with huge date palm trees, the adjacent waterway, and far off salt marsh areas, you'll encounter one of the few remaining bascule bridges in this part of Florida. High Bridge is actually a low draw bridge spanning the much narrower Intracoastal Waterway at this point. The bridge, built in 1955, is well-maintained and still fascinating to watch as it is opened and closed for the pleasure boats passing through. Stop on the bridge for a moment and take in the sights and sounds and you won't be disappointed. This is a well-known starting point for many that bike the Loop roads and a favorite spot to just stop and relax.

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• End: Ocean Shore Boulevard

From previous stop: same location

Directions: Highbridge Road dead ends into SR A1A

While most travelers will be drawn immediately to the ocean view, the area between Highbridge Road and SR A1A thrives with wildlife such as gopher tortoises, Hawks, and Scrub Jays. The area to the north and south is the North Peninsula State Park, and a perfect Scrub Jay habitat. Stand for a moment in this area and wait for a family of curious Scrub Jays to visit. Look to the east and the whole Atlantic Ocean beckons. Walk down one of the well-maintained beach walkovers to the beach and enjoy the totally undisturbed natural coastline, full of soft, warm sand. Sea turtles nest on the beach, dolphins play in the water, and squadrons of pelicans drift by lazily riding on the warm gentle sea breeze.

Totals for Day 1

Total Distance Traveled: 0.7 miles / 1.1 km

Total Travel Time: 4 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 2 hours