

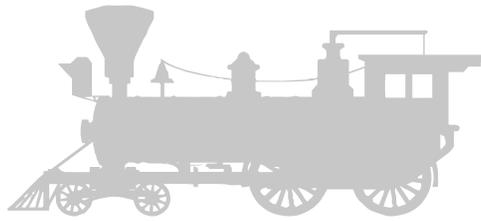
RAILS TO TRAILS HISTORY



The standard-gauge Fellsmere Railroad was completed in 1910 with 60 lb. rail to replace the old Sebastian & Cincinnatus narrow-gauge railroad built between Sebastian & Fellsmere. The Fellsmere Farms Company used the 10 miles of railroad from September 1910 until May 1, 1911 for carrying logs to the Florida East Coast Railway in Sebastian and for transporting supplies, equipment, and heavy machinery used for excavating drain-age canals to Fellsmere.

The railroad officially opened to the public on May 1, 1911 for passenger service between Sebastian and Fellsmere. On January 23, 1913 Fellsmere Depot was opened for service. The depot was built on the south side of the mainline north of the intersection of Broadway and South Carolina Avenue. By April 1915, the railroad was extended another 6 miles west of Fellsmere to Broadmoor (a now non-existent town). On June 2, 1924 the Trans-Florida Central Railroad (dubbed the "Dinky Line") took over rail-road operations. In 1952, the railroad officially ceased operations after 42 years of service.

With the coming of the railroad line between Sebastian and Fellsmere, logging of timber from these pine forests were made feasible. The Kitching Switch (or Siding) was built into the pine flatwoods near the intersection of the south prong of the St. Sebastian River and Fellsmere Railroad. The logs were then sent via the main railroad line to the Florida East Coast Railroad in Sebastian or to temporary sawmills set up in the area.



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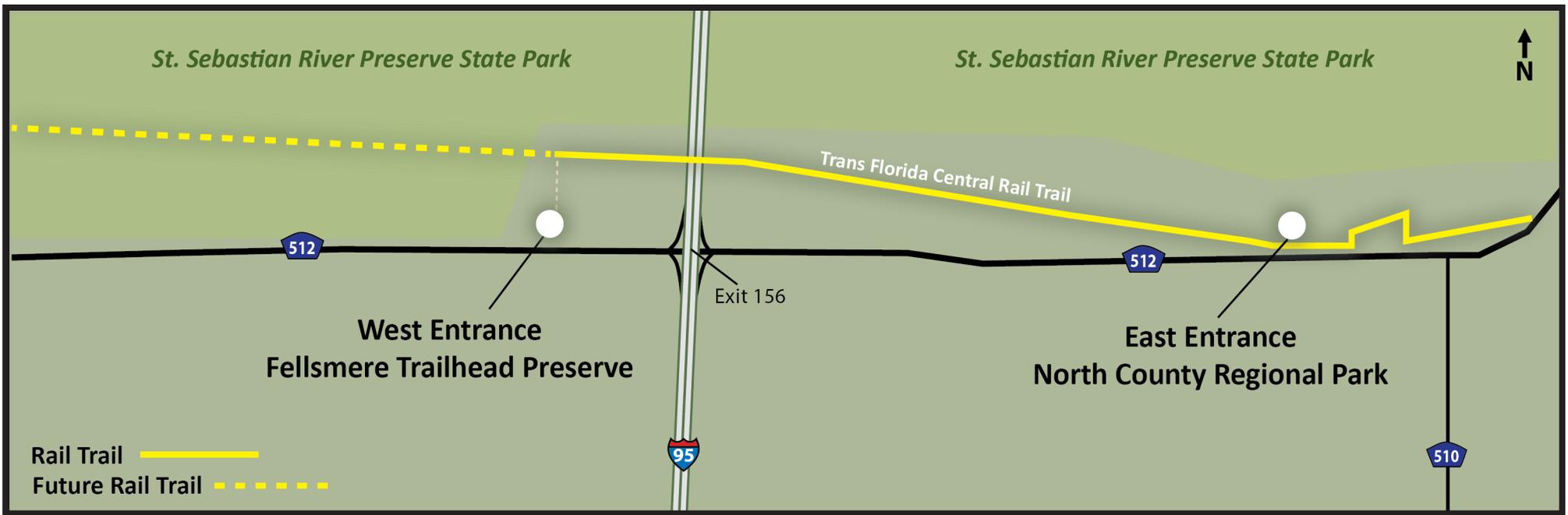
Located in Sebastian & Fellsmere

THE PERFECT PLACE TO BIKE & HIKE



The overpass runs parallel to the original railway incorporated in 1924 that traveled between Fellsmere and Sebastian.





TRANS FLORIDA CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIL ACCESS POINTS



WEST ENTRANCE

Fellsmere Trailhead Preserve
11090 CR 512, Fellsmere, FL 32948

The Fellsmere Trailhead Preserve is located northwest of the I-95 and CR-512 interchange. Situated on approximately 86 acres this site was acquired in 2008 in partnership with the Florida Communities Trust and Indian River County. The park will provide numerous passive recreation amenities that will be developed through a 10-year management plan including: walking trails, primitive camping, and trailhead welcome center.



EAST ENTRANCE

Kitching Switch Trailhead
At North County Regional Park
9450 CR 512, Sebastian, FL 32958

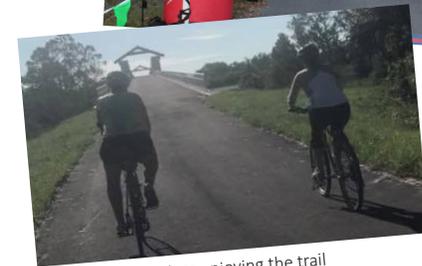
North County Regional Park is located on CR-512, approximately 1.5 miles east of I-95. The Park is located within the St. Sebastian Buffer Preserve State Park, which extends from West of I-95 to the South Prong of the Sebastian River, north of CR-512. The Trail entrance will be on the left. Parking is available on the right, near the North County Pool.

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This 2-mile path, perfect for pedestrians and bicyclists, runs from the North Indian River County Regional Park to Fellsmere Trailhead Preserve. We encourage you to enjoy this wonderful new amenity!



Executive Round Table
of IRC Inaugural 5K



Cyclists enjoying the trail

