

Fall Trip - November 2-4, 2022

Getting there:

We will meet at the Great Hall at 8:45 AM on Wednesday. Bring a picnic lunch. We will leave about 9:00 and drive to Fanning Springs State Park. Take the turnpike and I75 to exit 354. Then follow US27 and ALT27 to US98. The park is on the left in Fanning Springs but DO NOT go in the main entrance. Go to the next left after the main entrance (at the bridge over the Suwanee River). The trip is about 104 miles or about 1:45, so we should easily get there by 11:00.

Day 1

After lunch we will ride east on the sidewalk 2 blocks to the trail then south to Chiefland (Chamber of Commerce) and return. After the ride, drive on to your hotel in Gainesville. The quickest way to the hotels is via FL26 to I75 then south 1 exit.

Map Link: <https://www.google.com/maps/dir/29.5905554,-82.935759/29.4766981,-82.8594011/@29.5282112,-82.9686993,12.21z/data=!4m2!4m1!3e1>

Total distance: 19 mi

Facilities: In the park and at the C of C in Chiefland.

Wine & cheese party: 5:15, location TBD

Dinner TBD

Day 2

Drive to the trailhead at Depot Park in Trenton. Plan on arriving there by 9:00 AM. Retrace your route from yesterday on I75 and FL26. When you get to Trenton turn right on Main St then left on NW 3rd. We will ride west from Trenton for 20 miles to Cross City and return. Those not wishing to ride this far can turn around at the end of the shaded portion (where the trail converges with US98) 12.5 mi from Trenton and wait at the restaurant. After the ride we will have lunch at Elle Cocina in Trenton then return to hotels as yesterday.

Map Link: <https://www.google.com/maps/dir/29.6157423,-82.8191156/29.6123795,-82.9064438/29.6039281,-83.0251148/29.6368899,-83.1285022/@29.6143771,-83.0636224,11.58z/data=!4m2!4m1!3e1>

Total distance: 25 (to US98) to 40 (to Cross City)

Facilities: Trenton depot (may be locked), gas station 5.3 mi from depot (CR341), restaurants in Cross City

Wine & cheese party: 5:15, location TBD

Dinner TBD

Day 3

Drive to the trailhead at Boulware Springs Park in Gainesville. Plan on arriving there by 9:15 AM. Ride the Gainesville Hawthorne Trail to Hawthorne and back (Map 1). Alternatively, you can ride part way to Hawthorne (the trail frequently floods around mile 9), return and continue on for 2.1 miles to Depot Park (Map 2). Return to your hotel to check out, if you haven't already, and head home.

Map 1 Link: <https://www.google.com/maps/dir/29.6213242,-82.3092838/29.5950267,-82.2249961/29.5874299,-82.0896913/@29.5819379,-82.2630863,12.13z/data=!4m2!4m1!3e1>

Total distance: 30 mi

Map 2 Link: <https://www.google.com/maps/dir/29.6213242,-82.3092838/29.6441854,-82.3228337/@29.6340297,-82.3220023,14.75z/data=!4m2!4m1!3e1>

Total distance: 4.2 mi

Facilities: In the park (mile 0) and at mile 6.5.

Hotels: The following are all within a block of each other at the Archer Rd exit of I75 in Gainesville:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Gainesville I-75

Staybridge Suites Gainesville I-75

Comfort Inn University

Homewood Suites by Hilton Gainesville

There are others nearby as well.

Using the map links: In the Word format files (.doc) you should be able to go directly to the Google map displays by clicking the link while depressing the CTRL key. Depending on which app you use to read Word files it may or may not work. If it doesn't or if you are reading the pdf file just copy-paste the entire link into Google maps and hit return.