

Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail Media Kit

Fast Facts

- First 6-mile section opened in 1990, linking Taylor Park in Largo to Lake Seminole Park in Seminole.
- Trail stretches 47 miles from downtown St. Petersburg to Tarpon Springs.
- Most of the trail is built on an abandoned CSX railroad right of way as part of the national Rails to Trails program.
- The original trail was funded by the Penny for Pinellas 1-percent local option sales tax.
- County, state and federal agencies have invested more than \$63 million in expanding and improving the trail in the past 25 years.
- An average of 70,000 persons use the trail each month.
- The trail traverses parks, forests, waterways, coastal areas and residential neighborhoods.
- 10 overpasses and three underpasses allow users to cross some of the county's busiest intersections.
- Trail amenities include bike racks and refreshment stops along the way provided by the non-profit citizen group Pinellas Trails Inc.
- Cities, businesses and community groups have built links to other bike paths and parks and numerous restaurants and shops have opened along the trail.
- Named in honor of former Pinellas County Administrator Fred Marquis.
- The trail has won numerous awards, including induction into the National Rail to Trail Hall of Fame and twice receiving the Best Trail of Florida award from the State Office of Greenways and Trails.
- The trail is patrolled by park rangers, volunteer auxiliary rangers, maintenance workers and law enforcement agencies. Sections of the trail are monitored by video cameras.

What's next?

Completing the Loop

One of the long-term plans set by the Pinellas Metropolitan Planning Organization is completing the 75-mile Pinellas Trail Loop, which would link the Pinellas Trail with the Duke Energy Trail and the North Bay Trail. The loop will serve as a linear park and a multi-modal transportation pathway directly linking eight municipalities and numerous unincorporated communities. The county is seeking federal grant money that will be combined with local capital improvements funds to complete the loop. The total cost of the project is estimated to be about \$31 million.

Website

The Pinellas Trail website includes mileage guides, maps, videos, trail rules and other informative materials. Visit www.pinellascounty.org/trailgd.

Map

www.pinellascounty.org/trailgd/PDF/discover_map.pdf

Timeline

www.pinellascounty.org/trailgd/PDF/Trail-Timeline-Highlights.pdf

Photos

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www.flickr.com/photos/pinellascounty/sets/72157627346371447/

Video

Visit St. Pete/Clearwater “Exploring the Pinellas Trail”

www.youtube.com/watch?v=NiWI-SvZNMw&feature=youtu.be

“Pinellas Trail 20th Anniversary”

www.pinellascounty.org/tv/wmv/parkpreserves/pinellastrail20anniv.wmv