

#15 – BARTRAM CENTURY

Starting at the Riverfront Park (or Stokes Landing to the south on river), this route retraces the overland journey made by famous botanist/artist William Bartram in 1774. It crosses the creeks, wetlands and prairies and gives views of the same flora and fauna he wrote about in his “travels.” At Hawthorne, the route enters the 15-mile Gainesville/Hawthorne Trail, a rails-to-trails project stretching to the Seminole Indian site of Paynes Prairie. The return passes by Little Orange Creek Nature Preserve before heading back to Palatka on SR 20, 102.2 miles.

#16 – PALATKA URBAN TRAIL

Part of the State’s 100-mile Lake City to St. Augustine Rails-to-Trails project, Palatka’s “Urban Trail” is, literally, the centerpiece of this trail. Entering at US 17 along the old railroad bed, it comes along the north side of Palatka to the train station and then follows Main Street along each side, with wide bike lanes and side-walks. It crosses the St. Johns River at Memorial Bridge and continues to Putnam County Blvd. 4 miles.



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WEBSITES

PB&TCSO
www.putnambluewaysandtrails.org

PARKS AND RECREATION
www.putnam-fl.com/parksandrecreation

BARTRAM IN PUTNAM
<http://bartram.putnam-fl.com>

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PUTNAM COUNTY FLORIDA BICYCLE ROUTES



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#1 – HISTORIC HOMES AND MURALS ROUTE

Ride 5 miles through the Historic District neighborhoods with Victorian homes, brick streets and gas lights that are connected by a boardwalk under the St. Johns River Memorial Bridge. Optionally, continue to Ravine Gardens (\$2 entry fee) with a 1.8-mile loop of the beautiful sunken gardens. The return route provides views of 12 murals along St. Johns Ave./“Main Street” and the quaint downtown Palatka.

#2 – CRESCENT CITY / LAKE STELLA LOOP

This tour starts at the Crescent City park on the east shore of Lake Stella and meanders around the lake for 5.4 miles. Those wanting a little longer ride can continue on through downtown, across US 17 to the west shore of larger Crescent Lake for an additional 2.5 miles.

#3 – CRESCENT CITY / POMONA PARK LOOP

This 16.3-mile loop begins in Crescent City and winds west, then north, using back roads parallel to US 17, crossing at Pomona Park, and returning through canopied roads and fern groves.

#4 – PALATKA TO BROWN’S LANDING ROUTE

Round trip, this 10-mile loop leaves Palatka’s Riverfront Park at the clock tower, heads southwest along the river, then follows the golf course and swamps of St. Johns River Water Management district to Brown’s Landing dock on the River.

#5 – PALATKA TO ST. AUGUSTINE ROUTE

This route utilizes completed parts of the rails-to-trails project along SR 207 along with county rural roads that border potato and cabbage farms. The unfinished sections use SR 207, a divided highway with bike lanes and sidewalks to the ancient city, complete with shops, museums, restaurants and the old Fort. The Bridge of Lions takes you over the Intracoastal Waterway and continues along A1A past the Alligator farm. The metric century route (62 miles) heads west across the 312 bridge back along the rail trail to Palatka. A longer (68.6 miles) route continues on A1A along the Atlantic Ocean to Crescent Beach, then west on SR 206 (paved shoulders) to Hastings and Cracker Swamp Road back to Palatka.

#6 – EAST PALATKA SHORT LOOP

This 12.2-mile loop provides an easy hour ride along the east side of the St. Johns River, returning to excellent seafood restaurants with riverfront dining.

#7 – PALATKA TO CROSS FLORIDA GREENWAYS LOOP

Starting at the Riverfront park, this route works its way westward through Palatka to SR 19 with an optional ride down and back to Stokes Landing, site of William Bartram’s historic “Spaulding’s lower store.” Continuing south on SR 19 brings you to the terminus of the Cross Florida Greenway and the Buckman Lock and Dam which can be viewed from the visitor center. The return to Palatka completes this 21.8-mile route.

#8 – PALATKA TO KEYSTONE HEIGHTS VIA 100 TRAIL ROUTE

The Lake City to St. Augustine Rails-to-Trails project enters Putnam County along SR 100. This 68-mile route includes an out and back to join up with this trail from St. Johns Ave. and a county trail along CR 309. A 4-mile section must utilize SR 100 (fast traffic, paved shoulder). For shorter option, turn around at Grandin or Florahome and return.

#9 – EAST PALATKA / HASTINGS LOOP

Leaving from downtown Palatka’s Riverfront Park, this loop crosses the Memorial Bridge with its separated bike/pedestrian pathway and continues east on Crackerswamp Road and Barrel Factory Road to Hastings. (27 miles)

#10 – PALATKA TO DUNNS CREEK LOOP

Following the trail across Memorial Bridge from Palatka, the route turns south and follows Old San Mateo Road to Dunn’s Creek Bridge. Across the bridge, a quick left on Hoot Owl Ridge Road brings the rider to sand hills and turns before going out onto US 17 (2 lane, paved shoulders, fast traffic for 4 miles). Old Sisco Road passes Dunns Creek State Park, then winds south to Pomona Park, across 17 and west to Welaka before returning north along CR 309, a rural hilly road (no shoulders and retraces back from Dunn’s Creek Bridge for a total of 47.4 miles).

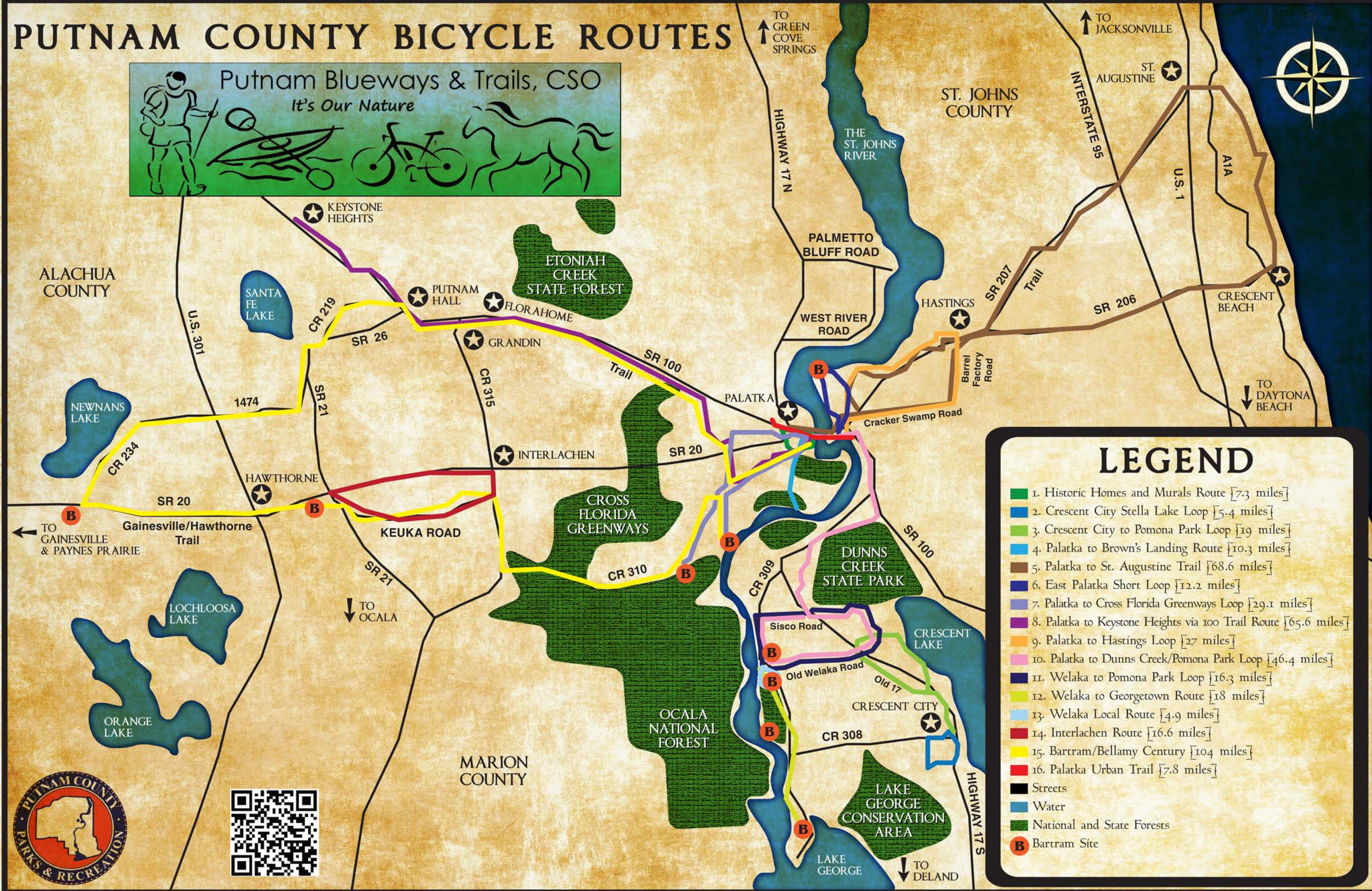
#11, #12, #13 – WELAKA

An assortment of routes provide choices for short local ride (4.9 miles) in the small river town of Welaka, or longer rides of down and back to Georgetown (18.0) or Pomona Park loop (16.3). Many sites along the Georgetown road were frequented by William Bartram in his travels, 1774. Welaka, a great place for local catfish or shrimp dinners, also borders the Welaka State Forest with numerous hiking and mountain biking trails, and fish hatchery and small aquarium.

#14 – INTERLACHEN / WEST PUTNAM COUNTY LOOP

The “town between the lakes” in western Putnam County provides a loop of 16.6 miles along rural county roads surrounding the growing hamlet of Interlachen. The start and end of this route provides parking, water, picnic tables at a local county park on CR 315. SR 20 has fast traffic but does have paved shoulders.

PUTNAM COUNTY BICYCLE ROUTES



LEGEND

- 1. Historic Homes and Murals Route [7.3 miles]
- 2. Crescent City Stella Lake Loop [5.4 miles]
- 3. Crescent City to Pomona Park Loop [19 miles]
- 4. Palatka to Brown's Landing Route [10.3 miles]
- 5. Palatka to St. Augustine Trail [68.6 miles]
- 6. East Palatka Short Loop [12.2 miles]
- 7. Palatka to Cross Florida Greenways Loop [29.1 miles]
- 8. Palatka to Keystone Heights via 100 Trail Route [65.6 miles]
- 9. Palatka to Hastings Loop [27 miles]
- 10. Palatka to Dunns Creek/Pomona Park Loop [46.4 miles]
- 11. Welaka to Pomona Park Loop [16.3 miles]
- 12. Welaka to Georgetown Route [18 miles]
- 13. Welaka Local Route [4.9 miles]
- 14. Interlachen Route [16.6 miles]
- 15. Bartram/Bellamy Century [104 miles]
- 16. Palatka Urban Trail [7.8 miles]
- Streets
- Water
- National and State Forests
- B Bartram Site



SAFETY TIPS FOR BICYCLING IN PUTNAM COUNTY

1. Helmets save heads and save lives. (Tighten straps and buckles for good fit)
2. Do an "ABC quick check" on your bike before ride. (Air, Brakes, Chain, Releases)
3. Plan out your ride and get maps if needed. Take tire repair kit and pump if longer than a few miles ride.
4. Carry identification on your person, along with any medical information tags.
5. Always carry water and keep hydrated. Pump up tires to required pressure.
6. Follow Florida Law with regards to bicycling laws on Florida roads including: ride on the right side of the road, pass other riders on left, stop at all stop signs and stop lights, riding two abreast only allowed if not impeding traffic, signal for turns, follow traffic laws, use lights at night, (front and back) and yield to pedestrians and give audible signal when passing.
7. Tips for group riding: ride right, pass left, saying "Passing on your left," give bike length between your front tire and back tire of next rider, NEVER stop in middle of road...sign (hand down) and say "Stopping" and pull off to side of road if needing to stop, communicate by pointing out debris (sand, glass) in road and verbalizing, say "car back" if approaching car or truck from the rear, and use courtesy at all times to fellow riders, motorists and pedestrians. "Share the Road" goes both ways....if too long a line of cars backing up, pull off road and let cars pass, then resume ride.
8. Be aware of weather conditions with contingency plan for lightning or heavy rain.
9. Communicate with ride leader if problems on the ride. Don't get behind "sweep."
10. ENJOY the RIDE. Smile and breathe! May the wind be always at your back.





This Putnam County map shows the locations of 16 bicycling routes in Putnam County, Florida, that utilize lightly traveled county roads, separated trails and city streets. More detailed maps and cue sheets of each individual route are available for a \$5.00 donation. Contact:

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