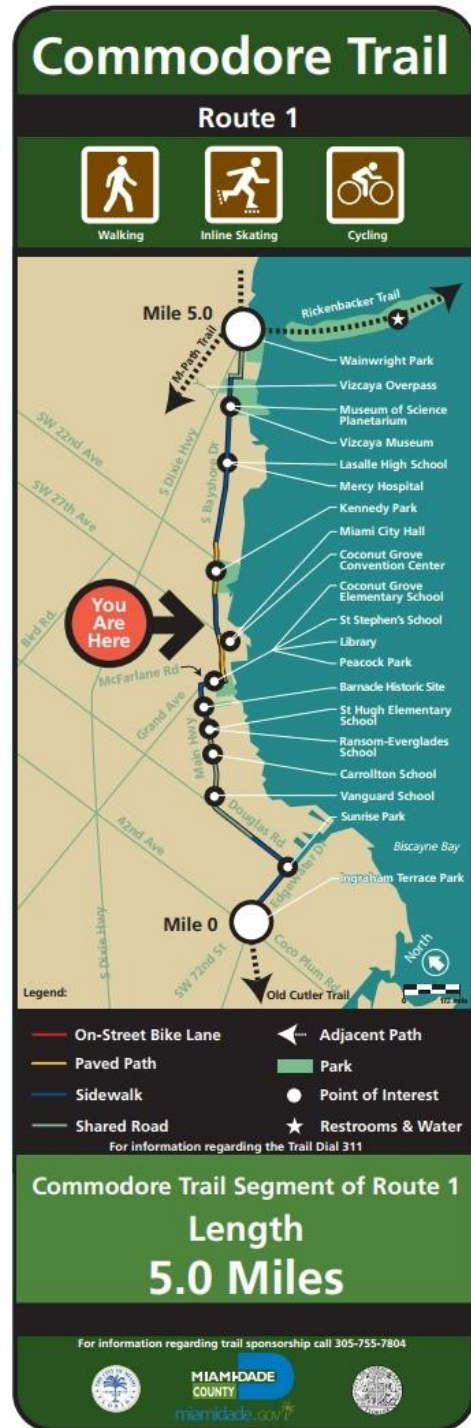




THE COMMODORE TRAIL

The Tragic Waste of a Precious City of Miami Asset

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The Commodore Trail is recognized by the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County as one of the region's most important recreational facilities.

- 5 miles from Rickenbacker Causeway to Cocoplum Circle.
- Almost entirely within Coconut Grove and the City of Miami.
- Multiuse—cyclists, pedestrians, runners.
- Links with Rickenbacker Trail to the north and Old Cutler Trail to the south.
- Connects 6 major parks, numerous historic buildings, 7 public and private schools, and the commercial center of Coconut Grove.



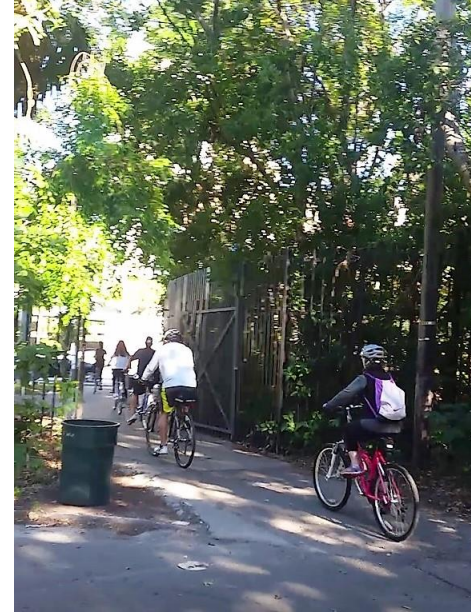
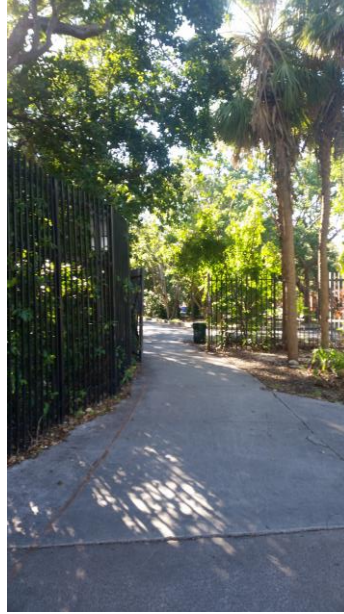
To call it a “trail” is a big stretch. Sometimes it’s part of a street. Sometimes it’s a sidewalk. Often it’s the shoulder of a busy road that carries an enormous amount of traffic. Occasionally it’s a safe, off-road multiuse path.

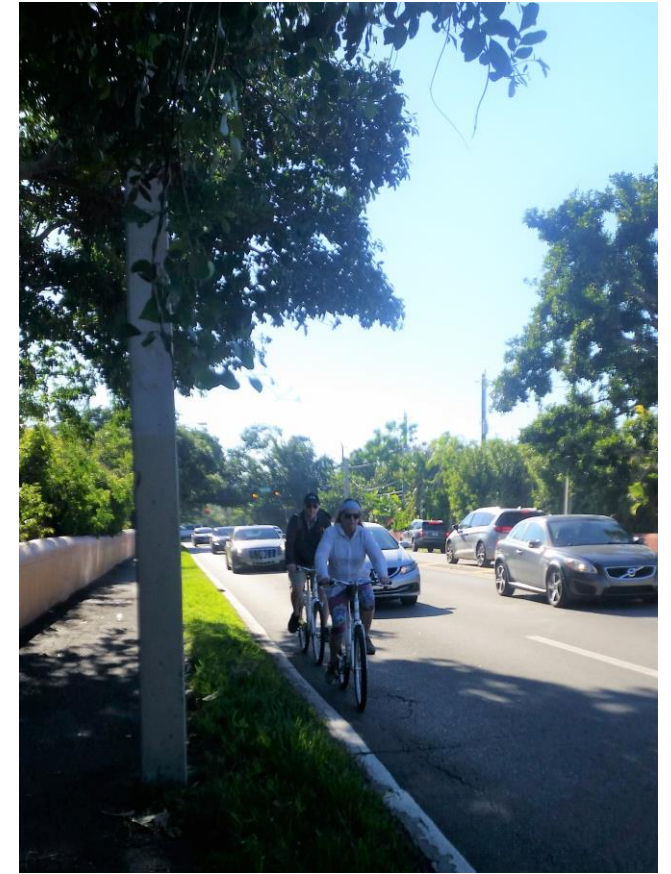
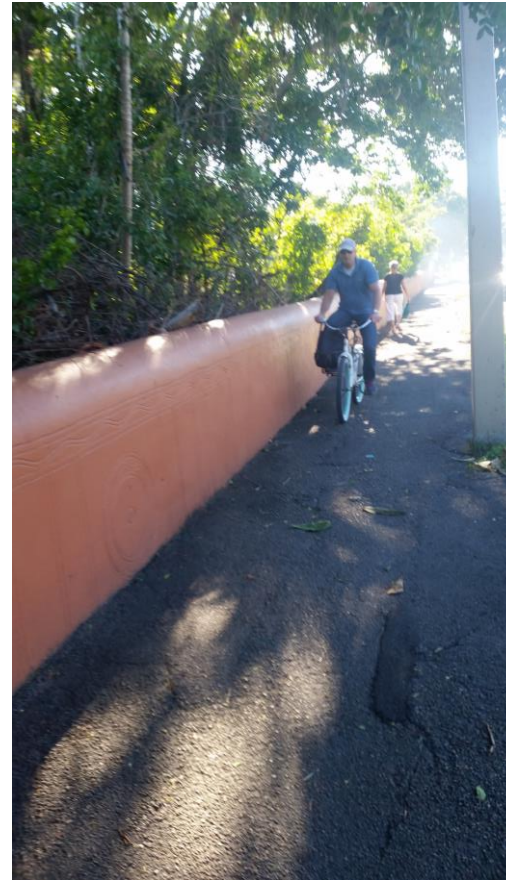
Rickenbacker Causeway to Mercy Hospital



Rickenbacker to Mercy Way.

Clockwise, gate to Brickell Ave.; cyclists heading through that gate to Rickenbacker Trail; turn sign onto 32nd Ave., Brickell Ave. shared roadway; 32nd Ave. leads to South Miami Ave.



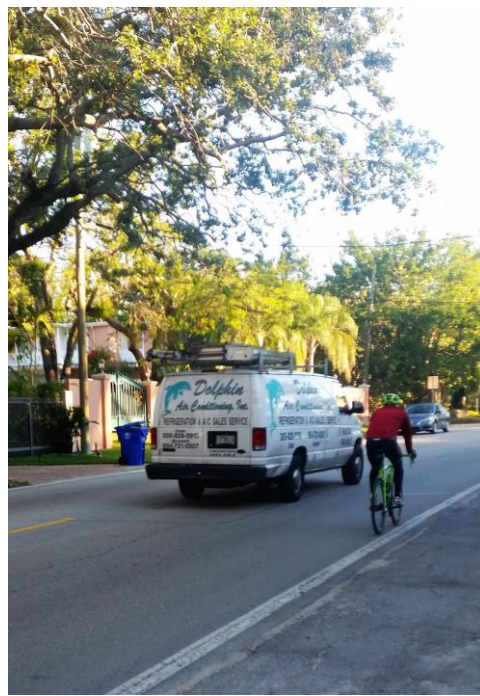


Heading south toward Coconut Grove on South Miami Ave. L. to r., the sign tells you this is the Commodore Trail (it's also Miami-Dade Route 1). Runners use it and cyclists use it, but some cyclists are so unwilling to use it that they risk their lives by riding in the motor vehicle lane.

Kennedy Park Area



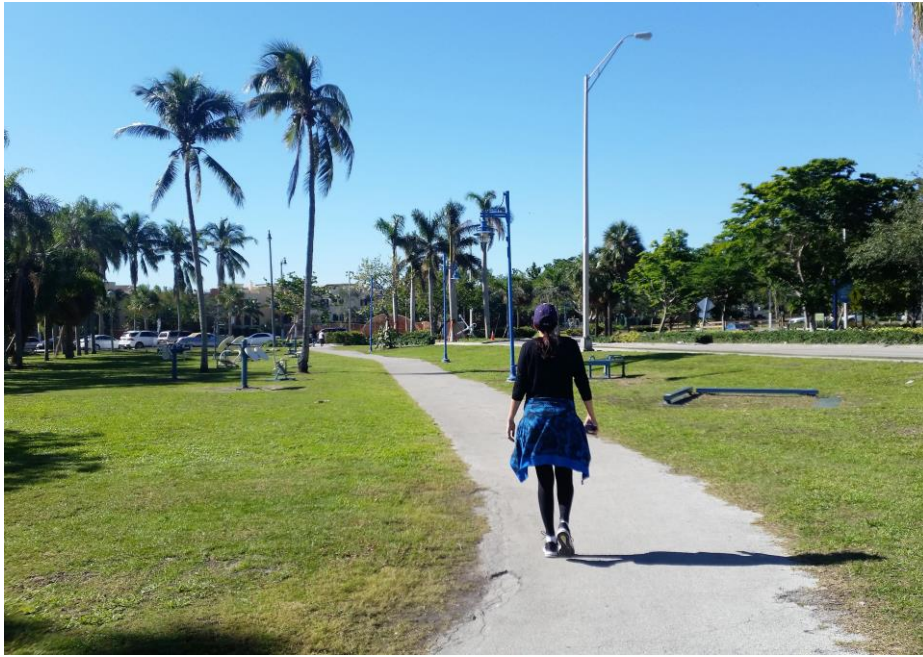
Note: Some parts of this map are out of date. The map does not include Regatta Park, and the Convention Center no longer exists.



In and near Kennedy Park. Clockwise from left, recycling can blocks the trail; a cyclist prefers the crowded roadway to the pitted shoulder; the trail narrows to a couple of feet next to speeding traffic; entrance to Siegendorf Bicycle Path, paved with bicycle-unfriendly rubber shavings; near the turn to Monty's the trail disappears entirely.

Center Grove





Center Grove. Left: A peaceful moment in Myers Park. Bottom, l. to r.: Marker shows yes indeed it's the Commodore Trail; trail heads up sidewalk toward Harry's Pizza—and tables; turns corner—more tables. This is a trail?



South of Center Grove





Heading south. Main Highway to Douglas Rd. to Edgewater to Cocoplum Circle. If a picture is worth a thousand words, many of the words for these photos wouldn't be printable.



At Cocoplum Circle One Big Improvement



This bicycle-pedestrian bridge over the Coral Gables Waterway is the one major improvement to the Commodore Trail in recent decades. And it's in Coral Gables, not Miami.

What Can Be Done?

Here are some steps we can all take so the Commodore Trail will be a resource for future generations.

- Insist that the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County complete the South Bayshore project as soon as possible. The project has been delayed year after year. It includes a key part of the Commodore Trail.
- Work with community leaders and neighborhood advocates to calm traffic on the entire Commodore Trail corridor. It isn't U.S. 1.
- Join Friends of the Commodore Trail, a project of Bike Coconut Grove. Learn more [here](#).
- Now that you know about the Commodore Trail, stay informed and involved.