About the
St Johns River-to-Sea Loop Alliance

About "The Loop"

260-mile multi-use Trail
(50+% Complete)

- Biking
- Walking
- Running
- Strollers
- Disability aids

Connecting

- Titusville
- DeBary
- Palatka
- St. Augustine

5 Counties

- Brevard
- Volusia
- Putnam
- St Johns
- Flagler

River-to-Sea Loop

History And Status

History

Idea goes back to 1995

Over half of the Loop (133 miles) is in Volusia County

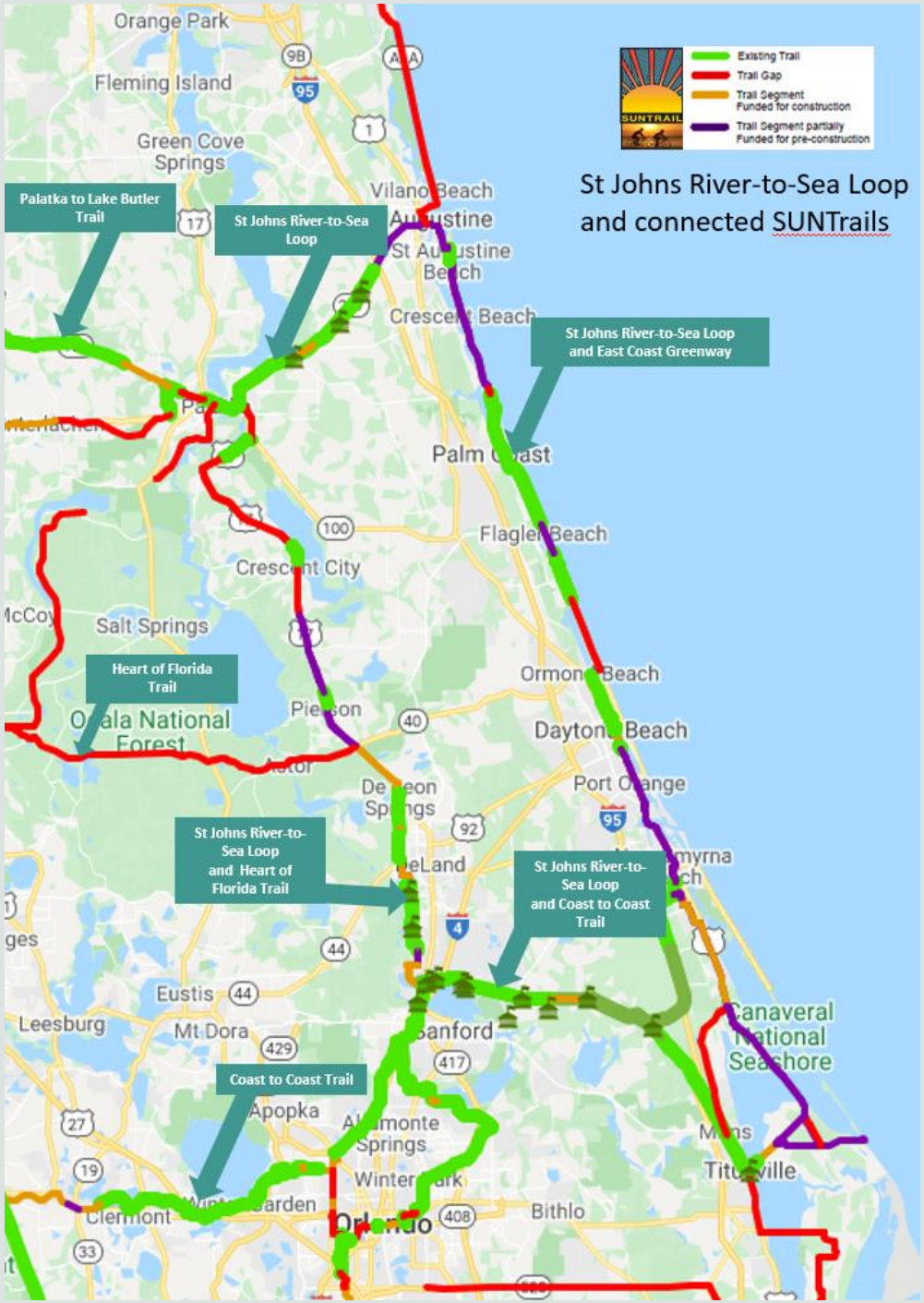
Status

In 2016 Florida Greenways & Trails Council selected the Loop as one of 2 Top-Priority Trails for FDOT SUNTrail (Shared Used Non-motorized) Funding

Annual Funding

$25M SUNTrail funding

1/3 to each Top-Priority Trail



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and Connecting Trails

- Green Sections = completed trails
  - Volusia
  - North Brevard
  - North Seminole
  - Putnam
  - St Johns
  - Flagler

Connected Regional Trails
in West Volusia County

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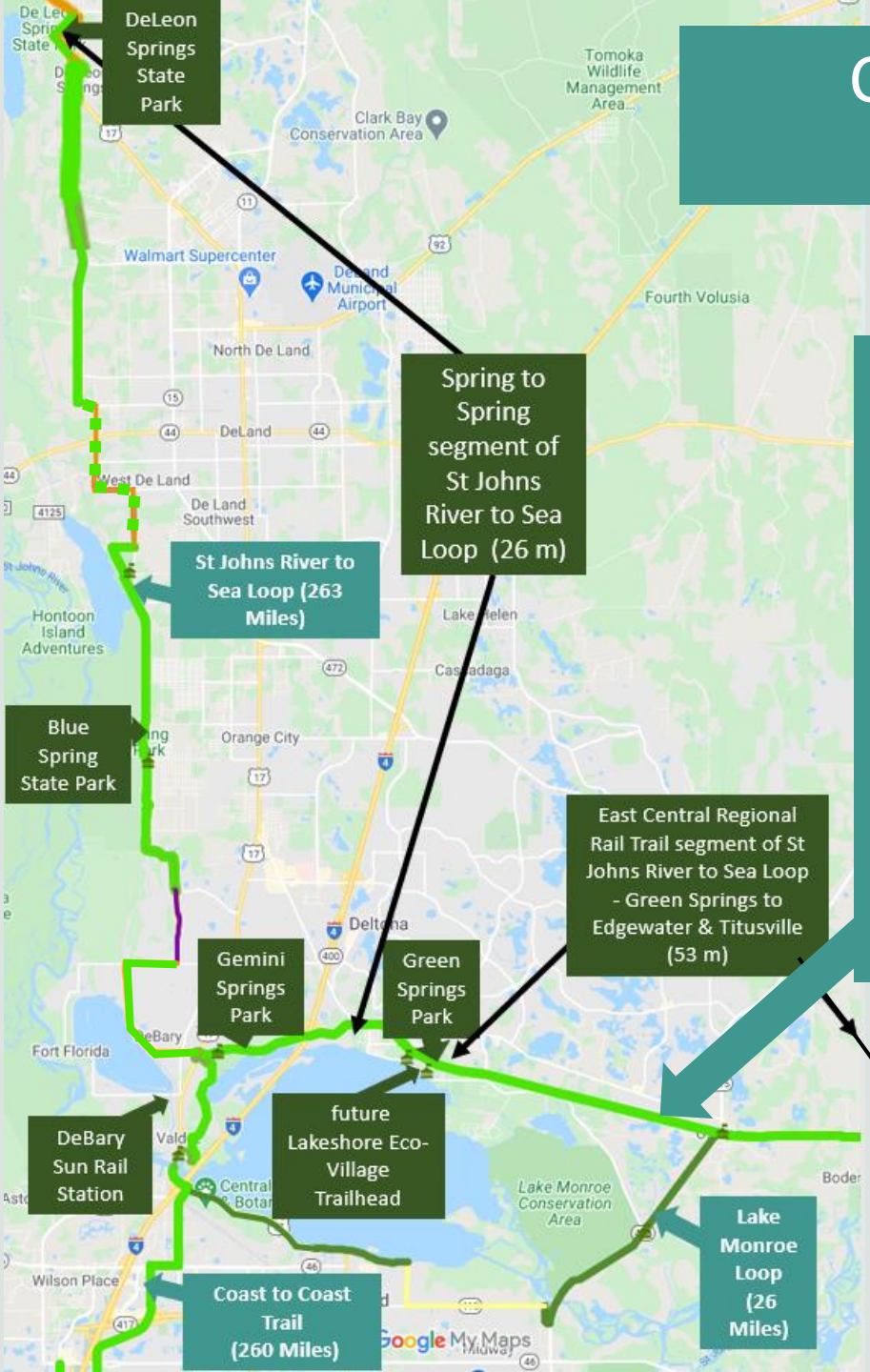


Spring to Spring Trail

- Green Springs to DeLeon Springs
- Includes spur to Lake Monroe Park

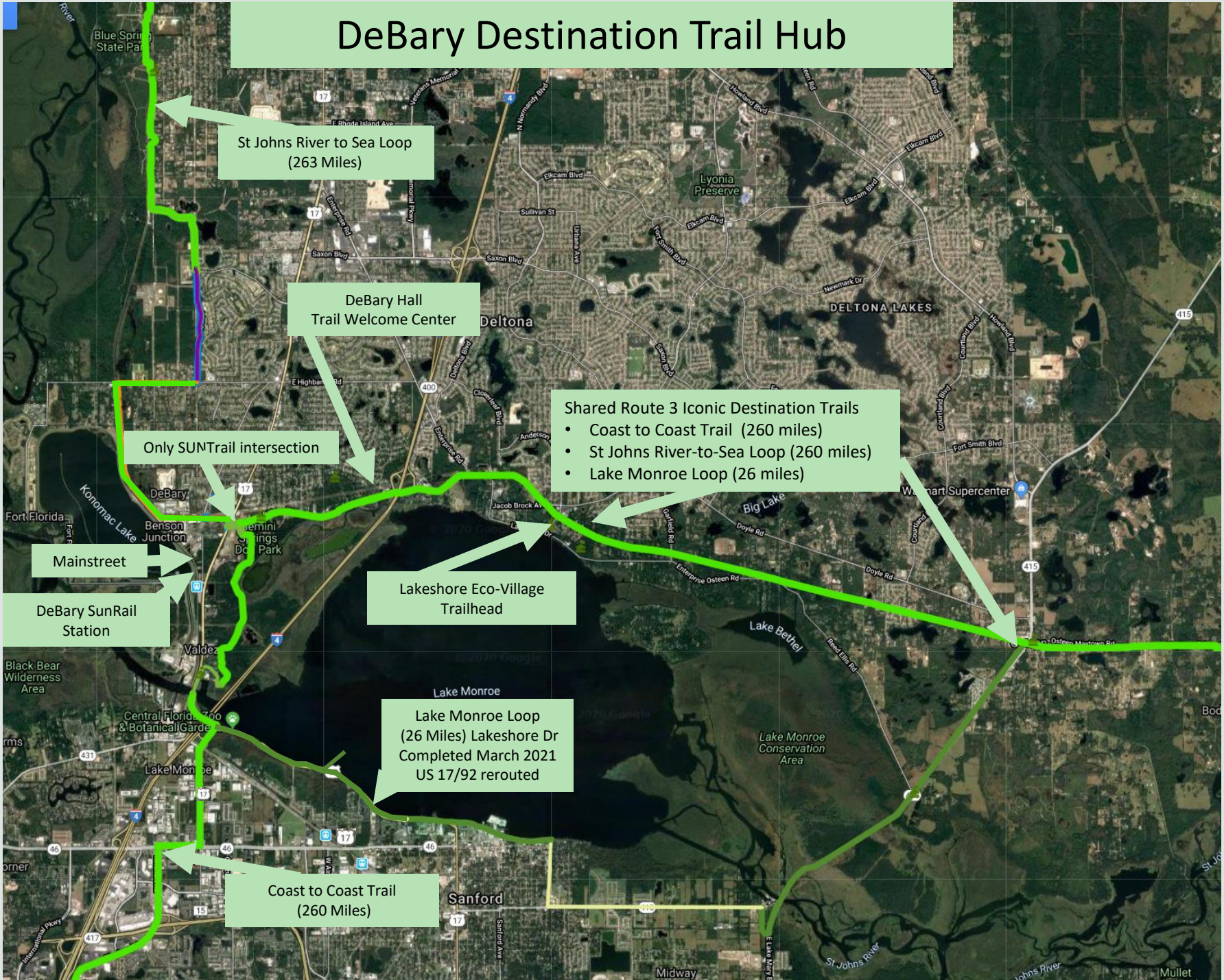
Osteen to DeBary - Shared Route of 3 Iconic Destination Trails

- **Coast to Coast Trail**
- **St Johns River-to-Sea Loop**
- **Lake Monroe Loop**

To Edgewater

To Titusville

DeBary Destination Trail Hub



Trail Map Panel for DeBary Sun Rail Station

Why Trails Matter

1. **Health, Wellness, Fitness, and Quality of Life**
2. ***Active, Equitable Mobility*** for all ages, abilities, colors and economic conditions
3. **Sustainable Environment**
4. Low-impact, high-value **Tourism**
5. **Economy**
6. **Safety**
7. Community/Social **Connection**

It's more than infrastructure – it's our quality of life

Ryan Gravel

St Johns River-to-Sea Loop Alliance (River2SeaLoop.org)

A 501(C)3 charitable volunteer organization with no paid staff

Our Mission and Vision

- Advance, Advocate, Support, Promote and Protect the River to Sea Loop and Connecting Trails and increase active, equitable mobility
- Increase active inclusive transportation, wellness & recreation for all ages and abilities
- Promote environmental, cultural and historical awareness
- Improve community & individual health, well-being & safety

Our Approach

- Strong enduring community partnerships
- Engage volunteers, correspondents, ambassadors, sponsors and advisors
- Promote Friends and Partner Programs

Why the Alliance Matters

- Encourage and inspire people of every age, ability, gender, color and background to cycle and use trails - special focus on underserved and under-active
- Trail-oriented events, ribbon cuttings, rides
- Maps, signs and trail guides
- Website, Social Media and ***"In the Loop"*** Newsletter
- Grants & Fund Raising
- Develop champions
- Stakeholder Workshops and Summits
- Partner, promote and support communities and other organizations

Erecting Map Signs

"Lost History Week" Project
Florida Humanities Grant
Completed July, 2021

- Partnered with Stetson for mapping, seminars, exhibits featuring historic sites on Regional Trails
  - African American history
  - Bartram Trail

River to Sea
Nature and History Corridor
"Lost History Week"

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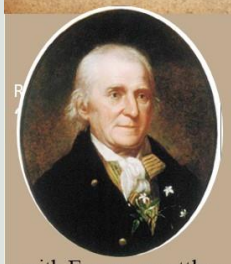
Bartram Trail in Volusia County



Creating Wilderness:
Selective Memorial and
William Bartram
March 18, 2021 6:00 – 8:00 PM
By Dr. Tony Abbott

William Bartram is known as America's first native-born natural historian. His explorations and writings cover flora and fauna, interaction with European settlers, and Native American culture including extensive and under-recognized positive descriptions of Native Americans in the South.

Register for all ***"Lost History Week"*** events at River2SeaLoop.Org

March 16, 2021 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Lecture
Dr. Andrew Eisen - Stetson University
Exhibits on Slavery, Indian removal, and resistance in Volusia County. Created by incarcerated researchers at Stetson University's Community Education Project

Slavery and The Struggle for Freedom in East Florida

March 20, 2021 1:00 – 4:00 PM
"Saving Lost History" Virtual History Tour
Register at River2SeaLoop.Org

ENTERPRISE MUSEUM
360 Main Street, Enterprise, FL 32725
Open Thursdays, Friday and Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm
Private tours available. Call Cindy Sullivan 386 804 6087

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3-Panel Sign for DeBary Sun Rail Station

1. St Johns River to Sea Loop Alliance
2. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor
3. City of DeBary

Family Fun Rides

Ribbon Cuttings, Rides & Picnics

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Cyclists, pedestrians welcome two new trail segments

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BIKING ADVOCATES — Cycling advocates Maggie Ardito and Pat Northey celebrate the new trail segment in Osteen. Ardito is the president of the St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop Alliance, and Northey a former Volusia County Council member. Over the years, both have played instrumental roles in ensuring Volusia County's master plan for paved trails comes together.

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CUT! — Volusia County Council Member Barb Girtman cuts the ribbon for the new segment of paved trail in DeLeon Springs. With her is a crowd of trail advocates, including Volusia County Parks and Recreation Director Tim Baylie, St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop Alliance President Maggie Ardito, former Volusia County Council Member Pat Northey, Volusia County Chair Jeff Brower, West Volusia Tourism Advertising Authority Executive Director Georgia Turner, DeLeon Springs Community Association President Amy Munizzi and more.

ECONOMIC DRIVERS — At left, Volusia County Chair Jeff Brower was among the speakers at the DeLeon Springs trail segment ribbon-cutting ceremony May 22, praising the yearslong efforts by trail advocates like former Volusia County Council Member Pat Northey. "This is an economic driver for Volusia County," Brower said. "We're attracting people from Orlando and Osceola to our beautiful county. These trails are part of the future of not just Volusia County, but of any smart county."

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Plans

- Partner with towns to increase active, equitable mobility
- Strengthen Partner and Friend Programs
- Map kiosks, trailside amenities
- Wellness projects & equipment - multigenerational playgrounds
- 2022 Outdoor Events & Rides
- Online & printed maps and trail guides
- Redesign Website convert to Wordpress

Get Involved

- Partner
- Friend
- Advisor
- Volunteer
- Ambassador
- Correspondent
- Board Member

Be a *Trail Alliance Partner*

Building Connections

People Mobility Environment Culture History Recreation

Building Community

Support Regional Trails, Equitable Mobility & Sustainable People-Friendly Public Places

- *Trail Supporter* $250
  Recognition, advance event notification
- *Trail Contributor* $500
  Recognition through website, social media, newsletter, Leadership Reception
- *Trail Blazer* $1000
  Prominent recognition through website, social media, newsletter, map, VIP status at Leadership Reception
- *Trail Champion*: contact us for high impact partnership opportunities

Leadership Reception - All partners invited

Our Mission

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- Trails and bikeable/rollable/walkable public places
- Community & individual health, well-being & safety
- Strong, sustainable environment, community, culture & history

Be a *Trail Alliance Friend*

Be a Friend of Trails

Support Regional Trails, Equitable Mobility & Sustainable People-Friendly Public Places

- Individual Trail Alliance Friend $35
- Family Trail Alliance Friend $50

Trail Alliance Friends receive maps, newsletters, advance notice of upcoming events and discounts on T-shirts, guides and Trail Gear
Memberships are for calendar year 2021

River2SeaLoop.Org/Members

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