

COLLIER COUNTY

The largest and southernmost county in the study area, Collier County offers a diverse range of landscapes, attractions, and amenities. It is home to the communities of Naples, Golden Gate Estates, Immokalee, and Ave Maria, as well as major outdoor destinations such as Big Cypress National Preserve and Collier-Seminole State Park. Additional local highlights include Baker Park, Gordon River Greenway, and the new Paradise Coast Sports Complex. The recently completed study for the Paradise Coast Trail envisions a 70+ mile multi-use trail network traversing the county and connecting many of these key destinations.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR A REGIONAL TRAIL NETWORK

The opportunities for a regional trail network in Collier County are primarily associated with the alternatives defined in the Paradise Coast Trail (PCT) Pathway Report and Feasibility Study (June 2022) that connect Immokalee to Collier-Seminole State Park. The north-south component of the PCT aligns with major segments of the priority pathway planned for Collier County that is also included in the State Priority Land Trails and SUN Trail networks. This includes the existing Rich King Memorial Greenway, portions of existing trail along US 41 (Tamiami Trail), and a utility corridor segment adjacent to Livingston Road to be evaluated in a feasibility study. The east-west component of the PCT is based in part on segments of the spine trail network defined in the Collier MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. This component would link Baker Park and Gordon River Greenway with the Paradise Coast Sports Complex and continue east to Immokalee where it would eventually connect to points north as part of a Collier to Polk Regional Trail. Collier County has a number of existing assets that could be leveraged in association with a regional trail, such as its national, state, county, and municipal parks. The county includes eight Great Florida Birding Trail sites and 14 Florida Heritage Trail sites that are part of five Florida Heritage Trails.



MILES OF TRAIL
PLANNED FOR
THE PCT

70+

Example Destinations in Collier County

State Parks - Collier-Seminole State Park, Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park

Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge

Baker Park, Gordon River Greenway, Paradise Coast Sports Complex, Immokalee Community Park

Ave Maria, Everglades City, Golden Gate Estates, Immokalee, Marco Island, Naples

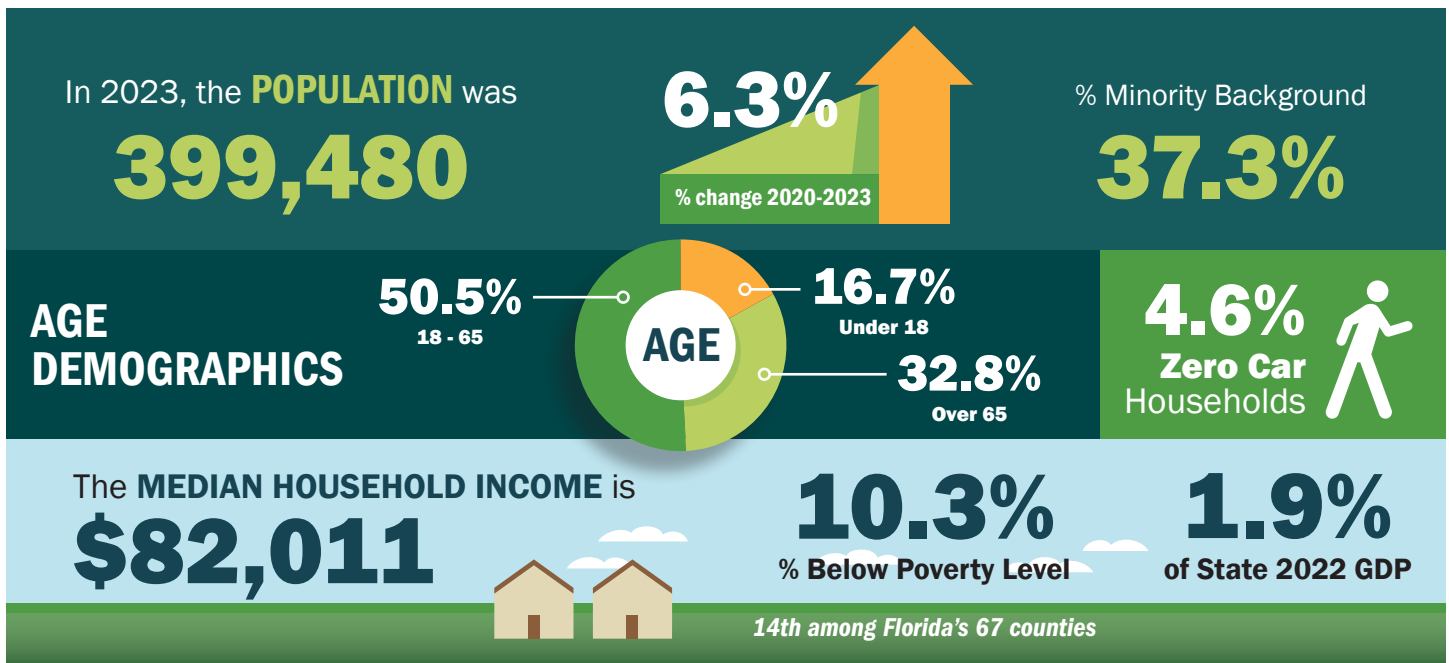
OUTDOOR RECREATION DEMAND AND IMPACT

Residents and tourists to Collier County spend nearly an estimated \$2.7 billion annually on outdoor recreation, the highest of the study area counties. Collier County offers a number of assets that support visitor spending on outdoor recreation and trails including beaches, expansive natural areas, and sports facilities hosting events and tournaments. Activities include biking, hiking, and wildlife viewing, paddling, and boating. The following summarizes the annual spending by residents and tourists in Collier County for these activities typically associated with a multi-use trail, based on the 2019 Statewide Conservation Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

D1 Regional Trail Study Area Counties	Total Outdoor Recreation Activity Spending
Collier County	\$2,680,095,358
Polk County	\$1,765,618,168
Highlands County	\$61,004,689
Hendry County	\$31,153,773
Glades County	\$3,667,949
Hardee County	\$3,637,868



POPULATION AND ECONOMY AT-A-GLANCE



COLLIER COUNTY

LEGEND



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| State Park Entrance | Greenways and Trails | Trail Towns |
| State Park | Existing Land Trail | Designated Trail Town |
| Conservation Land | Existing Paddling Trail | Potential Trail Town |
| City Limits | Priority Trail/SUN Trail Corridor | |
| Tribal Lands | | |
| County Boundary | | |

