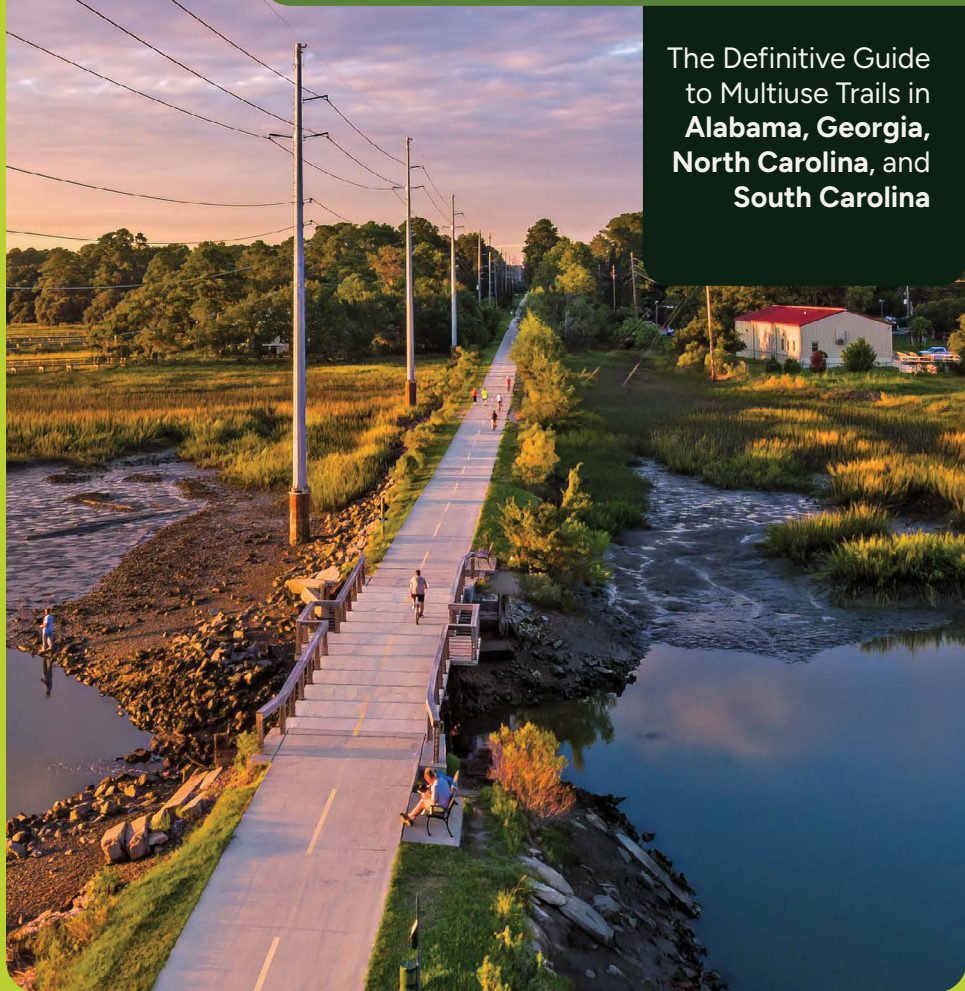




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The Definitive Guide
to Multiuse Trails in
**Alabama, Georgia,
North Carolina, and
South Carolina**



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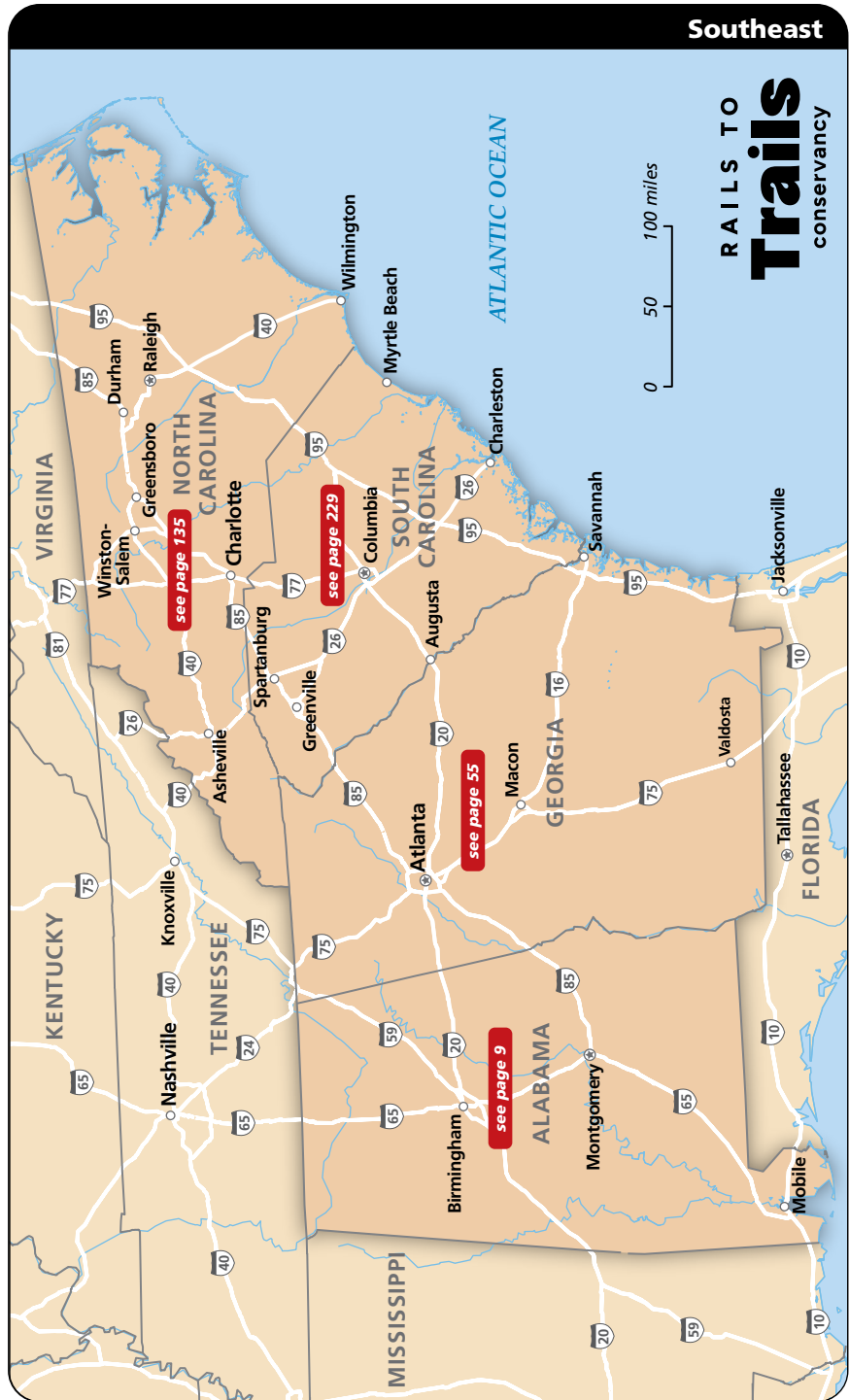


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ALABAMA									
1 Aldridge Creek Greenway	11	5.5	●	●	●	●			
2 Big Cove Creek Greenway and Flint River Greenway	13	4.9	●	●	●	●		●	
3 Chief Ladiga Trail	17	33	●	●	●	●			●
4 Five Mile Creek Greenway	21	8.25	●	●					
5 High Ore Line Trail	23	3.1	●	●	●	●			
6 Historic Bridgeport Walking Trail	27	0.8	●		●				
7 Hugh Kaul Trail, Railroad Park Rail Trail, and Rotary Trail	29	4	●	●	●	●			
8 Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail	33	23.4	●	●	●	●		●	
9 Indian Creek Greenway	37	3.8	●	●	●	●		●	
10 Old Railroad Bridge Trail	39	1.6	●	●	●	●			
11 Richard Martin Trail	43	10.2	●				●		●
12 Shades Creek Greenway	45	2.6	●	●	●	●			
13 Sunset Drive Trail	49	3.7	●	●	●	●		●	
14 Yoholo Micco, The Creek Indian Trail	51	3.2	●	●	●	●		●	
GEORGIA									
15 AdventHealth Redmond ECO Greenway	57	16	●	●	●				
16 Arabia Mountain PATH	61	12.4	●	●	●				
17 Atlanta BeltLine	63	20.8	●	●	●	●			
18 Augusta Canal National Heritage Area Trails	67	7.9	●	●	●	●		●	
19 Big Creek Greenway	71	27.8	●	●	●	●			
20 Bill and Dustie MacKay Trail	73	1.7	●	●	●	●		●	
21 Carrollton GreenBelt	77	19	●	●	●	●		●	
22 Columbus Fall Line Trace	81	10.5	●	●	●	●		●	
23 Cricket Frog Trail	83	13.6	●	●	●	●			
24 Douglas Greenway Trail	87	4.4	●	●	●	●			
25 Euchee Creek Greenway	89	6.1	●	●	●	●			
26 Jekyll Island Trail	93	24.8	●	●	●	●		●	
27 Man O' War Railroad Recreation Trail	95	13.5	●	●	●	●			
28 Noonday Creek Trail	99	8.6	●	●	●	●			

How to Use This Book

Rail-Trails: Southeast provides the information you'll need to plan a rewarding trek on a rail-trail or other multiuse trail in the region. With words to inspire you and maps to chart your path, it makes choosing the best route a breeze. Following are some of the highlights.

Maps

You'll find three levels of maps in this book: an overall regional map, state locator maps, and detailed trail maps.

The trails in this book are located in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Each chapter details a particular state's network of trails, marked on locator maps in the chapter introduction. Use these maps to find the trails nearest you, or select several neighboring trails and plan a weekend excursion. Once you find a trail on a state locator map, simply flip to the corresponding trail number for a full description. Accompanying trail maps mark each route's access roads, trailheads, parking areas, restrooms, and other defining features.

Key to Map Icons



parking



drinking
water



restrooms



featured
trail



connecting
trail



active
railroad

Trail Descriptions

Trails are listed in alphabetical order within each state chapter. Each description begins with a summary of key facts about the trail, including possible uses, trail endpoints and mileage, a roughness rating, and the trail surface.

The map and summary information list the trail endpoints (either a city, street, or more specific location), with suggested start and finish points. Additional access points are marked on the maps and mentioned in the trail descriptions. The maps and descriptions also highlight available amenities, including parking; restrooms; and area attractions such as shops, services, museums, parks, and stadiums. Trail length is listed in miles, one way, and includes only completed trail; the mileage for any gaps in the trail will be noted in its description.

Each trail description includes a **roughness rating** from 1 to 3. A rating of 1 indicates a smooth, level surface that is accessible to users of all ages and abilities. A 2 rating means the surface may be loose and/or uneven and could pose a problem for road bikes and wheelchairs. A 3 rating suggests a rough surface that is recommended only for mountain bikers and hikers. Surfaces can range from asphalt or concrete to ballast, boardwalk, cinder, crushed

Key to Trail Use Icons



walking



cycling

wheelchair
accessin-line
skatingmountain
biking

fishing

horseback
riding

Learn More

To learn about additional multiuse trails in your area or to plan a trip to an area beyond the scope of this book, visit **TrailLink**, the free trail-finder website and mobile app from Rails to Trails Conservancy with more than 40,000 miles of mapped rail-trails and multiuse trails nationwide.



BRANDI HORTON

An old schoolhouse adorns the northern end of Alabama's Richard Martin Trail in Veto near the Tennessee border (see *Trail 11*, page 43).

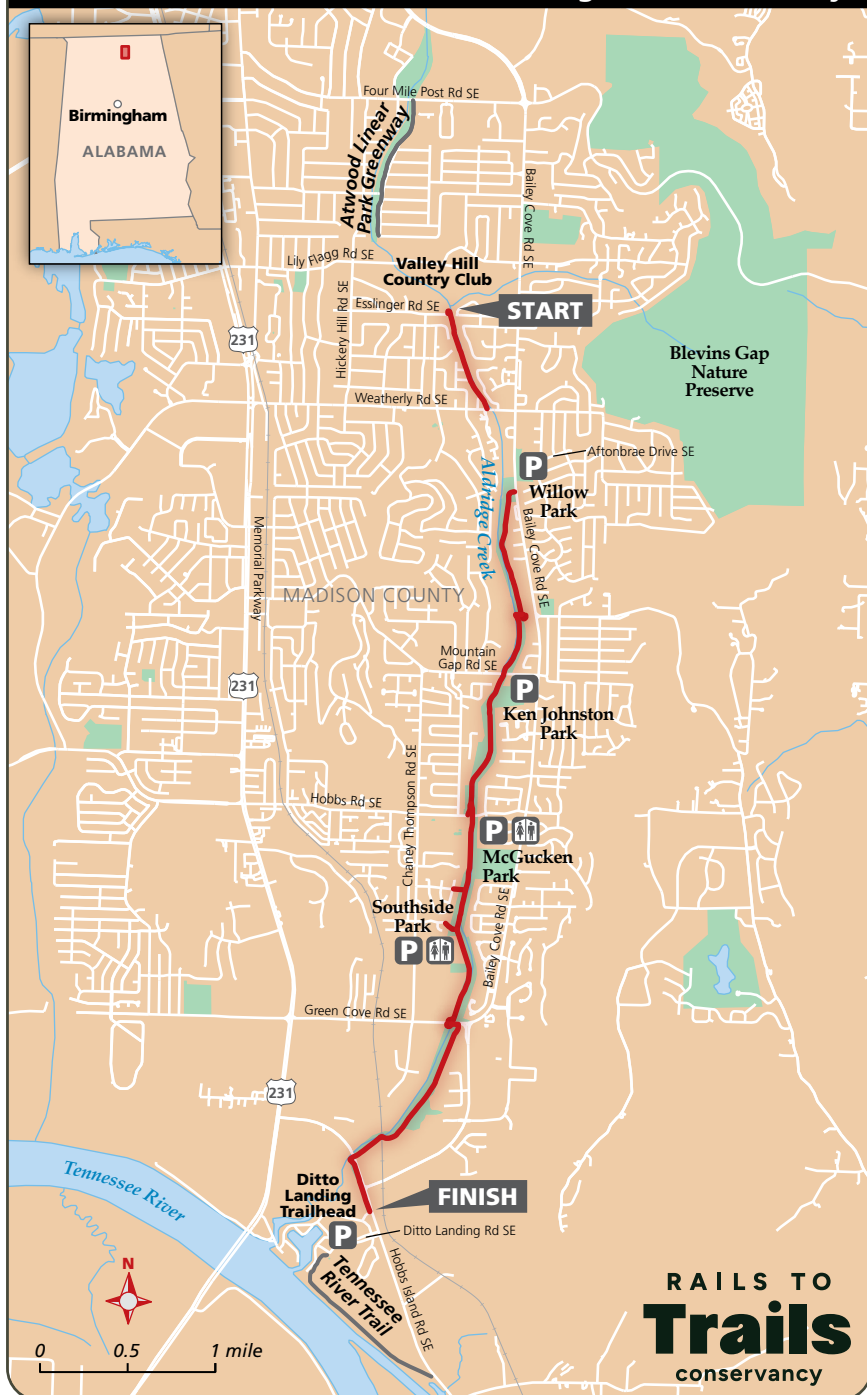


ALABAMA

KATE FOSTER

The Railroad Park Rail Trail offers a pleasant linear route through downtown Birmingham (see Trail 7, page 29).

Aldridge Creek Greenway



Aldridge Creek Greenway

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This paved community greenway winds along Aldridge Creek, providing a pleasant, semirural trail experience in Huntsville. Trail users who keep their noise down and pay attention are likely to spot shorebirds and other wildlife in or around the creek. Multiple sidewalk connections into adjacent neighborhoods make the trail easily accessible for area residents. A community dog park with a trailside gate at Southside Park also offers easy access to the trail.

Paralleling Bailey Cove Road Southeast, the trail runs north–south from Esslinger Road Southeast, just south of the Valley Hill Country Club, to Ditto Landing Road Southeast in Huntsville. There is a 0.6-mile gap between Weatherly Road Southeast and the southern end of Willow Park, where the trail picks back up on the west side of Bailey Cove Road Southeast. Willow Park is also your first option to find parking. Those wanting to walk or ride the entire length of the trail should be prepared to use the sidewalk and cross a major intersection at Weatherly Road Southeast and Bailey Cove Road Southeast in this gap.



BRANDI HORTON

Near Ditto Landing, the trail runs beneath a trestle supporting an active rail line.



County
Madison

Endpoints
Esslinger Road SE, 0.1 mile east of Willow Hill Dr. SE (Huntsville); Weatherly Road SE, 350 feet east of Cascade Cir. SE (Huntsville); Bailey Cove Road SE, south of Willow Park (Huntsville); Tennessee River Greenway at Ditto Landing (Huntsville)

Mileage
5.5

Type
Greenway/
Non-Rail-Trail

Roughness Rating
1

Surface
Asphalt,
Concrete

The trail segment that runs under Hobbs Road Southeast—2.1 miles south of the Willow Park Trailhead—is close to the creek and is prone to flooding after heavy rains. A bridge over the creek provides access to McGucken Park, which contains restrooms, fields and courts, and parking. Near Ditto Landing, the trail runs beneath a train trestle supporting an active rail line, adding a fun element for train enthusiasts and children. Mostly flat, this greenway makes an ideal trail for a stroll or casual bike ride. There is minimal shade, however, so be prepared for full sun for most of the trail.

Trail users looking for a longer ride may continue south onto the 0.9-mile Tennessee River Greenway, which begins at the southern terminus of the Aldridge Creek Greenway at Ditto Landing.

CONTACT: rtc.li/huntsville

PARKING

Parking areas are located within Huntsville and are listed from north to south.

**Indicates that at least one accessible parking space is available.*

WILLOW PARK TRAILHEAD*: Willow Park at Aftonbrae Dr. SE (34.6411, -86.5386).

KEN JOHNSTON PARK*: Ken Johnston Park at Mountain Gap Road SE (34.6238, -86.5393).

MCGUCKEN PARK*: 13020 Bailey Cove Road SE (34.6075, -86.5417).

SOUTHSIDE PARK*: 16159 Chaney Thompson Road SE (34.5997, -86.5458).

DITTO LANDING*: Younger Road at Wheeler Lake, between W. Eugene Morgan Road and Ditto Landing Road SE (34.57693, -86.55891).

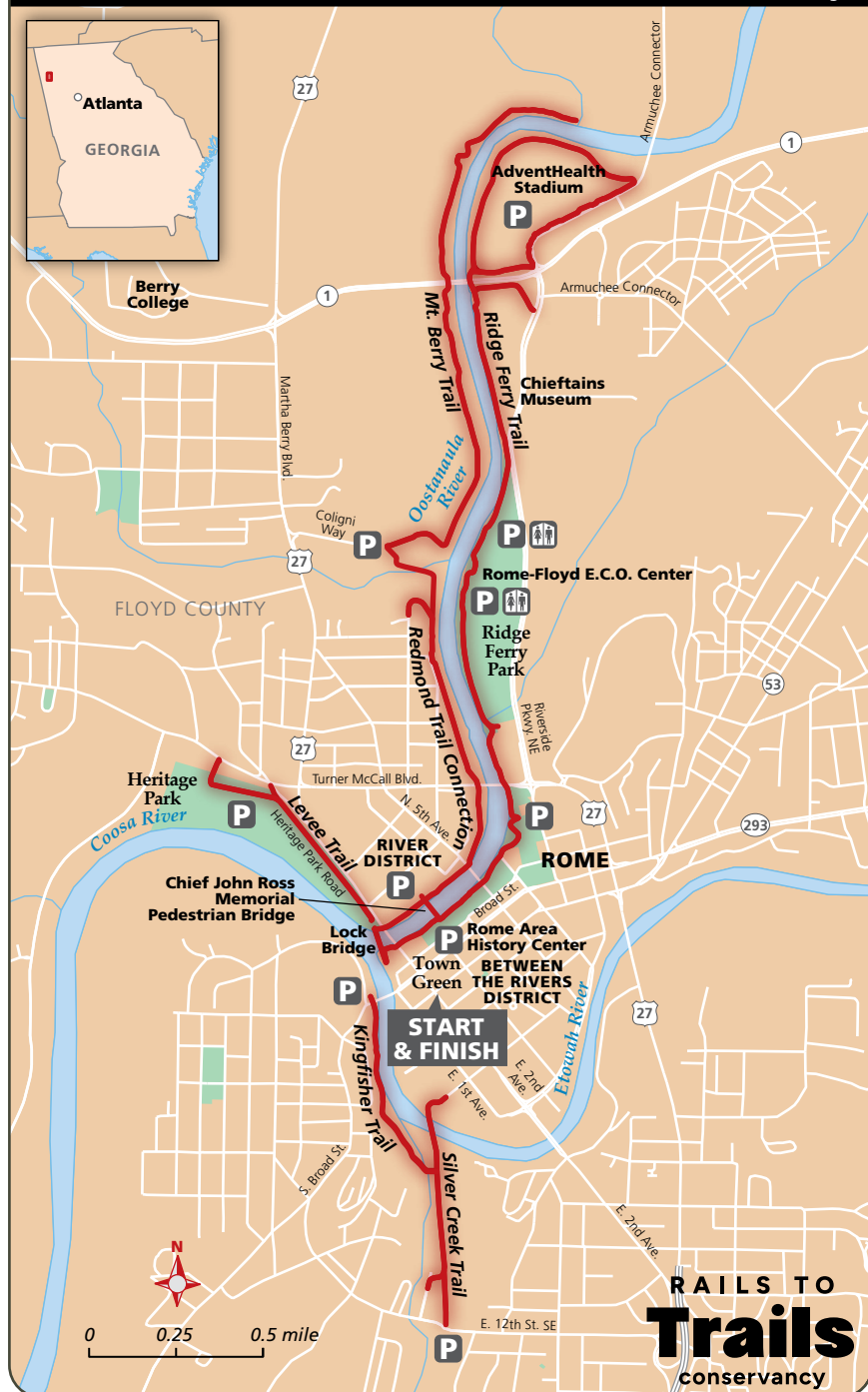
GEORGIA



JONAH McDONALD

A stretch of the South Peachtree Creek Trail along Burnt Fork Creek offers an elevated boardwalk enveloped in trees (see *Trail 33*, page 115).

AdventHealth Redmond ECO Greenway



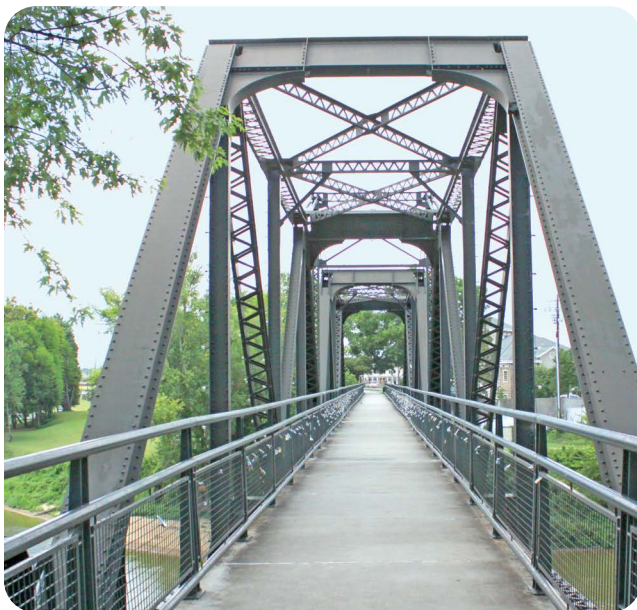
AdventHealth Redmond ECO Greenway

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All trails lead to Rome on the AdventHealth Redmond ECO Greenway, a mostly flat, interconnected system of six trails in an otherwise hilly North Georgia city. The greenway's name represents the three rivers—the Etowah, Coosa, and Oostanaula—that run through the city.

The greenway grew out of the city's desire to connect short pieces of trail that followed old railroad lines and rivers that historically contributed to the city's economic growth. The result is a 16-mile trail system that runs mostly along both banks of the Oostanaula River, but also along parts of the Etowah and Coosa Rivers.

Starting in downtown Rome and rolling clockwise in a loop on a seamless trail route, visitors will encounter the Ridge Ferry Trail, the Levee Trail (a loop), the Redmond Trail Connection, and the Mt. Berry Trail, and then return to the Ridge Ferry Trail. At the southern base of that 13-mile round-trip, there are short on-street connections to the Kingfisher Trail and the Silver Creek Trail. Historical markers and interpretive signs explain the city's growth and culture along the way.



BRENT MOORE/COURTESY SEEMIDTN.COM

Rome's Lock Bridge, known for the padlocks that lovers place here, spans the Oostanaula River downtown.



County
Floyd

Endpoints
E. 12th St. SE,
between Silver
St. and Cedar
Ave. SW (Rome);
Braves Blvd.
NE/Armuchee
Connector at
AdventHealth
Stadium (Rome)
*Full list of end-
points in the
description*

Mileage
16

Type
Greenway,
Rail-Trail

**Roughness
Rating**
1

Surface
Asphalt,
Concrete

The endpoints for each trail are as follows:

- **Ridge Ferry Trail:** W. First St. and Bridgepoint Plaza (at the confluence of the Etowah and Oostanaula Rivers); Braves Blvd. NE/Armuchee Connector at the northeast corner of AdventHealth Stadium
- **Levee Trail (loop):** Lock Bridge at Heritage Park Road and N. Second Ave. NW
- **Redmond Trail Connection:** N. Fifth Ave. just east of N. Fourth Ave. SW; Oostanaula Dr. and Ave. B; Coligni Way just east of US 27/Martha Berry Blvd. NE
- **Mt. Berry Trail:** Coligni Way just east of US 27/Martha Berry Blvd. NE; Oostanaula River (north bank) across river from AdventHealth Stadium
- **Silver Creek Trail:** E. 12th St. SE, between Silver St. and Cedar Ave. SW; 0.1 mile southwest of intersection of E. Fourth St. and E. First St.
- **Kingfisher Trail:** S. Broad St. and Branham Ave. SW

Town Green, overlooking the Oostanaula River in downtown Rome's Between the Rivers District, is considered the main trailhead for the Ridge Ferry Trail. The park's splash pad and fountain are welcome features on hot summer days. The free Rome Area History Center is located across Tribune Street.

Heading southwest from the green, you come to a T-junction in 0.2 mile. A left takes you across the Etowah River on Broad Street to join the Kingfisher Trail, which rolls along the heavily wooded Etowah River shoreline for 0.6 mile, ending at a junction with the Silver Creek Trail. A right turn on the Silver Creek Trail goes 0.4 mile to the county health department and local cafés, while a left turn crosses back over the river on an old railroad trestle to East Fourth Street. A left onto East First Avenue here leads to the Levee Trail in 0.4 mile.

If you take the right fork at the Ridge Ferry Trail's T-junction, you'll cross the river on a 1905 Central of Georgia Railway swing span, known locally as the Lock Bridge because lovers attach padlocks on the span to signify their devotion to each other. You'll arrive at the Levee Trail at the northern foot of the bridge. If you head straight onto Heritage Park Road, you can make a 1.2-mile loop on the road and Levee Trail through the park overlooking the Coosa River.

The Levee Trail then passes under the Lock Bridge into Rome's River District, an ambitious downtown redevelopment area. It sits directly across the Oostanaula River from Town Green, connected by the Chief John Ross Memorial Pedestrian Bridge.

The Levee Trail transitions to the Redmond Trail Connection under the North Fifth Avenue bridge and continues up the Oostanaula River's west bank to the Mt. Berry Trail, named for the nearby private Berry College, founded in 1902. The trail follows the wooded shoreline of the river for about 3 miles. A recently

completed connection to the pedestrian shoulder of the Armuchee Connector bridge allows users to cross the river to AdventHealth stadium, home to the Rome Braves minor-league baseball team.

From the stadium, the Ridge Ferry Trail heads south along the eastern shore of the Oostanaula River through a shady hardwood forest that's a destination for leaf peeping in the fall. In 1.2 miles, you'll arrive at Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home, a National Historic Landmark that's the former home of a prosperous leader of the Cherokee Nation who signed a treaty with the U.S. government, the Treaty of New Echota, that led to disastrous results for him and his people, who were forced to relocate. You'll also pass through Ridge Ferry Park and the environmental study facility at the Rome-Floyd E.C.O. Center on this 3-mile section before returning to Town Green.

CONTACT: ecogreenway.org

PARKING

Parking areas are located within Rome and are listed clockwise, starting at Town Green downtown. **Indicates that at least one accessible parking space is available.*

THIRD AVE. PARKING DECK*: 131 W. First St. (34.2541, -85.1736); fee charged after 1 hour.

FLOYD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT: 16 E. 12th St. SE (34.2380, -85.1738).

MYRTLE HILL CEMETERY: Branham Ave. SW and Broad St. (34.2518, -85.1771).

HERITAGE PARK*: 1 Shorter Ave. (34.2606, -85.1837).

RIVER DISTRICT: 300 W. Third St. (34.2571, -85.1750); on-street parking.

MT. BERRY TRAILHEAD: 1420 Martha Berry Blvd. (34.2710, -85.1771).

ADVENTHEALTH STADIUM*: 755 Braves Blvd. NE (34.2861, -85.1645).

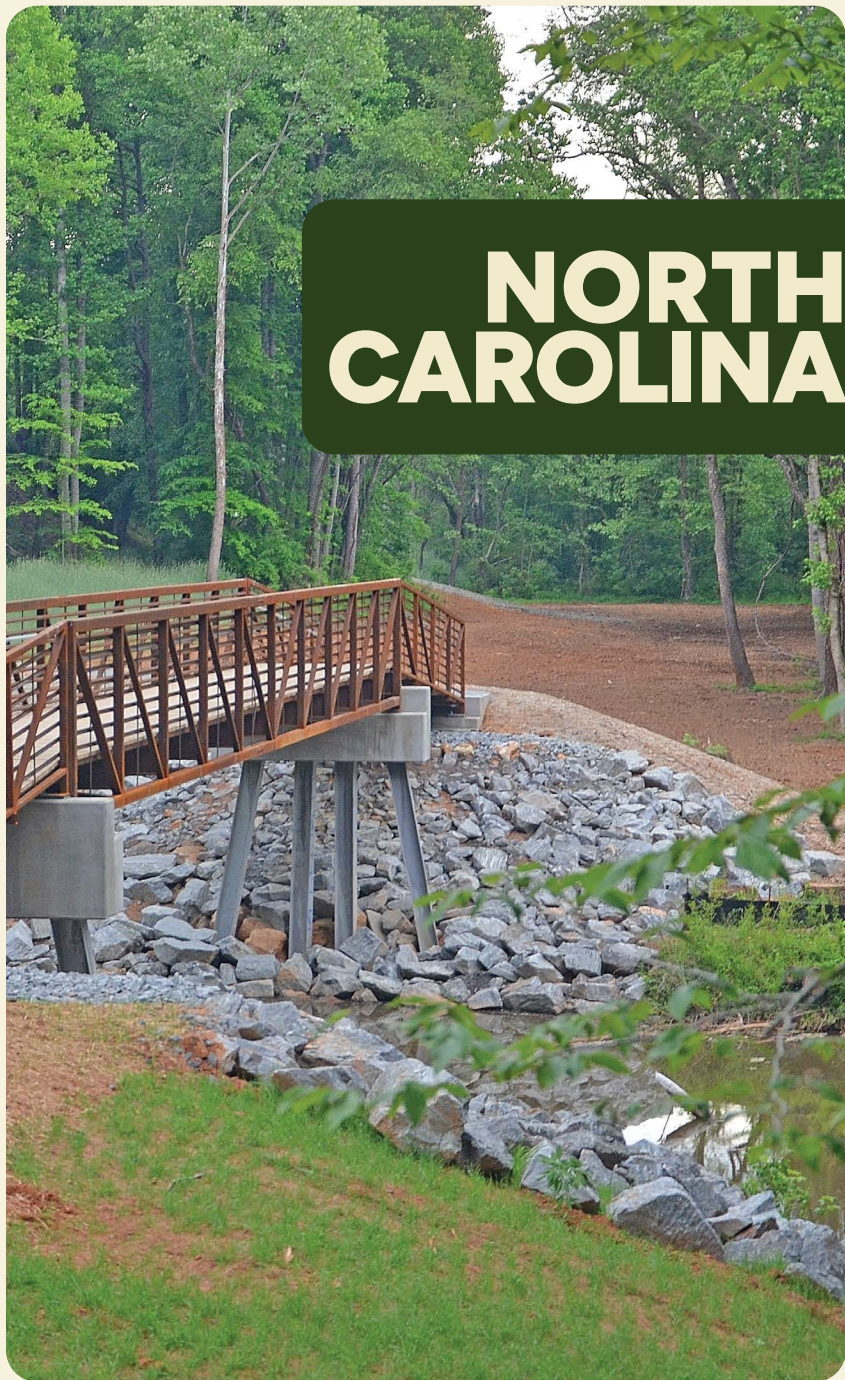
RIDGE FERRY PARK: 473 Riverside Pkwy. NE (34.2709, -85.1707); gravel lot.

ROME-FLOYD E.C.O. CENTER: 393 Riverside Pkwy. NE (34.2685, -85.1718).

SARA HIGHTOWER LIBRARY: 205 Riverside Pkwy. NE (34.2588, -85.1692).

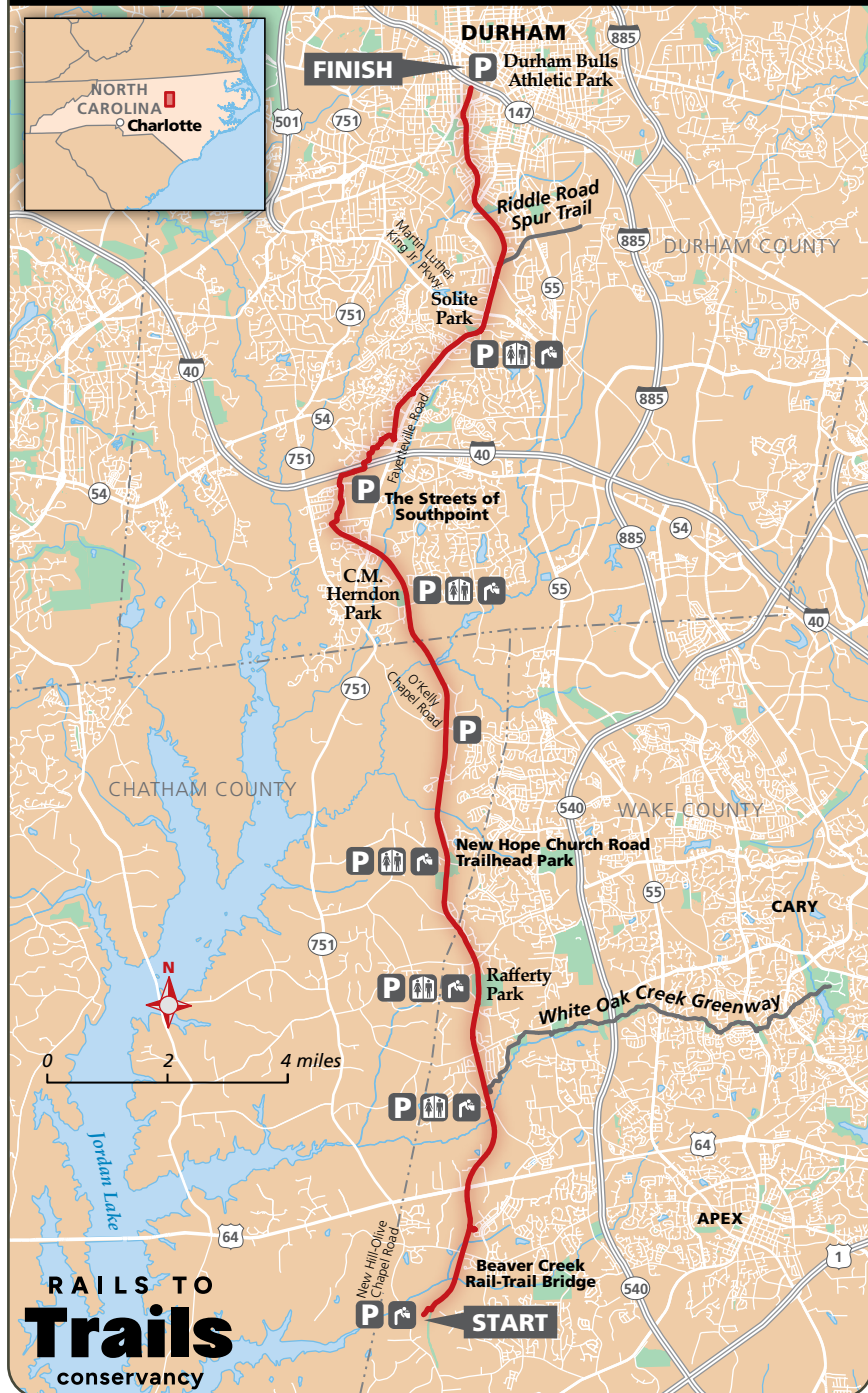
NORTH CAROLINA

WILLIAM JACKSON BLACKLEY



The Elkin & Alleghany Rail-Trail includes two crossings over Big Elkin Creek (see *Trail 48*, page 167).

American Tobacco Trail

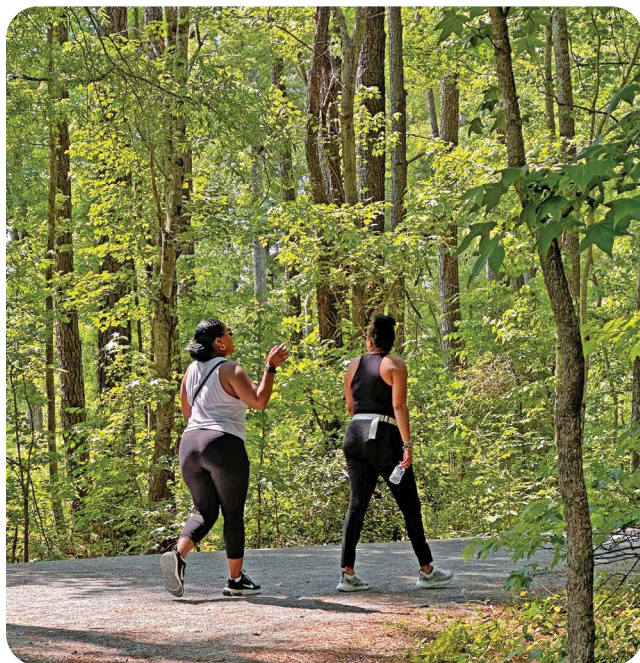


American Tobacco Trail

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Spanning more than 22 miles, the American Tobacco Trail is one of the longest greenways in North Carolina and one of the most heavily used, connecting Durham with its southern suburbs and extending to the more rural and wooded exurbs of Chatham and Wake Counties. As the population of the Research Triangle region expands, new housing developments and amenities are being built with direct access to the trail as a feature. For much of its route, the trail offers a wide, low-grade, tree-lined corridor. Steeped in local history and intrinsically linked with its namesake, the American Tobacco Company (founded by James B. Duke, an inescapable name in the state's history), the trail is well maintained and offers access to amenities throughout its length.

The trail follows a rail line built to service the American Tobacco Company's Lucky Strike production facilities in Durham. After the closure of the Lucky Strike factory in the late 1980s, the rail corridor fell into disuse. It was used



JOE LACROIX

The trail journeys from Durham through its southern suburbs and into rural Chatham and Wake Counties.

Counties

Chatham,
Durham, Wake

Endpoints

New Hill–Olive
Chapel Road,
0.6 mile south of
Tody Goodwin
Road (Apex);
Durham Bulls
Athletic Park at
Morehead Ave.
and Blackwell St.
(Durham)

Mileage

22.2

Type

Rail-Trail

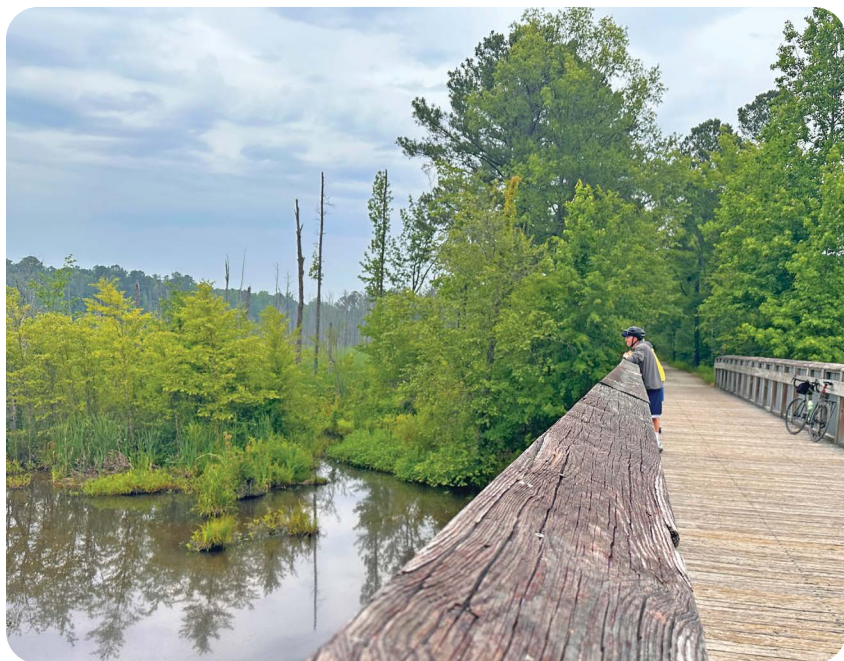
Roughness

Rating

1

Surface

Asphalt, Crushed
Stone



JOE LACROIX

Relish views of a beautiful wetland area from the Beaver Creek Rail-Trail Bridge.

informally as a trail by locals before the Triangle Rails to Trails Conservancy was formed to help facilitate the formal development of the trail; the North Carolina Department of Transportation began purchasing segments of the corridor and leasing the land to the three managing counties in the 1990s. The trail is now an integral resource for the local communities, both for recreation and transportation.

Beginning from the southern trailhead on New Hill—Olive Chapel Road, west of Apex in Wake County, the trail offers a 12-foot-wide, crushed-stone surface nestled in a heavily wooded environment suitable for bikes of all types, equestrians, and pedestrians. This portion of the trail does have some mild grades that may make wheelchair accessibility difficult. After 0.8 mile, you'll reach the Beaver Creek Rail-Trail Bridge, a picturesque boardwalk highlighting the beautiful wetlands of the area and a great place to stop and observe the scenery and wildlife. Along the length of the trail, keen eyes may be able to spot a number of old tobacco barns, which were used by local farmers to cure crops before sending them along the railway for processing.

After traveling 3.1 miles from the bridge, you'll find a connection to the 7-mile White Oak Creek Greenway (see page 221), which gives Cary residents access to the American Tobacco Trail. Trail users needing accessible facilities are advised to begin their journey at the New Hope Church Road Trailhead Park

in Cary, 3.8 miles north of the juncture with the White Oak Creek Greenway. It has ample parking, water, and year-round restroom facilities.

From the New Hope Church Road Trailhead Park, continue north 4.4 miles to C.M. Herndon Park, which offers a plethora of athletic facilities, as well as a playground, picnic tables, restrooms, and drinking water. In another 2.7 miles, you'll reach The Streets of Southpoint, a lively mall with a movie theater, restaurants, and stores.

At Scott King Road, around mile marker 14 (markers count up from Durham as you head south), the trail offers a side-by-side dual surface—10 feet of paved asphalt beside 6 feet of stone-dust shoulder—to accommodate all types of users. The crushed-stone surface ends 10 miles south of Durham—and equestrians are advised not to attempt those final 10 miles. As you near the Durham city limits, the environment becomes increasingly urbanized, with more road crossings and shorter straightaways. A highlight of this northern section of trail is the impressive bridge spanning I-40, which was completed in 2014 and serves as a vital connection between two previously disjointed sections of the trail.

The trail ends in downtown Durham, just south of the old American Tobacco Factory, which has been repurposed as a mixed-use development with offices, living spaces, shops, restaurants, and community amenities such as basketball courts and a concert green—a truly lovely space to end your journey and get a taste of a revitalized section of the city.

CONTACT: triangletrails.org/american-tobacco-trail, dprplaymore.org/263/american-tobacco-trail, and rtc.li/wake-county

PARKING

Parking areas are listed from south to north. Select parking areas are listed below; for a detailed list of parking areas and other waypoints, consult **TrailLink™**. **Indicates that at least one accessible parking space is available.*

APEX*: New Hill Parking Area, 1309 New Hill—Olive Chapel Road (35.7152, -78.9436); unpaved lot that is large enough for equestrian trailers to negotiate.

CARY*: New Hope Church Road Trailhead Park, 2575 New Hope Church Road; 100 parking spaces (35.8171, -78.9265).

DURHAM*: The Streets of Southpoint, 6910 Fayetteville Road (35.9058, -78.9453).

DURHAM*: Solite Park, 4704 Fayetteville Road (35.9355, -78.9107).

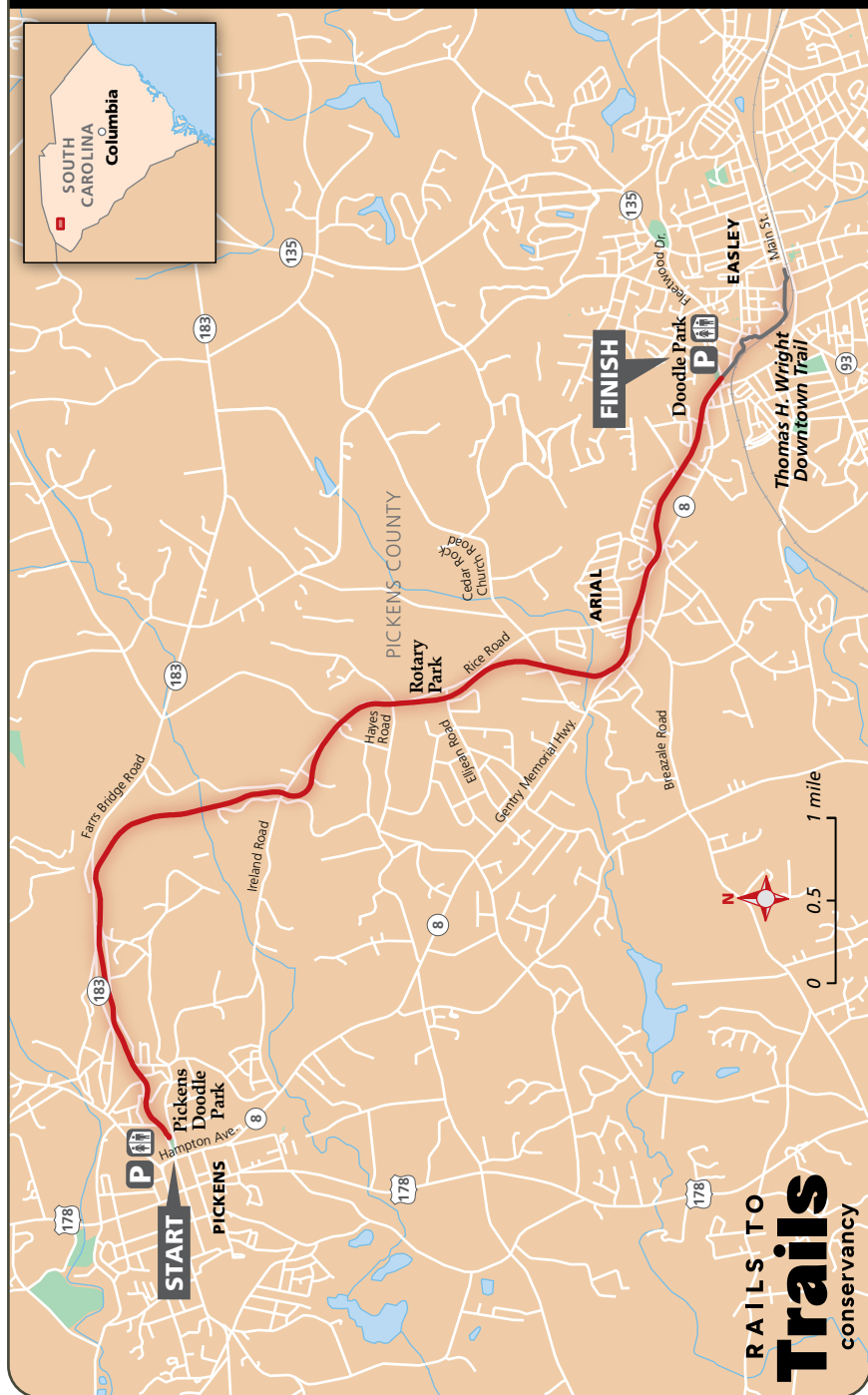


SOUTH CAROLINA

JENION TYSON

The West Ashley Bikeway provides a tree-canopied route connecting several western Charleston neighborhoods (*see Trail 78, page 269*).

Doodle Rail Trail



Doodle Rail Trail

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The Doodle Rail Trail connects the towns of Pickens and Easley in the northwest corner of South Carolina. The paved trail follows a former railbed for 8.5 miles and includes two wooden bridges. The railway began passenger and freight service in 1898 and was called the “Doodle” because it ran backwards like a doodlebug between Pickens and Easley due to its inability to turn around.

The Pickens trailhead is located at Pickens Doodle Park with amenities evoking the area’s railroading history, including a building and shelter styled like a train depot, brightly colored murals of the train, and an actual engine and car that once ran the Doodle line.

From there, you will find that the landscape shifts as the trail meanders; sometimes the path runs right alongside a road, while at other times it’s tucked behind the trees. Single-family homes give way to thickly wooded corridors and lush rolling pastures where cattle languidly pass the time. Remnants of the Upstate’s industrial past are also apparent in the shuttered plants. Painted on the asphalt are 0.1-mile markers to help you track your progress.



YVONNE MWANGI

Discover a train engine and railcar at Pickens Doodle Park.

County
Pickens

Endpoints
Railroad St.,
350 feet east of
Hampton Ave.
(Pickens); Main
St. and S. First
St. (Easley)

Mileage
8.5

Type
Rail-Trail

**Roughness
Rating**
1

Surface
Asphalt

At about the halfway mark (near Eljean Road), you will come upon a hidden gem—Rotary Park—which was jointly erected by the Rotary Clubs of Pickens and Easley. The small, semicircular space is nestled between the trees and provides seating, a bike repair station, a trail map, and bike parking. If you pause to take in the serenity of the park, you may hear the sounds of birds chirping, leaves rustling, and squirrels and bunnies scurrying in the brush.

While the route does have an abundance of road crossings, they are well marked with striping, tactile paving, and stop signs for trail users. Even if the road seems fairly empty, do not be tempted to rush across; visibility is sometimes poor, and a car may appear without much warning.

After 8.5 miles navigating the trail's gradual inclines, you will appreciate the sight of Easley's Doodle Park as you emerge onto Fleetwood Drive. Like its counterpart in Pickens, this park also features train cars as decoration. These are also functional, however, with one of them housing the park's restrooms. From the park, you can also pick up the roughly 1-mile Thomas H. Wright Downtown Trail Connector; to access the connector trail, cross busy Fleetwood Drive, then meander through neighborhoods and the local cemetery (a steep section of the route) before emerging into downtown Easley, which boasts a wide range of restaurants.

CONTACT: cityofpickens.com and cityofeasley.com

PARKING

Parking areas are listed from west to east. Street parking is also available in downtown Easley. **Indicates that at least one accessible parking space is available.*

PICKENS*: Pickens Doodle Park, 124 Railroad St. (34.8838, -82.7018).

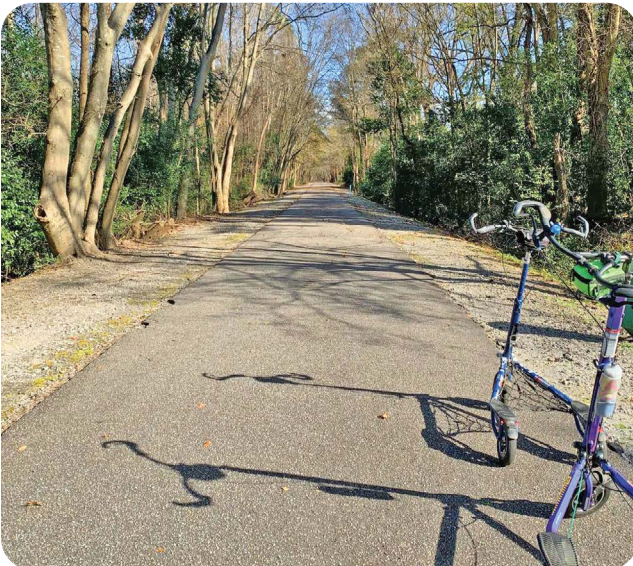
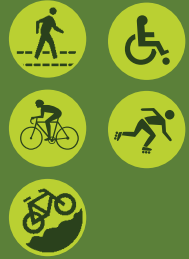
EASLEY*: Doodle Park, 514 Fleetwood Dr. (34.8359, -82.6174).

Florence Rail Trail

The Florence Rail Trail lies on a former railway used during the Civil War. Today, the popular trail acts as an important community connector within Florence—a city striving to connect conservation areas to parks, neighborhoods, and urban street trails to encourage exercise and interaction with nature. The rail-trail serves as a transportation alternative to access restaurants, retail establishments, hotels, the local high school, and residential neighborhoods. Pine and sweet gum trees line the trail throughout this urban forest, their thick canopy providing respite from the hot summer sun.

In 2003, the South Carolina Governor's Council on Physical Fitness recognized the Florence Rail Trail Committee with a community award for its work on the well-loved trail. Local individuals and groups of walkers, runners, cyclists, and in-line skaters flock here for their daily fitness routines, and visitors are welcome to join them.

The rail-trail connects to a network of urban connector trails as well. Leaving west from Ebenezer Park is the Live Oak Connector, which uses sidewalks on Pine Needles Road to connect to a popular trail in the Live Oak neighborhood.



TRAILLINK USER SUSAN CNETT

The Florence Rail Trail is lined with pines, sweet gums, and honeysuckle.

County
Florence

Endpoints
Old Ebenezer Road, 480 feet north of Harvard Way; SC S-21-13/Hoffmeyer Road and N. Beltline Dr. (Florence)

Mileage
3.2

Type
Rail-Trail

Roughness Rating
1-2

Surface
Asphalt, Boardwalk, Dirt

Florence Rail Trail



Another connection at Trade Court uses sidewalks to lead to the city's Florence Veterans Park and the Florence Center—a convention, entertainment, and exhibition facility. A much-anticipated future extension will travel to the 80-acre Florence Soccer Complex, located about a mile southwest of Ebenezer Park.

Replica railroad crossing gates mark the rail-trail's western endpoint and trailhead just east of Ebenezer Park. In the park, you'll find restrooms, drinking fountains, and parking, as well as picnic tables, shelters, a playground, and sports fields. From the park, the trail continues past pines, sweet gums, honeysuckle, and grape vines that attract birds and other wildlife.

After traveling 1.4 miles from Ebenezer Park, you'll reach a spur on the right leading to an outdoors outfitter and a bicycle shop. Just after the spur, a bridge carries the trail over Jeffries Creek and marks a drastic change in surfaces, from asphalt to a mix of dirt and boardwalk over wetlands. The wooded trail continues east to cut through the grounds of McLeod Family Medicine Health & Fitness. Stroll the fitness center's half mile of packed-dirt trails, spurs, and boardwalks over small streams before rejoining the rail-trail at Trade Court. From Trade Court, head 0.9 mile behind a shopping complex to the trail's eastern terminus at Hoffmeyer Road.

CONTACT: cityofflorence.com/city-florence-trail-system and scgreatoutdoors.com/park-florencerailtrail.html

PARKING

Parking areas are located within Florence and are listed from west to east.

**Indicates that at least one accessible parking space is available.*

EBENEZER PARK: Old Ebenezer Road, 480 feet north of Harvard Way (34.1765, -79.8493); gravel lot.

NATURALLY OUTDOORS OUTFITTERS AND PHIL'S BICYCLE WORLD*: 2519 W. Palmetto St. (34.1811, -79.8219).

MCLEOD FAMILY MEDICINE HEALTH & FITNESS*: 2437 Willwood Dr. (34.1866, -79.8188); parking available at the front of the fitness center.



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