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#### **BAKER CREEK STATE PARK**

#### Mountain Bike Trail



Trail at a Glance - 🕅 💞

LENGTH: Up to 10 miles of connecting loops

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

**TRAILHEAD:** 33.88034, -82.36470 **SURFACE:** Natural, rugged in places,

tricky to follow

FEES: State park entrance fee

PETS PERMITTED: Yes

RESTROOMS: Yes, at the park visitor center

The light reflecting off a fleck of mica or a glint of pyrite in the bed of Baker Creek might catch your attention as you pedal past on the Mountain Bike Trail. Steep and leafy, the yellow-blazed trail beckons you downhill and deeper into the forested hills surrounding the creek, which makes its final splash into the placid waters of Lake Thurmond. As Baker Creek flows through the hilly landscape, it carries stories with it of days past when these hills were alive with men prospecting with picks and shovels.

#### Wild Mint Trail



Trail at a Glance - 🕅

LENGTH: 0.7 mile loop

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

**TRAILHEAD:** 33.88034, -82.36470 **SURFACE:** Natural, rugged in places

FEES: State park entrance fee

**PETS PERMITTED: Yes** 

RESTROOMS: Yes, at the campground

Studded with the brilliant white blossoms of dogwood each spring, the hillsides of Baker Creek State Park stand out in their

new cloak of spring green as the leaves emerge on the forests blanketing the slopes. In its spring finery, the Wild Mint Trail at Baker Creek State Park is a delight to walk, a fine introduction to the oak-hickory forest topping these rugged hills. The views across the lake make this 0.7-mile hike worthwhile.



#### **CALHOUN FALLS STATE PARK**

#### Cedar Bluff Trail 13



Trail at a Glance - 🏌

**LENGTH:** 1.5 mile loop **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

**TRAILHEAD:** 34.10798, -82.62623 **SURFACE:** Natural, rugged in places **FEES:** State park entrance fee

**PETS PERMITTED:** Yes

RESTROOMS: Yes, at the day use area

This loop trail begins at a high point where puffy deer moss sits in clusters on a base of pine straw amid a forest of pines and cedars. It is a quiet place, the swoop of the footpath curving down into a deciduous forest where a cove of Lake Russell is visible. Humidity nourishes the rampant growth of mosses and lichens on tree trunks, and the ooze of fungi from rotting logs. Yellow buckeye tosses its blooms in the breeze.

Deer moss on the Cedar Bluff Trail



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# Trail at a Glance - 🏌 🏌

**LENGTH:** 0.25 mile linear **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

TRAILHEAD: 34.10042, -82.61947 (park store), 34.10798, -82.62623 (campground) SURFACE: Natural with numerous bridges

and steps

FEES: State park entrance fee

**PETS PERMITTED:** Yes

RESTROOMS: Yes, at the camp store and in

the campground

Although the Mariners Nature Trail is a very short walk, it provides unique perspectives on Lake Russell and the forest sloping down to meet its waters. Now, the placid waters of the lake stretch nearly 27,000 acres across a once fertile valley. As the trail drops down the bluffs via a series of stairways to lake level, it affords scenic views across coves in the lake.

Small details on the forest floor





#### HAMILTON BRANCH STATE PARK

#### Hamilton Branch Connector G





Trail at a Glance - // 💜 o া

LENGTH: 0.3 miles one way

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 33,75128, -82,19700 SURFACE: Paved service road FEES: Park entry fee

**PETS PERMITTED:** Yes **RESTROOMS:** Yes

This short section of trail is just a connector to a much longer trail, the Stevens Creek Trail, which follows Stevens Creek.

#### Hamilton Branch Paleo Trail 3





Trail at a Glance - 🕅 🧭 👬

LENGTH: 1.5 mile loop **DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 33.75205, -82.21109

**SURFACE:** Natural FEES: Park entry fee PETS PERMITTED: Yes RESTROOMS: Yes

Enjoy the scenic view of this short hiking trail. Following the trail markers on the trees (white signs with black arrows), you will wander up and down through a thick forest of pines and hardwoods. Take a second to stop and enjoy the beautiful landscape and ravines formed over time by heavy rainfall. All through this area you may encounter a variety of birds, snakes, and other wildlife such as white tail deer, raccoon and fox squirrels. You may also be lucky enough to sight a bald eagle that nests in this area as you make your way back to the Gift Shop.



# HICKORY KNOB RESORT STATE PARK

#### Beaver Run Trail O



Trail at a Glance - 🕅 💞 🔊

LENGTH: 2.5 miles DIFFICULTY: Easy

TRAILHEAD: 33.87888, -82.43176 (at lodge), 33.89198, -82.42191 (at skeet range)
SURFACE: Natural, optimized for

mountain bikes

FEES: None

PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** At the main visitor center at the Hickory Knob Lodge

The most gentle of the park's trails, the 2.3-mile Beaver Run Trail provides an easy mountain bike ride for beginners. It's the perfect setting for a jog, an early morning run, or a meditative walk, providing an immersion in the natural history of South Carolina's Piedmont. As the trail dips down to the edge of Strom Thurmond Lake, it enters leafy stretches of floodplain forest, where red maple, sweetgum, and tupelo dominate.

#### Lakeview Trail Output Description:



Trail at a Glance - 🕅 🧭

LENGTH: 7.2 miles
DIFFICULTY: Difficult

TRAILHEAD: 33.88240, -82.41377 SURFACE: Natural, optimized for

mountain bikes **FEES**: None

PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** At the main visitor center at the Hickory Knob Lodge

For mountain bikers, the 6.7-mile Lakeview Trail provides a balance of technical challenges with scenery unsurpassed on

any of the region's rides. This single track roller-coaster of a trail showcases scenic views above and along the shoreline of Strom Thurmond Lake in Hickory Knob Resort State Park. The tricky pedaling on this trail is well worth the experience. From promontories on the hillsides, there are panoramas of the massive lake below.

#### Turkey Ridge Trail 0



Trail at a Glance - 🕅 💞

LENGTH: 1.7 miles
DIFFICULTY: Moderate

**TRAILHEAD:** 33.88262, -82.41348 **SURFACE:** Natural, optimized for

mountain bikes FEES: None

**PETS PERMITTED:** Yes

**RESTROOMS:** At the main visitor center at

the Hickory Knob Lodge

The Turkey Ridge Trail at Hickory Knob Resort State Park is a short loop, which means when cyclists stay away, hikers can play. This walk in the woods offers steep ups and downs and switchbacks as it traverses the oak-hickory forest so common in the uplands of the South Carolina Piedmont. Splashing across a couple of streams is required to complete the loop. When the trail is dry and open for cycling, it provides a moderately technical challenge.

Rain lily on the Lakeview Trail





# JOE R. ADAIR OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER (3)



Trail at a Glance - 🕅 💞

LENGTH: 2.4 mile network

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.49188, -82.04340 SURFACE: Natural, boardwalk FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** No

The Joe R. Adair Outdoor Education Center is a special place in Laurens County—complete with a restored 1800's log cabin, man-made waterfall and bird sanctuary, hiking trails, a Native American village, butterfly garden, a handicap accessible garden and a state-of-the-art education building. The Adair Center is a wonderland of learning for children and adults alike.



# LAKE GREENWOOD NATURE TRAIL O



Trail at a Glance - 🕅

LENGTH: 0.7 mile loop DIFFICULTY: Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.19686, -81.95248

**SURFACE:** Natural

FEES: State park entrance fee

**PETS PERMITTED:** Yes

RESTROOMS: Yes, at the campground

Beneath the deep shade of oaks and hickories, this trail descends down to a cove along the lake's edge before climbing up to the crest of a peninsula that juts out into Lake Greenwood. From this vantage point, the outline of the lake is visible in three directions. Fallen pines bear testament to the ravages of the Southern pine bark beetle through the region. But nature fills in the gaps, with young trees racing to create a new canopy.



# LAURENS COUNTY BICYCLE TRAIL ©



Trail at a Glance - 🕫 🔊

LENGTH: 70 mile loop

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

**TRAILHEAD:** 34.679536, -82.187459

SURFACE: Paved FEES: None

PETS PERMITTED: No RESTROOMS: None

The primary loop connects Fountain Inn, Owings, Gray Court, Laurens and Clinton; then returns to Fountain Inn via routes in northeastern Laurens County. Riders can begin at any point along the loop.

A cyclist enjoying the smooth ride along the paved trail





# LAURENS COUNTY PARK NATURE TRAIL (1)



Trail at a Glance - 🏌

**LENGTH:** 0.7 mile loop **DIFFICULTY:** Easy

**TRAILHEAD:** 34.50199, -81.95072 **SURFACE:** Unpaved, partially graded

FEES: None

PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** Yes, adjoining the playground

A worn path leads to a forested hillside above the pond. Continuing down to an earthen dam and across it, the path provides a prime spot for watching turtles paddle through the waters. This trail then meanders beneath the oaks and hickories down to the boundary of the park, the burbling brook, where the crayfish huddle on the sand and gravel bottom, pondering their next meal.

Crawfish in the creek





#### LITTLE RIVER TRAIL 0







Trail at a Glance - 🕏 💞 👬

LENGTH: 1.1 miles linear **DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.49870, -82.00857

SURFACE: Paved, wheelchair accessible

FEES: None

PETS PERMITTED: Yes

RESTROOMS: Yes, at Little River Park

With the Little River flowing right through the middle of this historic town—established as the county seat in 1785—Laurens had a ready-made corridor for public enjoyment. With the help of landscape designer William Moss, a linear park emerged along this tributary of the Saluda River. This trail takes a meandering route through downtown Laurens, where it is a magnet for families. Each segment of the trail provides a different perspective of the river as it winds its way south.

Open air stage and seating area along the Little River Trail





# **BATTLE OF MUSGROVE** MILL STATE HISTORIC SITE

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Trail at a Glance - 🏌 🎁

LENGTH: 1.5 miles linear

**DIFFICULTY: Easy** 

TRAILHEAD: 34.35540. -81.51256

SURFACE: Unpayed

FEES: None

PETS PERMITTED: Dogs on leashes less than 6 feet are allowed

RESTROOMS: At the Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site Visitors Center

This trail begins on the ADA boardwalk, which leads to the overlook at Horseshoe Falls. The trail leaves the overlook and goes out to the battlefield area. Along the way are interpretive waysides that explain the American Revolutionary War battle of Musgrove Mill which occurred on August 19, 1780. This trail has changes in elevation and areas that are not shaded. Closed toed shoes and water are necessary.

#### **British Encampment Trail 1**





Trail at a Glance - 🏌 📫

LENGTH: 1 mile linear **DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.35540, -81.51140

SURFACE: Unpaved

FEES: None

PETS PERMITTED: Dogs on leashes less

than 6 feet are allowed

RESTROOMS: At the Battle of Musgrove Mill

State Historic Site Visitors Center

This easy, one-mile loop starts in the parking lot and runs along the Enoree River much of the way. The trail has interpretive waysides that educate about the homestead of the Musgrove family, the British Encampment in the summer of 1780, 18th century transportation, and the gristmill that was located on the river.



### **NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION**

#### Ed's Trail (1)





Trail at a Glance - 🏌 🎢

LENGTH: Loops of 0.6 miles to 2.9 miles

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 33.76650, -81.90510 SURFACE: Natural on Ed's Trail, gravel

roads elsewhere FEES: None

PETS PERMITTED: No

**RESTROOMS:** At the adjacent NWTF Headquarters and in the picnic pavilion

A walk along Ed's Trail, named for a longtime volunteer and former regional director of National Wild Turkey Federation, provides visitors with an understanding of the ecosystems and trees that blanket the rolling hills of this corner of South Carolina. Ed's Trail is a footpath that meanders through several habitats within sight of the gentle course of a woodland stream. There is a network of additional hiking and nature trails woven throughout the 400-acre complex. Each visit is a new trail, a new adventure.

Outside the National Wild Turkey Foundation headquarters





# **NINETY SIX NATIONAL** HISTORIC SITE

#### Cherokee Path (1)





Trail at a Glance - 🏌 🏌

LENGTH: 1.5 miles one way

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.14555, -82.01853

**SURFACE:** Natural

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes **RESTROOMS:** Yes, at the park visitor center

The Cherokee Path is a 1.5-mile trail from point to point. It was once a direct route for traders and trappers, Native Americans, and settlers to exchange merchandise between the backcountry and the Carolina coast. Today, you can hike the existing Cherokee Path at Ninety Six just as Native Americans and explorers did.

#### Fisherman's Trail (1)





Trail at a Glance - 🏌

LENGTH: 0.9 mile loop **DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.14808, -82.01848

SURFACE: Dirt

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes RESTROOMS: Yes, in visitors' center

The Fisherman's Trail travels around the Star Fort Pond and provides access to the lake at several points.

#### Gouedy Trail **()**



### Trail at a Glance - 🏌 🏌

**LENGTH:** 1.5 mile loop **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

TRAILHEAD: 34.14346, -82.01780

SURFACE: Grass, dirt

FEES: None

**PETS PERMITTED:** Yes

**RESTROOMS:** Yes, at the park visitor center

The Gouedy Trail is a 1.5-mile loop that leads you to areas such as Robert Gouedy's trading post, James Gouedy's grave site, and Ninety Six Creek.

#### Historical Trail (



### Trail at a Glance - 🏌 👬

LENGTH: 1 mile loop DIFFICULTY: Easy

**TRAILHEAD:** 34.147514, -82.023187 **SURFACE:** Paved, with hills and bridges

Wheelchair accessible

FEES: No

PETS PERMITTED: Yes, if leashed

RESTROOMS: Portable toilet at trailhead

May only be seasonally available

At the Ninety Six National Historic Site, the paved Historical Trail provides station-by-station interpretation of this important crossroads in American history. This gentle pathway leads into the Star Fort, which is still intact. It connects with the paths that the Cherokee and the Redcoats once walked, and connects the dots between each of the interpretive stations that tell the full story of the Siege of Ninety Six.

#### Star Fort Pond **()**



# Trail at a Glance - 🕅 💞

**LENGTH:** 1.7 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.14612, -82.00637 SURFACE: Natural, Muddy in places

FEES: No

PETS PERMITTED: Yes

RESTROOMS: Portable toilet at trailhead

May only be seasonally available

From the shade of the forested shoreline, watch for turtles sunning on fallen logs. Songbirds flit between stands of native bamboo that line a stagnant channel in the floodplain forest. Great blue herons stalk the shallows, looking for an easy meal. Along the route, the cool shade of a picnic shelter beckons, a place to sit and ponder the passage of time and the changes brought to this landscape along the ancient Cherokee Path.



#### **PALMETTO TRAIL**

#### Enoree Passage (1)



Trail at a Glance - 🕅 💞

**LENGTH:** 36 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

TRAILHEAD: 34.52773, -81.72887

SURFACE: Natural

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** Yes

Enoree Passage is 36 continuous trail miles through Sumter National Forest, linking Newberry, Laurens, and Union counties. The southern trailhead is located at the end of Forest Service Road 379 (Chandler Road) off Old Whitmire Road (SR 81). This moderately-easy section of the Palmetto Trail winds through pine ridges and hardwood bottomlands, and crosses two major creeks and three small lakes. This forest area is home to a variety of wildlife such as white-tailed deer, wild turkeys, and many species of songbirds.

A view of Parsons Mountain, one of many hiking and biking destinations





### **ROCK CREEK (1)**



Trail <mark>at a Glance - 🏌 🏌</mark>

LENGTH: 0.9 miles one way

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

**TRAILHEAD:** 34.22096, -82.16505

SURFACE: Dirt, rock

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

RESTROOMS: No

This hiking trail runs through the woods along a small creek in the suburbs of Greenwood, SC. Follow the wooden posts along the row of pine trees, pass between the two posts at the end of the lawn, and descend the grassy slope.

Dwarf cinquefoils can be commonly found in the area.





# SAVANNAH VALLEY RAILROAD TRAIL O



Trail at a Glance - 🕅 💞

**LENGTH:** 9.35 miles linear (complete) 2.5 miles of trail is on Huguenot Highway (paved)

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

**TRAILHEAD:** 33.92296, -82.34205 (Brown Trailhead); 33.92307, -82.37315 (Badwell Cemetery); 33.97102, -82.46700

(Willington)

**ACCESS POINTS:** 33.92231, -82.41237 (Huguenot Parkway); 33.92818, -82.42214 (SC 7); 33.97102, -82.46700 (Willington)

**SURFACE:** Hardpacked former railroad bed most suitable for hikers and fat-tire bicycles

FEES: None

**PETS PERMITTED:** Yes (no horses or motor vehicles) **RESTROOMS:** At Willington Historical Center

The Savannah Valley Railroad Trail leads visitors past historic sites along a well-graded former rail line, making this the most comfortable bicycle route in the region. The trail is deeply shaded for most of its route and easy for hikers and fat-tire cyclists to follow. The history it touches makes the experience especially enjoyable. Watch for the ancient posts and mile markers all along the trail.



# STEVENS CREEK HERITAGE PRESERVE •



Trail at a Glance - 🏌

**LENGTH:** 1.9 mile loop **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

**TRAILHEAD:** 33.68551, -82.16267 **SURFACE:** Natural, rugged and rocky in

places FEES: None

PETS PERMITTED: Yes RESTROOMS: None

On the descent from the trailhead, it's hard to envision the magic that Stevens Creek Heritage Preserve promises. But as the plunge downhill accelerates, there is a shift in the air. Literally. Cool breezes sweep down the waterways, which merge at a point where the loop begins, which is where fifteen rare and several endangered plant species call these cool sheltered spaces home. Access to the trail is possible from Hamilton Branch State Park.

Ferns dominate the growth along the streams





#### SUMTER NATIONAL FOREST

#### Forks Area Trail System O



Trail at a Glance - 🕅 💞

**LENGTH:** 37 miles in six loops **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

TRAILHEAD: 33.60847, -82.07963 SURFACE: Natural, rugged in places,

tricky to follow **FEES:** None

PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** Yes, at the park visitor center

A brisk ride down the shared trail leading to where all six trails splinter off into the woods becomes a gentle introduction to the terrain ahead, the route deeply shaded by deciduous forest. Little whoop-de-doos start right away, with a few rocks and roots for good measure. But no worries. The trail is well worn, so you can keep your eyes on what's coming up.

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Trail at a Glance - 🕅 💞

LENGTH: 5.7 miles

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

**TRAILHEAD:** 33.72630, -82.03950

(Lick Fork Lake) or

33.713906, -82.030232 (FR 634) **SURFACE:** Natural, optimized for mountain biking

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FEES: Recreation Area fee if accessed from

the Lick Fork Lake trailhead

PETS PERMITTED: Yes

RESTROOMS: At Lick Fork Lake

Recreation Area (fee)

At the top of a ridge on the Horn Creek Trail, the panorama of the Piedmont stretches out below. Its gentle folds and forests cover the footfalls of settlers long past. One of the region's most scenic mountain bike trails, the Horn Creek Trail alternates between gentle hills and steep pitches. It's worth the occasional dismount to take in the scenery of Piedmont azalea and mountain laurel that line the steep banks of Lick Fork Creek.

#### Lick Fork Trail 6



Trail at a Glance - 1 000

LENGTH: 1.8 mile loop **DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 33.72630, -82.03950

SURFACE: Natural, includes rock hopping

across streams

FEES: Recreation Area fee if accessed from

the Lick Fork Lake trailhead

PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** At Lick Fork Lake

Recreation Area (fee)

Framed by azaleas in bloom, Lick Fork Lake sparkles with beauty. Trapped between steep hills, it's a place for families to picnic, anglers to cast a line, and Canadian geese to raise their young. Turtles find sunny spots to warm themselves. Hikers find Lick Fork Trail, a 1.8-mile loop, reminiscent of a walk at higher elevations. Along the footpath, wildflowers delight. Dwarf cinquefoil paints yellow dots across the forest floor, and rain lilies cluster along rocky ledges.

#### Long Cane Horse Trail 1





Trail at a Glance - 🕅 💞 🔊

LENGTH: Up to a 26.7 mile loop

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

TRAILHEAD: 34.09455, -82.28739 (Fell Camp), 34.170071, -82.278958

(Beulah Church Rd)

SURFACE: Natural singletrack, shared with

equestrians and hikers

FEES: Recreation Area fee for day use parking at Fell Camp

**PETS PERMITTED:** Yes **RESTROOMS:** At Fell Camp

This multi-use loop trail is a favorite for mountain bikers to tackle some distance riding in the woods. The 655-acre Long Cane Scenic Area, containing both ancient trees like the state champion shagbark hickory and a significant canebrake thicket of giant cane, forms the center around which the 26.7-mile Long Cane Horse Trail revolves. Shorter loops of 16.7 miles and 15.1 miles are possible.

#### Parson's Mountain Recreation Area U





Trail at a Glance - 🕅 💞 🔊

LENGTH: 4 mile loop **DIFFICULTY: Moderate** 

TRAILHEAD: 34.09778.-82.35730 SURFACE: Natural, mostly clay

FEES: Daily parking fee **PETS PERMITTED:** Yes

**RESTROOMS:** At bath house and

campground

Home to an 800-foot summit, Parson's Mountain Recreation Area offers a moderately difficult loop around Parson's Mountain Lake. The four-mile loop includes woods overflowing with flora such as sparkleberry, redbud, wild ginger, and dogwood. Visitors wanting a tougher hike can take a branch of the trail passing by Civil War-era gold mines on the way to the summit.

#### Stevens Creek / Modoc Trail V



#### Trail at a Glance - 1/1 000

LENGTH: 5.5 miles linear (11 mile round-trip)

**DIFFICULTY:** Difficult

**TRAILHEAD:** 33.72956, -82.18422 **SURFACE:** Natural, optimized for

mountain biking **FEES:** None

PETS PERMITTED: Yes
RESTROOMS: None

The Modoc Trail is one of the most technical mountain bike courses in the region, thanks to the rugged terrain along a stretch of Stevens Creek and the clever trail routing that makes use of the topography. Rock-hopping awaits at each creek crossing. With its combination of beauty and tough terrain, the Modoc Trail is one of the top highlights of this region for mountain bikers. Access to the trail is possible from Hamilton Branch State Park.

#### Turkey Creek Trail W



Trail at a Glance - 🕅 💞

**LENGTH:** 7 miles linear **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

TRAILHEAD: 33.79402, -82.14576

(Key Bridge)

SURFACE: Natural, narrow singletrack

optimized for mountain biking

FEES: None

**PETS PERMITTED:** Yes **RESTROOMS:** None

Starting off in a deeply shaded forest on narrow singletrack that slips through lush greenery, the Turkey Creek Trail provides a great round-trip destination for mountain bikers to put on some speed. Switchbacks, roots, creekside rocks, and logs provide some technical challenges but for the most part, it's an easy, mostly flat ride. Bridges provide crossings of the tributaries that flow into Turkey Creek, including one of the longest wooden bridges in the region. Access to the trail is possible from Hamilton Branch State Park.

#### Wine Creek Trail (2)



Trail at a Glance - 🕅 💞 🔊

**LENGTH:** 5.5 miles linear **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

TRAILHEAD: 33.84130, -82.13294 (SC 283),

33.79402, -82.14576 (Key Bridge) **SURFACE:** Natural, optimized for

mountain biking FEES: None

PETS PERMITTED: Yes RESTROOMS: None

Following the gentle flow of Wine Creek as it winds its way for 5.5 miles through deciduous forests and around pine plantations to feed its waters into Turkey Creek, the Wine Creek Trail provides a shady and scenic ride for mountain bikers and a beautiful walk for hikers, with very little in the way of steep climbs. Several creek crossings mean some rock-hopping. Access to the trail is possible from Hamilton Branch State Park.



#### TEN GOVERNORS TRAIL 🕡





Trail at a Glance - 🏌 💞 🔊 👬

LENGTH: 1 mile linear **DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 33.78169, -81.91976 (Slade Lake) or 33.788447, -81.925257 (Main St) SURFACE: Paved and wheelchair accessible

FEES: None

PETS PERMITTED: Yes **RESTROOMS:** None

A walk or ride along the Ten Governors Trail ensures your acquaintance with all ten of Edgefield's favorite sons. It's a pleasant two-mile round-trip to walk from the start of this trail—adjoining the memorial to Strom Thurmond—to its end in downtown Edgefield at Main Street and back again. The trail starts out as a boardwalk over Slade Lake and then becomes a paved path that curves past historic homes and gubernatorial memorials that paint a picture of public service across three centuries.

Milledge Luke Bonham Memorial on the Ten Governors Trail





#### TOWN OF NINETY SIX TRAIL 🖸





Trail at a Glance - 🏌 💞 👬

LENGTH: 1.4 miles linear

**DIFFICULTY: Easy** 

TRAILHEAD: 34.175119, -82.022911 (parking area at the Ninety Six Visitor Center)

SURFACE: Paved and wheelchair accessible downtown, unpaved but graded elsewhere

FEES: None

**PETS PERMITTED:** Yes

**RESTROOMS:** Yes, at the Ninety Six Visitor

Center, downtown

Trains no longer stop traffic in Ninety Six during the day; they've been rerouted elsewhere. The once-railroad track is now a place for families to take a walk and cyclists to get a little respite from a road ride. This trail is mostly an unimproved path, but hardpacked and easy to ride, leading right through the heart of downtown. Its two ends are at the ends of town, so it's a short route, with the Ninety Six Visitor Center anchoring its center.

East end of the Ninety Six Town Trail



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46 Maintenance Shop Rd., Calhoun Falls, SC 29628	
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302 State Park Rd., Ninety Six, SC 29666	
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# ADDITIONAL WALKING & BIKING

Trails

#### CAMBRIDGE GATEWAY 1



Trail at a Glance - K OFO

LENGTH: 0.8 miles one way

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.19525. -82.18142

SURFACE: Gravel dust

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS: No** 

The Cambridge Gateway Trail is designed for use by pedestrians and bicycles. The trail meanders past oak trees and through a bower of crape myrtles.

#### CROSS HILL TOWN PARK 2





Trail at a Glance - 🏌

LENGTH: 0.4 mile loop

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.31006, -81.98544

SURFACE: Paved, Bridge

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** No

Town of Cross Hill offers a paved walking path. The trail is looped on both ends with a bridge connecting the loops. There are also benches along the way for users to take a break and enjoy the scenery on a nice day.

#### GRACE STREET 0





Trail at a Glance - K OFO

LENGTH: 0.4 miles one way

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.19829, -82.16196 SURFACE: Crushed granite, grass FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS: No.** 

This short eighth-mile long trail was built on a former railroad track. It runs from the intersection of Reynolds Street and Grace Street to East Cambridge Ave. between backyards of houses and businesses. It is a convenient connector between town and Lander University for nearby residents and students. Another entrance to the trail is at Blake Street.

#### **GRACE STREET PARK**





Trail at a Glance - 🏌

LENGTH: 0.4 miles loop **DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.21119. -82.16758

SURFACE: Rock dust

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** Yes

Designed for the people of Greenwood and visitors from everywhere, the park is unique in its history, diversity of landscape and variety of activities offered.

### HERITAGE TRAIL



Trail at a Glance - 🏌 🗐 👬

LENGTH: 2.7 miles **DIFFICULTY: Easy** 

TRAILHEAD: 34.17122, -82.16024

SURFACE: Paved

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** No

This 2.7-mile paved walking/biking trail begins in Uptown Greenwood on Main Street and ends near Florida Avenue. The trail winds through beautiful shaded areas and parts of the medical community.

#### JOANNA PARK (1)



Trail at a Glance - 🏌 🚻

LENGTH: 0.5 mile loop

**DIFFICULTY: Easy** TRAILHEAD: 34.41035, -81.81228

SURFACE: Paved

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

RESTROOMS: No

Enjoy this easy path around the park with your family or fur friend. The park also offers a playground, ball field, basketball court and picnic shelter.

#### LAKE RABON PARK (1)



Trail at a Glance - 🏌 📫

LENGTH: 2.5 mile round trip

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.47802, -82.14662 SURFACE: Paved, Boardwalk, Dirt FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** Yes

This gentle trail is perfect for a family walk! Lake Rabon Park has plenty of outdoor recreation activities in addition to walking. The park provides a boat ramp, fishing, pier, playground and picnic shelters.

#### MAGNOLIA PARK 0



Trail at a Glance - 大神

LENGTH: 0.2 mile loop **DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.18990, -82.15706

SURFACE: Paved

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** Yes

Emma Gaskins Magnolia Park is a lovely and shaded community park that offers a playground area, picnic shelter, restrooms and a short walking path. The kids can play outside while you take a nice stroll and everyone can enjoy lunch at this scenic park.

#### NINETY SIX TOWN PARK 12





Trail at a Glance - 🏌 👬

LENGTH: 0.4 miles **DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.17349, -82.01962

**SURFACE:** Paved

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** Yes

The Town of Ninety Six has a paved walking-only loop trail through a neighborhood park, as well as a playground and picnic area. This makes the town park great for a noontime stroll.

# PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE **MULTI-USE** 6



Trail at a Glance - 🏌 🧭

LENGTH: 1 mile loop **DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.46206, -81.87001

SURFACE: Dirt, Gravel

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** No

This multi-purpose path, located in Clinton, is on the beautiful campus of Presbyterian College (PC). The trail is about a mile in length and can be used by visitors and students/faculty for biking, jogging or simply taking a leisurely stroll and enjoying the fresh air.

# TOWN OF LOWNDESVILLE STATE PARK 6



Trail at a Glance - 🕏 💞

LENGTH: 0.5 mile loop
DIFFICULTY: Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.20923, -82.64888

**SURFACE:** Natural

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** No

The Town of Lowndesville offers residents and visitors alike a wonderful walking trail that loops around a baseball field and a natural area, in a figure eight.

### WEST CAMBRIDGE O



Trail at a Glance - 🕏 💞

LENGTH: 3 miles
DIFFICULTY: Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.20044, -82.17553

SURFACE: Gravel

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

RESTROOMS: No

This 11-acre park offers an open-air pavilion, picnic shelters, benches, playground, public restrooms and a walking/biking trail. West Cambridge trail is part of West Cambridge Park.

#### WEST CAMBRIDGE PARK O





**LENGTH:** 1 mile round trip **DIFFICULTY:** Easy

TRAILHEAD: 34.19458, -82.16883 SURFACE: Paved, rock dust FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

RESTROOMS: Yes

If you want a shorter walk, try this family-friendly 1-mile loop. This trail runs through an abandoned railroad switching yard.

### YOUNG PARK 0



Trail at a Glance - 🏌 👬

LENGTH: 0.7 mile loop

DIFFICULTY: Easy TRAILHEAD: 34.39377, -82.25242

SURFACE: Paved

FEES: None PETS PERMITTED: Yes

**RESTROOMS:** Yes

This walking path is part of Young Park in Ware Shoals. Watch baseball, soccer games or little ones on the playground as you leisurely stroll the 0.7-mile loop.









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