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## HOURS AND RULES

The trail is open every day from dawn to dusk.

Trail is open to pedestrians, bicycles and manual or motorized wheelchairs only.

Horses, automobiles, and off-road vehicles are prohibited.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times.

Hunting, camping, swimming, wading, fires, alcohol and trash dumping are prohibited.

Removal of vegetation or animals from the property is prohibited.

Remain on trail at all times.

## PARTNERS

Catawba Lands Conservancy  
Legacy Shares, LLC  
NC Rail-Trails  
Tarheel Trailblazers  
Lincoln County Family YMCA  
NC Dept. of Environment  
and Natural Resources,  
Adopt-A-Trail Program

# SOUTH FORK RIVER RAIL TRAIL

## WHAT IS THE SOUTH FORK CATAWBA RIVER RAIL TRAIL?

This one-mile trail is a free recreational resource for residents and visitors to Lincoln County. The trail is located within the 324-acre Paul and Agnes Rhyne Conservation Preserve, which Catawba Lands Conservancy permanently protects. Private landowners, the Conservancy and a number of other community partners have worked together to provide the trail so the public can enjoy the outdoors and stunning views of the South Fork Catawba River.

## WHAT CAN I SEE AT THE TRAIL?

Visitors to the trail can experience one of Lincoln County's finest natural areas, including mature floodplain forests along the South Fork Catawba River, a bald cypress swamp, rock outcrops and delicate wildflowers. The preserve also provides important habitat for migratory songbirds and other wildlife species.

## HOW DIFFICULT IS THE TRAIL?

The South Fork River Rail Trail is located along an abandoned railroad corridor, so the trail is relatively flat. However, the surface of the trail is gravel and can be uneven in places, so hikers should wear comfortable walking shoes and use caution.

## WHO CAN ACCESS THE TRAIL?

The trail is open to pedestrians and bicycles. Wheelchairs capable of navigating on gravel can safely access the trail. Horses and motorized vehicles (except wheelchairs) are not permitted on the trail.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Catawba Lands Conservancy is a member-driven, nonprofit land trust that permanently protects land, water and wildlife habitat to enhance your quality of life. Joining the Conservancy as a member is an excellent way to help maintain this trail and enables the Conservancy to open other properties for public access. The Conservancy also can use assistance from volunteers in maintaining the trail, including scout groups interested in projects along the trail. Please contact the Conservancy for more information or to report a problem with the trail.



## Directions to 2677 Laboratory Road

*From Lincolnton, take Aspen Street south, and turn right on N.C. 150 West. Turn left on Southside Church Road, and veer right on Laboratory Road. The trailhead will be on your left.*

*From Business 321 North, turn left onto Southside Road, which turns into South Fork Road. Go straight on South Fork Road until the stop sign at Laboratory Road. Turn right onto Laboratory Road, and cross the South Fork River. The trailhead will be immediately on your right.*



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