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Historical Center.

A half-mile along the tree-lined trail look for the old Coca-Cola building, which bottled soda through the 1950s. In the early 20th century a circus set up tents in the adjacent field, and the rail line was used to transport animals and equipment for a downtown parade. Farther down the trail stand the century-old Panola and Mathews mills, part of the nationwide Abney Mills and Greenwood Mills textile companies. On the west side of the trail, the Grede Foundry used to cast automobile parts and other products. The paved trail ends amid open fields and scattered homes.

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A commemorative brick plaza marks the trailhead. It centers on a turntable once used by railroad workers, two at a time, to manually turn steam locomotives for their return trips. The plaza also has interpretive signs, a pair of passenger cars from the early 1900s and the Railroad



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States: South Carolina

Counties: Greenwood

Length: 2.5miles

Trail end points: South Main St. & Sumpter Crt.
to Florida Avenue nr. Premier Dr.

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline
Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Take I-26 to Exit 54 and head southwest on SC 72 about 30 miles to Cambridge Avenue in Greenwood. Veer right on US Highway 25 Business to Main Street/SC 34. The trailhead is at the intersection of Main and Circular Avenue. Palmetto Bank allows trail users to park in its lot.

