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Guides



**Cape Fear  
River Trail**  
*North Carolina*



## Cape Fear River Trail

North Carolina

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too (overnight stays are permitted, but there is no electricity and only cold showers). The park's trailhead was named in honor of Moses Mathis, known locally as the "Bicycle Man" for his two decades of work running youth enrichment programs, including providing bikes to children in need; a memorial plaque allows visitors the opportunity to learn more about this inspirational person.

The Cape Fear River Trail is part of the East Coast Greenway, a series of urban greenways that will eventually extend from Maine to Key West, Florida.

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At its southern end is Clark Park Nature Center, a recreational gem offering both educational displays and live animals (snakes, turtles, and alligators!). Here, visitors can go on guided walks with rangers and naturalists, stop for a picnic, or simply enjoy the views (including a waterfall). There's a primitive campground,



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**States:** North Carolina

**Counties:** Cumberland

Length: 7.5miles

**Trail end points:** Cape Fear River near the Amtrak crossing to Jordan Soccer Complex (Tree Top Dr.)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Boardwalk

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Fishing, Walking

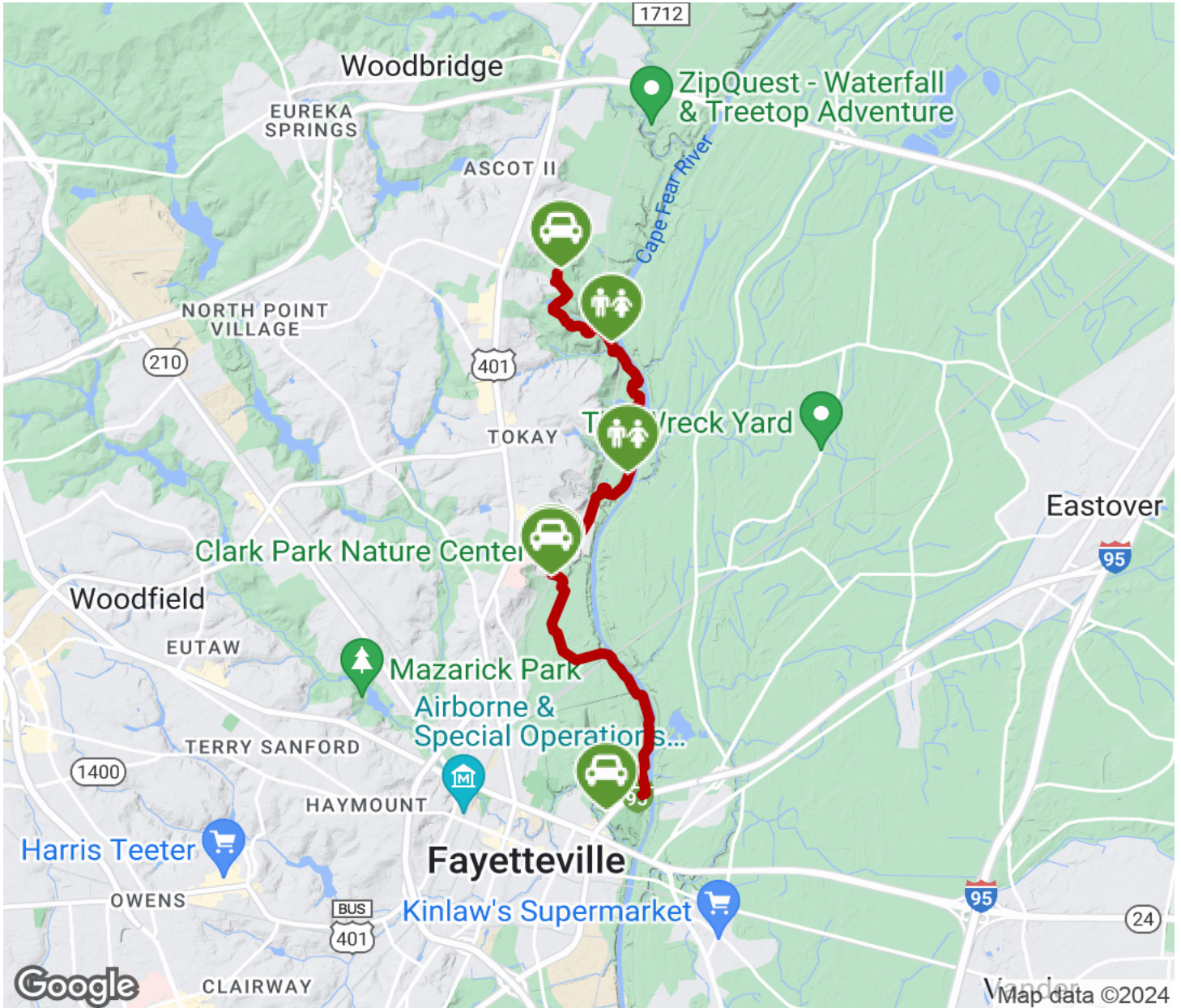
## Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at the southern terminus: Clark Park Nature Center, 631 Sherman Drive, at the end of the road. You can also park at the Jordan Soccer Complex, 445 Tree Top Drive, the northern terminus.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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