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The Three Rivers Greenway occupies most of the waterfront real estate through Columbia, South Carolina. The many segments of the trail run along the Broad, Saluda, and Congaree Rivers. The trail is divided up into the Riverfront Park, Saluda Riverwalk, Cayce/West Columbia Riverwalk and Amphitheater, and Granby Park Segments.

## About the Route

Columbia's 4-mile Riverfront Park segment—the northeastern leg of the greenway's Y—follows the towpath of the historic Columbia Canal. The park is also part of the developing 500-mile Palmetto Trail, South Carolina's

longest pedestrian and bicycle trail. This segment includes a bike-share station, a picnic shelter, overlooks with benches, and views of a canal diversion dam. From the northern endpoint, the trail immediately crosses the canal to a strip of land separating the canal from the Broad River. Shortly thereafter, the trail splits, with one side continuing to follow the canal south and the other side hugging the Broad River. In 0.8 miles, the two reconnect at a stairway. From there, the trail continues 1.5 miles to another crossing of the canal at the park's amphitheater. Across the canal, the trail reaches the Laurel Street parking area and visitor center in 0.2 miles. If you don't cross the canal, the trail continues 0.2 miles south to this segment's southern end.

The 3-mile Saluda Riverwalk, a mix of lighted concrete path and timber boardwalk, comprises the northwestern leg of the Y and follows the Saluda River between I-26 and I-126. From its northernmost parking area on Candi Lane, trail users could head north for just over a mile along the tree-lined waterfront (note that there is no parking at the end of the trail). Alternatively, head south from Candi Lane and follow the riverwalk past the Riverbanks Zoo & Garden in 0.6 miles. In another 0.9 miles, the trail reaches the southern end of this segment with a half-mile loop around the Sanctuary at Boyd Island, a 7-acre oasis featuring metal sculptures, picnic tables, and an observation deck. Plans are in place to connect this riverwalk to the Riverfront Park segment with a bridge.

Along the 8-mile Cayce/West Columbia Riverwalk and Amphitheater segment, trail users can fish for striped bass in the Congaree River, have lunch at the picnic pavilion, learn about the area's history through historical markers, and zigzag through dogwood and oak trees. This segment of the trail leaves off at a parking lot for the riverwalk on Riverside Drive. From there, the route follows the western bank of the river, reaching the West Columbia Riverwalk Park and Amphitheater in 0.6 miles, then enter Cayce in another half mile as you approach the US 321 underpass. Trail users will find restrooms and a drinking fountain in 1.7 miles at H.



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**States:** South Carolina

**Counties:** Richland

Length: 19.4miles

**Trail end points:** Riverfront Park North, 4122

River Dr (Columbia) to Cayce Tennis and

Fitness Center, 1120 Fort Congaree Trail

(Columbia)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating,Fishing,Wheelchair

## Parking & Trail Access

The Three Rivers Greenway runs between Riverfront Park North, 4122 River Dr (Columbia), and Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center, 1120 Fort Congaree Trail (Columbia), both of which offer parking.

Parking is also available at:

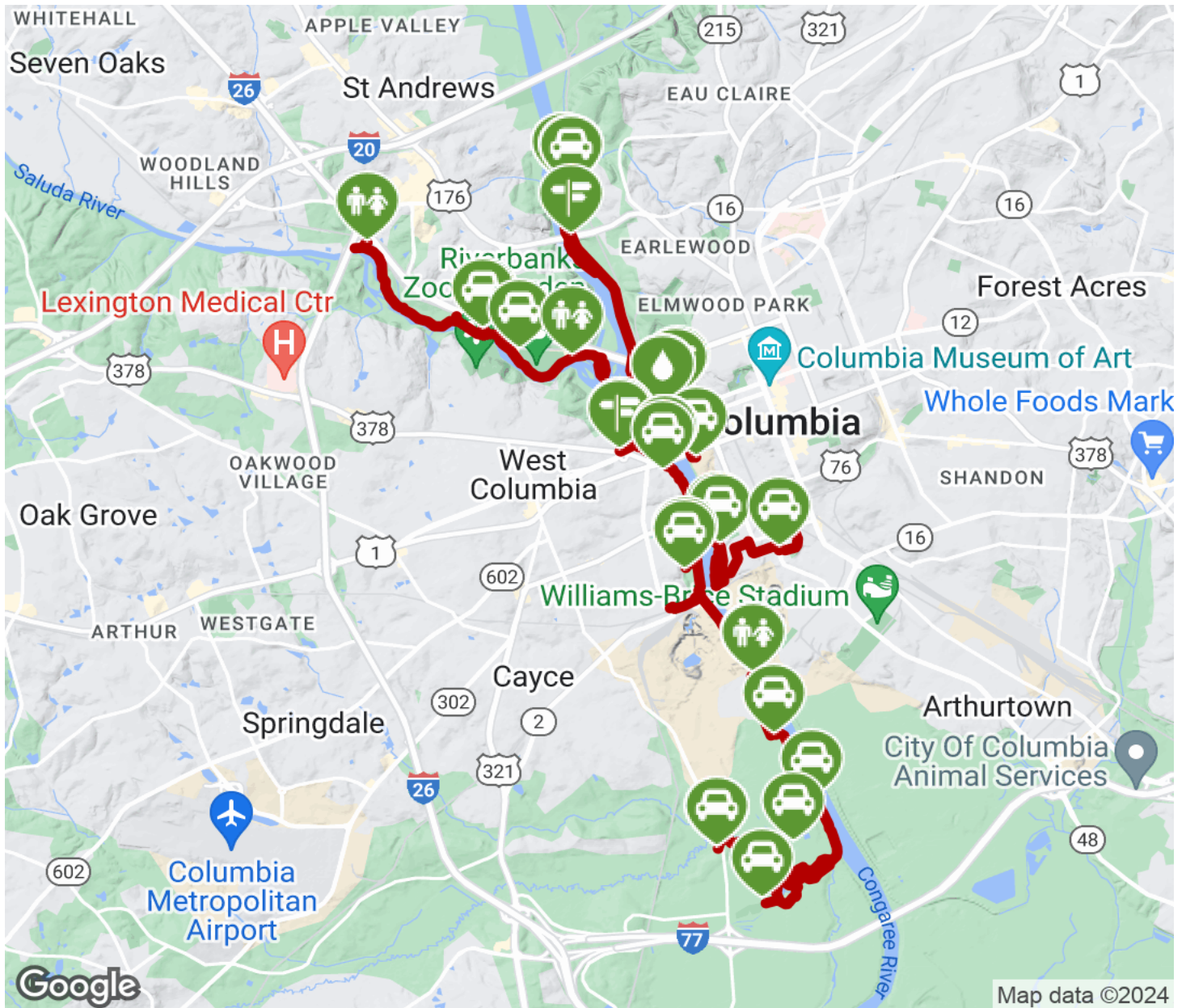
- 650 Candi Ln (Columbia)
- 109 Alexander Rd (West Columbia)
- 2601 Riverland Dr (Cayce)

See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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- Trailhead
- Restroom
- Parking
- Water Fountain
- Tunnel