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Guides



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The Cottonwood Trail also forms an important part of the city's evolving trail network, The Daniel Morgan Trail System (or "The Dan" for short), with more trails and connections planned and underway throughout the community. An excellent spot for recreation, picnicking, and exercise for the whole family, the Cottonwood Trail has a little something for everyone.

A natural-surface trail that runs through the gorgeous Edwin M. Griffin Preserve just outside the center of Spartanburg, the Cottonwood Trail offers a lovely path into the wooded landscape surrounding Lawson's Fork Creek. Signs along the trail provide information about the native trees and foliage - with many examples of the eponymous Cottonwood tree scattered throughout the preserve - and the trail is a hotbed of activity for local wildlife such as wild turkeys and foxes. Chiefly used as a running path or as a means of leisurely hiking through the woods, the trail also provides a convenient connection across residential areas on the outskirts of the city. A variety of shorter spur trails run throughout the preserve, giving you the opportunity to explore more of the natural environment.



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States: South Carolina

Counties: Spartanburg

Length: 1.25miles

Trail end points: Sydnor Rd. to West of Burnett Dr. (Edwin M. Griffin Preserve)

Trail surfaces: Dirt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Walking

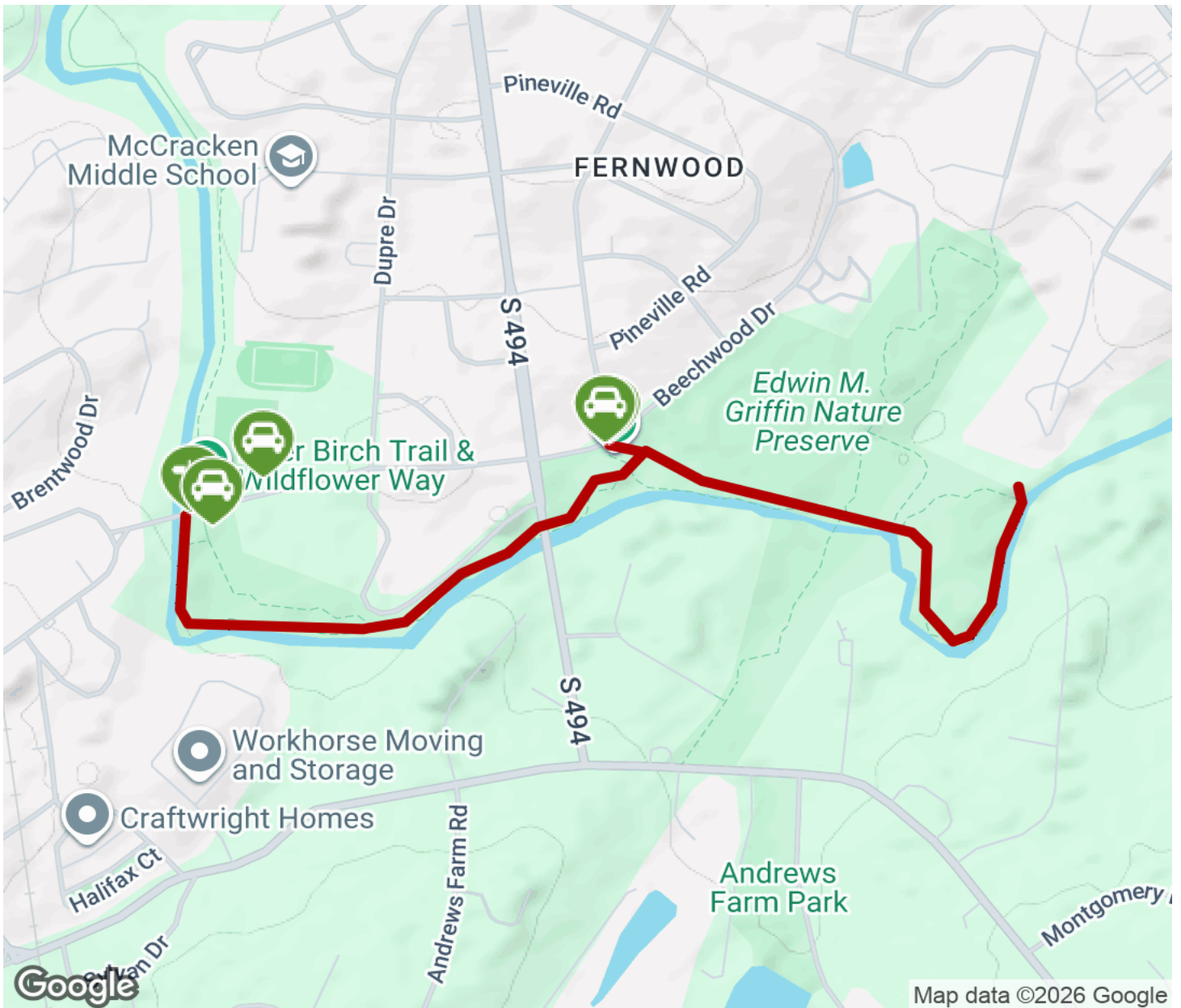
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available off of Sydnor Road at the Spartanburg High School and Fernwood Pool, as well as at the trailhead located on Beechwood Drive just east of Fernwood Drive - both easily accessible by following Fernwood Drive south from E Main Street in Spartanburg.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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