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Guides



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staying above the creek on a raised corridor.

The trail is open to hikers and mountain bikers. The woods and creek are full of wildlife and native South Carolina plants, including the federally endangered dwarf-flowered heartleaf (*Hexastylis naniflora*). When near the creek, keep an eye out for a variety of birds and other animals, including kingfishers, great blue herons, mallards, beavers, and muskrats.

For ease of use, the route is marked with yellow blazes. Parts of the trail are in a floodplain and may be wet during rainy seasons.

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The USC Upstate Passage is part of the Palmetto Conservation trails system, known collectively as the Palmetto Trail. As its name suggests, the USC Upstate Passage begins on the campus of the University of South Carolina Upstate campus at the Rampey Center Trailhead. The 2.2-mile hard packed dirt trail winds through the woods towards Lawson's Fork Creek where the trail forks.

At the fork, the right path heads south as it follows the creek, before going uphill to meet the Hub City Passage near the Milliken Arboretum. The left path heads north,



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States: South Carolina

Counties: Spartanburg

Length: 2.2miles

Trail end points: Rampey Center Trailhead to
Hub City Passage

Trail surfaces: Dirt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Mountain Biking, Walking

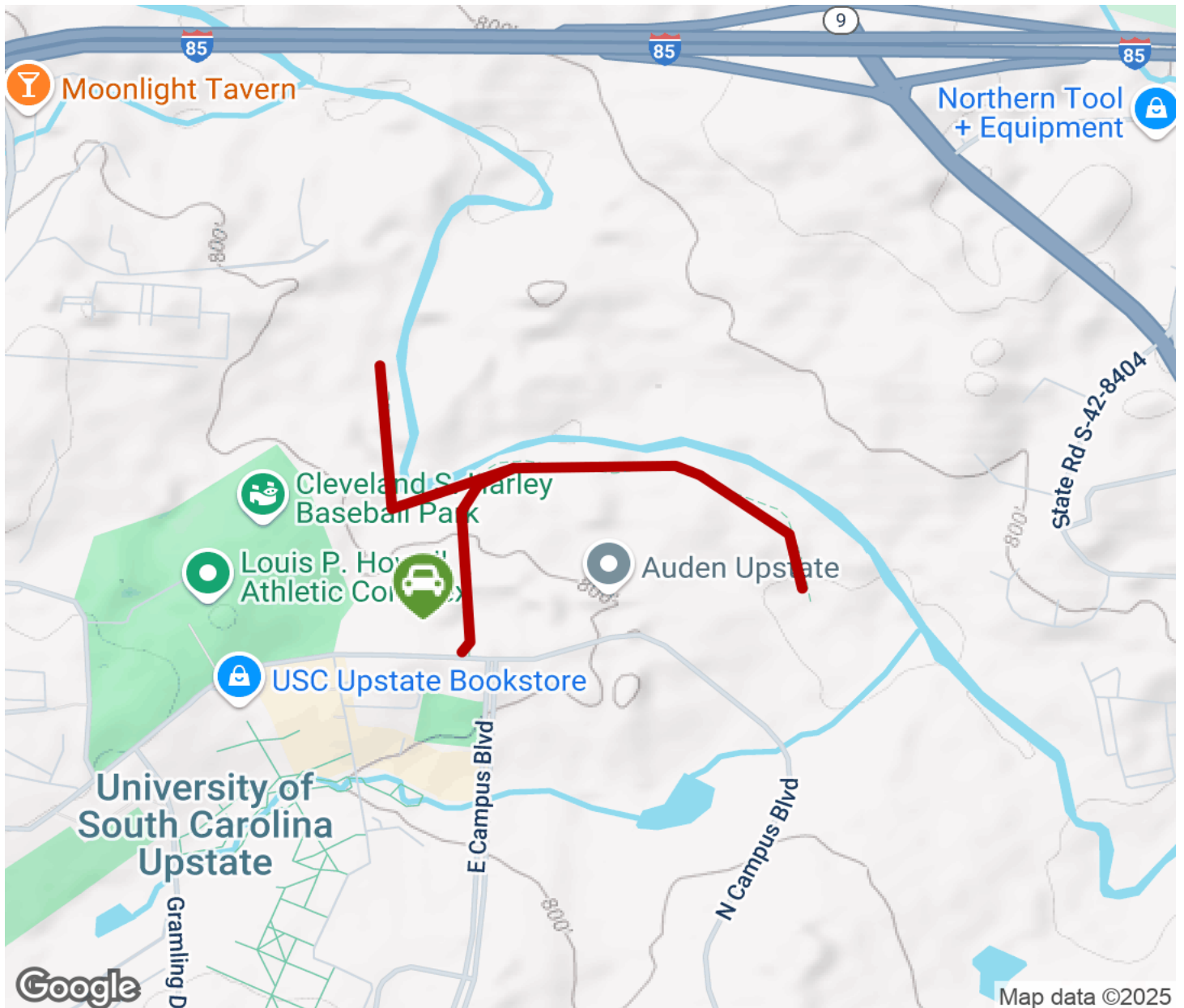
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available in the parking lot by the trailhead in the John M. Rampey Center parking lot (North Campus Boulevard, Spartanburg)



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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