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The McAlpine Creek Greenway is a picturesque 4.4-mile trail that runs through a lush green corridor in south Charlotte. Following the McAlpine Creek through woods and wetlands, this multiuse trail provides a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.

At its northern end, the McAlpine Creek Greenway connects to the [Campbell Creek Trail](#) and together they provide a continuous 6.2-mile route from Providence Rd/NC-16 to Lockmont Drive. Winding south from its connection the Campbell Creek Trail, the trail meanders through McAlpine Creek Park and heads south as it continues to follow the creek. A short path provides a link to James Boyce Park and there are numerous access points to the trail from the surrounding neighborhoods.

The trail surface is a combination of asphalt and boardwalks. The asphalt sections are smooth and wide, making them easy to navigate. The boardwalks provide an up-close view of the surrounding wetlands and are a great place to spot wildlife, including turtles, frogs, and a wide variety of birds. The boardwalks are also wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs and strollers.

The greenway is the only place in Mecklenburg County where the very rare, purple wildflower known as Delphinium tricorne (a native Larkspur) can be found. This is also the only greenway where river otter, beaver, and mink can be found in the same general area.

There are several picnic areas and benches along the trail where visitors can stop and take a break, enjoy a snack, or simply take in the beautiful scenery. There are also several restrooms along the trail, including one at McAlpine Creek Park (8711 Monroe Rd) and another at James Boyce Park (300 Boyce Rd). The trail is also dog-friendly, with several dog waste stations located along the way.

With its beautiful scenery, well-maintained trail, and ample amenities, the McAlpine Creek Greenway offers a fun and accessible outdoor experience for people of all ages.



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**States:** North Carolina

**Counties:** Mecklenburg

Length: 4.4miles

**Trail end points:** Campbell Creek Trail & E Independence Blvd/Andrew Jackson Hwy to Providence Rd/NC-16 (Charlotte)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt,Boardwalk

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

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

## Parking & Trail Access

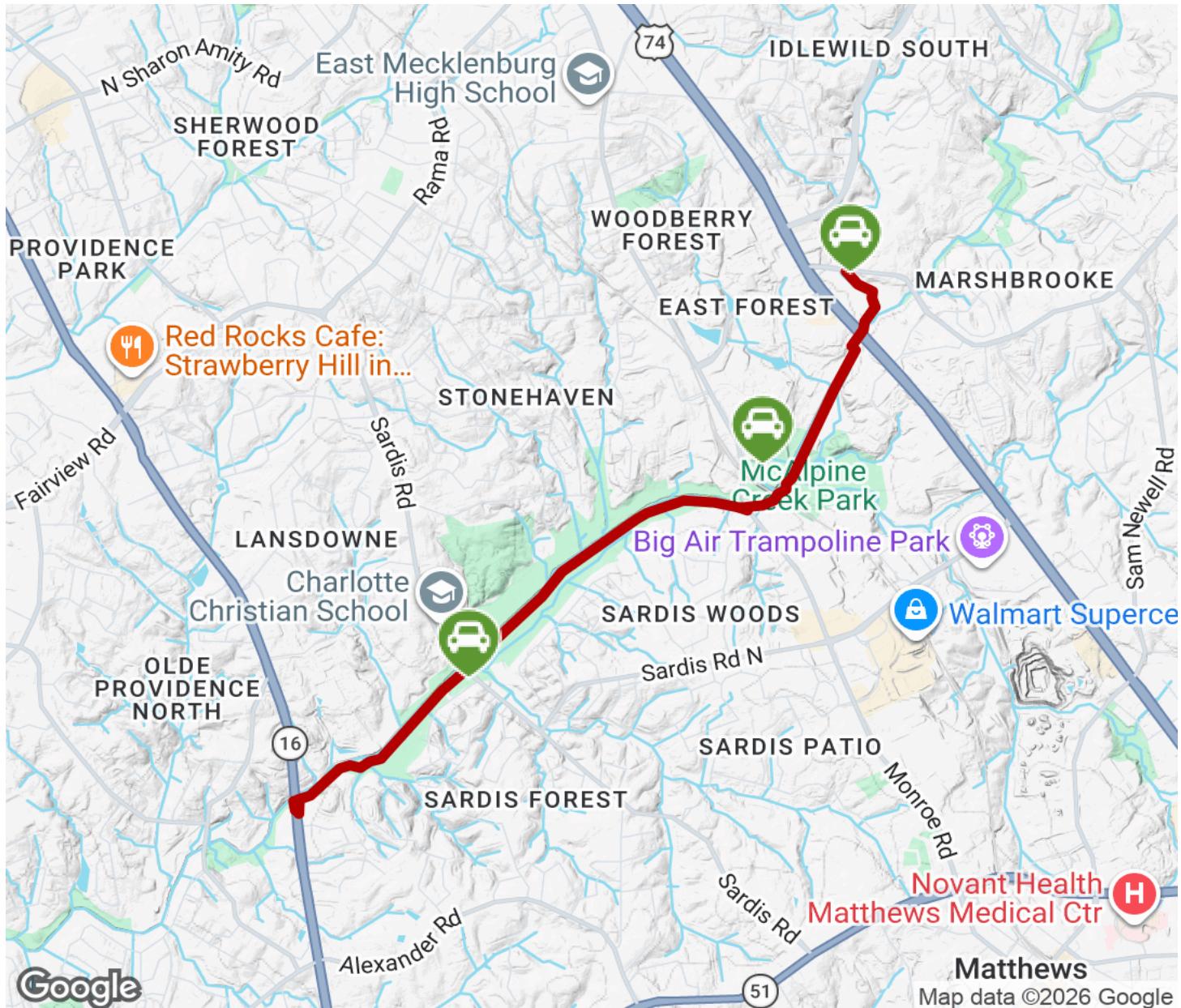
The Charlotte Area Transit System provides access to the trail. Refer to the [CATS website](#) for more information.

Parking is available at several locations along the trail, including at the Sardis Road North Trailhead (110 Old Bell Rd), at James Boyce Park (300 Boyce Rd), at McAlpine Creek Park (8711 Monroe Rd), and at a gravel lot across from Fire Station (2116 Margaret Wallace Rd). The first three parking lots all have accessible spaces.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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