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Bill and Dustie MacKay Trail Georgia



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Gorge. In the late 19th century the railroad granted tourists access to the gorge and its spectacular waterfalls. While you can't see the chasm from the trail, a detour across US Highway 23/441 will take you to its dizzying lip.

In the spring and fall, controlled releases from Tallulah Dam bring kayakers intent on challenging the imposing river, while Halloween heralds the annual Wails to Trails event when costumed hikers haunt the trail.

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About the Route

From its trailhead beside Tallulah Falls Lake, the 1.6-mile paved path meanders through a beautiful southern Appalachian forest and crosses a small suspension bridge over the Tallulah River. Trail users can ride out and back or combine the trail with a short road segment to form a loop.

The route follows the easy grade of the old Tallulah Falls Railway, a great alternative to more arduous hiking trails that scale the nearly 1,000-foot granite walls of Tallulah





States: Georgia **Counties:** Rabun Length: 1.6miles

Trail end points: Hwy 441 (Tallulah) to Terrora

Cir. (Lakemont)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Dirt
Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Fishing, Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

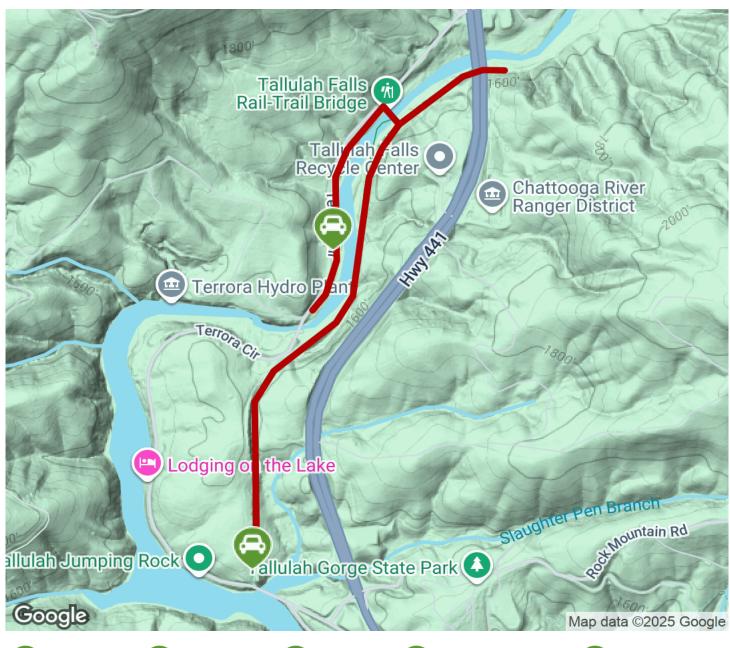
Parking & Trail Access

The Dustie and Bill McKay Trail runs between Hwy 441 (Tallulah) and Terrora Cir. (Lakemont), where parking is available.

Parking is available at many points throughout Tallulah Gorge State Park, Please see <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.









Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel

