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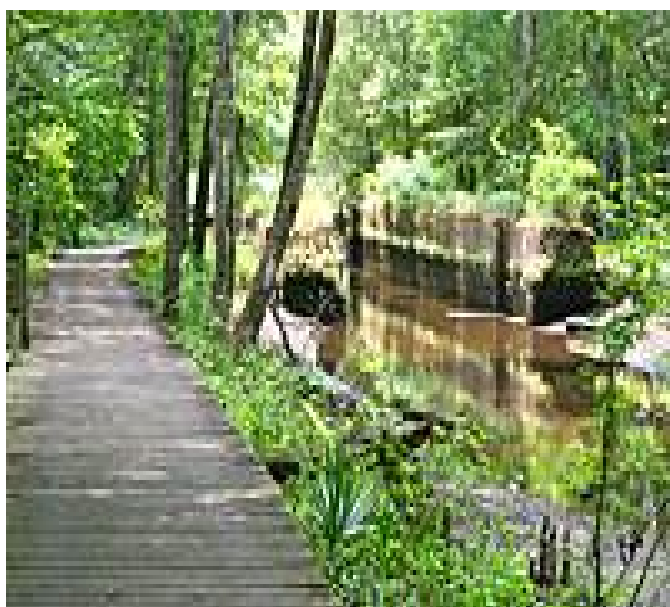
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Constructed in the 1820s and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal was once an important transportation route for getting plantation goods to market. Now, hikers can travel along a mixture of rural roads and unpaved trails along the historic towpath, providing immersion into the area's economic and natural history - keep your eyes out for tortoises and gators that call the waterway home.

The canal itself is 16.5 miles, and the Chatham County Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department is working with the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Society to transform the canal area into a multi-purpose linear park. The trail winds through some of coastal Georgia's common habitats, including sandhills, swamp, and pine forests. Boardwalks traverse wetland areas but high tides

can sometimes cause flooding.

About the Route

5.3 miles of the towpath are open to foot traffic, from Lock 6 on the Ogeechee River to I-16 as follows: 0.5 mile at the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Museum & Nature Center (between Locks 6 and 5). Past Fort Argyle Road, the towpath is paved and called Bush Road, which runs about 3 miles. This road is moderately trafficked and has no shoulder, so is best suited to bikers. Lock 4 is located about 1 mile down this road.

At Little Neck Road, the towpath turns to a 0.5-mile dirt trail to Half Moon Lake (the Canal's water source), which is spanned by a bridge and boardwalk to the Half Moon Lake Dam for about 1.5 miles. Beyond here there is a 0.5-mile paved road (Canal Bank Road) to Quacco Road. Across Quacco Road another 1.5 miles takes the route towards its northern endpoint at I-16. North of Quacco Rd., the trail conditionsThe trail is not accessible from I-16, and trail users who reach this point might need to turn around to the south. Beyond the two subdivisions is a swampy area that may be difficult to access.

At the route's southern terminus (near Lock 5), there is a small museum and nature center for a small entry fee to learn more about the canal's history and the local ecological history of the area. The nature center currently requires a \$5 fee for adults. A loop trail south of the museum provides a nice option for those looking for a shorter hike or those who don't wish to traverse the paved roads that comprise most of the towpath to the north - the museum area trail offers some lovely views of both the canal and the Ogeechee River, with interpretive signage guiding your journey.



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States: Georgia

Counties: Chatham

Length: 5.3miles

Trail end points: Savannah Ogeechee Canal Museum, 681 Fort Argyle Rd (Savannah) to US-16 (Savannah)

Trail surfaces: Boardwalk,Dirt,Woodchips

Trail category: Canal

Trail activities: Walking

Parking & Trail Access

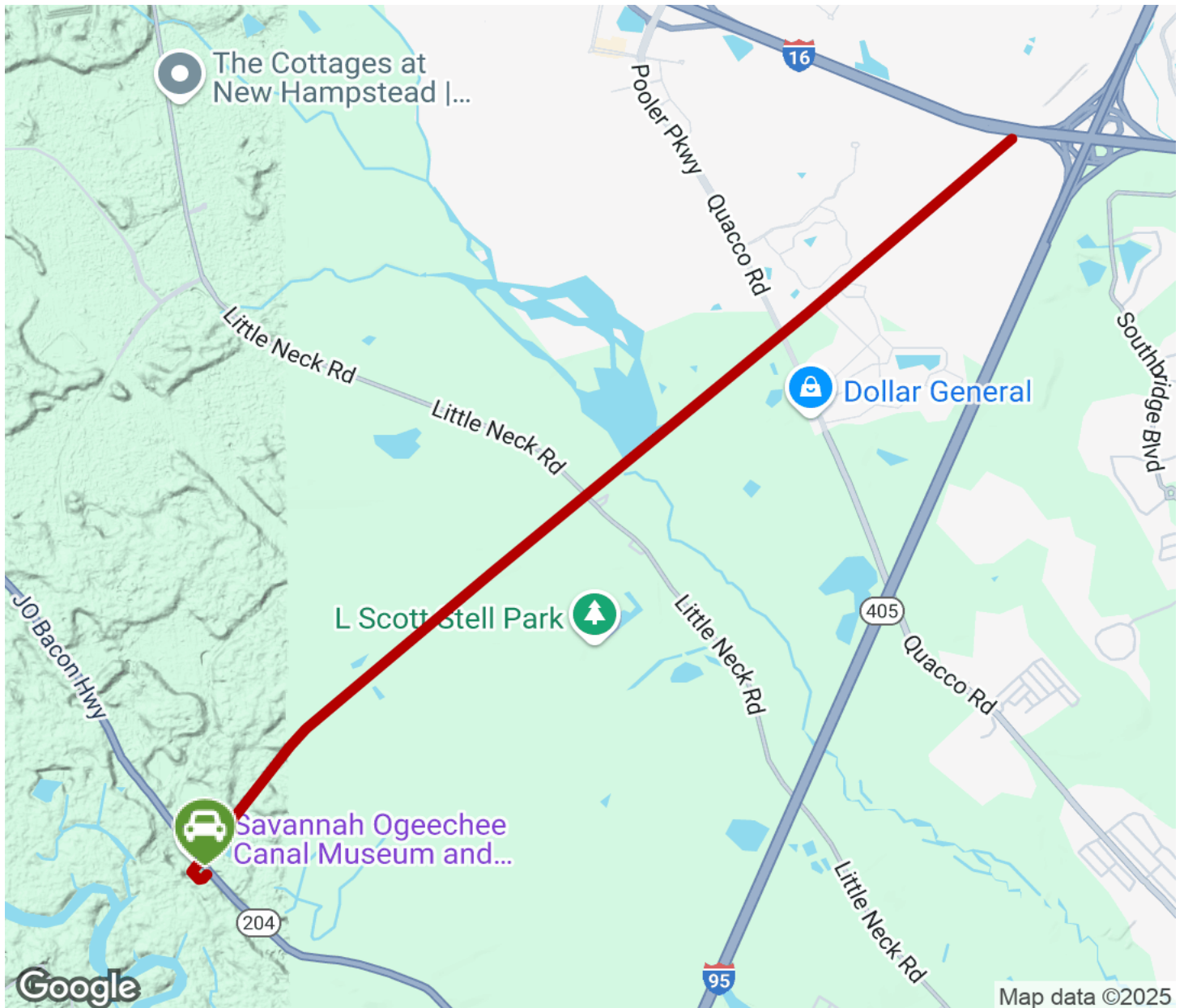
The Savannah Ogeechee Canal Trail runs between the Savannah Ogeechee Canal Museum, 681 Fort Argyle Rd., where parking is available, and US-16 (Savannah).

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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