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Guides



**Blue Ridge
Railroad
Historic Trail**
South Carolina



Blue Ridge Railroad Historic Trail

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As the trail heads to the north, the trail meets its second tunnel just above Isaqueena Falls. The tunnel isn't located along the main trail, instead, trail users should see a spur trail to the left leading to the tunnel. The third tunnel, Saddleback, is not open and this marks the turn-around point on the trail. Trail users traveling along the whole trail must turn around and head back to the Saddleback Tunnel, making the whole trip 4 miles.

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About the Route

Leaving off from the southern end of the trail, which is the only access point for this trail, at Stumphouse Tunnel which is 25 feet high, 17 feet wide, and extends 1,617 feet into the mountain. Trail users can walk to the end of the tunnel but it doesn't go all the way through.



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States: South Carolina

Counties: Oconee

Length: 2miles

Trail end points: Stumphouse Tunnel
(Walhalla) to Saddle Tunnel

Trail surfaces: Boardwalk,Dirt,Woodchips

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Blue Ridge Railroad Historic Trail runs between Stumphouse Tunnel Rd. (Walhalla) and Saddle Tunnel (Walhalla).

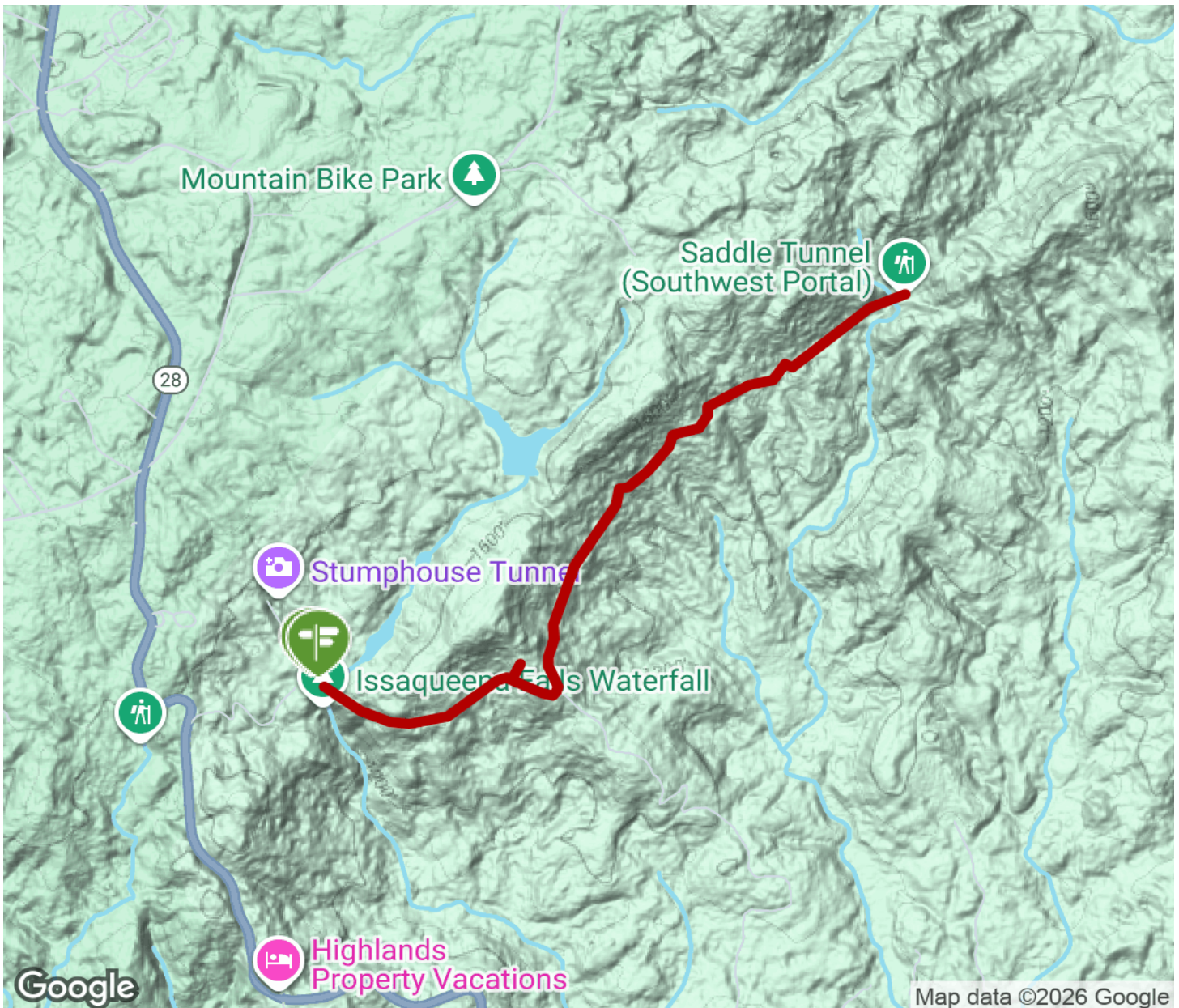
Parking is available at Stumphouse Tunnel Rd., but without an official address.

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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