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Guides



**West Ashley
Bikeway**
South Carolina



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Running arrow-straight between the Ashley River West and a wholesale produce stand on Wappoo Road, the West Ashley



Running arrow-straight between the Ashley River West and a wholesale produce stand on Wappoo Road, the West Ashley Bikeway links several suburban Charleston neighborhoods, providing a 2.7-mile cycling and walking path.

About the Route

Initial plans called for this corridor were entirely different. After the Seaboard Coastline Railroad abandoned the line in 1976, the state wanted to build an expressway along the route. When that plan fell through, the city of Charleston negotiated to lease the corridor from the state for \$1 a year and completed the trail in 1983.

The trail had developed a reputation for poor

maintenance and a difficult surface, but a major repaving project completed in 2019 upgraded large portions of the path with smooth and pleasant fresh asphalt. The trail still has its share of challenges, though: leaving the riverfront, pedestrians must negotiate busy, four-lane St. Andrews Boulevard without benefit of a light or crosswalk. Use extreme caution when crossing.

While the eastern end of the trail travels through a suburban landscape, the westernmost end of the trail cuts through marshland along a tree-lined corridor that takes trail users out to Higgins Pier. This end of the trail is a dead end, and the nearest access point at the western end is along Main St.

Connections

At the southern end of the [West Ashley Bikeway](#), trail users can connect to the nearby, [West Ashley Greenway](#)



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States: South Carolina

Counties: Charleston

Length: 2.7miles

Trail end points: Wappoo Rd. (Charleston) to
Higgins Pier (Charleston)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Mountain

Biking, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The West Ashley Bikeway runs between Wappoo Rd. (Charleston), which offers parking, and Higgins Pier (Charleston), which is a dead end.

Parking is also available at:

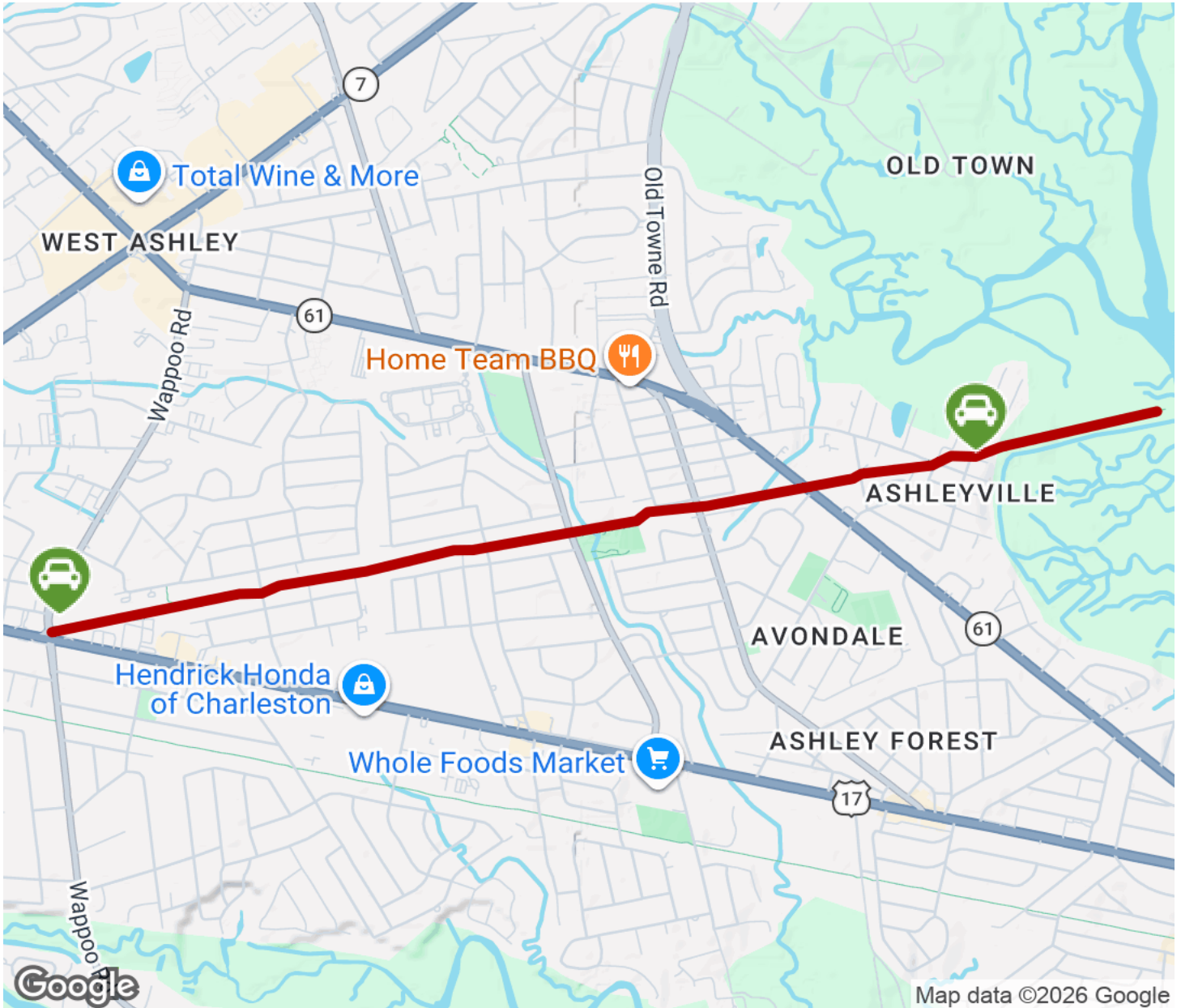
- 1022 Main St (Charleston)

See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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