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Guides



**Ashland  
Trolley Line**  
*Virginia*



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extension to the northern end of the trail, bringing the total length to just under 0.9 mile with a new northern endpoint at Ashcake Road. This newer stretch of trail features a smooth surface and boardwalks over the marshy ground, ensuring that the trail isn't subject to drainage issues.

The Ashland Trolley Line Trail runs on a portion of the former Richmond-Ashland Electric Line, which linked the two communities for 31 years until its closure in 1938. During this period, Ashland was a traditional "streetcar suburb" of Richmond, with the town growing exponentially around the short-lived public transit.

The trail now shares the corridor with an overhead electric utility, but you'll probably be too distracted by the dense Virginia forest to even notice. The southern half of the trail features a natural surface of grass and gravel, making it best suited for walkers and joggers, although it is well maintained by the Hanover County Parks and Recreation Department.

In 2021, the town of Ashland completed work on a paved



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**States:** Virginia

**Counties:** Hanover

Length: 0.85miles

**Trail end points:** Ashcake Road to Gwathmey Church Rd./SR 707 and Meriturn Pl.

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt,Grass,Gravel

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike,Horseback Riding,Walking

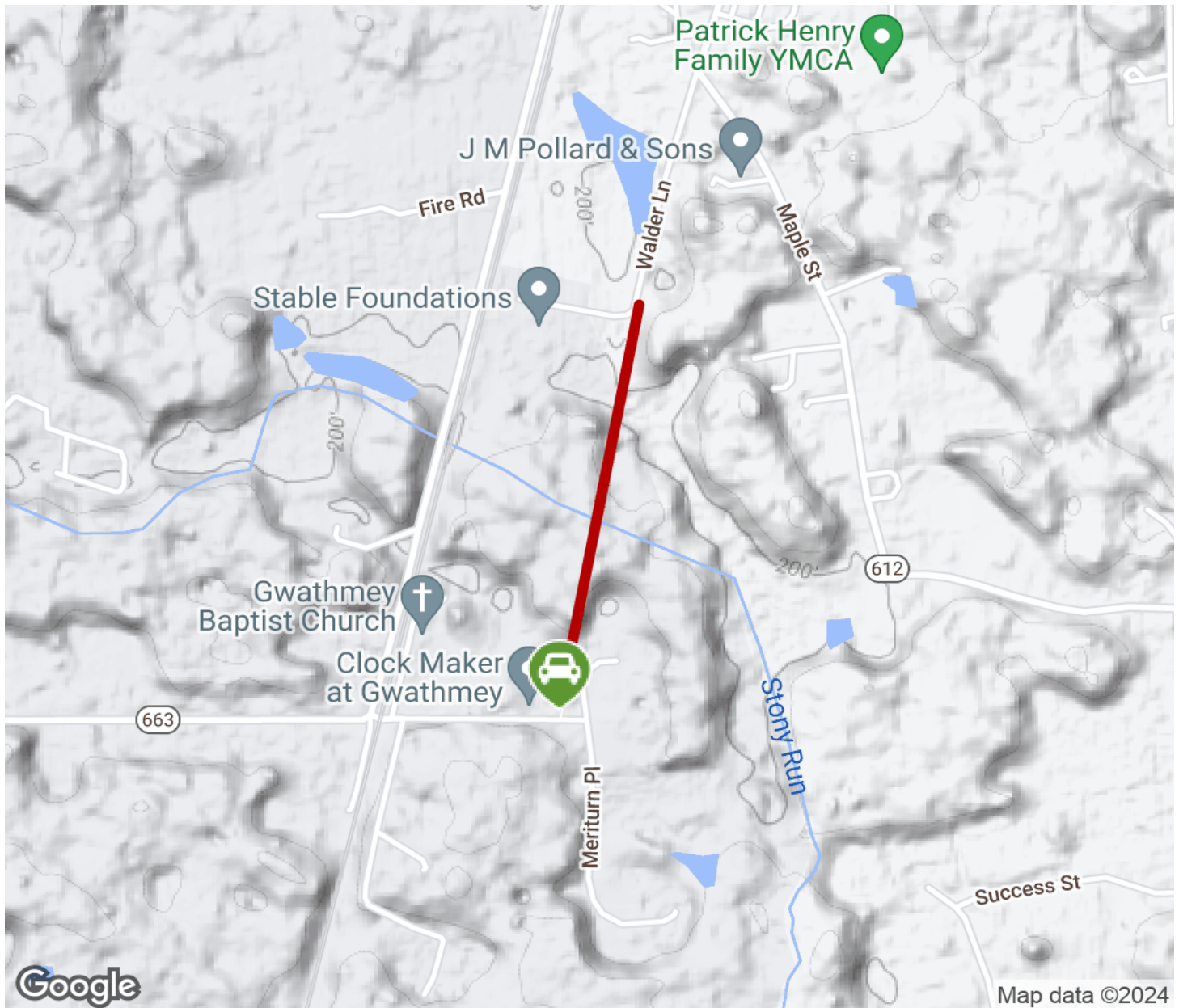
## Parking & Trail Access

Limited parking is available at the Ashland Trolley Line's southern trailhead on Gwathmey Church Road/State Route 707.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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