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**American
Tobacco Trail**
North Carolina



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About the Route

Starting from the trail's northern endpoint along Morehead Ave., just south of the old American Tobacco Factory, the trail heads south along a wide asphalt trail.

The Durham County section of the trail provides fixed maps and signage frequently displayed along the route.

The trail crosses Lakewood Avenue on a newly built pedestrian bridge and south of Durham the trail starts to head into more shaded, forested property, a contrast from

the more urban northern end of the trail.

The trail surface is asphalt from its northern end to New Hope Church Road and has a stone dust surface for the remaining southern portion of the trail. The southern stretch of the American Tobacco Trail is open to equestrians.

The more rural southern end of the trail courses through beautiful pines, and its rural sections boast plentiful wildlife, including beavers, herons, hawks, songbirds, vultures, owls, turtles, and deer. Several old railroad bridges take users across various streams that cross the trail's path.

While hunters may use the southern portions to access Army Corps of Engineers and N.C Wildlife Resources Game Lands, firearm use is not permitted on the trail.

Connections

3 miles from the northern endpoint, the trail connects to the [Riddle Road Spur Trail](#).

3.8 miles from the southern endpoint, the trail intersects with the [White Oak Creek Greenway](#).

The American Tobacco Trail is part of the developing East Coast Greenway, a 3,000-mile route from Florida to Maine.



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States: North Carolina

Counties: Chatham, Durham, Wake

Length: 22.2 miles

Trail end points: Morehead Ave. (Durham) to
1309 New Hill Olive Chapel Rd (Apex)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Horseback Riding, Inline
Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The American Tobacco Trail runs between Morehead Ave. (Durham) to 1309 New Hill Olive Chapel Rd (Apex), which offers parking and restrooms.

Parking is also available at:

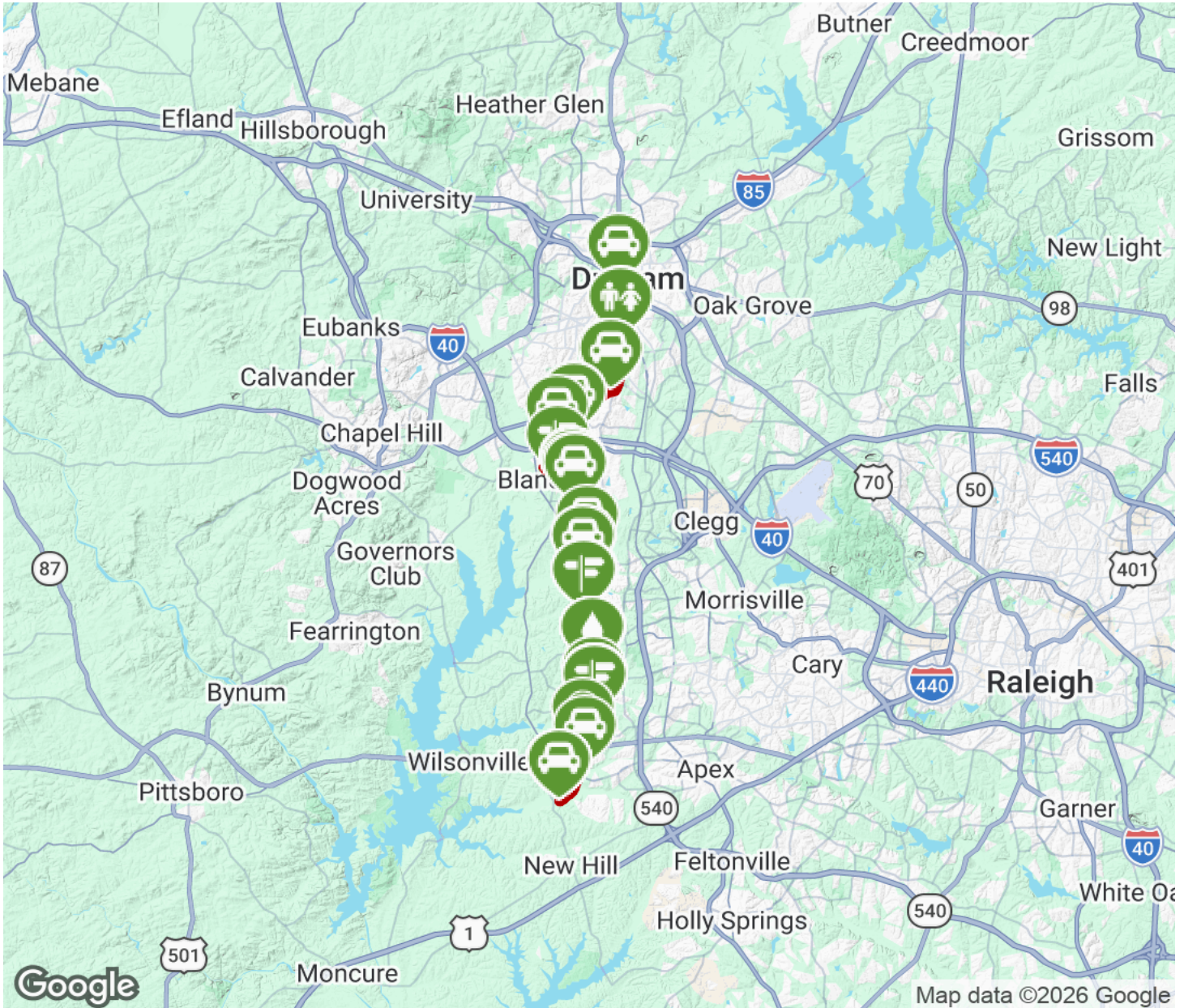
- 6319 Fayetteville Rd (Durham)
- 602 Scott King Rd (Durham)
- 2584 New Hope Church Rd (Cary)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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