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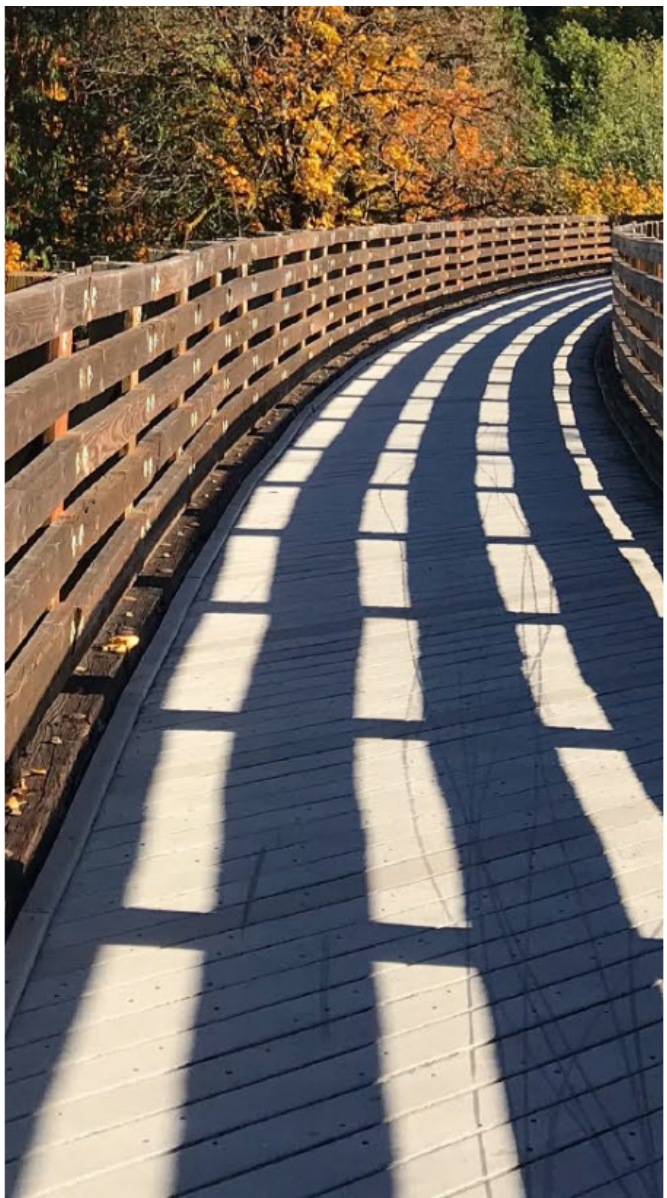

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Stretching for 7.74 miles from north of Lake Brandt south to Greensboro Country Park and beyond, the newly named Atlantic & Yadkin Greenway is a combination of three greenway segments, now made into one: the Lake Brandt and Bicentennial greenways and the Battleground Rail-Trail.

About the Route

The Atlantic & Yadkin Greenway rail trail links neighborhoods, businesses, and parklands. Leaving off in the north from the Lake Brandt area, Greensboro's oldest and second-largest reservoir, trail users will be treated to beautiful lake views as the trail winds through a mixed pine and hardwood forest alive with native wildflowers and wildlife.

Pause on any of several bridges, particularly the 140-foot H. Michael Weaver Bridge, to spot such common and migratory birds as bald eagles, blue herons, egrets, and ospreys. Signs mark possible side trips on the Owl's Roost, Palmetto, and Nat Greene trails.

From the intersection of Old Battleground and Lake Brandt roads, the rail trail runs through a residential neighborhood then crosses through Guilford Courthouse National Military Park before skirting the western border of the adjacent Greensboro Country Park.

At Pisgah Church Road, the Atlantic & Yadkin Greenway carries on through what was once called the Battleground Rail Trail. It runs parallel to Battleground Avenue (east side) to its terminus at Markland Drive.

Some of the rail trail sections take slight jogs down city sidewalks. Just follow the A&Y logo (the front view of an old steam engine) to keep to the trail.

Trail History

The Atlantic & Yadkin Greenway occupies the abandoned bed of the Atlantic-Yadkin Railroad, which operated between 1899 and 1950. Some of the line was part of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway and ran from Wilmington, NC, to Mount Airy, transporting granite and, on occasion, visitors to the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park.

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States: North Carolina
Counties: Guilford
Length: 7.74miles
Trail end points: Summerfield Rd. (Summerfield) to Markland Dr. (Greensboro)
Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Concrete,Crushed Stone
Trail category: Rail-Trail
Trail activities: Bike,Fishing,Mountain Biking,Inline Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Atlantic & Yadkin Greenway runs between Summerfield Rd. (Summerfield) and Markland Dr. (Greensboro), with parking at the northern end of the trail.

Parking is also available at:

- 5834 Bur-Mill Club Rd (Greensboro)
- Lewis Recreation Center, 3110 Forest Lawn Dr (Greensboro)

Please see TrailLink Map for all parking options and detailed directions.

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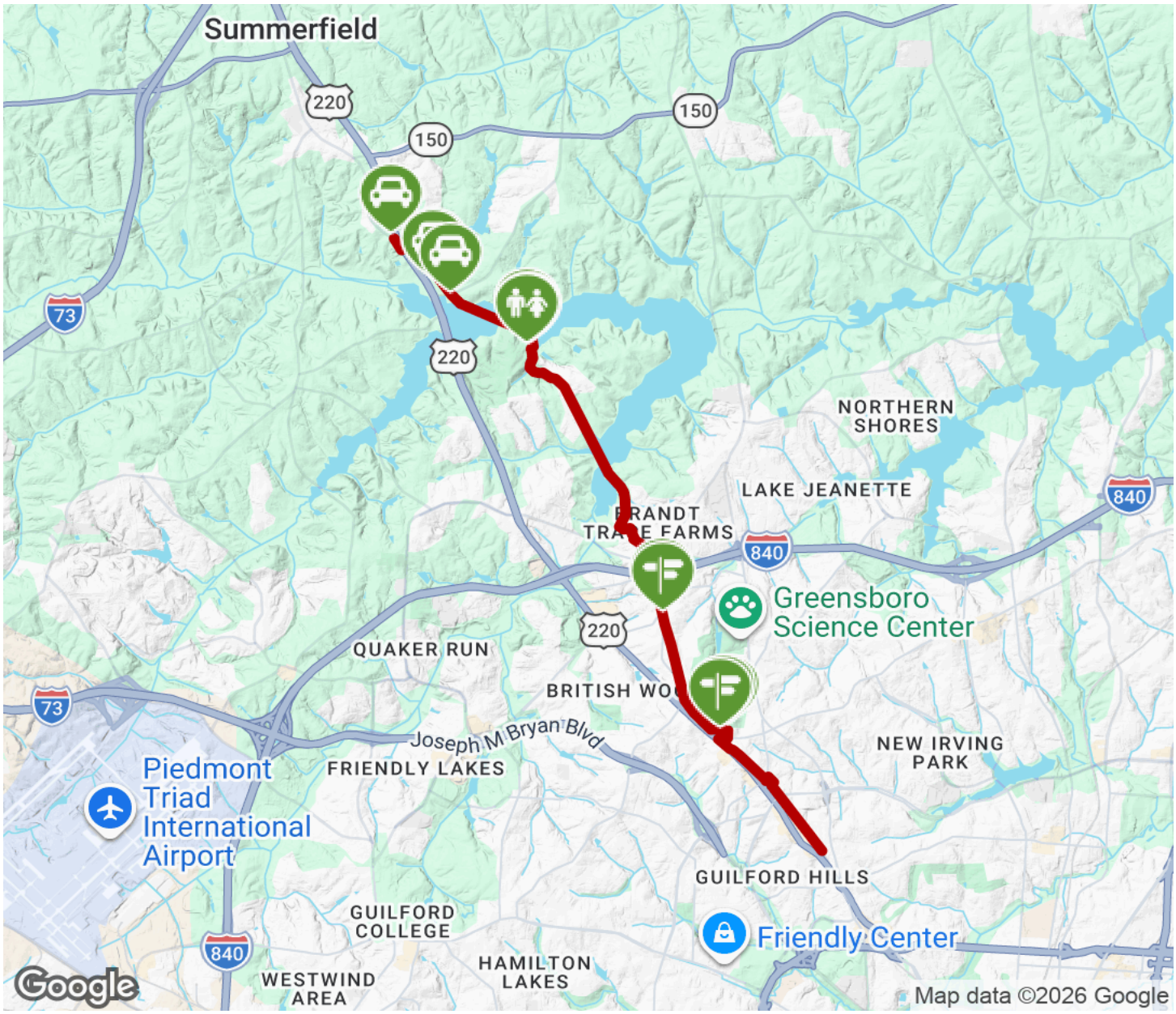

Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel