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The Riverwalk Trail travels through some of the most historic Civil War regions of southern Virginia. Throughout the war, Danville functioned as a staging area for many battles. Some of its old tobacco warehouses were turned into prisons, and the city was the last capital of the Confederate States of America after Richmond was captured by the Union army.

About the Route

The trail’s recommended starting point is at the Crossing

at the Dan Trailhead in historic downtown Danville, alongside a renovated tobacco warehouse and the active Amtrak station located in the Science Center campus (The trailhead is located on the north side of the parking lot). From here, the trail crosses the Dan River on a restored 1856 railroad bridge. On the other side, there are options to go east or west. To the left (west), the trail follows the river upstream for about a mile until it reaches a beautiful overlook at Union Street Bridge and then continues upstream with access to businesses and restaurants. Parking and restroom facilities are available at Ballou Park, where trail users can also connect to the 0.75-mile Ballou Park Nature Trail.

The best part of the trail lies to the right, on the eastern side. From here, the riverside trail will take trail users on an enjoyable trip through the many beautiful parks and natural areas adjacent to the Dan River. One might even see a variety of wildlife, including geese, using the trail themselves.

Next, the trail heads through Dan Daniel Memorial Park, where a section of trail that was taken out by Hurricane Michael in 2018 has since been repaired. After leaving the park, the trail continues to wind along the river through Anglers Park, where there is access to a picnic shelter and tables, a boat ramp, restrooms, parking, and a bike repair station.

At the Anglers Park Trailhead, trail users have the option to head north on a trail segment leading to Danville Regional Airport. Though the terrain is hilly from here to the airport, it is the most secluded section of the Riverwalk, terminating at the Airport Drive Trailhead. This section of trail connects to the intertwining 25-mile Anglers Ridge singletrack mountain bike trail system.

Stretching stations are available at each major trailhead throughout the trail for pre- and post-workout stretching.



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States: Virginia

Counties: Danville, Pittsylvania

Length: 11.9 miles

Trail end points: Ballou Park, 228 Park Cir
(Danville) to Stinson Dr. (Danville)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair

Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Riverwalk Trail runs between Ballou Park, 228 Park Cir (Danville), and Stinson Dr. (Danville), with parking available at either end.

Parking is also available at:

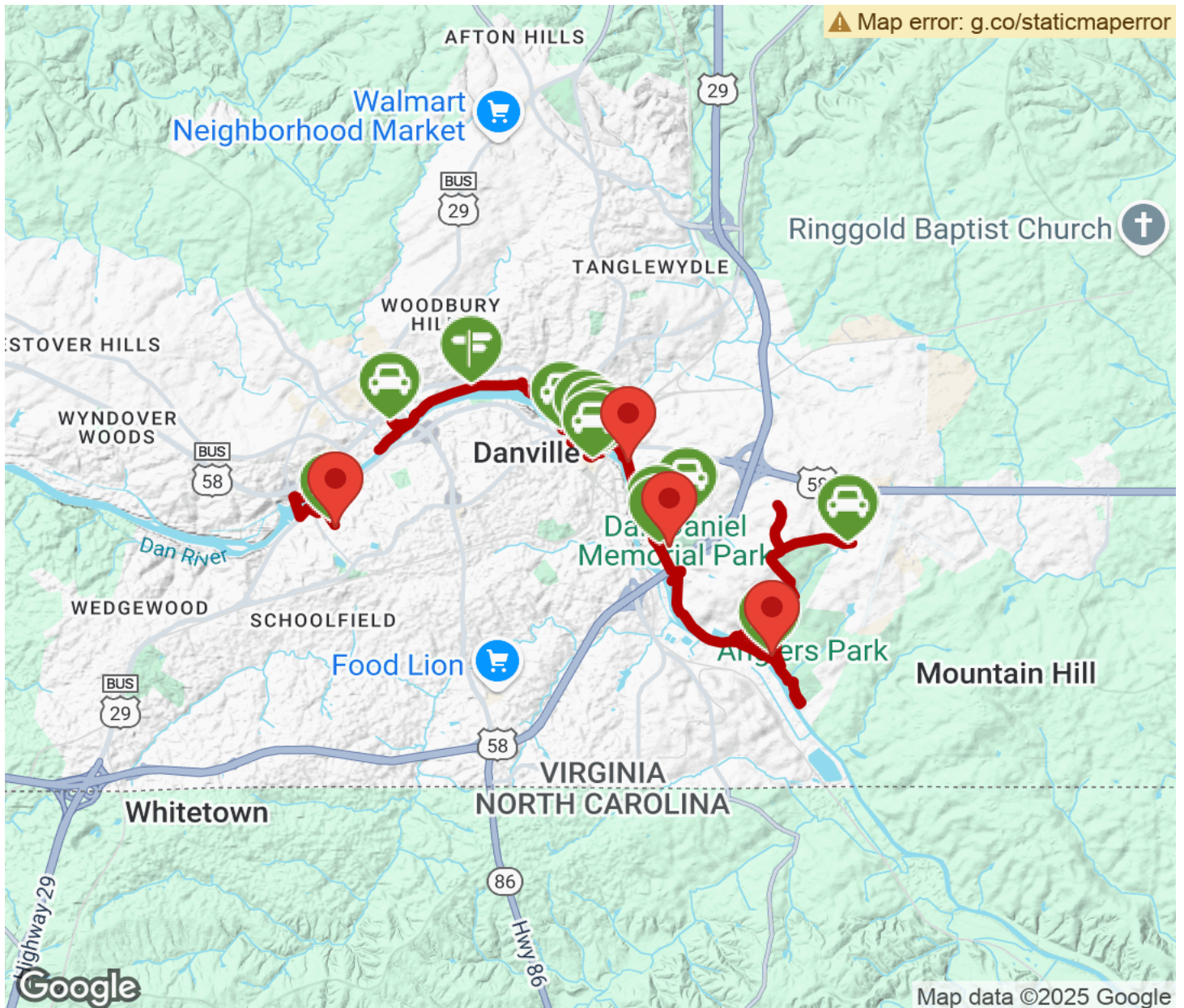
- Anglers Park, 350 Northside Dr. (Danville)
- Danville Memorial Park, 900 River Park Dr. (Danville)
- Carrington Pavillion, 629 Craghead St. (Danville)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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