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Heritage Trail**
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In Southern Virginia, an exciting regional trail project has been taking shape for over a decade. The Tobacco Heritage Trail will one day span 160 miles, connecting the counties of Brunswick, Charlotte, Halifax, Lunenburg, and Mecklenburg. Currently, segments of the planned route—totaling 22.7 miles—are open in all but one of these counties. A portion of the trail is also part of the larger East Coast Greenway, a growing network of multi-use trails connecting 15 states and 450 cities and towns on a 3,000-mile route between Maine and Florida.

About the Route

Right now, the best section for riding is the longest contiguous segment, a 16.6-mile stretch between Lawrenceville and La Crosse, though four other

disconnected sections of the trail are open: 1.8 miles in Victoria, 2.6 miles in South Boston, 1.1 miles in Boydton, and 0.6 miles in Kenbridge. The trail is crushed stone, except for a 1.3-mile section in LaCrosse that is paved.

Leaving from the central Lawrenceville at the trailhead off South Street; from there, the trail heads west. Leaving town behind, the trail is surrounded by forest and farmlands, setting the tone for most of the journey. Enjoy the quiet and keep your eyes open for interpretative signage about the history of the area. You may even wish to pack a lunch, as there are trailside wooded spots with picnic tables for alfresco dining.

In 7 miles, trail users will be rewarded for their efforts with a pretty 300-foot bridge across the Meherrin River. In another 6 miles, you'll reach Brodnax's Main Street. You won't find many restaurants in town, but a gas station just off the trail sells snacks and drinks. As you travel through town, you'll be on quiet Railroad Street; outside of town, you'll be back on the trail.

Much of the last leg of the route traverses a lovely tree-lined corridor before reaching the trail's opposite end in 3.6 miles. Trail users might catch a glimpse of wild turkey, deer, rabbits, or other wildlife along this stretch. And, approaching La Crosse's Main Street, keep an eye out for the cherry-red antique caboose.

Trail History

Tobacco and cotton made this region prosperous, and the arrival of the railroad here in 1890 transformed the towns along its route from quaint villages to economic hubs. Visitors can now walk, bike, or ride horseback through the old railway corridor, enjoying historical buildings, scenic natural areas, and cultural amenities in the area's rural towns. Equestrians will find horse-mounted benches and hitching posts in the stretch between Lawrenceville and Brodnax.



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States: Virginia

Counties: Brunswick, Halifax, Lunenburg,
Mecklenburg

Length: 26.7 miles

Trail end points: High St/SR 618 & VA 642 (La
Crosse) to South St & W. Railroad St
(Lawrenceville)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Horseback Riding, Mountain
Biking, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Tobacco Heritage Trail runs between Rocky Branch Rd. (La Crosse) and South St. (Lawrenceville), with parking available on either end. Additional sections can be found in Boynton, Kenbridge, and Victoria.

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



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