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The trail is part of the 33.5-mile Dragonfly Trails system, a growing network of interconnected trails that will eventually cover 60 miles. Because the dragonfly indicates clean water, the name symbolizes the efforts to clean up pollution in the Chattahoochee River. Today the river is a popular tourist draw as an urban whitewater course and for its adjacent river walk.

About the Route

Leaving off from the northern endpoint of the trail along Pstalmond Road in northeast Columbus, which has about a dozen parking spaces. Passing beneath a brick archway, the trail proceeds through a woodsy area and arrives at a popular fishing hole at Flat Rock Park. Soon after, the trail reaches the developed outskirts of Columbus, a line of trees screens the trail until nearly mile 4.8, where Manchester Expressway/GA 85 runs alongside.

In another mile, the trail arrives at a large rest area with parking, restrooms, drinking water, and a bike shop. Next comes the bustling Columbus State University campus, founded in 1958. After another 1.5 miles, the trail starts to run adjacent to various city streets as it makes its way into downtown. Along the way, trail users can check out the redeveloped industrial area of Midcity Yards (located on the short stretch of trail paralleling Fifth Avenue, just before 14th Street), which features a brewery, a barbecue restaurant, and shops.

Finishing the last leg on 14th Street, the trail passes the site of the Civil War Battle of Columbus and a plaque for the Columbus pharmacist who whipped up the formula for Coca-Cola. Just past this, the trail comes to its southern end along the Chattahoochee River.

Connections

At the southern end of the trail in Columbus, the Columbus Fall Line Trace connects to the [Chattahoochee Riverwalk](#).

Trail History

The Fall Line Trace is named after Georgia's so-called fall line, the transition between the hilly Piedmont of northern Georgia and the Upper Coastal Plain in the south. The drop in elevation energizes the Chattahoochee River, and



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States: Georgia

Counties: Muscogee

Length: 10.5miles

Trail end points: 7324 Psalmnd Rd (Midland)
to Chattahoochee Riverwalk (Columbus)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Columbus Fall Line Trace runs between 7324 Psalmnd Rd (Midland) and the Chattahoochee Riverwalk (Columbus).

Parking is also available at:

- 3358 Manchester Expy (Columbus)

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



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