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Waccamaw **Neck Bikeway** South Carolina



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About the Route

Leaving off from the northern end of the trail at Murrells Inlet just south of the Horry–Georgetown county line, the trail heads south from Carson Avenue via 5-foot-wide bike lanes on either side of US 17 Business—the only portion of the trail that is not off-road. There are road crossings up and down US 17, but they are all well-signed. In 2.7 miles, the route arrives at a trailhead at Morse Park Landing,

complete with maps, restrooms, a boat landing, and parking. In just under a mile, the trail merges with an off-road trail before going over a small bridge known as the Bike Bridge. Just after the bridge is Huntington Beach State Park, a sprawling, 2,500-acre natural oasis of maritime forest and pristine wetlands. Watch out for the numerous twists and turns weaving along the densely wooded path, as well as tree roots that have led to some cracking in the asphalt.

Trail users can explore the state park from its paved causeway, a stretch of road near the park's entrance with a brackish pond on one side and salt marsh on the other. Other sites include a beach; campsites; hiking and interpretive trails; wildlife-viewing boardwalks in a salt marsh and freshwater lagoon; picnic shelters; a nature center; and Atalaya Castle, a National Historic Landmark. Popular activities include bird-watching and fishing in the surf or from the jetty. For park fees, parking, fishing licenses, and other information, visit southcarolinaparks.com/huntington-beach.

Roughly 1.7 miles from the state park, the off-road trail crosses the four-lane US 17 via a signalized crossing on the south side of Willbrook Boulevard/County Road S-22-362, weaving across the front of a golf resort. After crossing US 17, the trail parallels Willbrook Boulevard/CR S-22-362 to the Reserve Community—the only segment of the trail where golf carts from neighboring clubs are permitted. The trail turns left onto Kings River Road around 1.5 miles from the US 17 crossing, then travels 2.5 miles southwest.

The trail turns left onto Waverly Road/CR S-22-46 and heads 0.5 mile to Waccamaw Elementary School. A 1.3-mile concrete bike path, anticipated to be completed by mid-2024, will travel from the school to the intersection of US 17 and Waverly Road/CR S-22-46/North Causeway Road. From here, the southernmost open segment of trail runs 1.1 miles along US 17 to just south of Bromley Place in Pawleys Island.

Connections





States: South Carolina **Counties:** Georgetown Length: 10.1miles

Trail end points: Carson Ave. (Murrells Inlet)

to Hwy 17 (Pawleys Island) **Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Waccamaw Neck Bikeway runs between Carson Ave. (Murrells Inlet) and Hwy 17 (Pawleys Island).

Parking is available at:

- Morse Park Landing, 4939 US-17 (Murrells Inlet)
- Waverly Park (Pawleys Island)

See <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.



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