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Guides



**Sawmill
Branch Trail**
South Carolina



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although the trail itself receives minimal shade, so be sure to come prepared with sunscreen. Keep an eye out for wildlife like egrets and heron along this wooded trail and signs warn to be mindful of alligators, which can occupy the canal.

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About the Route

Starting from its northern end at 500 E Richardson Avenue, just east of Summerville's main drag, this flat, 10-foot wide, paved trail follows the Sawmill Branch Canal along a wooded area in the southern part of the city for just shy of seven miles. The southern end of the trail is at the YMCA Trailhead (908 Crosscreek Dr, Summerville).

Most of the road crossings on this trail go under the roads, making for a pleasant—and safe—journey. The adjacent canal and wooded lands make for scenic accompaniment,



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States: South Carolina

Counties: Dorchester

Length: 6.9miles

Trail end points: E Richardson Ave Trailhead (500 E Richardson Ave, Summerville) to YMCA Trailhead (908 Crosscreek Dr, Summerville)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Inline

Skating, Walking, Wheelchair Accessible

Parking & Trail Access

The Sawmill Branch Trail runs between the E Richardson Ave Trailhead (500 E Richardson Ave, Summerville) and the YMCA Trailhead (908 Crosscreek Dr, Summerville), both of which offer parking.

Parking is also available at:

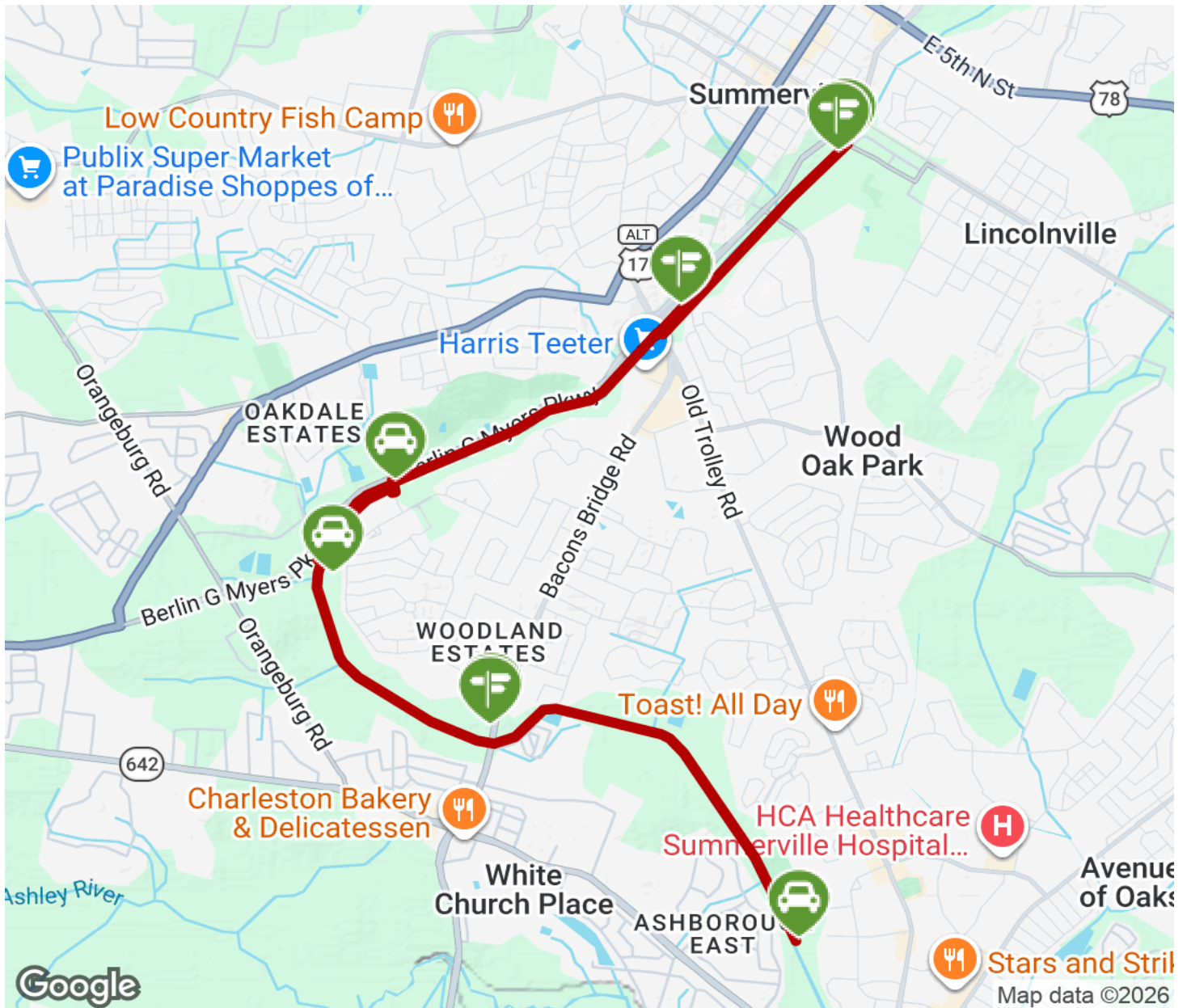
- Ashley Dr Trailhead, 182 Ashley Dr (Summerville)
- Bacon's Bridge Trailhead, 1900 Bacon's Bridge Rd (Summerville)

Visit the [TrailLink map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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