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You'll begin at the Welcome Center (2356 US Highway 17 N.) and travel south through the woods, continuing between the historic waterway and the historic highway, before ending at NC Hwy 343. Along the way, picnic tables and benches provide places to rest, and restrooms are available at the Welcome Center. This trail is maintained by Camden County Parks & Recreation.

The Welcome Center has a 150' face dock on the Dismal Canal that is very popular with boaters. Another trail

leading to the Village of South Mills is accessible via a 5 foot-wide extension path.

Dismal Swamp Canal Trail (NC) is now included in both the NC Birding Trail and the East Coast Greenway.

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States: North Carolina

Counties: Camden

Length: 2.75miles

Trail end points: Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center to NC Highway 343

Trail surfaces: Asphalt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike,Mountain Biking,Inline Skating,Walking
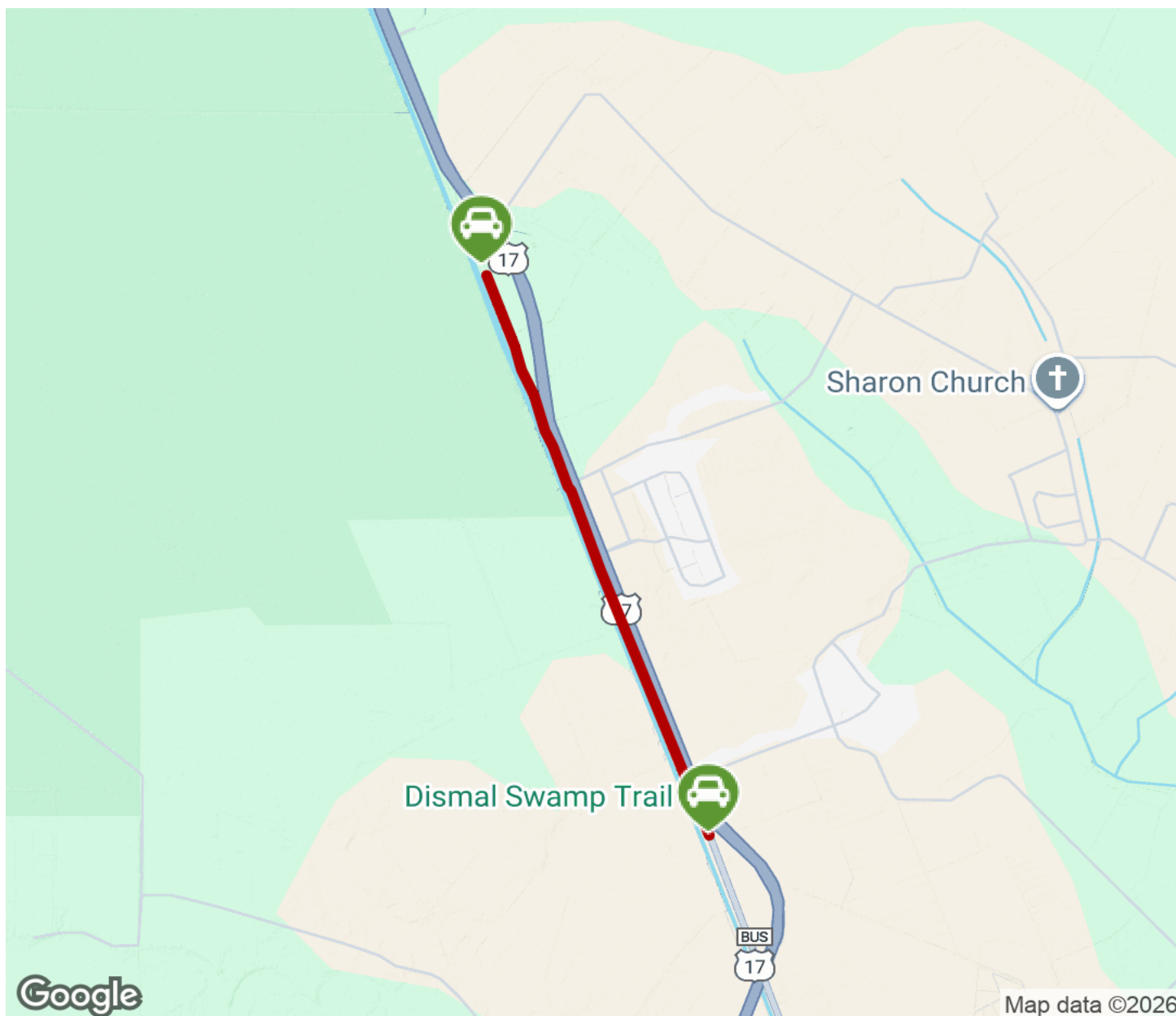
Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at the northern trailhead at the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center (2356 US Highway 17 N.), 3 miles south of the VA/NC border.

Another trailhead and parking area is located at the trail's southern end at the intersection of US Highway 17 and NC 343.

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Dismal Swamp Trail

Legend

- 🚩 Trailhead
- 🚻 Restroom
- 🚗 Parking
- 💧 Water Fountain
- 🚇 Tunnel