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Carrollton GreenBelt *Georgia*



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Imagine walking or biking completely around your hometown on a paved trail separated from traffic. That's what folks in Carrollton can do whenever the mood strikes them. The Carrollton GreenBelt is a 19.2-mile trail —the longest paved loop in the state—that completely encircles the West Georgia town. Along the way, it passes the University of West Georgia, the city schools complex, parks, and shopping and employment centers.

Trail users can find themselves crossing rolling terrain through woodlands and pastures dotted with grazing cattle, then passing alongside a lake or crossing a bridge over a stream before entering a busy commercial area.

About the Route

A tour of the trail can start from anywhere, but drinking water, restrooms, and picnic facilities can be found at six trailheads—Laura's Park at Hays Mill, Hobbs Farm Park, Lakeshore Park, Castle Playground, East Carrollton Park, and Visitors Bureau (parking can be found at these and other locations; see Parking, opposite)

Leaving off from Laura's Park at Hays Mill Trailhead (480 Hays Mill Road), a right turn heading south begins a clockwise route around the city, which was founded in 1829 and remained a small rural town until the arrival of the railroad in the 1870s. In 2.3 miles, pass through the campus of the University of West Georgia, which got its start as an agricultural and mechanical school in 1906.

About a mile past the Alabama Street Trailhead, near the northwest corner of the loop, the trail passes beneath a railroad bridge over the Little Tallapoosa River. In 2 more miles, the trail arrives at Hobbs Farm Park. On a 0.7-mile loop around the farm park, you can see where beavers have been active near the river.

Another mile reveals access to Lake Carroll, a 160-acre artificial lake where fishing and swimming are allowed. East Carrollton Park—a former airfield site in the northeast section of the loop—sits just beyond the eastern shore of the lake. The trail skirts North Lakeshore Drive for a few hundred feet and then turns right to loop around a historic log cabin which now serves as the Carrollton Police Department's Eastside Precinct—just before crossing Bankhead Highway. (Note: Although this is the Visitors Bureau Trailhead, the precinct is not an official visitor center and is not always open. However, when someone is there, trail users are welcome to stop in to see the inside of the cabin or grab a bottle of water.)

At the Newnan Road crossing in about 2 miles, in the southeast section of the loop, the Buffalo Creek Outdoor



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States: Georgia Counties: Carroll Length: 19.2miles Trail end points: Laura's Park, 480 Hays Mill Rd (Carrollton) to East Carrollton Park, 410 N Lake Dr (Carrollton) Trail surfaces: Concrete Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Fishing,Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Carrollton GreenBelt runs in a complete loop around the City of Carrollton in Georgia.

Parking is available at:

- East Carrollton Park, 410 N Lake Dr (Carrollton)
- Laura's Park, 480 Hays Mill Rd (Carrollton)
- 119 Mt Zion Rd (Carrollton)

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



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