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While the rail trail is flat, the natural surface would make for a rough ride for road bicycles, so mountain bikes are recommended. Users must also traverse wooden stairs to access several of the trestles.

Heading west from the Alston Trailhead in Fairfield

County, trail users can find parking, picnic tables, a picnic shelter, a campsite—including a grill and fire pit—and access to the Broad River for canoeing, kayaking, and fishing. Four other campsites are also located along the Peak to Prosperity Passage, but the Alston site is the only one with parking.

From the Alston Trailhead, the trail immediately crosses the 1,100-foot Broad River trestle. Originally constructed in 1848 and opened to rail traffic in 1851, the bridge was flooded and rebuilt before being burned down during the Civil War. The current steel structure was built in 1904. The trestle is the crown jewel of the trail, providing spectacular views of the water, bald eagles, and turtles.

Across the river in Newberry County, the rail-trail skirts the town of Peak and cuts an easy swath through Piedmont forests, across the town of Pomaria, and toward Prosperity. At 6.5 miles, near the center of the route, a trailhead, parking, a water fountain, and a grocery store are available in Pomaria. In 2 miles, the trail crosses Koon Trestle Road, where trail users can find a small parking lot before the Koon Trestle. Roughly 500 feet beyond the trestle is a campsite and picnic area. Another 1.2 miles after that is a trailhead and parking area just after Kibler's Bridge Road (the last parking area for the trail). Trail users may continue another 1.1 miles southwest to the trail's western terminus, which is a dead end near Eptings Pond, before making the journey back.

Connections

The Peak to Prosperity Passage is one of 31 passages making up the developing Palmetto Trail, which will span 500 continuous miles once complete.

Trail History

The area surrounding the trail was home to many German immigrants in the 1730s and is known as the Dutch Fork of South Carolina.



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States: South Carolina

Counties: Fairfield, Newberry

Length: 10.8 miles

Trail end points: State Rd. S-20-35 (Alston) to dead end near Eptings Pond (Prosperity)

Trail surfaces: Crushed Stone, Dirt, Grass, Sand

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Fishing, Mountain Biking, Inline Skating, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Peak to Prosperity Passage runs between State Rd. S-20-35 (Alston), which offers parking, and a dead end near Eptings Pond (Prosperity).

Parking is also available at:

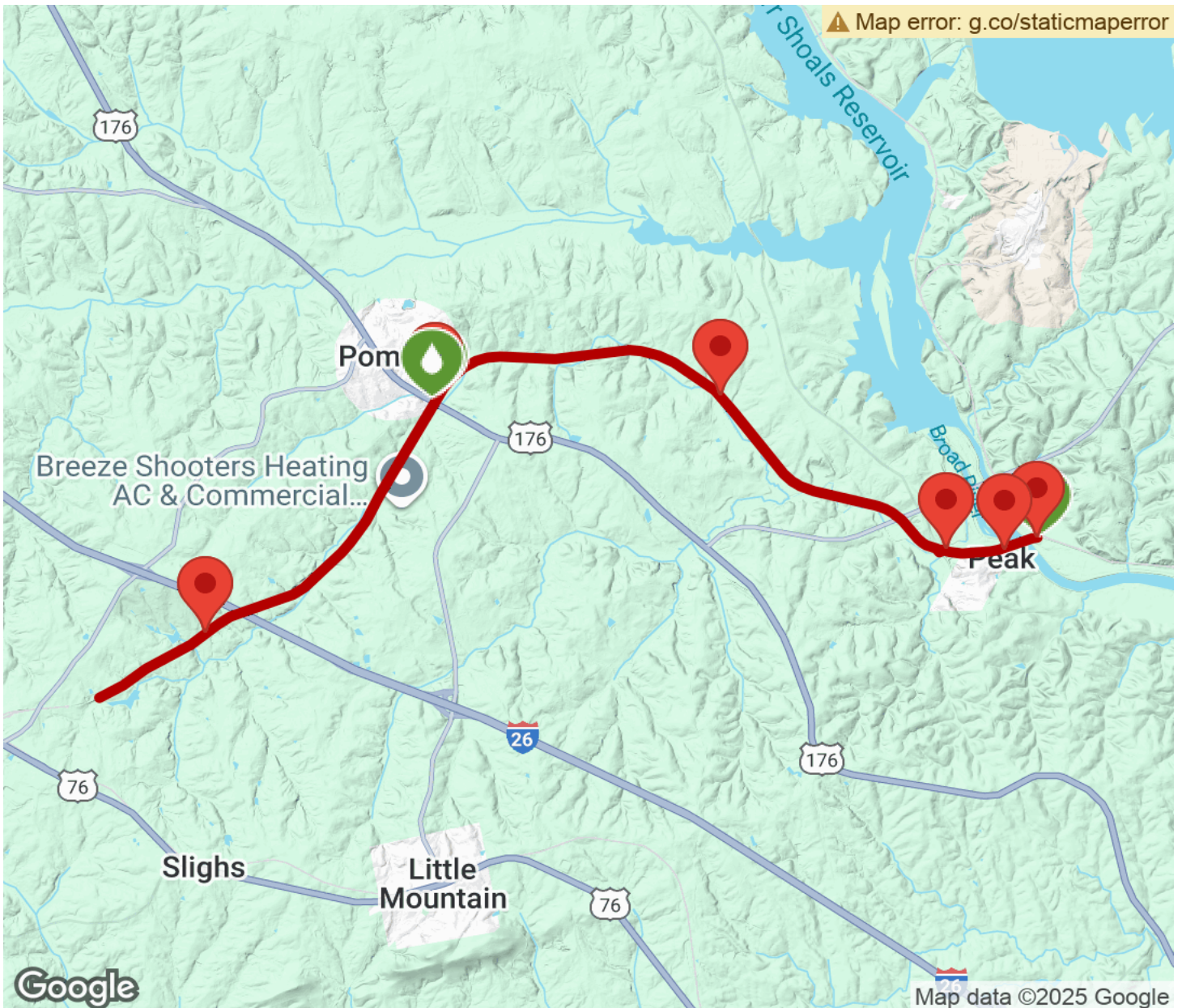
- 1317 Hope Station Rd (Pomaria)
- 3593 Kibler Bridge Rd (Prosperity)

See [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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