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Guides



**Boone  
Greenway  
Trail**  
*North Carolina*



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Following and crossing the winding route of the South Fork of the New River in the Blue Ridge Mountains community of Boone, the Boone Greenway Trail features a mix of open meadows and dense forests. The 4.75-mile trail passes by a historic dam site and has plenty of benches for resting, picnic facilities, and interpretive signs that tell the story of the region's natural and human history. The greenway also boasts great bird-watching and wildflower-viewing.

The greenway's mostly flat grade and smooth asphalt surface make it a natural fit for a relaxing bike ride or walk through nature.

About the Route

The Boone Greenway Trail leaves off in the west from the Southgate Shopping Center, a busy commercial area and a convenient stop for lunch or dinner before or after your trail journey. Shortly after State Farm Road, the trail forks. Trail users can loop back around, crossing a footbridge over the creek, to reach a field with baseball diamonds. On the western side of the creek, the trail reaches a T-juncture facing the creek. Turn right to take a 0.1-mile route along the creek back toward the shopping area, or take a left to continue north along the trail.

Heading north, the trail crosses Martin Luther King Jr. Street in 0.2 miles, and the National Guard Armory will appear on your right as you approach the street. Cross the street, turn right, and follow it northeast 450 feet to the entrance of Clawson-Burnley Park on your left. In the park, trail users can find informative signs about the region's plant and animal life, as it's a popular spot for birding and soaking up nature. It features an ADA-accessible picnic shelter, covered picnic tables, restrooms, and benches. This is also a great alternative parking location.

From the entrance to the park, the trail heads northwest, reaching a T-juncture in the trail in 0.2 miles. Turning left at this juncture takes the route 0.2 miles south to the Watauga County Industrial Fields Complex's ball fields and tennis and basketball courts, as well as a parking lot on Complex Drive.

If you instead turn right at the T-juncture, this section of the trail heads north/northeast for 0.1 mile before reaching a covered bridge over the South Fork New River. Take a left after the trail crosses the bridge to stay on the main trail; turning right will take you to Hunting Hills Lane. From the bridge, it's 0.8 miles to a historic dam site and stone ruins of a hydroelectric power station that produced the first electricity in Boone in the early 1900s. The station served the Appalachian Training School, now Appalachian State University, and early homes. Sitting in the midst of the densest forest along the greenway, the site features a view of



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**States:** North Carolina

**Counties:** Watauga

Length: 4.75miles

**Trail end points:** 1787 Blowing Rock Rd (Boone)  
to 200 Casey Ln (Boone)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Boardwalk

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Fishing, Walking,  
Wheelchair Accessible, Cross Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

The Boone Greenway Trail runs between 1787 Blowing Rock Rd (Boone) and 200 Casey Ln (Boone), with parking available at both ends.

Parking is also available at:

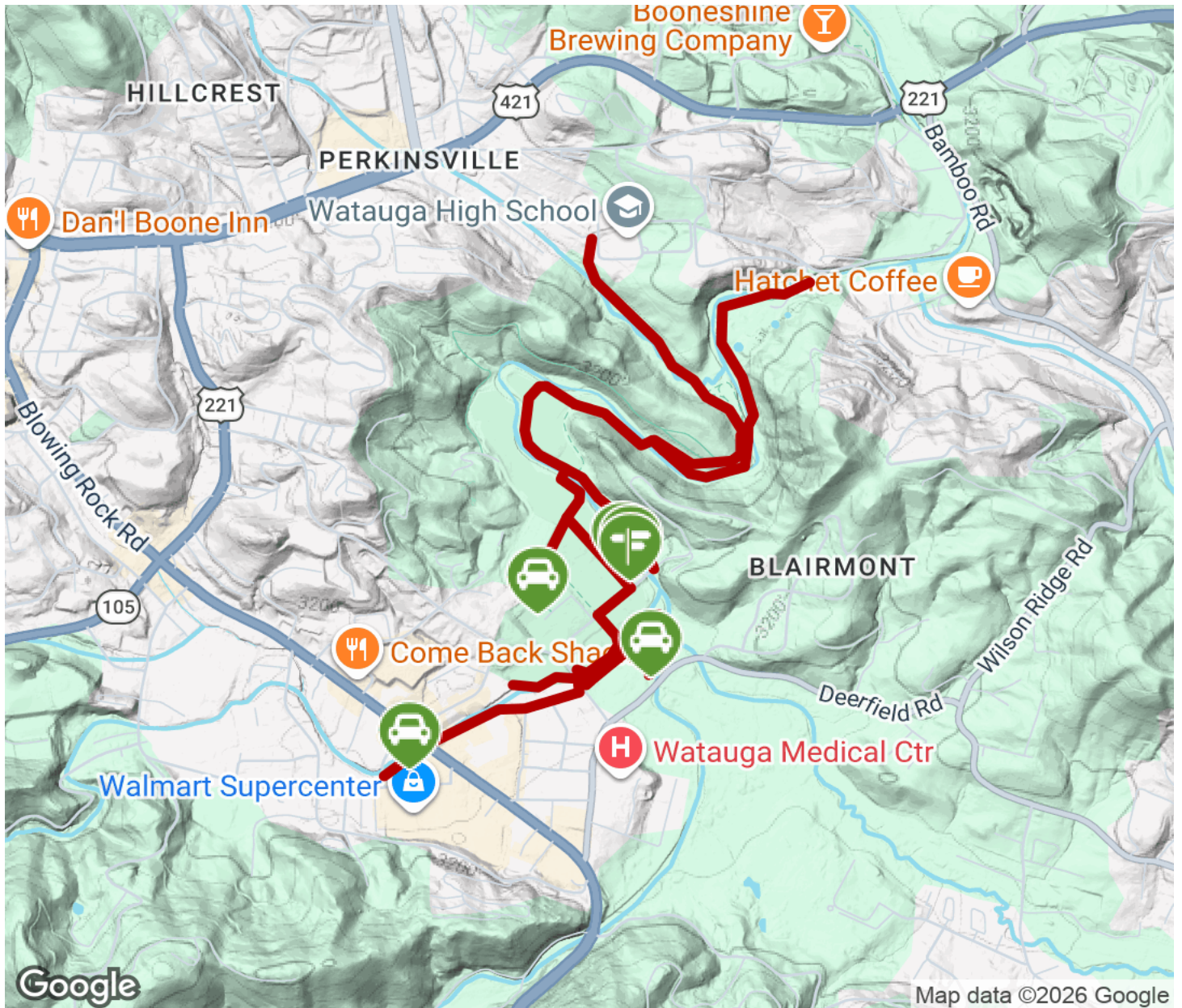
- Clawson-Burnley Park, 355 M.L.K. Jr. St (Boone)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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