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Guides



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This developing 12-foot-wide Spanish Moss Trail offers spectacular salt marsh vistas and coastal wildlife viewing as it meanders through neighborhoods and beautiful wetlands. There are historical points of interest along the rail trail, bringing together the natural beauty of the Low Country landscape with the area's past.

Open year-round, sunrise to sunset, the trail attracts more than 100,000 people a year. It was named one of the country's 10 Best Urban Walking Trails by Outside magazine and the Best Hiking Trail in the Palmetto State by Parade magazine.

Many visitors begin their journey by spending a night in

the Beaufort–Port Royal area. Beaufort is the second-oldest city in South Carolina, with a large National Historic Landmark District to explore. The area offers wonderful local restaurants; shopping; and outdoor recreational experiences, including boating, paddleboarding, kayaking, fishing, and carriage tours.

About the Route

For the full experience of the trail, begin by parking at Clarendon Road—the northernmost trailhead. South of Clarendon Road, the trail weaves through wooded neighborhoods. Trail users may hear the buzz of fighter jets overhead, as the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort is located nearby. There is one small tunnel under a commercial driveway that may be challenging to navigate due to its steepness. It is located directly across from Beaufort's Greyhound bus station, 4.7 miles south of the Clarendon Road Trailhead. Otherwise, the trail is flat.

From the tunnel, the route reaches the most populated segment of the trail in 2.3 miles at the Depot Road Trailhead, which passes through an iconic 1901 warehouse structure. A half mile south of that trailhead, the trail crosses the Mather Trestle, a popular fishing and sunset-viewing spot. Continuing south 1.2 miles to the Broome Lane Trailhead, the path meanders through neighborhoods full of Spanish moss-draped live oaks and other tidal views. It is then 1.1 miles to the Westvine Trailhead. The trail continues south from there into the town of Port Royal, reaching its southern end in 0.3 miles at US 21/Ribaut Road.

Connections

The Spanish Moss Trail is part of the developing 3,000-mile East Coast Greenway, a network of trails extending from Maine to Florida.



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States: South Carolina

Counties: Beaufort

Length: 10.2miles

Trail end points: Clarendon Rd. (Burton) to
1884 Ribaut Rd. (Port Royal)

Trail surfaces: Concrete

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike, Inline

Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair

Accessible, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Spanish Moss Trail runs between Clarendon Rd. (Burton), where parking is available, and 1884 Ribaut Rd. (Port Royal).

Parking is also available at:

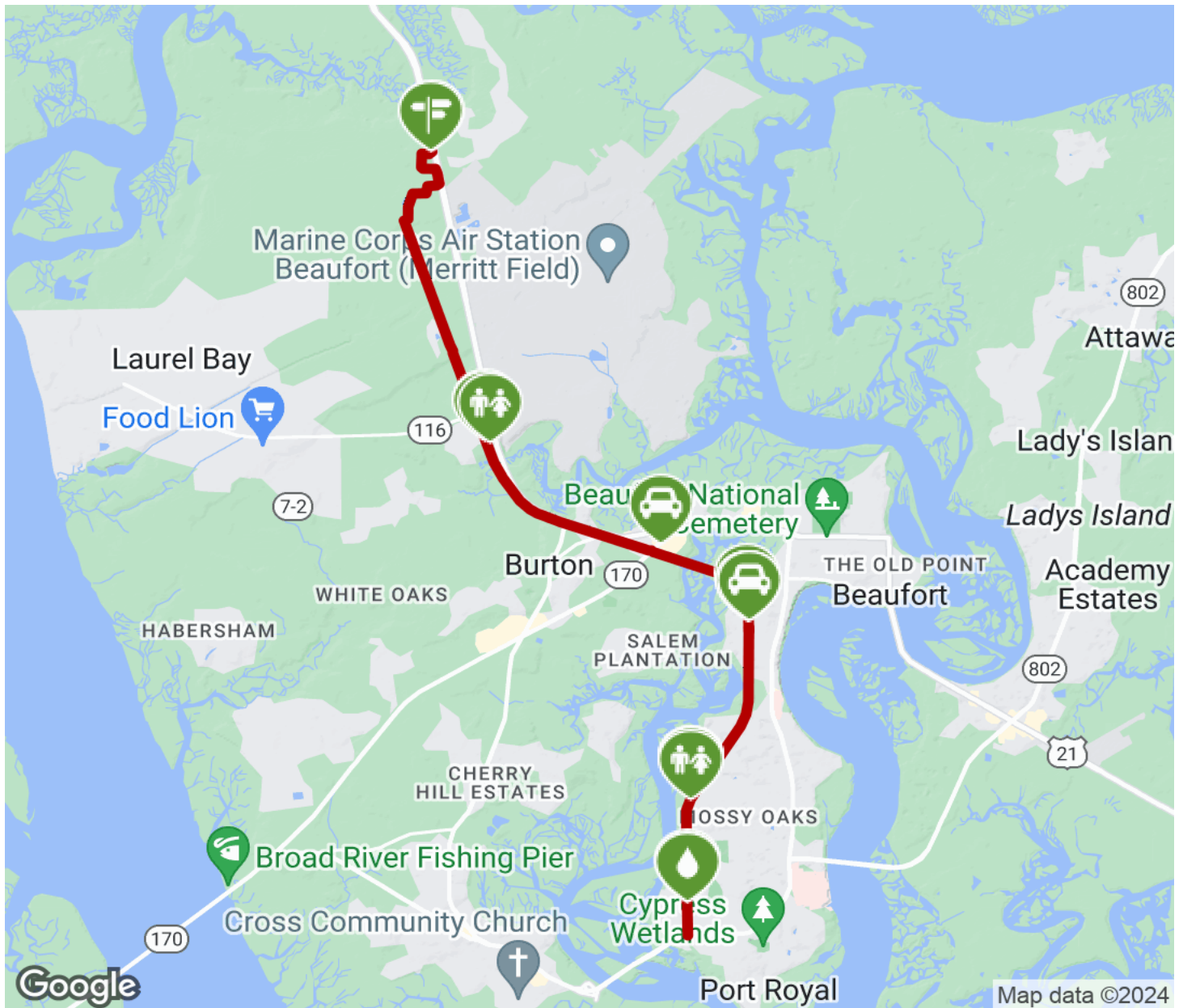
- 1003 Hodge Dr (Beaufort)
- 2824 Broome Ln (Beaufort)

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



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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