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Guides



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Trail**  
*South Carolina*



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## Overview

The Doodle Rail Trail connects the towns of Pickens and Easley in the northwest corner of South Carolina. The paved trail follows a former railbed for 8.5 miles and includes two wooden bridges. The railway began passenger and freight service in 1898 and was called the “Doodle” because it ran backward like a doodlebug between Pickens and Easley due to its inability to turn around.

## About the Route

The eastern trailhead is located at Pickens Doodle Park with amenities evoking the area’s railroading history, including a building and shelter styled like a train depot,

brightly colored murals of the train, and an actual engine and car that once ran the Doodle line.

From there, trail users will find that the landscape shifts as the trail meanders; sometimes the path runs right alongside a road, while at other times it’s tucked behind the trees. Single-family homes give way to thickly wooded corridors and lush rolling pastures where cattle languidly pass the time. Remnants of the Upstate’s industrial past are also apparent in the shuttered plants. Painted on the asphalt are 0.1-mile markers to help you track your progress.

At about the halfway mark (near Elljean Road), trail users will come upon a hidden gem—Rotary Park—which was jointly erected by the Rotary Clubs of Pickens and Easley. The small, semicircular space is nestled between the trees and provides seating, a bike repair station, a trail map, and bike parking. If you pause to take in the serenity of the park, you may hear the sounds of birds chirping, leaves rustling, and squirrels and bunnies scurrying in the brush.

While the route does have an abundance of road crossings, they are well-marked with striping, tactile paving, and stop signs for trail users. Even if the road seems fairly empty, do not be tempted to rush across; visibility is sometimes poor, and a car may appear without much warning.

After 8.5 miles of navigating the trail’s gradual inclines, Easley’s Doodle Park comes into sight as the trail emerges onto Fleetwood Drive. Like its counterpart in Pickens, this park also features train cars as decoration. These are also functional, however, with one of them housing the park’s restrooms.



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**States:** South Carolina

**Counties:** Pickens

Length: 8.5miles

**Trail end points:** Railroad Street (Pickens) to  
NW Main Street (Easley)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Bike, Inline

Skating, Wheelchair Accessible, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

The Doodle Rail Trail runs between Railroad Street (Pickens) and NW Main Street (Easley), with parking available at both ends.

Parking is also available at:

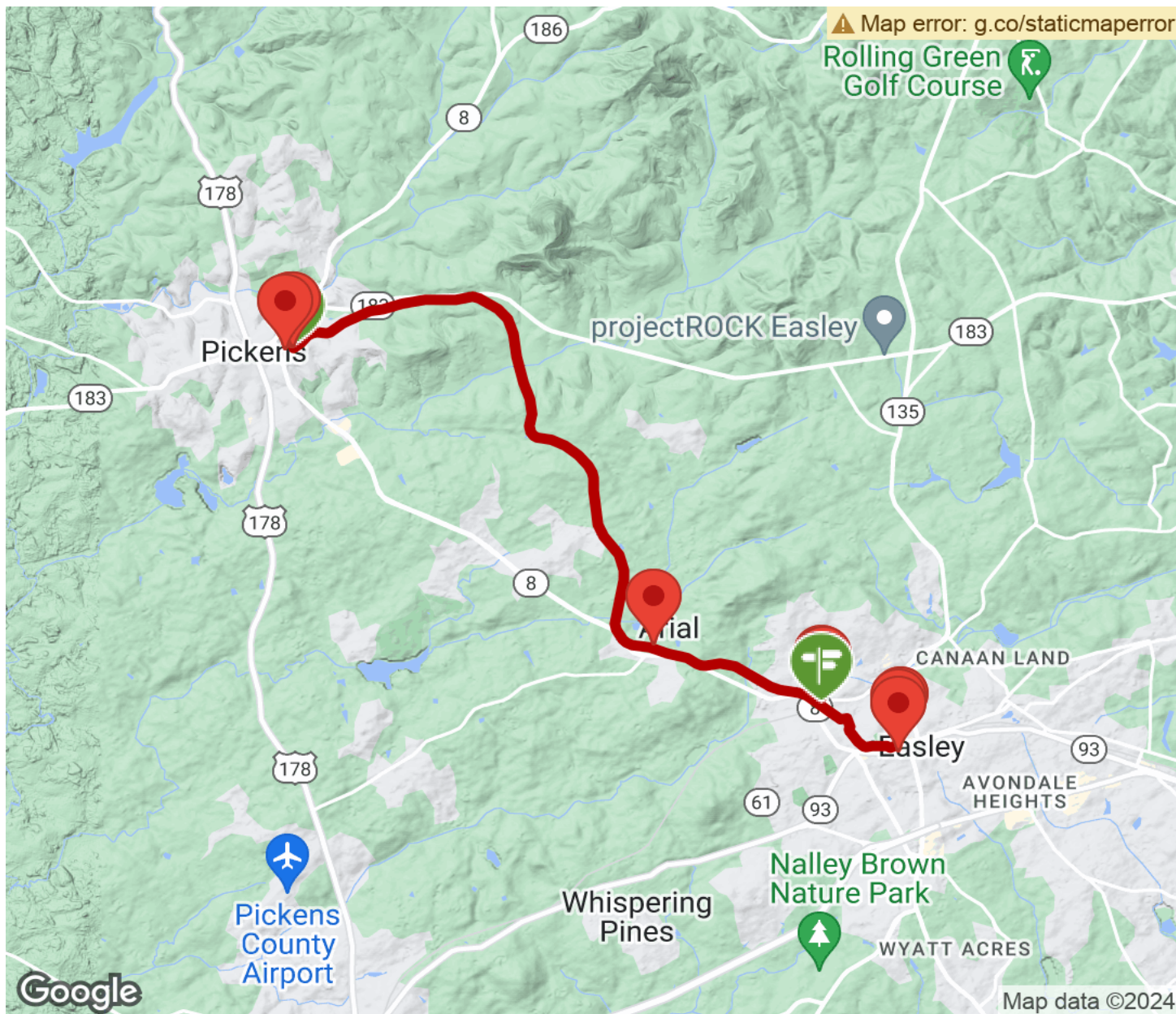
- Doodle Park, 514 Fleetwood Dr (Easley)

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



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- Trailhead
- Restroom
- Parking
- Water Fountain
- Tunnel