
Greenville County Long Range Transportation Plan

Bike Routes



Prepared by Greenville County Planning Commission





Introduction

Bicycling is a low-cost transportation alternative that is non-polluting, energy efficient, and provides health benefits. Bicycling can be a form of recreation or an individual's primary means of transportation. Using a bicycle as a primary means, or mode has also been shown in heavily congested areas to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality. Bicycles provide an efficient form of transportation to all socioeconomic levels at a very low cost. Additional benefits of bicycle use include reduced requirement for roadway and parking space per traveler.

Bicycling has steadily increased in popularity as both a mode of transportation and a recreational activity over the past decade. While most of this growth has been in off-road/mountain biking, road bicycling has continued to grow. In recent reaction to this increased interest in bicycling, realizing that bicycling (and pedestrianism) are important activities to an improved quality of life, political forces and funding have responded in kind.

Like many communities around the U.S., Greenville County is experiencing a resurgence in interest in bicycling as a means of transportation. The bicycle is a low-cost and effective means of transportation that is quiet, non-polluting, extremely energy-efficient, versatile, healthy, and fun. Bicycles also offer low-cost mobility to the non-driving public, especially the young. In addition, recent national surveys find that more people are willing to cycle more frequently if better bicycle facilities are provided.

Greenville County has many of the attributes needed to become a bicycle-friendly community. This includes smaller towns and cities, a moderate climate, and a population interested in health, environment, and livable neighborhoods. The popularity of recreational bicycling in Greenville County has significantly increased bicycle ridership. This plan provides safe and efficient routes for all types of bicycle riders



whether it be for commuting, shopping, traveling to and from school, or to reach a recreational destination.

Bicycle transportation is beneficial in many ways. Increased use of bicycles for commuting reduces traffic congestion and parking demand, especially during peak periods. Bicycles expand the mobility of those who cannot drive or do not have access to automobiles. And bicycling offers numerous recreational and fitness opportunities. For these reasons, Greenville County recognizes the need to provide safe and convenient travel alternatives for its residents.



ROUTE 1- Historic Downtown Greenville Tour

This tour consists of the most scenic and historic sections of downtown Greenville. The tour is perfect for a day outing with the family, especially on a weekend when traffic is lighter.

Points of Interest: McPherson Park, Earle Street/James Street/Hampton-Pinckney/Pettigru and East Park Historic Preservation Areas; Downtown Greenville including City Hall, The Peace Center for the Performing Arts, interesting shops and buildings, Westend Historic District, and homes along McDaniel Avenue.

DISTANCE: 7.75 miles

TRAFFIC WATCH: Light on weekends, but considerably heavier during the week. Watch traffic at all times on Buncombe Street, Laurens Road/Stone Avenue, Park Avenue, and Cleveland Street.

TERRAIN: Mostly flat with a few rolling hills along Cleveland Street.

STARTING POINT: McPherson Park

SCHOOLS: None

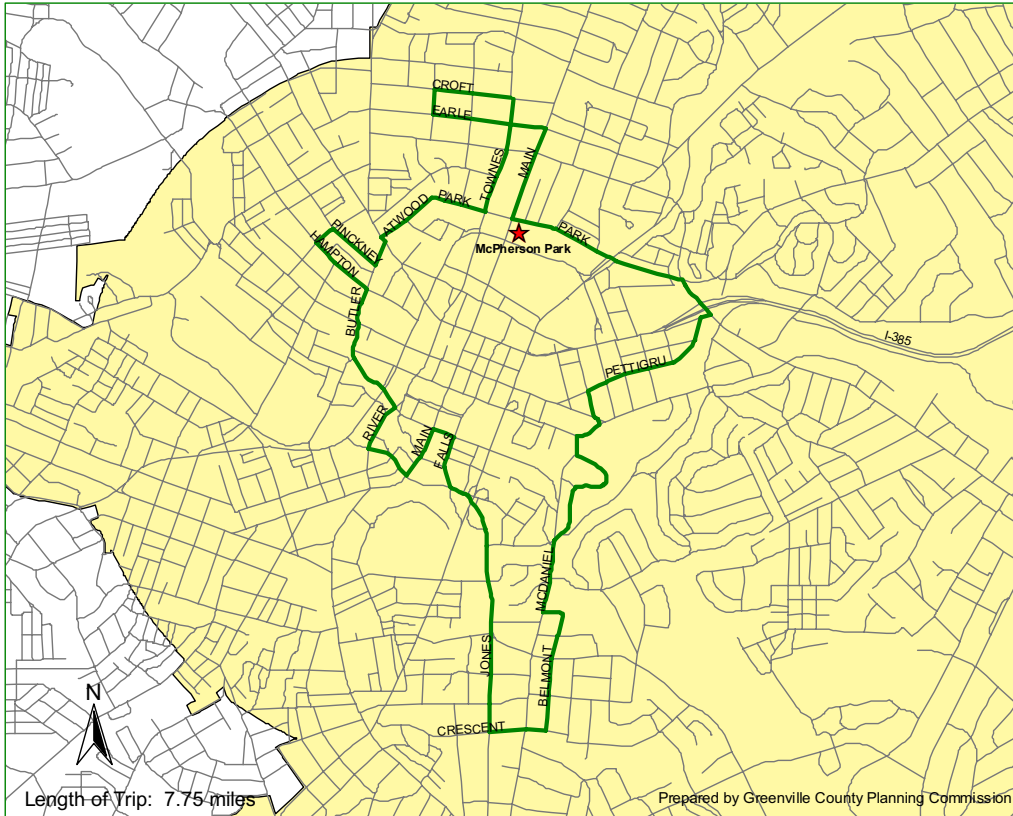
SKILL LEVEL: 3----Good for families

NOTES: Bicycle crossing signs should be placed on the Stone Avenue/Laurens Road section of the route. The entrance for the Cleveland Park bike path is adjacent to this route (next to The Peace Center).



Route 1 Historic Downtown Greenville Tour

Greenville County, SC



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Left out of McPherson Park onto Park Avenue 2. Right onto Main Street 3. Left onto Earle Street 4. Right onto Townes Street 5. Left onto Croft Street 6. Left onto Robinson Street 7. Left onto Earle Street 8. Right onto Townes Street 9. Right onto Park Street 10. Left onto Atwood Street 11. Left onto Buncombe Street 12. Right onto Butler Avenue 13. Right onto Pinckney Street 14. Left onto Lloyd Street | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Left onto Hampton Avenue 16. Right onto Butler Avenue 17. Cross Washington Street; Butler changes to Broad 18. Right onto River Street. Cross bridge on River Street and follow to Camperdown Way. 19. Left onto Camperdown Way 20. Left onto Main Street 21. Right onto East Broad Street 22. Right onto Falls Street 23. Left onto Cleveland Street 24. At the fork, continue straight on Jones Avenue (Cleveland forks to the left) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 25. Left on Crescent Avenue, 26. Left on Belmont Avenue, 27. Right onto McDaniel Avenue 28. Right onto Ridgeland Avenue, Ridgeland forks - bear right. 29. Right at bridge onto McDaniel Avenue 30. Left at light onto East Washington Street 31. Right onto Broadus 32. Right onto Pettigru Street 33. Right onto East North Street. 34. Left onto Stone Avenue. 35. Left onto Park Avenue. 36. Left at the entrance of McPherson Park. |
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ROUTE 2- Dogwood Trail

This tour is great for a spring afternoon to see all the magnificent dogwood trees in bloom.

Points of Interest: North Main Park, McPherson Park, Earle Street Historic Preservation Area, the North Main residential area, downtown Greenville including City Hall, The Peace Center for the Performing Arts, interesting shops and buildings, the East Park Historic Preservation Area, the Greenville Women’s Club, Cleveland Park, Reedy River Park, and West End Market Area.

DISTANCE: 7.87 miles

TRAFFIC WATCH: Parts of tour are heavy, especially around Main Street.

TERRAIN: Several steep inclines but overall a good trail; wide mostly smooth roads.

STARTING POINT: North Main Park

SCHOOLS: Stone and Summit Drive Elementary Schools

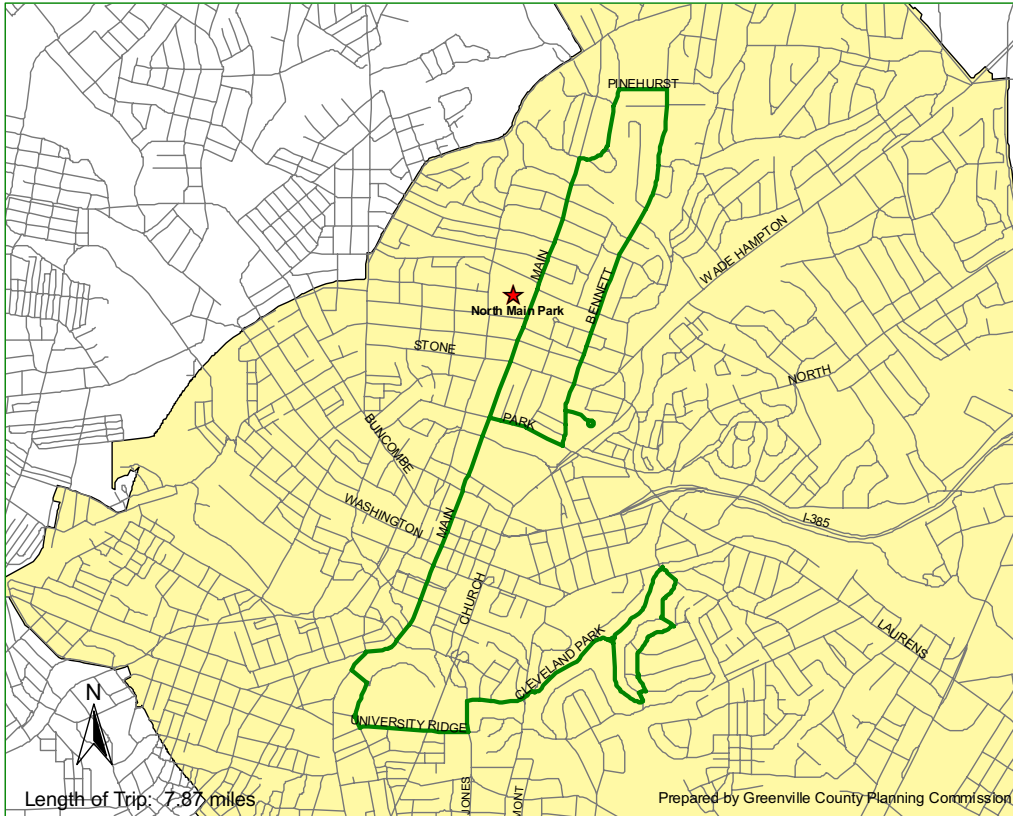
SKILL LEVEL: 3—Good for families

NOTES: The Cleveland Park bike path connects the park with The Peace Center downtown.



Route 2 Dogwood Trail Loop

Greenville County, SC



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Begin at North Main Park. 2. From the park, turn left onto North Main Street. 3. Right onto East Avondale Avenue and bear right onto North Avondale Avenue. 4. Right onto Pinehurst Drive. 5. Left onto Summit Drive, this turns into Bennett Street. 6. Left onto Harcourt Circle. 7. Left onto Bennett Street. 8. Right onto East Park Avenue. 9. Left onto Main Street 10. Left onto Augusta Street 11. Left onto University Street 12. Right onto Howe Street | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Left onto University Ridge, continues straight across Church Street. 14. Left onto Cleveland Street. 15. Right onto Ridgeland Street 16. Right onto Cleveland Park Drive 17. Left onto Lakehurst Street. 18. Right onto Cleveirvine Street 19. Right onto Woodland Way 20. Left onto Happy Hollow 21. Right onto Dogwood Lane 22. Right onto Fernwood Lane 23. Left onto Woodland Way 24. Right onto Lakehurst to complete loop. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 25. Reverse direction back to Main Street and follow Main Street to North Main Park. |
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ROUTE 3- Paris Mountain Tour

This tour combines city scenes and country touring. This tour is quite unique since it connects a downtown urban center with a picturesque mountain and state park.

Points of Interest: North Main Park, North Main residential area, and Paris Mountain State Park.

DISTANCE: Route 6.28 miles

TRAFFIC WATCH: Medium. Be especially careful on State Park Road, Rutherford Road and North Main Street.

TERRAIN: Mostly rolling hills but a couple of steep ones. Paving is good overall

STARTING POINT: McPherson Park

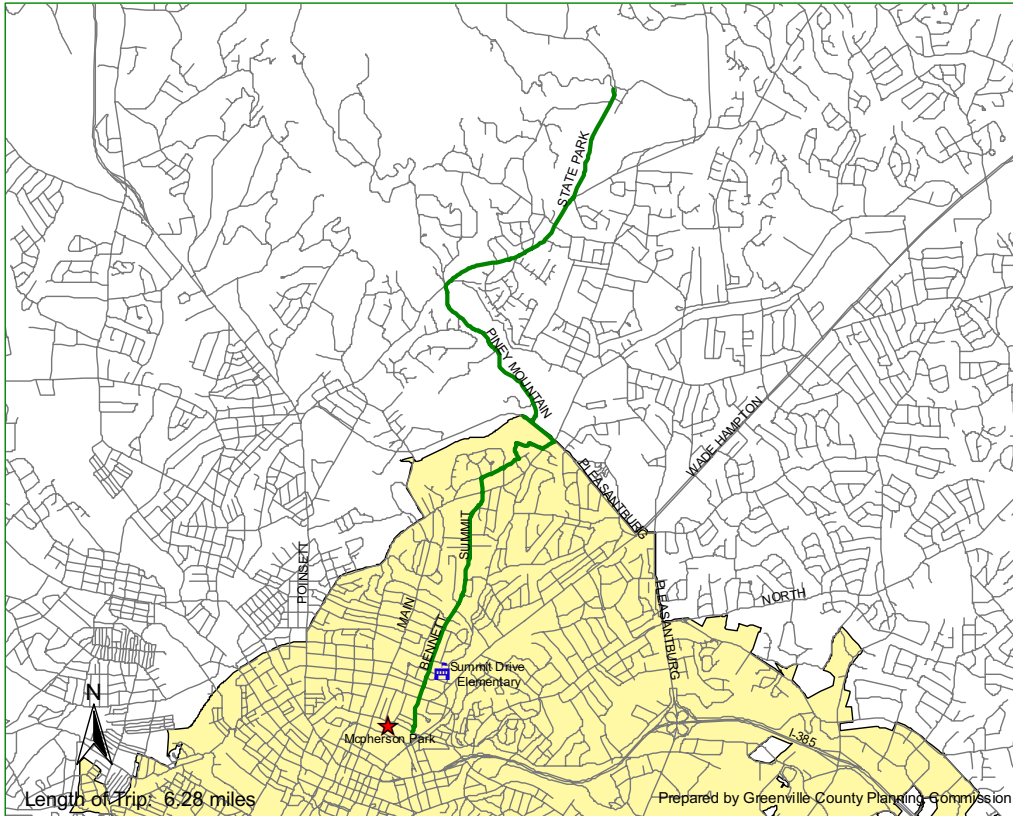
SCHOOLS: Stone Avenue, Summit Drive, and Paris Elementary Schools; Sevier Middle School.

SKILL LEVEL: 5—Requires medium effort.



Route 3 Paris Mountain Tour

Greenville County, SC



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Begin Tour at McPherson Park. Parking is available in the park. 2. From the park turn right onto Park Avenue. 3. Left onto Bennett Street, continue straight, Bennett changes to Summit Drive. 4. Cross Rutherford Road. 5. Right onto Wedgewood. 6. Left onto Meadowcrest which changes to Rayford Lane (go into parking lot and onto front of parking lot, Highway 291 runs in front of this). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Left onto 291 (get into right lane of traffic). 8. Right onto State Park Road. 9. Bear left at Paris Mountain State Park sign on State Park Road. 10. Left at State Park entrance. |
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ROUTE 4- Reedy River Tour

This tour is designed to display the excellent fall leaf colors within the City of Greenville. This route parallels the Reedy River.

Points of Interest: Cleveland Park, Greenville Country Club residential area, and Augusta Road area. McAlister Square, Greenville Technical College, and downtown are not far off the route.

DISTANCE: 5.53 miles

TRAFFIC WATCH: Light, except for two blocks along Augusta Road.

TERRAIN: Mostly rolling hills and a couple of steep climbs (Happy Hollow, Longview Terrace, and Byrd Boulevard.)

STARTING POINT: Cleveland Park

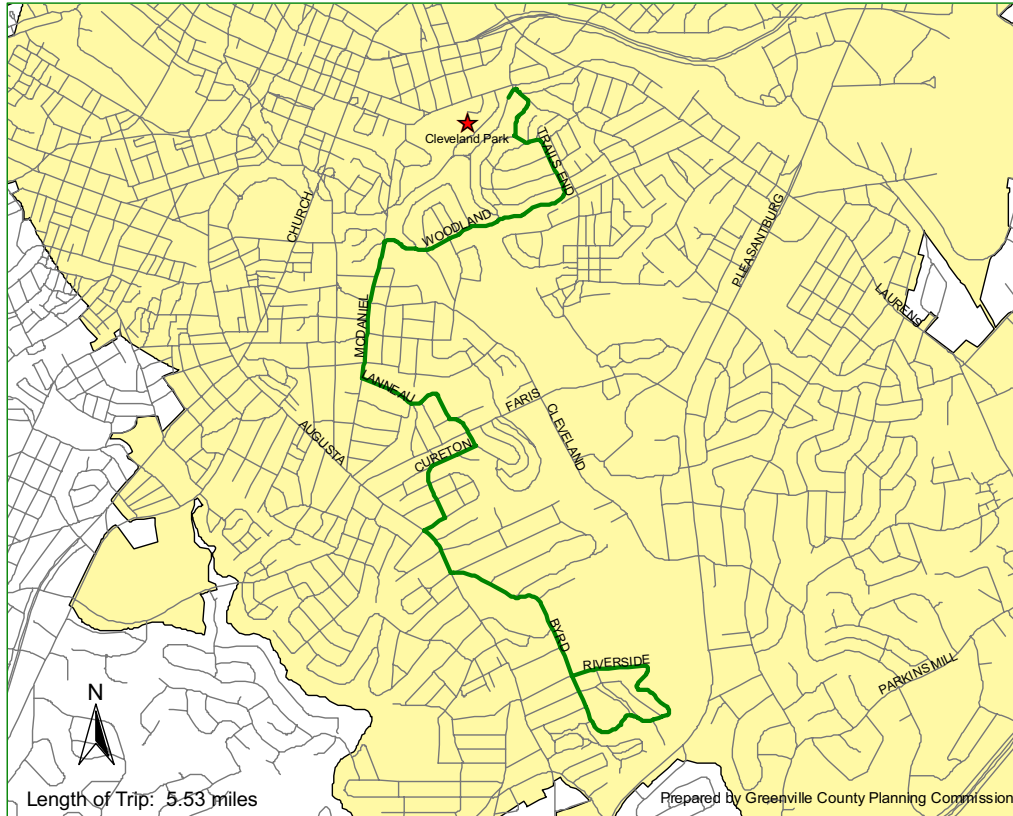
SCHOOLS: None. However, Augusta Circle and Blythe Elementary Schools, Beck Middle School, and Greenville Technical College are all close to the route.

SKILL LEVEL: 4—Good for families

NOTES: The Cleveland Park bike path originates in the park. It has been recommended that only experienced cyclists ride on Augusta Road. All others are encouraged to walk their bicycles on the sidewalk along Augusta Road until Byrd Boulevard.



Route 4 Reedy River Tour Greenville County, SC



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Begin tour in Cleveland Park. From the park, take right onto Cleveirvine. 2. Right onto Woodland Way. 3. Left onto Happy Hollow. Left onto Dogwood Lane. 4. Right onto Trails End. 5. Straight to Fernwood. 6. Left onto Woodland Way. 7. Left onto McDaniel. 8. Left onto Lanneau Street. 9. Left onto East Lanneau Street. 10. Left onto Long View Terrace, cross Faris Road. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Right onto Cureton Street. 12. Left onto McCuen Street. 13. Right onto East Augusta Place. 14. Left onto Augusta Road. 15. Left onto Byrd Boulevard. 16. Left onto Riverside Drive turns onto Brookside Way. Stay on Brookside until it turns into Byrd Boulevard. 17. Right onto Augusta. 18. Right onto East Augusta Place. 19. Right onto Cureton. 20. Left onto Longview Terrace, cross Faris Road. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 21. Right onto East Lanneau Street. 22. Right onto Lanneau Street. 23. Right onto McDaniel Street. 24. Right onto Woodland Way. 25. Left cut onto bike trail after bridge at Cleveland Park. Stay on trail, comes out at ball field. |
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ROUTE 5- Sandy Springs/ Southside Park Loop

This bike route is heavily used by cyclists. Many cyclists who live in southern Greenville County or work in Donaldson Center ride this route daily after work.

Points of Interest: Southside Park, historic Lebanon Church on Connector 5a.

DISTANCE: Route 24.2 miles

TRAFFIC WATCH: Mostly light except for Fork Shoals.

TERRAIN: Level except a few rolling hills.

STARTING POINT: Southside Park

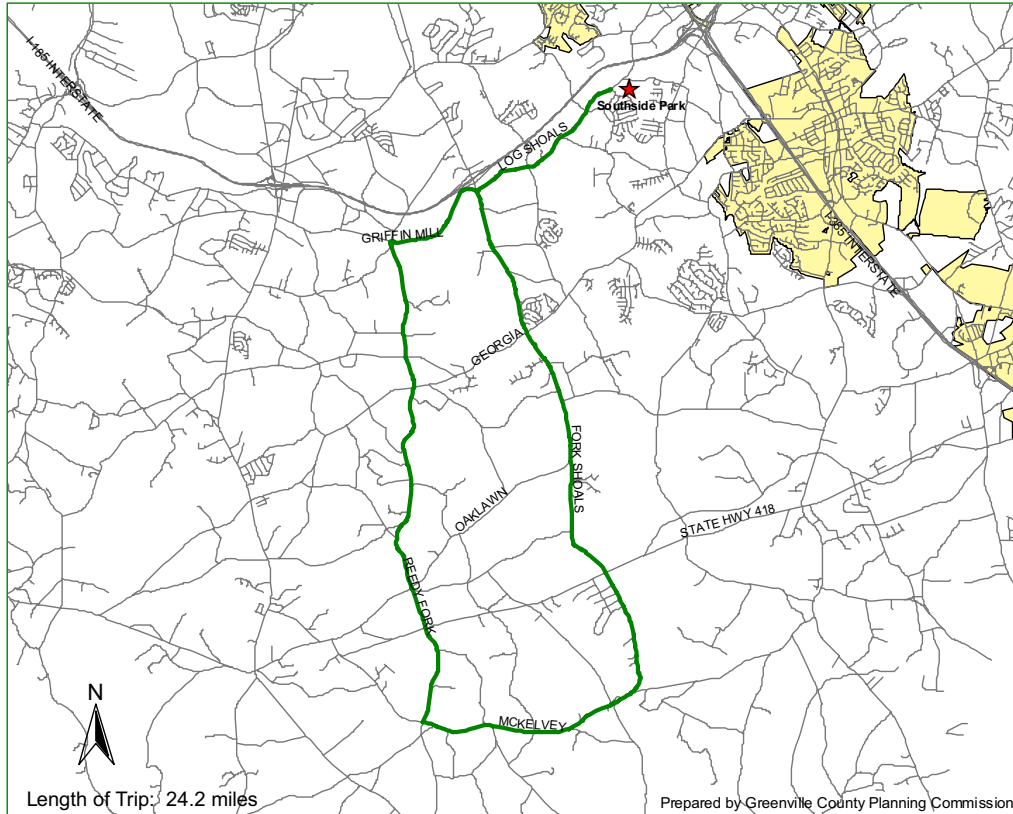
SCHOOLS: Greenbriar and Plain Elementary Schools are close to this route.

SKILL LEVEL: 7—Requires endurance (25 miles).



Route 5 Sandy Springs/ Southside Park Loop

Greenville County, SC



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1. Begin at Southside Park; turn left onto Baldwin Rd.
2. Left onto Log Shoals Rd.
3. Left onto Fork Shoals Rd.
4. Right onto McKelvey
5. Right onto Reedy Fork Rd.
6. Cross SC 418 and continue to go straight on Reedy Fork Rd.
7. Right onto Griffin Mill Rd.
8. Cross Fork Shoals Rd. to Log Shoals Rd. and back to Southside Park on Baldwin Rd.



ROUTE 6 - Saluda

Probably the most popular weekend cycling route in the area, this route features the Town of Saluda, North Carolina, and its bakery. On Saturday mornings, any time of the year, as many as fifty cyclists can be found socializing and enjoying the bakery's food at this halfway point of Route 12. Other route highlights include the untouched Blue Ridge Forest of the Greenville Watershed (one of the most popular cycling routes in the state) and the Poinsett Bridge near Camp Old Indian Boy Scout Camp.

Points of Interest: Saluda, Camp Old Indian, Camp White Pine, Poinsett Bridge, Pleasant Ridge Park.

DISTANCE: Route 12---20.10 miles each way.

TRAFFIC WATCH: Light traffic

TERRAIN: Hilly

STARTING POINTS: Back gates of Furman University

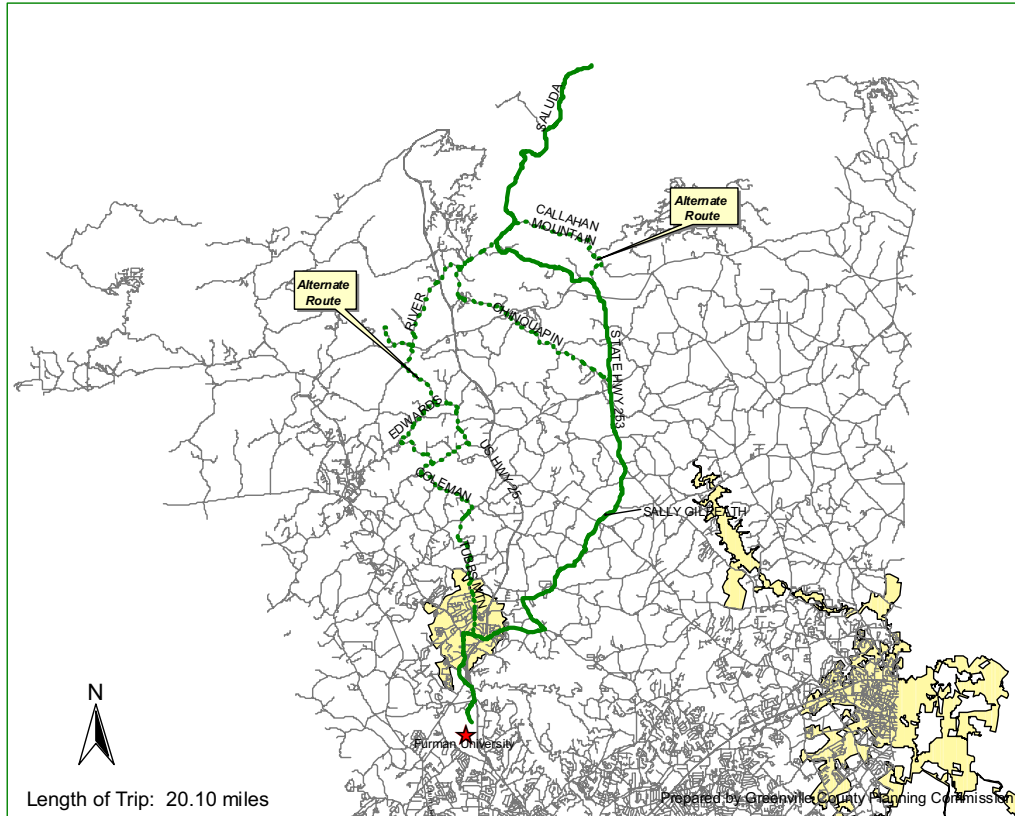
SCHOOLS: Furman University, North Greenville College, Gateway Elementary, and Travelers Rest High School.

SKILL LEVEL: 9---This is a very long route involving steep roads. Only experienced cyclists should consider riding the full route.



Route 6 Saluda

Greenville County, SC



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leaving back gate of Furman, take Glenrose Drive to Marchbanks Drive. 2. Right onto New Roe Ford Road, then immediate left onto Old Buncombe Road. 3. Cross Bypass 25 and continue straight onto Old Buncombe Road. 4. Left onto US 276. 5. Right at light, then immediate right at State Park Road. 6. Cross US 25 and continue straight onto State Park Road. 7. Left onto Enoree Road. 8. Right onto Tigerville Road. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Continue to follow Tigerville Road (Road forks, stay left.) 10. Right onto Langley Road. 11. Left onto Sam Langley Road. 12. Cross SC 290 (Locust Hill), Sam Langley Road changes to Sally Gilreath Road. 13. Right onto Tigerville Road. 14. Left onto SC 253 (Mountain View Road) 15. Cross SC 414 (North Greenville College). 16. Cross SC 11. 17. Left onto Old SC 11. 18. Right onto Dividing Waters Road. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Right at SC 969 and follow signs to Saluda. |
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ROUTE 7- Mountain Park Loop

This route features a variety of landscapes associated with foothill terrain. The trip is mostly hilly. The cyclist should be prepared for a good workout.

Points of Interest: Northside Park, Lake Robinson Park, Paris Mountain State Park, mountain vistas on Groce Meadow Road, Pebble Creek Country Club area, and waterfall close to the entrance of Paris Mountain State Park.

DISTANCE: 20.21 miles

TRAFFIC WATCH: Light to moderate in sections.

TERRAIN: Hilly in most sections.

STARTING POINT: Northside Park.

SCHOOLS: Paris Elementary School and Sevier Middle School.

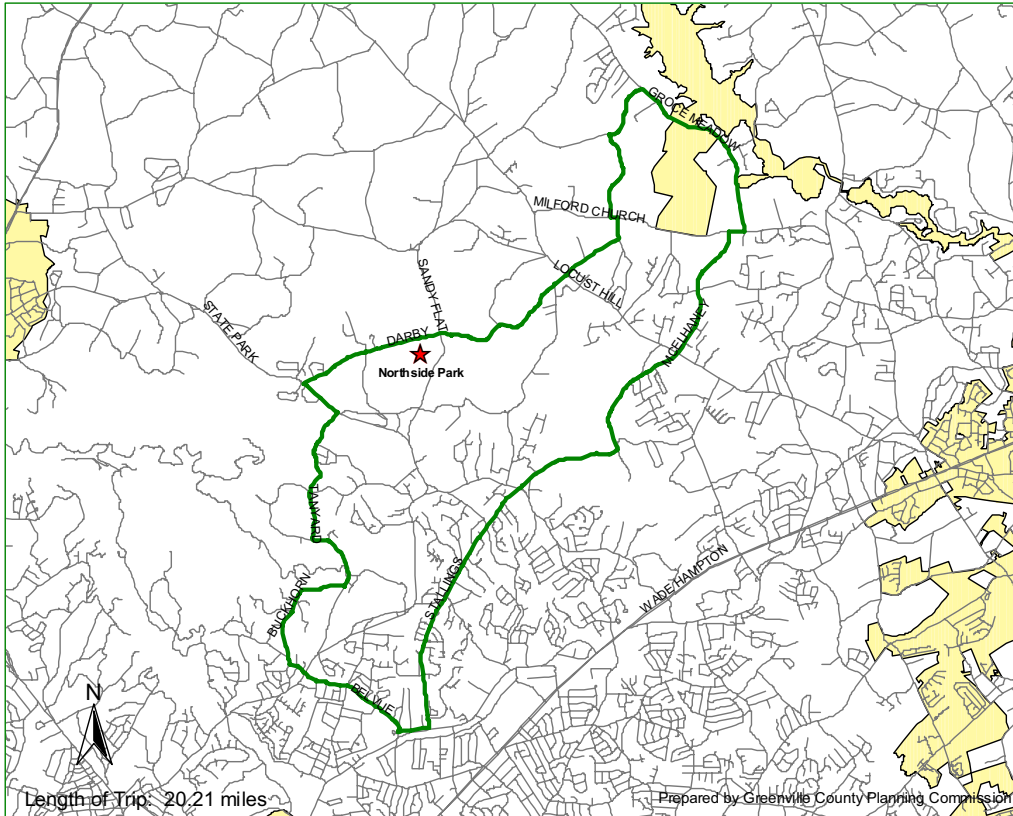
SKILL LEVEL: 7

NOTES: Very bad sight lines at the Mountain Creek/Darby intersection and the Tanyard/Reservoir intersection.



Route 7 Mountain Park Loop

Greenville County, SC



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Begin at Northside Park; turn left onto Darby Road. 2. Left onto State Park Road. 3. Right onto Tanyard Road. 4. Continue to follow Tanyard Road until it ends. 5. Left onto State Park Road. 6. Right onto South Buckhorn Road. 7. Left onto West Belvue Road. 8. Cross State Park Road and continue straight on Belvue Road. 9. Left onto Sevier Street. 10. Left onto Stallings Road. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Bear left onto Old Rutherford Road. 12. Cross Locust Hill, Old Rutherford Road changes to McElhanev Road. 13. Right on Milford Church Road. 14. Left onto Groce Meadow Road. 15. Left onto Center Drive. 16. Left onto Thurston Road. 17. Left onto Milford Church Road. 18. Right onto Styles Road. 19. Right onto Darby Road. 20. Left into Northside Park. |
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ROUTE 8- Parkside Loop

This loop has many urban features, some farmland, and the beautiful Furman University Campus. The connector route allows the linking of Downtown with the Furman routes.

Points of Interest: Westside Park (Westside Aquatic Center), Riverbend Equestrian Center, Furman University, City of Travelers Rest.

DISTANCE: Route 8---12.66 miles each way

TRAFFIC WATCH: Light to moderate.

TERRAIN: Rolling hills.

STARTING POINT: Westside Park

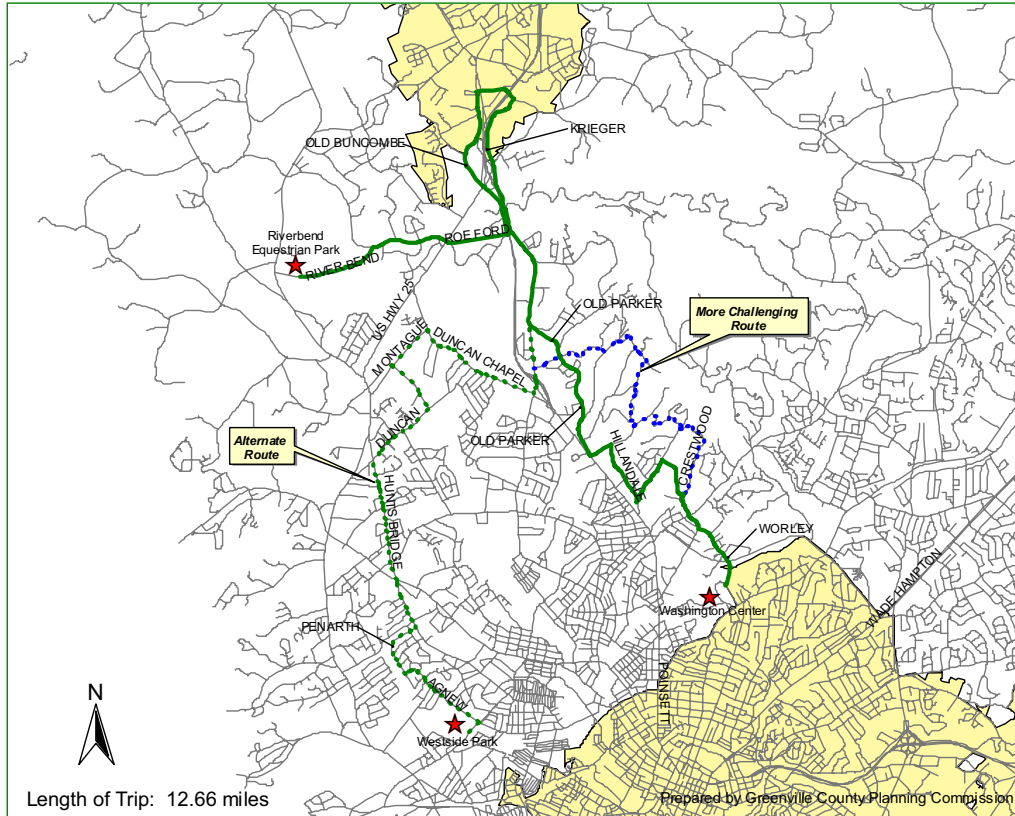
SCHOOLS: Berea, Monaview, Armstrong, and Duncan Chapel Elementary Schools; Lakeview, Berea Middle Schools; Travelers Rest and Berea High Schools; and Furman University.

SKILL LEVEL: 5

NOTES: On Duncan Chapel Road, turn left after crossing railroad tracks for a side tour of Furman University.



Route 8 Parkside Loop Greenville County, SC



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Begin at Washington Center 2. Left onto Arcadia Drive 3. Left onto Worley Road 4. Cross over State Park Road, Worley Road turns into Crestwood Road 5. Left on Garden Terrace 6. Left onto Crestwood Drive 7. Right onto Hillandale Road 8. Left onto Parker Road 9. Right onto Old Buncombe Road, Turns into Krieger Drive. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Left at Roe Road, cross Highway 276. (Caution: busy intersection) 11. Left onto Old Buncombe Road 12. Right at North US 25 Bypass. (Caution: watch traffic) 13. Right onto Roe Ford Road 14. Left onto Riverbend Road; right into Riverbend Park. |
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ROUTE 9- Woodmont/ Southside Circle

This loop features some of the most scenic rural and farm land in Greenville County. Woodmont Park is approximately half way on the loop and offers a comfort station, picnic areas, and tennis courts.

Points of Interest: Southside Park, Woodmont Park, Donaldson Center, countryside.

DISTANCE: Route 9----24.03 miles

TRAFFIC WATCH: Light to medium closer to Donaldson Center/Augusta Road. Area is experiencing growth; new subdivisions.

TERRAIN: Mostly level with some steep grades.

STARTING POINT: Southside Park

SCHOOLS: Greenbriar and Plain Elementary Schools, Woodmont Middle and Woodmont High Schools are close to this route.

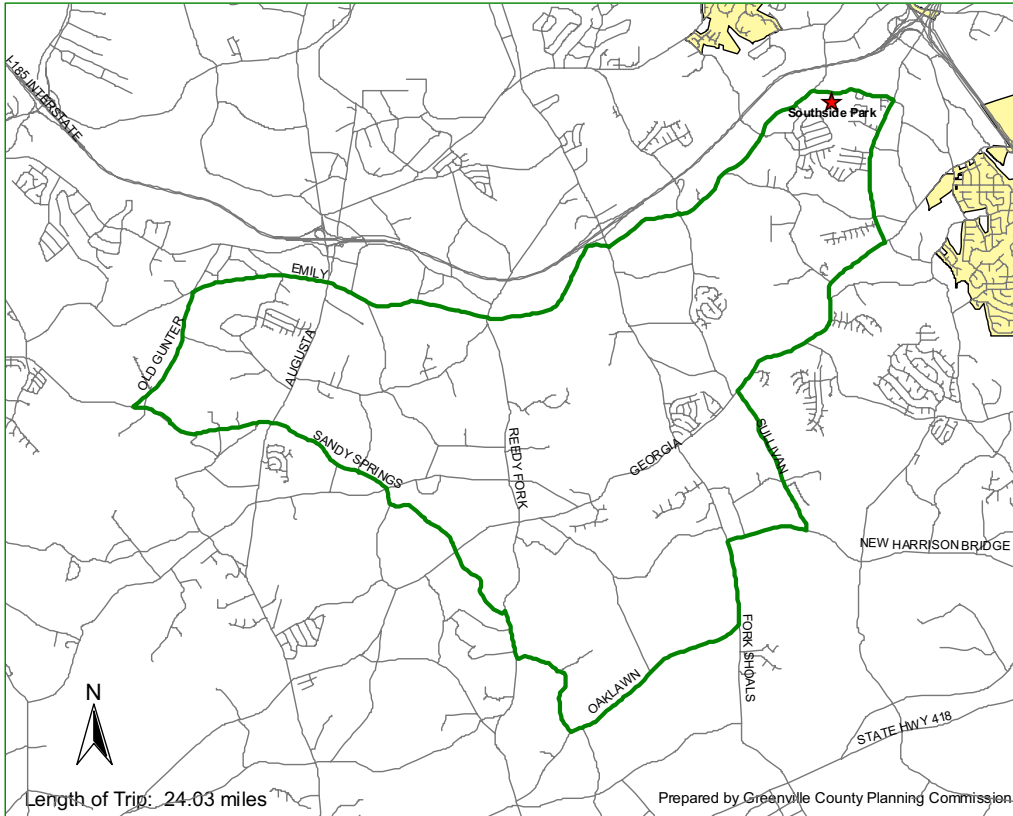
SKILL LEVEL: 6---Requires medium effort.

NOTES: The future home to the Greenville Tech Golden Strip Campus is located on this route



Route 9 Woodmont/ Southside Circle

Greenville County, SC



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Begin at Southside Park; turn left onto Baldwin Road. 2. Left onto Log Shoals Road. 3. Cross Fork Shoals Road; road changes to Griffin Mill Road. 4. Cross Reedy Fork Road; road changes to Blakely Avenue. 5. Cross Augusta; road changes to Emily Lane. (Busy intersection) 6. Left onto Old Gunter Road. 7. Left onto Bessie Road. Cross Highway 25; Bessie Road changes to Sandy Springs Road. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Right onto Reedy Fork Road. 9. Left onto Alverson Road. 10. Left onto Oaklawn Road. 11. Left into Fork Shoals Road. 12. Right on Harrison Bridge Road. 13. Left on Sullivan Road. 14. Right onto West Georgia Road. 15. Left onto East Standing Springs Road. 16. Left onto Baldwin Road. 17. Left into Southside Park. |
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ROUTE 10 – CAESAR’S HEAD

The destinations of Route 11 and its connectors are the three state parks in the northwestern corner of Greenville County and adjoining Pickens County. These routes are designed to keep cyclists off the more heavily traveled highways which are dangerous and also lead to these destinations (US 276 and SC 11). These routes will provide an excellent opportunity to enjoy the spectacular Blue Ridge Mountain scenery and link our three state parks with the city. All these roads have very light traffic.

Points of Interest: Furman University, Caesar’s Head State Park, Jones Gap State Park

DISTANCE: Route 11 -----28.0 miles one way.

TRAFFIC WATCH: Light traffic

TERRAIN: Very steep in sections

STARTING POINT: Back gates of Furman University

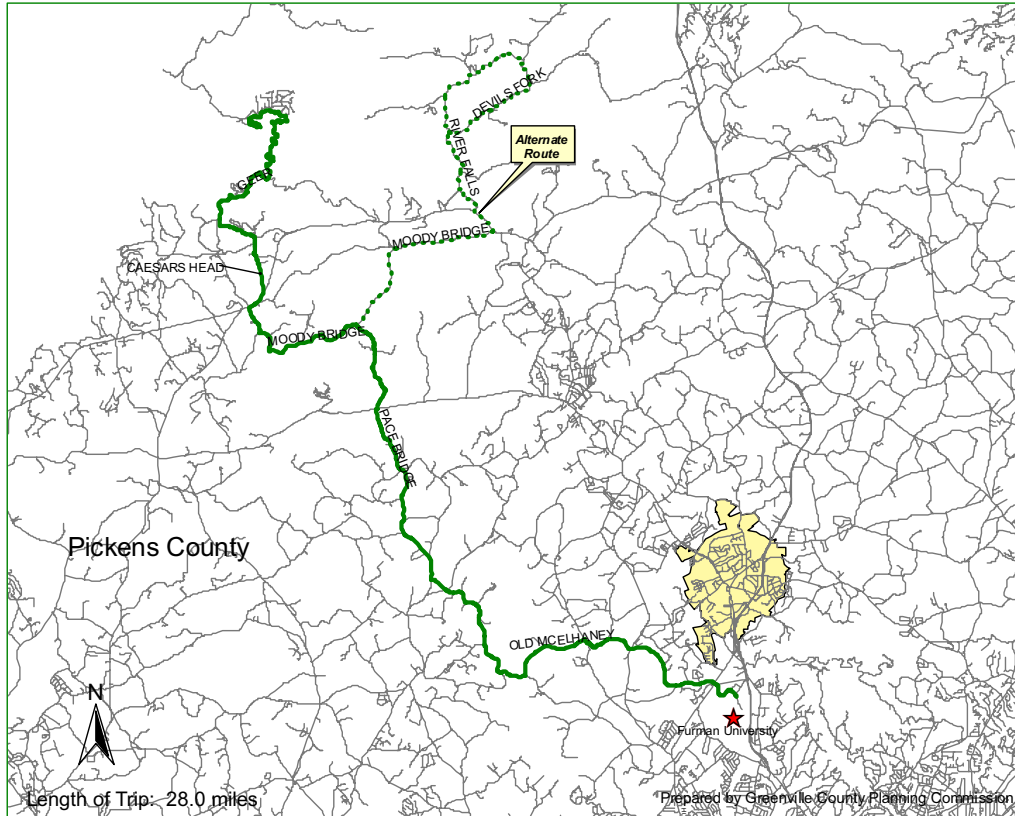
SCHOOLS: Furman University

SKILL LEVEL: 9---This is a very long route involving steep roads. Only experienced cyclists should consider riding the full route.

NOTES: Both the main Route and the connectors enter Pickens County. (Table Rock State Park) is in Pickens County.



Route 10 Caesar's Head Greenville County, SC



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leave back gate of Furman on Old Roe Ford Road. 2. Old Roe Ford Road runs into Roe Ford Road. 3. Cross Highway 25 Bypass and continue to follow Roe Ford Road. 4. Cross Old White Horse Road, continue straight onto New McElhaney Road. 5. Right onto Keeler Mill Road. 6. Quick left onto Old McElhaney Road. 7. Right onto Old Hunts Bridge Road. 8. At stop sign turn right and continue to follow Hunts Bridge Road. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Road forks, bear right and continue to follow Hunts Bridge Road. 10. Cross Dacusville Road and go straight onto Owings Road. 11. Right onto Pace Bridge Road. 12. Right onto Punkintown Road. 13. Quick left onto Marked Beech Road. 14. Left onto Moody Bridge Road 15. Right onto Pleasant Grove Road. 16. Right onto SC 11. 17. Left onto SC 8 (Caesar's Head Road) 18. Left onto US 276 to Caesar's Head State Park. |
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