



CATAWBA CREEK GREENWAY GASTONIA, NC

The 1.8 mile long Catawba Creek Greenway section of the Carolina Thread Trail begins east at Robinwood Road just north of the Catawba Creek Bridge and runs west along Catawba Creek with lovely views of the creek and a large grassy area for picnicking. The trail is paved with asphalt for its entire length, is ADA compliant, and has many types of flora and fauna including flowering deciduous trees, vines and wildflowers. Wildlife such as rabbits, chipmunks, squirrels and many types of birds can also be found. It runs through wooded and open creek areas between several residential areas and junctions at the Avon Creek Greenway which leads to Lineberger Park approximately 1.08 miles away. After this junction, the Catawba Creek Greenway parallels the Municipal Golf Course and terminates at Ferguson Park.

The Catawba Creek Greenway got its name from the Catawba Creek, which is the largest water basin in Gastonia. This creek feeds into the Catawba River and Lake Wylie at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden.





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Directions and Parking

Parking is available at the National Guard Armory/Southeast Recreation Center, which is about 0.2 miles from the eastern trailhead. Parking is also available at Ferguson Park, off of Golf Course Drive. Each trailhead is ADA compliant.

National Guard Armory/Southeast Recreation Center off of Robinson Road trailhead parking:
From I-85, take the Cox Road Exit 21. Travel south over Franklin Boulevard where Cox Road becomes Armstrong Park Road. Travel 0.8 miles. Turn Right on Armstrong Park Drive. Travel for 0.7 miles. Turn Left onto S New Hope Road. Travel for 0.3 miles. Turn Right on Robinwood Road. Travel for 1.2 miles. The Armory/Recreation Center is on the left. The trailhead is approximately 800 ft north of the Center.

Ferguson Park trailhead parking:

From I-85, take the E Gastonia NC 7 Exit 19. Travel West on Ozark/ Long Avenue for 1.2 miles.



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Directions and Parking (continued)

Turn left on N Broad Street (it turns into Union Road after .6 miles). Travel for 1.4 miles. Turn Right on E 12th Avenue. Travel for 0.3 miles. Turn left on Kelly Street. Turn right on Golf Course Drive. Travel for 0.2 miles. Parking for Ferguson Park is on the left. The trailhead is evident, a few feet away.

Trail Length

1.8 miles

Points of Interest

Ferguson Park
Gastonia Municipal Golf Course
National Guard Armory/Southeast Recreation Center
Avon Creek Greenway
Picnic facilities
Creek overlooks with benches
Bird habitat

Surface Type

Paved asphalt

Permissible Activities

Walking
Running
Paved surface biking
Skateboarding

Level of Difficulty

Easy walk, level
ADA compliant

Pet Policy

Dogs on a leash

Restroom facilities availability

Ferguson Park in the ball field area
At the middle of trail at the intersection with Avon Creek Greenway there is a portable toilet

Fees and hours

No fees
Hours: ½ hour before sunset,
½ hour after sunrise

