

THE Cape Fear River TRAIL



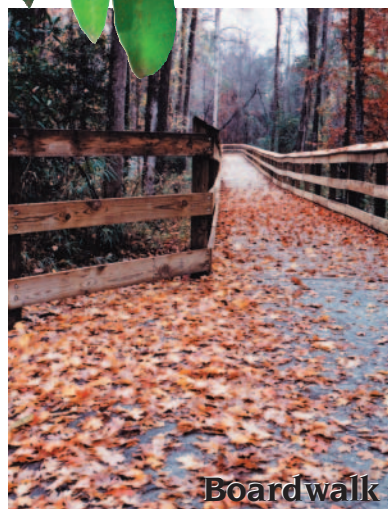
East Coast Greenway
 The Cape Fear River Trail is designated as part of the East Coast Greenway. The Greenway is a series of urban trails and greenways that will eventually connect from Maine to Key West, Florida, similar to the Appalachian Trail.



Big V Wooden Bridge

On the Wild Side Nature Findings Along the Trail

Along the trail are interpretive signs explaining the wildlife and plant life found in the area. There are more than 700 species of plants and trees, and 150 species of birds. The River Trail area is home to an unusual combination and diversity of hardwood trees.



Boardwalk

The marshy area at the beginning of the trail on the Clark Park side is home to various frog species. The warmth of the trail's pavement and bridge railings brings creatures of the reptilian variety to bask in the sun.

Several species of flowers and trees are found along the river that are also found in the mountains.

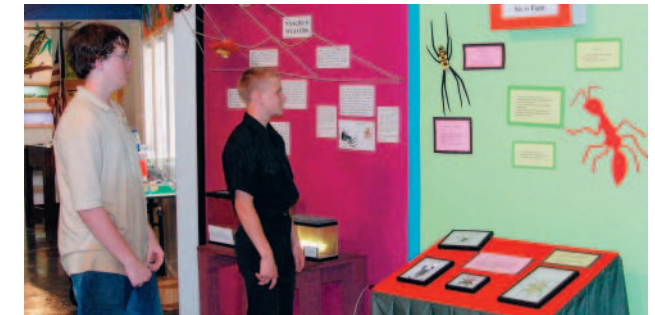
Bluebird nest boxes are sprinkled along the trail and are becoming home to these pretty birds. Those who are quiet may see deer in the open field near the pond along the trail. Nearly every day turtles such as Yellowbellied Sliders and River Cooters sun themselves on logs and rocks in the tributaries leading to the river.

See what gems nature brings us from the river and its environs as you walk the Cape Fear River Trail in every season.



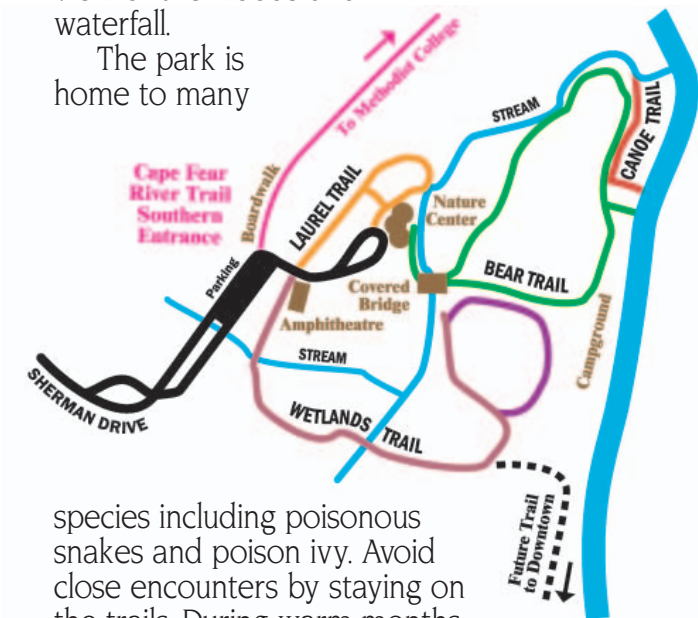
J. Bayard Clark Park & Nature Center

Clark Park was designed, and remains, a natural woodland area dedicated to preserving the environment and educating the public on North Carolina plants and wildlife. Its 76 acres contain three nature trails, a waterfall, deep ravine, primitive campground and an overlook of the Cape Fear River. There is a put-in point for canoes and kayaks on the river; you must provide your own equipment.



The Nature Center showcases both static and live displays. Certified park rangers educate visitors at the center and along the trails. The deck is available for picnics with a view of the woods and waterfall.

The park is home to many



species including poisonous snakes and poison ivy. Avoid close encounters by staying on the trails. During warm months mosquitoes, ticks and chiggers are in abundance. Please wear insect repellent and stay on the trails.

The parking lot shared by Clark Park and the River Trail remains open until dusk. The gate to Clark Park and Nature Center opens at 8 a.m. each day except Sunday, when it opens at 1 p.m. and closes at 4:30 p.m. daily.