



## Paris Mountain State Park 5/10K Walk Y1535©2021

The UpState PathFinders Volksmarch Club of Greenville, SC, is the only South Carolina member of AVA: America’s Walking Club. We would like to welcome you to our Paris Mountain State Park 5/10K Year-Round Event (YRE) and thank you for taking interest in one of our walks. This gorgeous 1,540-acre park is nestled in the forested foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, with stunning views of the valley and city below. The walk is almost entirely on dirt paths/trails and not your typical "walk in the park"! Paris Mountain is home to a vast array of wildlife, majestic trees, and spectacular vistas. The park is listed on the National Register of historic places and one of South Carolina’s best parks. Many of the park buildings were built by the CCC in the 1930s during the great depression. For nature enthusiasts, this gem should not be missed!

### Walk Completion and Walk Credit

Once you have completed the walk, please login to your Account at [my.ava.org](http://my.ava.org). Select My Start Box then Finish Table. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped “virtual” start cards that you print (at 83%) and glue in your Event and Distance books. You can save up to 8 events before printing.

Use the following table to guide what portion of this document you may wish to print out. Please go to page 6 for links and more details on our walks. Find us on [Upstate Pathfinders Meet Up](#) to join us on one of our bimonthly walks.

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## Paris Mountain State Park History

Paris Mountain State Park's roots date as far back as the Great Depression, when it was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. This heritage can still be seen in the preserved stone and timber outside of the renovated bathhouse, now known as the Park Center. Inside, the center features historical exhibits and a classroom to teach young and old about the park's ecology.

Paris Mountain located in the developing city of Greenville, South Carolina, and although the park was once a rural retreat, bikers, hikers, and those visiting Camp Buckhorn now keep the park bustling year-round. When it comes to camping in state parks, the Paris Mountain State Park camping facilities are top-notch and include paved camping sites, 13 of which offer tent pads, and five trailside campsites around the North Lake Trail Loop.

### Public Restrooms

Public Restrooms available at start/finish, Visitor's Center near lake and Shelter 6 near Sulphur Springs Recreation area.

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## Driving Directions

### From Atlanta, GA –

1. Take I-85 towards Greenville.
2. Use Exit 42, onto I-185 N/US-29 N toward Greenville.
3. Continue onto US-29 N/Mills Ave. Changes to N. Church St.
4. Use any lane to turn right onto Wade Hampton Blvd
5. Turn left onto N Pleasantburg Dr. in 1.2 mi.
6. Turn right onto Piney Mountain Rd. in 1.3 mi.
7. Turn right onto SC-253, State Park Rd. Changes to SC 344 at Greenvista Ln.
8. Left into Park 0/4 mi.
9. Enter Paris Mountain State Park; fee required.
10. Follow Paris Mountain State Park main road to Shelter SB (0.77 MI). At second stop sign turn right follow to first long parking lot on the right. START POINT is Shelter SB & SA with white building (restrooms) between them up hill.

### From Greenville

1. Proceed to N. Pleasantburg from I-85 or I-385 and go to instruction 6 above.

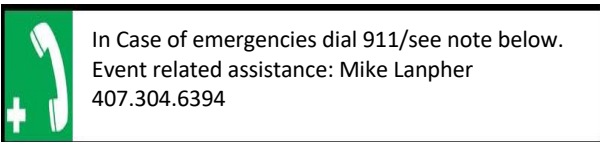
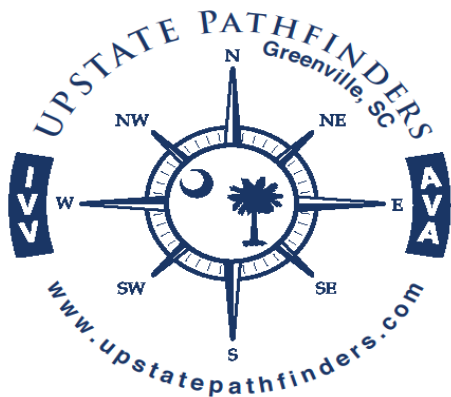
### From Spartanburg

1. Use I-85 south to Exit 51, I-385
2. Proceed to & use Exit 40A, N. Pleasantburg Dr. and go to instruction 6 above.

# UpState PathFinders Paris Mountain

## 5/10K Walk

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For **emergencies** only call **864-233-2592**.

Be aware of bicyclist on the trails (except on Saturdays - no bikes allowed).

Follow Paris Mountain State Park main road to Shelter SB (0.77 MI). At second stop sign turn right follow to first long parking lot on the right. START POINT is Shelter SB & SA with white building (restrooms) between them up hill.

1. **Walk begins from the parking lot.** Walk uphill to the right side of shelter SB to information marker. Restrooms are in the white building to the right.
2. **Bear right** on wide path into woods.
3. **Right** at "T" on Mountain Creek Trail (Mt. Creek Tr.) blazed orange.
4. Continue **straight** along MNT Creek Tr. at "To Turtle Trail" sign/split. When reaching the Turtle Tr. Split.
5. **Left** at shed towards amphitheater.
6. Pass through extravagant amphitheater.
7. **Bear right** at split (sign MNT. Creek Tr. & Music in the Woods) crossing bridge.
8. Pass by the Turtle Tr. soon turning left uphill avoiding trail that goes straight ahead.
9. Pass picnic area and bike repair area **bearing right** towards small parking lot.
10. Cross parking lot to a brick sidewalk and pass through the Park Center's porch. Restrooms located here as seasonal concessions.

11. Leaving the porch, take trail paralleling the lake towards the picnic area. Avoid the trail going up the steps on the right.
12. Pass through the picnic area to the left of the white building (restrooms) towards a large footbridge. Cross the bridge.
13. At the end of the bridge, **bear slight left** downhill towards lake (green markings)
14. Follow along lakeshore and reach dam. (Lake Placid Tr. – no sign).

**Caution:** To avoid a rock-hop stream crossing and boulder like steps ahead, continue straight to the road. **Left** at the road, cross bridge, then **left** between matching stone columns returning to the route at step #17.

15. Descend on the log steps in front of dam to creek. Cross creek and climb up rock steps.
16. **Left** at top of dam on wide trail /Lake Placid Tr (no sign). Trail closely follows the lake.
17. As the trail parallels the lake, feel free to explore the many herd down to the water.
18. Reach junction at the end of lake.

**5K Walkers continue w/step #19**

**10K Walkers – turn left** crossing bridge. Continue with **step #22**

19. Pass through the Amphitheater and go straight at shed following Mtn. Creek Tr.
20. Continue **straight** along MNT Creek Tr. at "To Turtle Tr." sign.
21. At next junction **bear left** downhill to shelter B and the start point.

**End of 5K walk**

22. After crossing bridge, turn right on the Turtle Trail (orange markings).
23. At junction (sign for Mtn. Creek Tr. here). Turn **left** uphill.
24. Reach road, cross into the campground.
25. Pass entrance station and campground host, then follow "arrow" sign once around campground loop. (Restrooms in white building in center of loop).
26. At the end of loop, descend driveway, cross the road, then turn **left** on the Turtle Trail downhill.
27. Reach trail junction and turn **left** downhill.
28. Cross bridge and the turn **left** at "T" junction.
29. Continue along MNT. Creek Tr., until you reach junction for restrooms & MNT. Creek Tr. & Lake Placid Tr. sign.

30. Follow the MNT. Creek Tr passing under powerlines reaching the State Park Road at the bottom of the hill.
31. Cross the road, follow driveway into Sulphur Springs Recreation Area, and proceed to the far end of the back parking lot (restrooms to the left) to information board and a pair of magnificent stone picnic tables.
32. **Turn around**, return to Sulphur Springs Tr. crossing over creek.
33. **Left** at Sulphur Springs Tr. (white trail markings)
34. Cross boardwalks and bridges until you reach the gazebo.
35. **Left** at the gazebo.
36. Continue along trail to bottom of Mountain Lake Dam/information marker.
37. **Right** at information marker and go up boulder type steps to top. (Mountain Lake Dam)
38. **Right** at the bench and follow flat trail out to small parking area and Park Road.

39. **Left** at road, walk on left side of road uphill facing oncoming traffic.
40. **Right** at first parking lot.
41. **Right** and continue to information marker at opposite end of parking lot.
42. Follow the right path (Sulphur Springs Tr.) behind the information marker going downhill.
43. **Bear left** at road (Park Road) across from Sulphur Springs Recreation Area (restrooms), continue uphill on MNT. Creek Tr.
44. Pass under powerlines.
45. **Right** at MNT Creek Tr./ Lake Placid Tr. and Restrooms split - signs.
46. Continue downhill until you reach parking lot.

**End of 10K Walk**

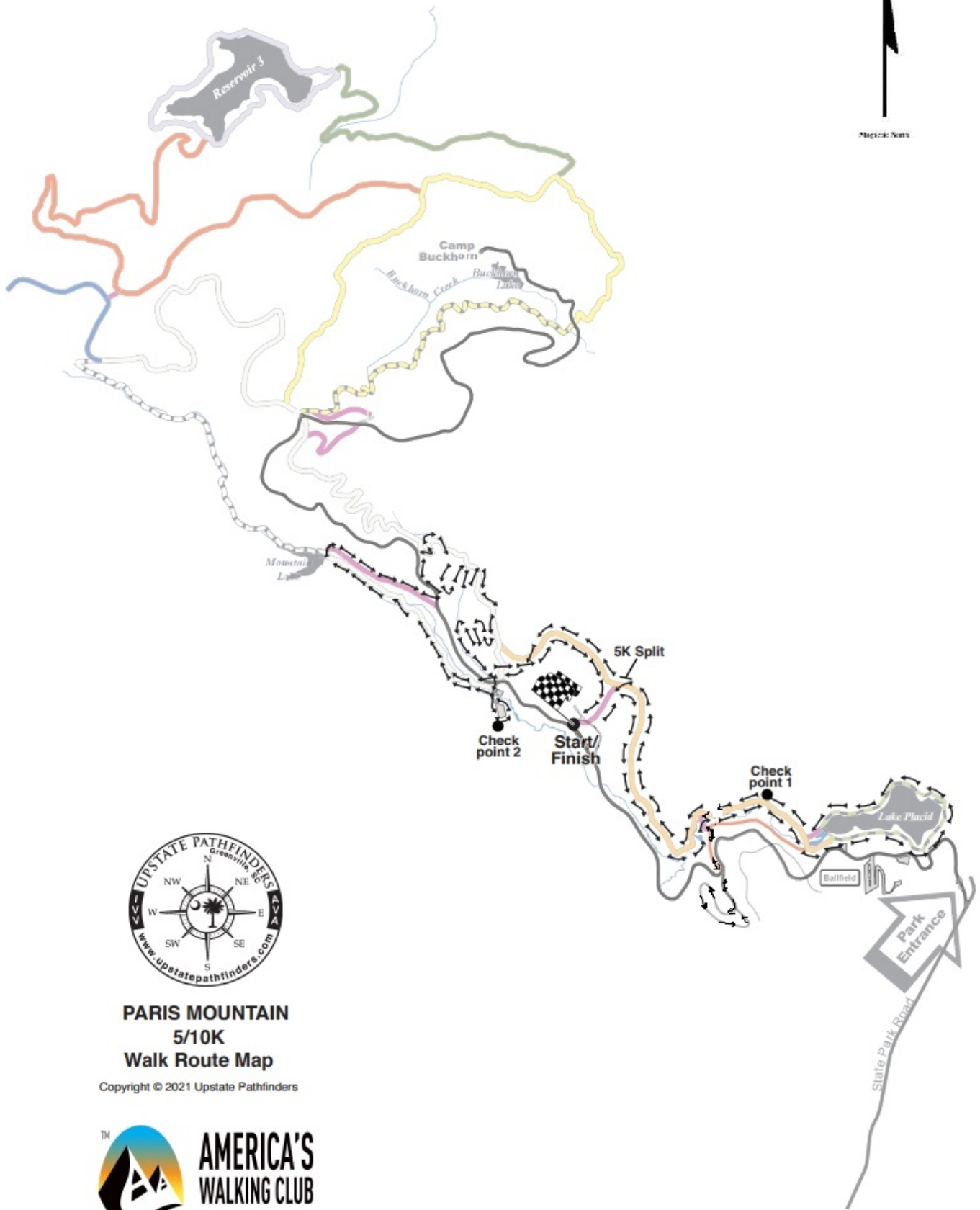
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## The UpState PathFinders Paris Mountain State Park

**2023 Special Programs:** Upstate links Walking the U.S.A. A-Z, G - Greenville

### 2023 Year-Round Events

Historic Greenville - 5/10K YRE <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2529">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2529</a>	Historic Anderson - 5/10K YRE (OSB) <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2919">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2919</a>
Greenville City Parks - 5/10k YRE <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2032">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2032</a>	Clemson Botanical Garden - 5/10K YRE (OSB) <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2067">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2067</a>
Greenville-Alta Vista - 5/10K YRE <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2529">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2529</a>	Historic Georgetown - 5/10K (OSB) <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2655">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2655</a>
Greenville's Lake Conestee Nature Park - 5/10K YRE (OSB) <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2342">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2342</a>	Historic Greer - 6/10K YRE (OSB) <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2530">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2530</a>
Greenville's Furman University - 5/10k YRE <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y0688">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y0688</a>	Pickens Doodle Trail - 5/10K (OSB) <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y3035">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y3035</a>
Greenville's Paris Mountain State Park - 5/10k YRE (OSB) <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y1535">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y1535</a>	Historic Simpsonville - 5/10K YRE OSB <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2920">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2920</a>
Greenville/Travelers Rest Swamp Rabbit Trail 5K-50K YRE (OSB) <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=2531">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=2531</a>	Travelers Rest Bike - 26-42K (OSB) <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2737">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2737</a>
Travelers Rest - 5/10K YRE <a href="https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y0578">https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y0578</a>	The USA has about 2000 permanent walks with over 500 on line to walk for very reasonable fees, \$2 or \$3
<i>Thank you for your interest in our walk. For more information about other UpState PathFinders walks, select an event above. For walks in other parts of SC or the USA, go to <a href="https://my.ava.org/find-an-event.php">https://my.ava.org/find-an-event.php</a></i>	



**PARIS MOUNTAIN  
5/10K  
Walk Route Map**

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