



Pickens Doodle Trails
5/10K Walk
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The UpState PathFinders Volksmarch Club of Greenville, SC., is the only South Carolina member of AVA: America’s Walking Club. We welcome you to our Pickens Doodle Trail 5/10k Year-Round Event (YRE) and we thank you for taking interest in one of our walks. In 2015, the cities of Easley and Pickens installed a 7.5- mile multi-use trail, following the old Pickens Railway. This wide, paved trail is mostly flat and allows walking, running, biking, rollerblading, and pets. The trail connects the two cities, running from downtown Pickens to the edge of Easley. Future expansions will bring the trail fully into the downtown areas of Easley and Pickens and will improve the trailheads and parking areas. This is an out and back route.

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the “My Start Box” tab, then the “Finish Table” tab, then click on “Go to Finish Table” button for the event you have completed. 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” insert cards that you may choose to print out.

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History of the Pickens Doodle Trail, SC

The Doodle line carries a rich history of industry and economy important to both the City of Pickens and the City of Easley. In 1890, the State of South Carolina issued a charter for the construction of a railroad between Easley and Oolenoy Gap, by way of Pickens. After eight years of construction, the 8.5- mile portion of the railway between Easley and Pickens became operational in 1898. Until 2013, the Doodle line hauled a variety of commodities to and from Pickens and Easley, including food products, textiles, and automobile parts. The local residents



nicknamed the railroad the “Pickens Doodle” line because the freight engine could not be turned around and had to run backwards from Easley to Pickens, looking like a doodlebug. The Doodle Trail represents the opportunity to carry on the memory of this historic railroad and preserve the vital connection that was forged between Easley and Pickens over 120 years ago. Come check out the trail and visit local businesses around town!

Watch the video link below on the Doodle Trail: www.youtube.com/watch?v=jc3wd-Ax5JM

Start Point

Pickens Doodle Trail – 133 Railroad St., parking lot/trailhead behind the Pickens Railroad Company, enter via Railroad Street, Pickens, SC 29671

Driving Directions

From Haywood Mall Greenville, SC:

1. Use Haywood Rd. to I-385.
2. Left on I-385.
3. Take exit 42 for US-276 toward Stone Ave./Travelers Rest
4. Right on US 276.
5. Right on Pete Hollis / SC 183. Continue on Cedar Lane Rd.
6. Continue on SC-183 and Farris Bridge Road.
7. Left on Railroad St and continue 1.6 miles.
2. Destination on the left.

Restrooms

Public Restrooms available at the back of the Pickens Railroad Company near the end of the two- train cars display. No restrooms on the route.

Completion of Registration

Be sure to log back into the OSB system (my.ava.org) to “finish/complete” your online registration after doing the walk. The OSB system does not deduct any walking fee from a walker’s Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that walker is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded pdf is deducted from the user’s Event Bank when the pdf is downloaded. Later, any pdf fees are credited back to a walker’s Event Bank when he/she submits the walk completion info as a paying for credit walker.) Note however that the \$2 “coupon” for the downloaded PDF expires in 60 days.

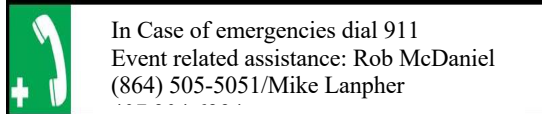
Special Program

Rails to Trails
Walking the USA A - Z.

Location

Pickens Doodle Trail
P – for Pickens

Doodle Trail 5K & 10K Walking Instructions



These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

Note: Start from the parking lot/trailhead behind the Pickens Railroad Company. Again, this is an out and back walk.

5K Walkers

1. Exit parking lot to trailhead near kiosk.
2. Follow the Doodle Trail crossing Cemetery St, Railroad St., Sunset Drive, and when you arrive at the next Railroad St., no sign at large yellow building on left, it is the turnaround point for the 5K Walkers). Trail marking at 2.5 just pass Railroad St. is also a clue to turn around.
3. retrace your steps back to the trailhead/starting point.

5K Walkers -end of walk

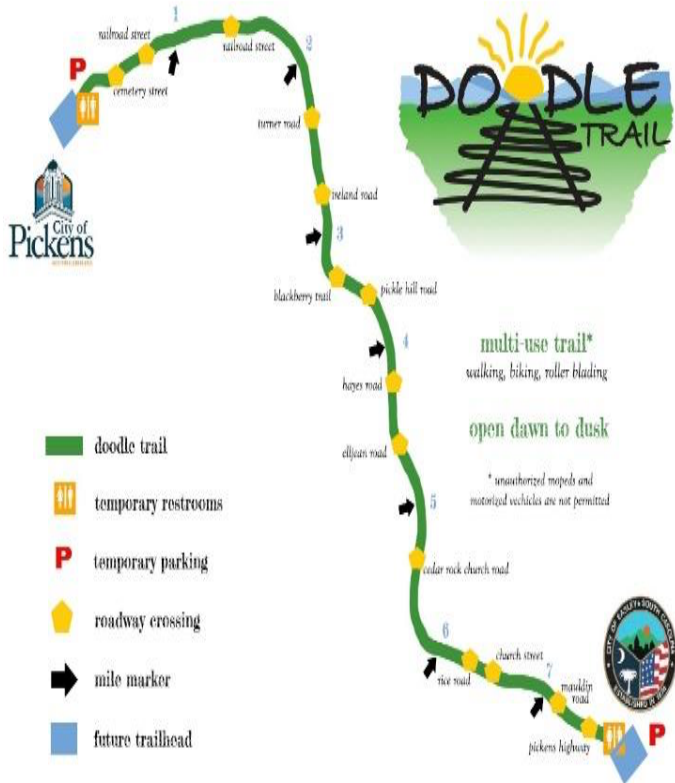
Thank you for your interest in our walk. Please contact us at se_drd@ava.org and tell us about our walk or to find out information on any of our other walks

10K Walkers

1. Exit parking lot to trailhead near kiosk.
2. Follow the Doodle Trail crossing Cemetery St, Railroad St., Sunset Drive, and when you arrive at the next Railroad St., no sign at large yellow building on left, it is a turnaround point for the 5K Walkers.
3. **10K Walkers** continue along the Doodle Trail crossing Turner Rd. (stop sign), Wolf Creek wooden bridge, and stay on the trail until you reach the overhead bridge at Ireland Rd., see Figure 1 on page 4).
4. Turnaround and retrace your steps back to the trailhead/parking lot/start/finish

End of Walk

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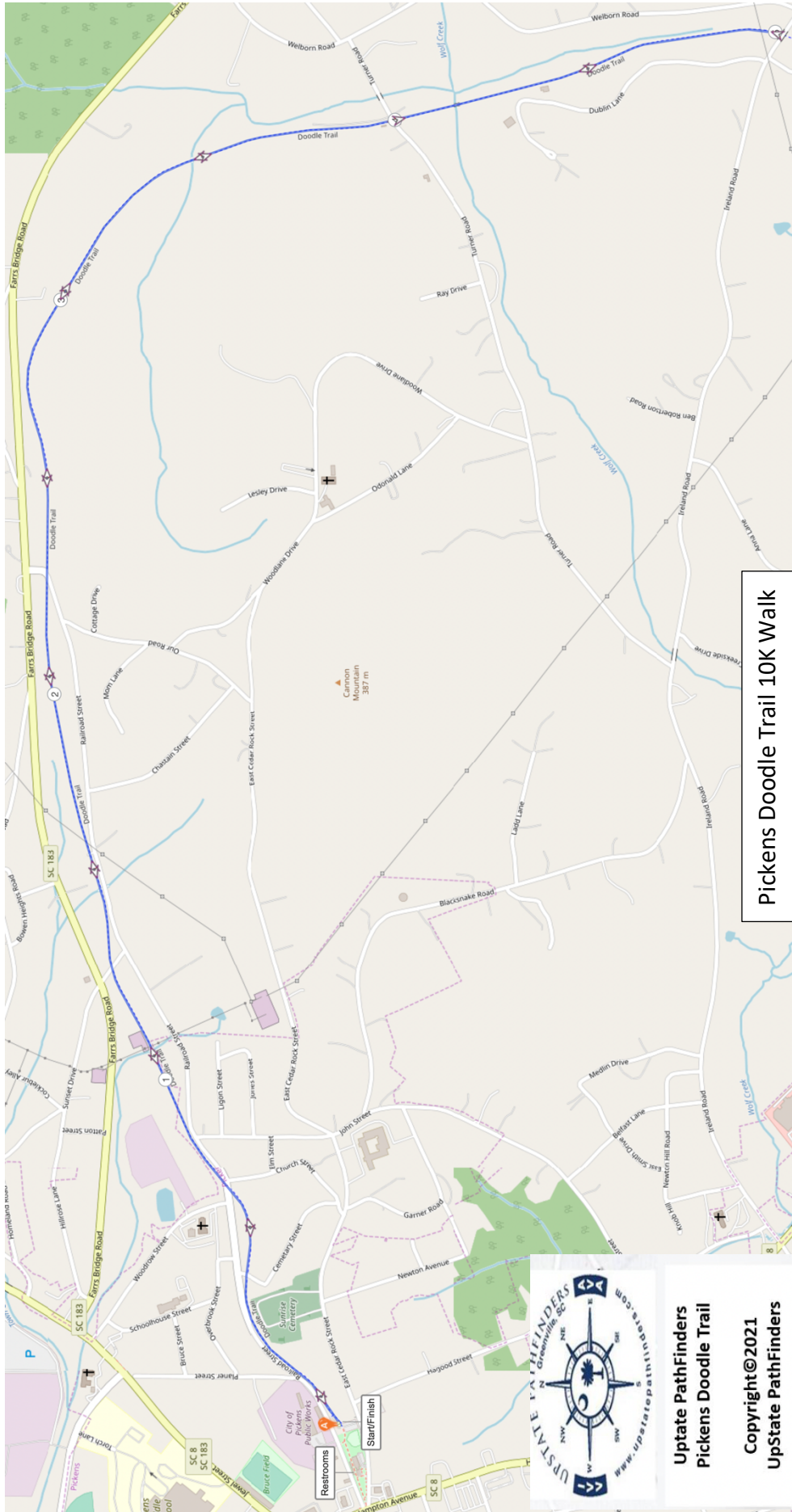
Complete Doodle Trail Pickens to Easley 7.5 Miles Trail with mile markers.



Figure 1: overhead bridge at Ireland Rd.

Upstate Pathfinders YRE Round Events in South Carolina.

Historic Greenville - 5/10K YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2529	Historic Anderson - 5/10K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2919
Greenville City Parks - 5/10k YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2032	Clemson Botanical Garden - 5/10K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2067
Greenville-Alta Vista - 5/10K YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2529	Historic Georgetown - 5/10K (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2655
Greenville's Lake Conestee Nature Park - 5/10K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2342	Historic Greer - 6/10K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2530
Greenville's Furman University - 5/10k YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y0688	Pickens Doodle Trail - 5/10K (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y3035
Greenville's Paris Mountain State Park - 5/10k YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y1535	Historic Simpsonville - 5/10K YRE (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2920
Greenville/Travelers Rest Swamp Rabbit Trail (OSB) 5K-50K YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=2531	Travelers Rest Bike - 26-42K (OSB) https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y2737
Travelers Rest - 5/10K YRE https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=Y0578	The USA has about 2000 permanent walks with over 500 on line to walk for very reasonable fees, \$2 or \$3
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 https://my.ava.org/find-an-event.php	



Pickens Doodle Trail 10K Walk



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