

Tar River Trail

1. City Lake
2. Vietnam Memorial
3. Sunset Park boat ramp
4. Sunset Park (Train, Carousel, Skate Park, Spray Play)
5. Mouth of Stoney Creek
6. Snake Island
7. Raised walkway through wetlands
8. Rocky Mount Mill Village
9. Rocky Mount Mills
10. Stonewall, built circa 1830, an excellent example of late Federal architecture
11. Falls Road bridge is the fifth bridge to occupy the location, and was once the Nash/Edgecombe county line.
12. Confederate Memorial
13. A wooden dam, built in 1807 to serve the gristmill, first dammed the Great Falls. Sections are still visible at low water.
14. Current stone dam was built in 1909 to serve Rocky Mount Mills. The dam is four feet thick at the top and widens to eight feet at the base. It is located at the "Great Falls of the Tar River," a granite ledge that creates the natural fall line of the Tar River.
15. Battle Park overlook
16. Battle Park gazebo
17. Battle Park cemetery
18. Battle Park - Site of Original Post Office
19. Panther Island pedestrian foot bridge. The piers on Panther Island were part of a pedestrian footbridge. There was a stage over the river, and the audience sat on Panther Island to watch plays and other entertainment.
20. Battle Park boat ramp. Last boat ramp on the Lower Tar River
21. Proposed athletic sports complex
22. Railroad trestle. Completed during Christmas of 1839, the Wilmington Weldon RR crossed one mile below the Falls of the Tar River. At the time it was the longest railroad in the world.
23. Longest single span wooden bridge in the U.S.
24. Stith-Talbert Park
25. There is a USGS stream gauging station at Atlantic Ave. On Sept 17, 1999 it measured 34,100 cubic feet (255,085 gallons) per second of flowing water.
26. Booker T. Washington Community Center
27. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park
28. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial



The City of Rocky Mount works to provide safe and attractive open spaces for the enjoyment of its residents and visitors. Your cooperation in meeting this goal is greatly appreciated. Please report all Tar River Trail incidents.

Emergencies: 911
 Rocky Mount Police Department
Non-emergency incidents: 972-1111
 Crimestoppers
Other incidents/conditions: 972-1151
 Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation Department

Tar River Trail Rules and General Information

- The Trail is open daily from sunrise to sunset.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash. Owners must clean up after their dogs.
- Ride, walk or jog with a friend.
- Pedestrians have the right of way, and are to keep to the right of the path at all times.
- Open fires are not allowed, except in grills in picnic areas.
- Motorized vehicles are not permitted on the Trail.
- Place all litter in trash receptacles.
- Bikes are not allowed on the walking paths at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.
- Overnight camping is allowed only by permission of the Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation Department.