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We are going to visit the American Tobacco Trail. This is a public trail that goes for 22 miles from New Hill to Durham. It used to be a railroad that delivered crops to factories in Durham.

Today, many people love using the Trail. There's a lot to do, including horseback riding, cycling, and walking. Since it is so long, there are many places to park to get onto the Trail. There are 3 trailheads in Wake County, and they are on New Hill-Olive Chapel Road, Wimberly Road, and White Oak Church Road.



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The New Hill trailhead is at the southernmost point of the trail, just past mile 22. If we go to the New Hill parking area, we will see a restroom building near the start of the trail. Here, we can see what's happening on the American Tobacco Trail, take a break, and find brochures.

Make sure to check out the Beaver Creek wetland, which you can view from a bridge about 0.75 miles north of the New Hill parking area. This spectacular ecosystem was created by beavers, and is home to lots of wildlife, including River Otters, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Wood Ducks, and many other kinds of animals.



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The Wimberly parking area is at about mile 18.5. If we go to the Wimberly parking area, there is a kiosk and a water fountain. On the kiosk, we can read more about the Trail and find brochures.



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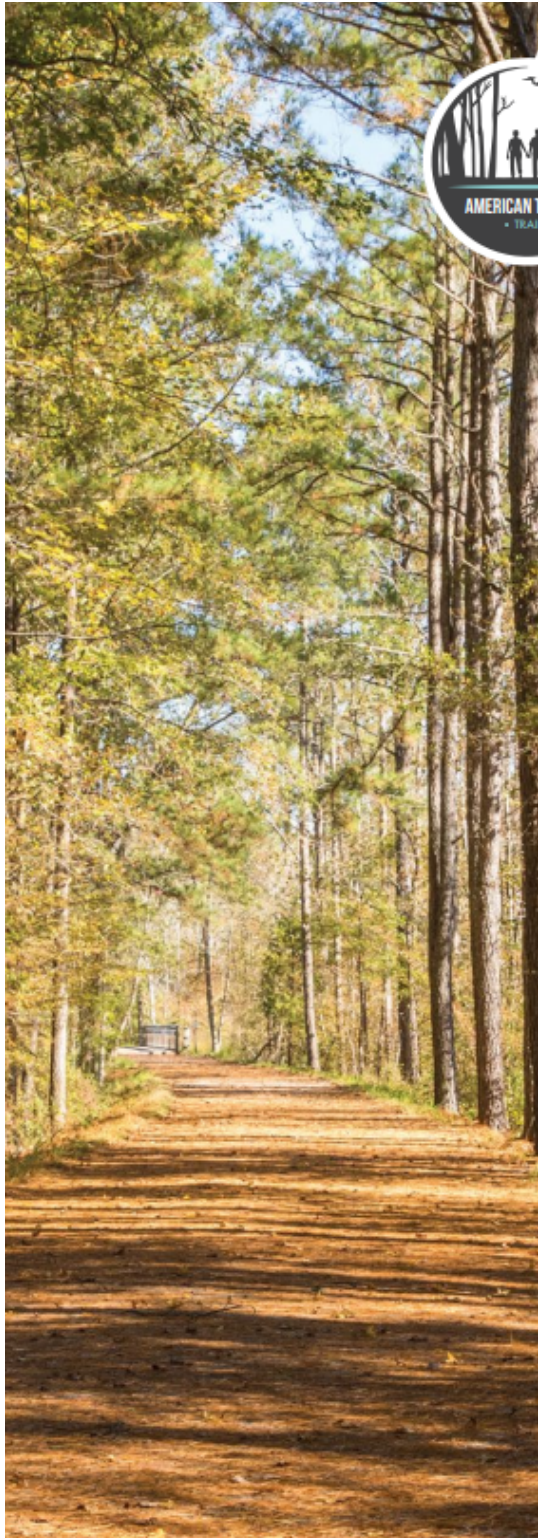
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The White Oak parking area is at about mile 16.5. If we go to the White Oak parking area, there is a restroom building. On this building, we can learn about what's happening on the American Tobacco Trail and in Wake County parks and find brochures. There are picnic tables in the woods to the right of the restroom, where we can rest in the shade and have a snack. There are also some garden beds that we can explore, and sculptures made from salvaged railroad line around the restroom building.



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At each of the trailheads, we can pick up a brochure which has information and a map of the Trail. This will help us plan where we will go and what we will see.

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Along the Trail, there are many different people doing many different things. We might see people jogging, walking their dogs, or riding horses or bikes.

Sometimes the Trail can get crowded or noisy. My family can read about [Tips for a Successful Visit on the website](#) so we can be prepared ahead of time.



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If I need a break or want to leave, I will tell the adult I am with:



I would like
to sit down



I am ready
to go home

I hope I can come visit the ATT again soon!



New Hill Trailhead

**1309 New Hill-Olive Chapel Road
Apex, NC 27502**

Wimberly Trailhead

**1017 Wimberly Road
Apex, NC 27523**

White Oak Trailhead

**1305 White Oak Church Rd
Apex, NC 27523**

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The American Tobacco Trail welcomes comments and suggestions about how we might continue to improve our accessibility. Please call, email, or write to us.

