

RIVER RESIDENTS

The town of Alston may be gone, but that doesn't mean that nobody lives here. Many wild creatures call the area around the Broad River home. With wide open views, the Broad River trestle is a great place to observe wildlife.

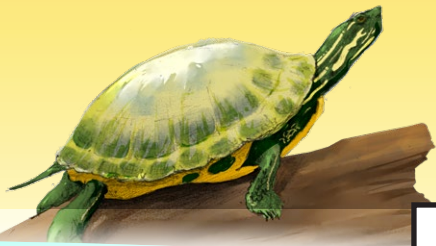
BIRDS

Look for birds like ducks and grebes floating on the water and diving for prey. On the banks of the river you may see wading birds like cranes or herons.



TURTLES

Look for turtles basking in the sun on logs or poking their heads above the water for a breath.



RIVER OTTER

Look for otters floating and bobbing on the water. You may also see their middens - piles of mollusk shells - on the banks from previous hunts.



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DESTINATION

year 1854

This ticket is good for one roundtrip passage to the past. Hop aboard the TRACK Trail express to travel through time and explore the amazing history of this short stretch of railroad.

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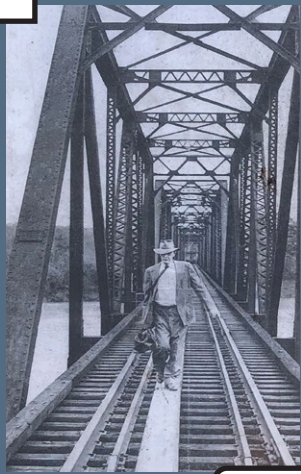
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ALL ABOARD!

We're about to go full steam *backwards* through time. In a short 1 mile stretch of old railroad, the stories of the past come alive. As you walk the trail you will discover hidden stories of the Civil War, a town that vanished, the fury of nature, and how the railroad links these stories together.

BUILDING THE TRACKS

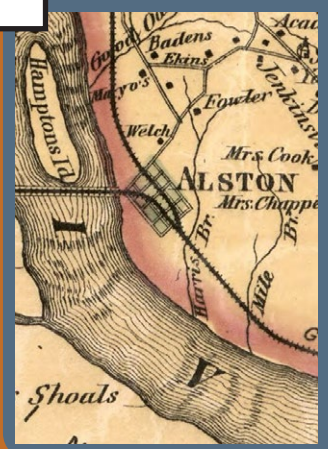
Railroad ties are typically made of hardwood. Oak is a common choice and an abundant tree along this trail. Many railroad ties on the original track were likely cut from this local hardwood. **Can you find any red oaks with leaves and acorns like these?**



WALK WITH A DOC

The train wasn't the only way people traveled the tracks. Some residents like Dr. C.A. Pinner Sr. walked across the trestle as a quick way to cross the river. This allowed Dr. Pinner to reach patients in both Fairfield and Newberry Counties. **Take a photo on the trestle and make notes of what's changed since Dr. Pinner's photo.**

Notes



MISSING TOWN

The beginning of the trail used to be the town of Alston. It was a busy town with shops and entertainment, but where did it go? In the early 1900s, a massive flood completely destroyed the town and it never recovered.

HIGH WATER MARK

The water level in the creek goes up and down all the time. But when major rain rolls through, it can raise far above the banks. The highest water level was recorded in 2020 when water reached the middle of the stairs on the trestle. **Write down the water level you find on the stairs:**



PEAK STATION

In Peak, look for the warehouse where goods were stored before being loaded onto train cars. You can also find the leveled site where the depot once stood. Towns like Peak from being a stop on the rail road. Business and goods arrived and residents were able to conveniently travel between Greenville and Columbia. **Can you find the parts of Peak Station?**

OLD TRESTLE RUINS



Look in the river for the ruins of the original trestle. During the Civil War the trestle was destroyed by the Confederate Army in an attempt to slow down the Union Army. **Can you see them?**