

## **The Dick and Willie Passage Rail Trail**

A beautiful 4.5 mile paved rail trail that is located in Martinsville-Henry County, VA. Currently, the trail begins at Virginia Avenue and ends near Mulberry Creek in Martinsville. The trail can be accessed at one of four locations; Virginia Avenue, Liberty St., Doyle St and Fisher St. This trail is great for walking, biking, running or rollerblading.

Update November 2019: A new section of the Dick & Willie Trail has opened from the Smith River Sports Complex to the Spruce Street Tail Head (1900 Spruce St.). The new section is 2.44 miles one way!

This trail is part of the former Danville and Western Railroad. Train enthusiasts will enjoy reading stories about the history of the rail line on the many signs located along the trail. Contact Henry County Parks and Recreation at 276.634.4640 for more information about the trail.

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## **Smith River Sports Complex**

Soccer fields encircled by various concrete, asphalt and grass trails. The complex offers various loops at varying distances, a 5K cross country course and access to the newly opened Phase 6B section of the Dick & Willie Passage Trail. All are arrayed along the scenic Smith River which borders the complex.

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<https://www.smithriversportscomplex.com/additional-complex-trails>

## **Uptown Martinsville**

Scenic and historic Uptown Martinsville is a popular venue for runners and walkers alike. Stick to sidewalks due to traffic but enjoy iconic stops along the way. To name a few:

Martinsville-Henry County YMCA

The Grey Lady – A classic restored Victorian Mansion on Church Street. Dating back to 1896. Now home to Rives Brown Realtors.

The Historic Henry County Courthouse – The former courthouse was constructed in 1824. Over the years, additions were added to the structure. It is situated within what is termed courthouse square. The front lawn is accented by a variety of wartime and commemorative markers that have been placed over the years.

New College Institute - In response to the loss of thousands of manufacturing jobs in the 1990s, local civic and political leaders identified the need for improved access to higher education and began to advocate for the establishment of a college in southern Virginia. Thus, the concept of New College Institute was born. NCI offers academic opportunity, provides a first class meeting and lecture venue and houses the area Visitor Center.

See map for the uptown 5K course used at Martinsville Half Marathon & 5K

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### **Jack Dalton Park**

Located at the Henry County Administration Building complex. This is a great park for a multitude of recreation activities. The picnic pavilion here is the largest and most popular county parks system. The 6/10 mile paved lighted walking track is a great place to walk or jog and is open 24 hours a day.

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<https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/us/virginia/jack-dalton-park-loop?ref=sidebar-view-full-map>

### **The Fieldale Trail**

The Fieldale Trail is a 2.4 miles long as can be accessed midway at the Fieldale Trailhead or from the Textile Heritage Trail near Fieldale Park. This trail is part of the Smith River Trails system composed of boating access points, parks, and multiuse trails being developed to create opportunities for people to enjoy and learn more about the Smith River in Henry County. Gravel and dirt surface. Paved road parallel to trail is also popular for running.

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