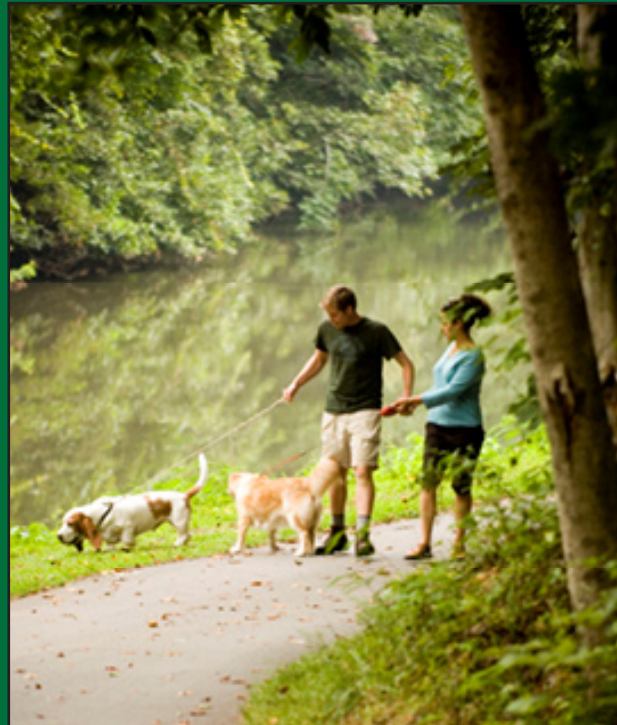


# GREENSBORO Watershed Trails



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## Multiple Use Hiking & Biking Trails

Multiple use trails are available for the enjoyment of hikers as well as mountain bike enthusiasts. Cyclists are requested to use caution, watch for pedestrians and avoid riding after rainfall. The trails are preserved in a primitive manner. Please dress and plan accordingly. Also note that additional trails for mountain bikers are available at Bur-Mil Park, Country Park and Hagen Stone Park.

### Bald Eagle Trail, 4.13 miles

The Bald Eagle Trail begins near the entrance to Lake Higgins on Hamburg Mill Road. A small parking lot is provided. The trail winds its way along Lake Higgins offering many opportunities to view unique waterfowl. A 1.18 mile loop on the western side of Lewiston Rd is an added bonus to this trail.

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### Reedy Fork Trail, 3.51 miles

Starting at Lake Brandt Road, this trail has many signs of deer, raccoon and beaver. The trail's terminus is at Church St. Parallel to beautiful Reedy Fork Creek and the backwaters of Lake Townsend this trail is a great pick for an easy ride or a scenic hike. Users should be aware that this trail is prone to flooding due to nearby spillway and dam.

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### Wild Turkey Trail, 4.46 miles

Get acquainted with our newest trail! It runs parallel to the Nat Greene walking trail and can be accessed from the Lake Brandt Greenway just before the south side of the bridge. Compared to Owls Roost, it's great for beginners but far from tame!

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### Owls Roost Trail, 4.25 miles

Voted the best urban ride in the country by Bicycling Magazine in 2003, this trail is accessible from either Bur-Mil Park or the Lake Brandt Greenway and follows the shore of Lake Brandt. An additional 1.25 miles of trail is found on adjoining fire lanes. Plenty of dips, twists and hops make the Owl's Roost a regional favorite for mountain bikers. This is by far the most technical ride in our system. Whether biking or hiking this trail promises a good workout.

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Wild Turkey

## Greenways

### Lake Brandt Greenway, 3.5 miles

Parking and trail access is located within Bur-Mil Park. This greenway is the perfect place for walking or cycling due to its paved surface and gentle grade. Access to the Nat Green Trail, Palmetto Trail, Wild Turkey and the Owls Roost Trail are possible from this greenway.



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### Bicentennial Greenway, 4.9 miles

Accessible across from the Lewis Rec. Center this trail, constructed by Guilford County, connects to the Lake Brandt Greenway and the Nat Greene Trail. The trail currently ends on Horse Pen Creek Road. When complete this trail will connect to the existing portion of the Bicentennial Trail in High Point.



## Hiking Only

### Lake Higgins Trail, 0.3 miles

Starting at the Higgins marina, this trail offers a beautiful and tranquil walk near the lake through a peaceful forest. The Lake Higgins Trail also serves as an outdoor classroom for many environmental education programs.

### Beech Bluff Trail, 1.3 miles

Beginning on the south side of Brass Eagle Loop, the Beech Bluff Trail follows rugged terrain on a hillside overlooking wetlands where uncommon species of ducks may be seen.

**Sponsors:** Craft Insurance, Wrenn Zealy Realtors, & Firestone at Guilford College

### Laurel Bluff Trail, 3.5 miles

Beginning on Church Street this trail has a wide variety of wildflowers, great views of the lake, plenty of signs of wildlife and a beautiful mountain laurel grove along Reedy Fork Creek. Ending on Lake Brandt Road, this trail is a crowd pleaser.

**Sponsor:** Audubon Society

### Nat Greene Trail, 3.25 miles

Begins at Old Battleground Road and boasts a 200 foot boardwalk. Beautiful views of Lake Brandt can be seen throughout this hike. The trail intersects Lake Brandt Greenway & finishes at Lake Brandt Marina.

**Sponsor:** Piedmont Hiking & Outing Club

### Peninsula Trail, 1.19 miles

This trail begins across Church Street from the Laurel Bluff Trail and follows a winding peninsula along the back waters of Lake Townsend. Pleasant views of the lake and beautiful leaf colors can be seen in the fall.

**Sponsor:** Sierra Club

### Palmetto Trail, 1.59 miles

Parallel to the Nat Greene Trailhead on Old Battleground Road, this trail traverses along the west bank of Lake Brandt's southern arm. Here you'll find interesting geological features and a diversity of flora and fauna year round.

**Sponsor:** Crafty Cruisers

### Piedmont Trail, 2.75 miles

Starting at Strawberry Road in an open field this trail travels by blackberries, strawberries, wildflowers and fallen trees. And it's just a short walk over the bridge that crosses Lake Brandt to Bur-Mil Park.

**Sponsor:** Piedmont Hiking & Outing Club

### Townsend Trail, 3.8 miles

From Yanceyville Road, this trail continues along the shores of scenic Lake Townsend. Pack a lunch for this long hike. The primitive trail ends at a small gravel parking lot on South Shore Road just west of Bryan Park.

**Sponsor:** Sierra Club

### Osprey Trail, 2.3 miles

The Osprey Trail, beginning from Church Street, follows the south shore of Lake Townsend. There are many signs of bird life along the trail, including the trail's namesake, the Osprey, a large bird-of-prey who has been known to make its home here.

**Sponsor:** Sierra Club

### West House Trail, 0.7 miles

Beginning on the west side of Church Street, across the street and just north of the southern end of the Peninsula Trail, the West House Trail meanders along the shores of Lake Townsend and ends at a historic home site known as the West House.

**Sponsor:** Crafty Cruisers

## Mountains to Sea Trails

The trail names labeled in purple are part of a greater trail system called the North Carolina Mountains to Sea Trail, also known as the MST. Upon completion, this trail will consist of 1,000 miles of footpaths, roads, and bike routes; connecting NC from East to West. You can identify these trails on the path by their unique white, circular trail markers. For more info please visit [www.ncmst.org](http://www.ncmst.org)





# Welcome to Greensboro's Watershed Trails System

## General Trail Information

This map represents the 14 watershed trails and two multiple use greenways located in northern Greensboro. These trails are a perfect getaway close to home that provides miles of recreational enjoyment for everyone. Surrounding the City's municipal reservoirs, over 35 miles of natural surface trails provide great opportunities to experience the joy of the outdoors. Beautiful scenery around the lakes, wildflowers, trees, and wildlife make these trails Greensboro's best kept secrets.

The watershed trails are preserved in a primitive manner. Most trails are linear. Please be prepared to walk out and back along the same path from the trailhead you started. Restrooms are located at both marinas and in the parks during regular operating hours. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and plan your trip accordingly. To ensure an enjoyable experience you should bring drinking water, a cell phone and a map of the route is recommended. Please help us keep the trails and trailheads clean by packing out what you pack in. Parking is available at most trail entrances, but is limited in some areas.

## Trail Rules and Etiquette

No intoxicants on premises

Pets must be restrained by a leash at all times

No bikes on posted trails

No smoking

No camping

No motorized vehicles allowed on trails or greenways

Stay on the trail for your safety and the protection of plants and animals

Avoid biking trails after rain event

Be considerate of others on the trail

Bicyclists yield to hikers

All cyclists are encouraged to wear helmets and everyone 16 years and under must wear helmet

## Hours:

Trails are open sunrise to sunset unless otherwise posted.

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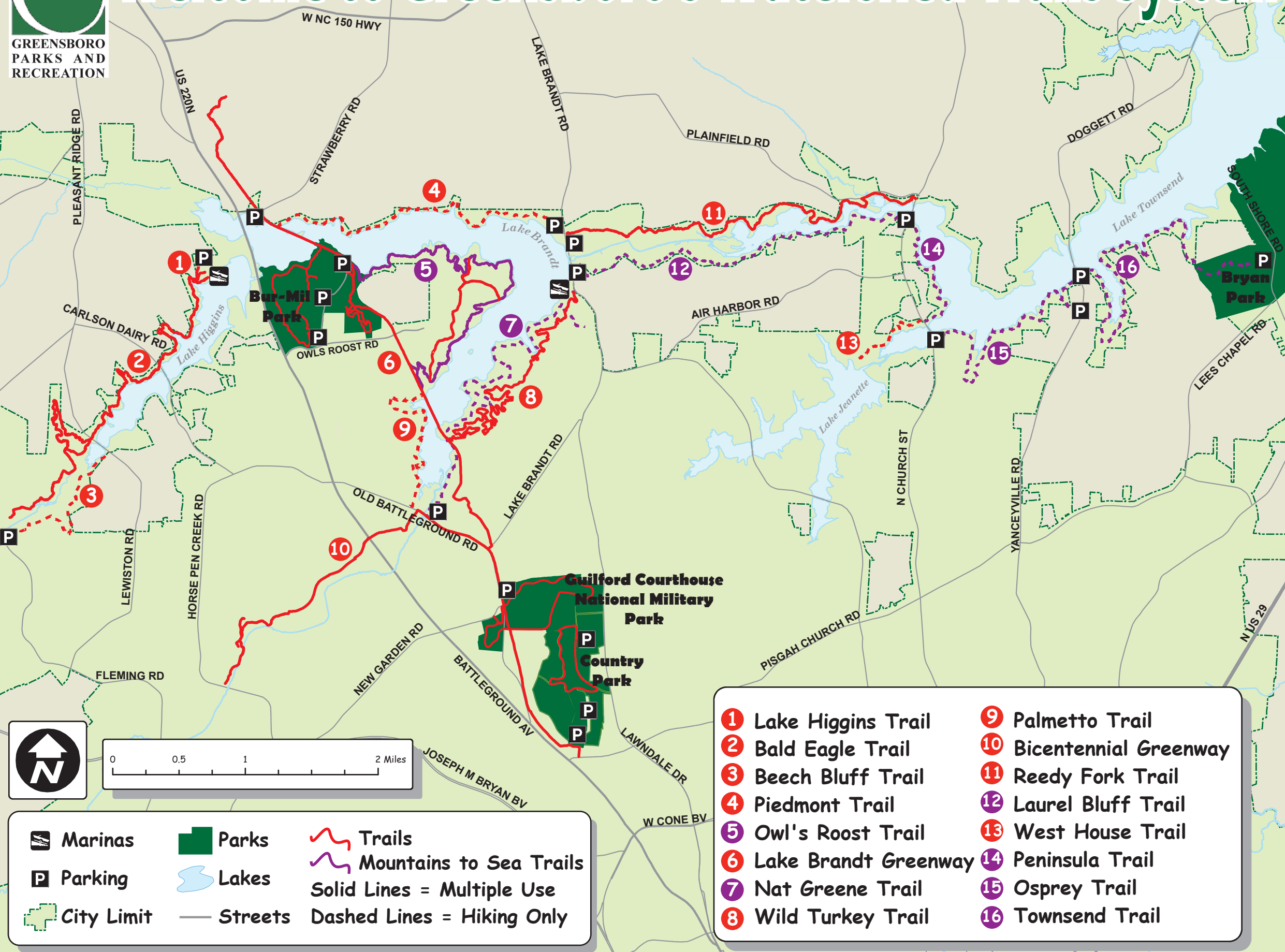
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Marinas



Parking



City Limit



Parks



Lakes



Streets



Trails



Mountains to Sea Trails

Solid Lines = Multiple Use

Dashed Lines = Hiking Only