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Newsletter for Fairfield County Residents

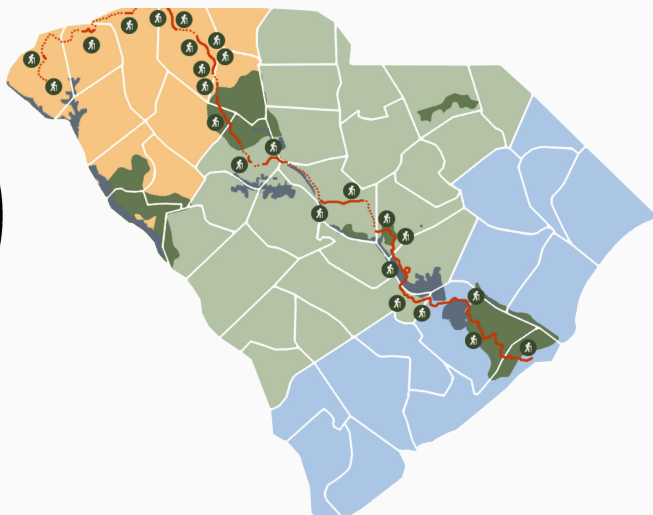
## The Alston Trailhead in Jenkinsville

### A HIDDEN GEM

In the early 1990's, the Palmetto Conservation Foundation and a small group of visionaries imagined a trail that would stretch across South Carolina from mountains to sea. With that vision in mind, they went to work creating what we now know today as the Palmetto Trail. The Trail now consists of 29 passages and over 360 miles of completed trail. The Alston Trailhead in Jenkinsville is the gateway to one of the Palmetto Trail's most popular Passages, the Peak to Prosperity Passage. You can access this from Alston Road off SC 213. For more information, visit [palmettoconservation.org](http://palmettoconservation.org).



Scan for directions  
to the trail.



Enter by June 4  
for a chance to  
win a \$25 gift  
card!

Please take a brief  
survey about the Alston  
Trailhead. Five winners  
will be drawn at  
random from all  
surveys completed.

The survey can be  
accessed here:

<http://bit.ly/palmetto-trail>

Or, to have a paper  
copy of the survey  
mailed to your home or  
to complete it over the  
phone, please call  
803-377-8026.



## About Fairfield Forward

Fairfield Forward is an alliance of community members, leaders, and agencies that partner to foster a culture of wellness within the county. Together, identifying needs and finding solutions, we hope to positively change the quality of life for our current and future generations. Fairfield Forward is the current beneficiary of the Healthy People Healthy Carolinas grant funded by The Duke Endowment to focus on heart disease, obesity, and diabetes. Some of this grant funding was used recently to make improvements to the Alston Trailhead, including benches, signage, and bike racks.



Laura Johnson and Lindsay Decker visiting the trail.

Fairfield Forward meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm. If you would like to be involved, contact Lindsay Decker at (803) 801-9630 or [Lindsay.Decker@fairfield.sc.gov](mailto:Lindsay.Decker@fairfield.sc.gov) or visit <https://fairfieldforward.org>.

**“The Alston Trailhead is a great asset to Fairfield County and the surrounding areas for families to enjoy the outdoors. The trail affords all residents a safe space to walk, bike, hike, camp, and participate in other activities. I encourage individuals from across the state to visit the picturesque old railroad bridge that spans the Broad River, and spend an afternoon visiting Fairfield County. The Alston Trailhead is truly a scenic, hidden gem.”**

LAURA JOHNSON,  
ASSISTANT COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

