



The Mouth of The Haw

The Newsletter of the Haw River Trail Partnership



River Cleanup

During the end of 2018 and beginning of 2019 we have experienced record-breaking rainfall totals in central North Carolina. Haw River Trail parks have seen their share of flooding due to the heavy rain. Thanks to the hard work of Haw River Trail staff, partner agencies, and volunteers, trail parks and paddle accesses are clean and ready for a busy spring and summer season.



High rainfall due to Hurricane Florence caused flooding at Haw River Trail parks in the fall of 2018. Above is a view of Glencoe Paddle Access in September.

Below, members of the Alamance County 4H club participated in river cleanup along the river on March 16, 2019. The group collected over 10 bags of trash and discovered many interesting finds.



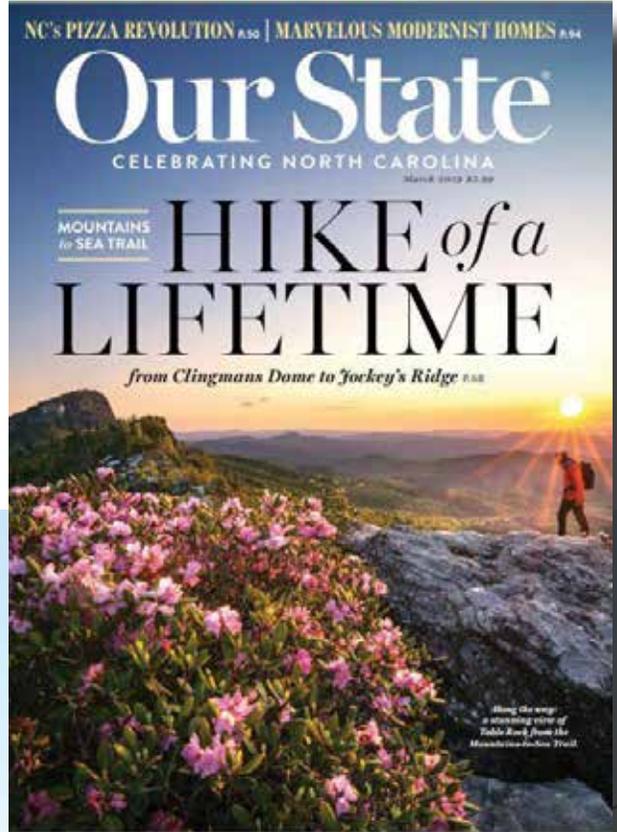
What is the Haw River Trail Partnership?

The Haw River Trail Partnership was formed with the goal of helping the public enjoy and conserve the natural resources of the Haw River corridor.

The Partnership is the result of a signed Memorandum of Understanding between ten governmental agencies agreeing to work together for the development of trails along the river and conservation of the river and lands within the watershed.

HRT Featured in *Our State Magazine*

The NC Mountains-to-Sea Trail was featured in the March 2019 edition of *Our State Magazine*. From the Haw River Trail's beginning at Haw River State Park and throughout its journey along the Haw River through Alamance County, the Haw River Trail is designated as part of the statewide Mountains-to-Sea Trail (MST). The MST runs the length of North Carolina, beginning at Clingman's Dome (in Great Smoky Mountains National Park) on the State's western border and ending at Jockey's Ridge State Park on the Outer Banks. To learn more about the MST, and to view the full article, visit: www.thehaw.org/land-trail/nc-mountains-to-sea-trail



GLENCOE MILL VILLAGE
In Alamance County, the MST follows a footpath along the Haw River, then runs through one of the best-preserved mill villages in North Carolina. After Glencoe Mill closed in 1954, the village was abandoned, but it has since been renovated to reflect its past life.



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MILES OF LAND TRAIL COMPLETE

40

MILES OF PADDLE TRAIL COMPLETE

15

RECREATIONAL PARKS & TRAILHEADS OPEN

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AMAZING LOCAL RESOURCE

For a list of all trailheads, access points and to download maps, visit: www.thehaw.org

High Rock Ford Historic Site and Haw River Trail Access

On April 27, 2019, more than 30 people gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the newest river access on the Haw River and the first Haw River access in Rockingham County. The access features a 1/4 mile trail with interpretive signage about the history and natural features of the site. The site is also the highest point of navigation on the Haw River Trail. The project was a partnership between the Museum and Archives of Rockingham County (MARC) and the Dan River Basin Association.

High Rock Access was made possible by financial support from the Reidsville Area Foundation through the Pathways 2.0 Initiative to increase outdoor recreation opportunities in Rockingham County and a grant from the Duke Energy Water Resources Fund. Other resources were provided by the MARC, Dan River Basin Association, RoundRock Design, Merit Pit Bull Foundation, Anglin EarthWorks, and scores of volunteers.

High Rock Ford Historic Site and Haw River Trail Access is located at 1078 High Rock Road, Gibsonville.



On April 27, local officials and community members celebrated the launch of the High Rock Ford Historic Site and Haw River Trail Access.



Left: A new bridge was installed at Great Bend Park in late 2018.

Above: The Shallow Ford Natural Area entrance gate got a fresh coat of paint this spring.

Conservation Through Recreation

Founded on the idea of conservation through recreation, the Haw River Trail (HRT) is a land and paddle trail connecting Haw River State Park to Jordan Lake State Recreation Area. Much of the trail is still under development. The trail captures the natural resources, history, and culture of Alamance County and the surrounding region, and serves as a critical resource for connecting the community to its heritage.



Upcoming Events

Yee Haw! River Paddle 2019

JUNE 1, 2019

Saxapahaw

The 12th annual Yee Haw! River Paddle will be held on June 1, 2019. This annual event brings together paddlers of all skill levels to enjoy the Haw River as a community. Proceeds benefit the Haw River Trail in furtherance of our mission "Conservation through Recreation".

This year's event features two paddles, a Family & Beginners' Paddle and the YeeHaw! River Paddle. The YeeHaw! Paddle will take place on the south stretch of river from the paddle access at Saxapahaw to the Union Bridge Paddle Access. This 5.5-mile stretch is appropriate for beginner-intermediate paddlers, featuring a blend of flat water and class 1 rapids with beautiful views of the river and its wildlife. It will take approximately 2.5 hours to paddle this section.



For more information and to register, visit alamanceparks.com or call (336) 570-6288.



Trail Running Series

WEDNESDAYS, 6PM • MAY

Do you enjoy running? Do you want to run trails, but not sure how to get started or where to go or don't know anyone to run with?

Come meet other trail runners and experience a variety of trails right here in Alamance County. These group runs are facilitated by staff from Alamance Parks and Burlington Recreation & Parks. Runs will be offered every Wednesday at 6 pm in May at

various locations. Participation is free. Ages 13 and up are welcome (minors must be accompanied by a participating adult). All participants should have previous running experience. Registration is not required. Visit alamanceparks.com for a location schedule.

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