



## #1 MEMORIAL PARK WALK 110 N. Salem Avenue One mile

In the historical area of Sumter, there is a shady sidewalk surrounding Memorial Park. Homes with sweeping porches, fretwork and rocking chairs remind walkers of a time gone by. Once inside the park, there is an abundance of open green space where visitors can walk, run or be lazy. Amenities at the park include playground equipment, bathroom, drinking water fountain, benches, trash cans, picnic tables and a tennis court.

Walk the block around the park, and then go inside the park and walk the park's perimeter. The distance walked will be one mile. Parking is available on North Salem Ave.



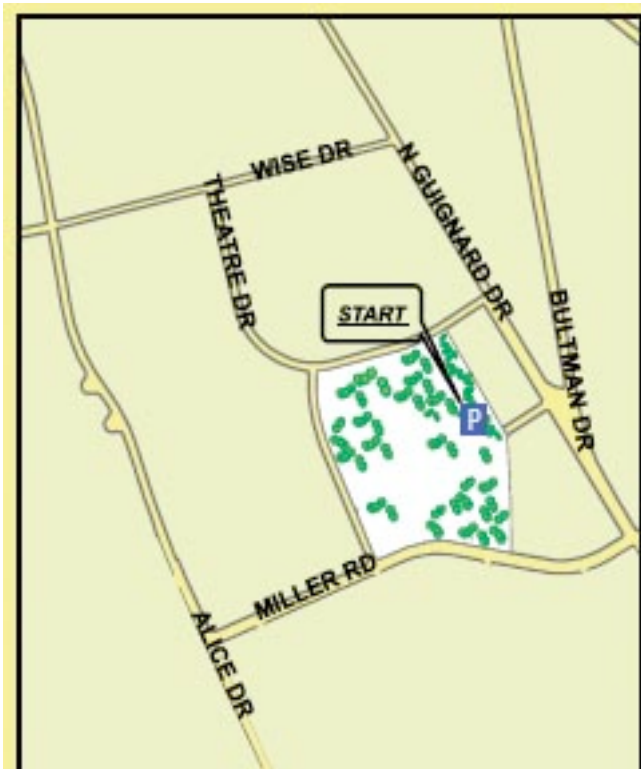
## #2 Y WALK 50 Willow Drive One half mile



This paved walk, starting from the southwest corner of the YMCA parking lot, on the banks of Shot Pouch Creek, is a true delight for those who appreciate the beauty of wild vines and native habitat. The stately gate at the trail's start tells the walker that something good is to follow. Even though this trail is only one-half mile long, walkers may desire to spend extra time there. That's due to the beauty of this natural area. Herons, owls and other birds often soar overhead as they search for a taste of the abundant food supply from the creek. For the photo buff, the benches make it easy to stay awhile and await the moment for just the right picture.

This walk is handicap accessible. If a longer walk is desired, Miller Road can be crossed and walkers can continue the paved trail to its ending on Broad Street and then return to the parking lot. This adds approximately one-half mile to the walk.

Because this trail is so convenient, a walk can easily be incorporated into shopping trips to the numerous businesses that surround the area.



### #3 USC SUMTER TRAIL 200 Miller Road One mile

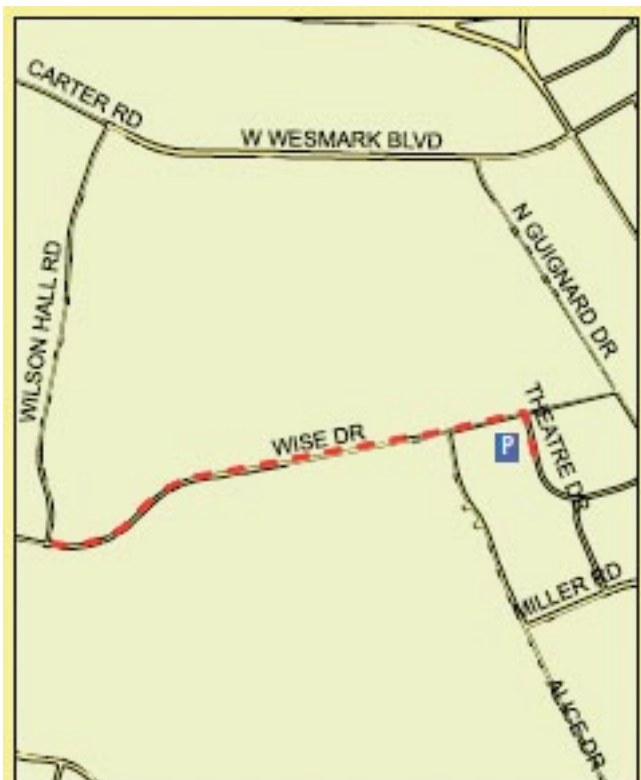
Start at the parking lot behind USC Sumter (off of Theatre Drive). Go to Founders Grove (a circular area surrounded by palm trees). See the trail post marker indicating the start. Follow the trail signs and sidewalk markings.

A manual or motorized wheelchair can easily access this entire trail as it winds through the USC Sumter campus. When school is in session, walkers can savor a snack from the campus grill and visit in the adjoining bookstore. All buildings have handicap accessible restrooms and water fountains. Campus visitors will enjoy a rest at the Peace Garden located between the library and the administration building. On a hot day the spray mist from the fountains at the front of the campus may offer a brief respite from the Southern sun.

If time permits, view the USC Sumter website at <http://www.uscsumter.edu> for information. The university frequently offers events on campus that are free and open to the public. Your walk can be scheduled around a university

activity. There is a covered bus stop at the front of campus that contributes to easy access to this trail.

The USC Sumter campus is multimodal, meaning that it can be accessed by numerous transportation methods. For example, each public transportation bus has a bicycle rack. A cyclist can get off of the bus at the campus's covered bus stop on Miller Road, park the bicycle in a campus bike rack and then take the walk around the campus. Log onto <http://www.swrta.com> for bus schedules.



### #4 PALMETTO PARK WALK 400 Theatre Drive | Three miles

The walk from Palmetto Park, along Wise Drive, to Wilson Hall Road, provides a great glimpse of an "active" Sumter. It starts at the parking area on Theatre Drive where there are tennis courts, playground, and baseball and softball fields. When the walker exits Theatre Drive and starts the walk along Wise Drive, there is a good bit of traffic. However, along most of the walk, there is a buffer between the street and the sidewalk. After crossing the intersection of Alice Drive and Wise Drive, traffic is no longer a problem.

Along this route are wide-open skies and walkways canopied by pines, oaks and other native trees. At one point the sidewalk changes into a bridge that crosses a lazy creek. The walk ends just after passing Wise Drive Baptist Church, a pretty site nestled amongst the pines.

On the return trip, hungry walkers can take a break and have a meal at any of the restaurants at the Alice Drive and Wise Drive intersection. At the park, there are bathrooms, benches, water fountains, and eateries. You might even

catch a ball game or tennis match. There is not much missing here!