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Become involved with the Trail Ranger Program

Questions about trails or our trail outreach program? Email our DC Trail Ranger Coordinator at trailranger@waba.org or give us a call at (202) 518-0524 x 208.

Want to make biking better?

Join your local bike advocacy group, WABA, as we work to make the DC region a fantastic place to bike. Our mission is to create a healthy, more livable region by promoting bicycling for fun, fitness, and affordable transportation; advocating for better bicycling conditions and transportation choices for a healthier environment; and educating children, adults, and motorists about safe bicycling.

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Suitland Parkway Trail

Connecting Congress Heights to the
Anacostia River



Trail Highlights

Though short, at 1.7 miles long, the trail follows the gap in the ridge line and is a more pleasant grade than many local roads to access Congress Heights, Fort Stanton and the surrounding communities by bike.

As one of the longest continuous stretch of greenery in DC, the meadows and forests of Suitland are being replanted with many native species like black walnut.



Credit: Iowa State University



In addition to many meadows, the orchard at Irving St SE is full of young fruit trees. Persimmon anyone?

Just off the trail is the Anacostia Community Museum, home to DC's history and first federally funded community museum.



Credit: Smithsonian

DC Trail Rangers

Trail Rangers are a consistent and helpful presence on DC's mixed use, paved trails, charged with assisting trail users, improving trail conditions, and working with city agencies to keep the trails clean, bright, and clear of obstacles. We have a regular trail presence, events and smaller outreach to encourage and support trail use along the Metropolitan Branch, Anacostia River, Marvin Gaye and Suitland Parkway trails.



Events

Pitch in Cleaning Up: Throughout the spring and summer, neighbors and trail users are invited to lend a hand in keeping our urban bikeways looking good. We'll provide the tools, snacks and some new friends.

More info at waba.org/trailranger or give us a call at (202) 518-0524 x208.



Trail History

The Suitland Parkway Trail is named for the Parkway it follows. The parkway opened in 1944 to support the war effort by improving transportation for defense by connecting the Bolling and Andrews Air Force Base with the urban residences of employees. The parkway kept elements of scenic leisure driving



experience of the Conservation Corps era and was designed as a grand entranceway into the Capitol for the many dignitaries arriving at Andrews. The parkway was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1995.

Proposed in 1990, the trail runs from the DC border almost to the Anacostia Metro station with connections to the street grid at Pomeroy Rd, Stanton Rd and Irving St SE. The trail has great potential as a transportation corridor if the connectivity and stress-free philosophy of the Parkway is duplicated - requiring more trail west and east of the current short segment.