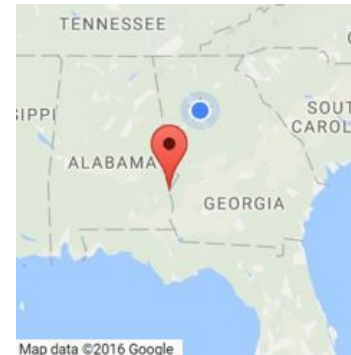


Eufaula, Alabama

Population 12,914

Eufaula is a lake community on the border of Alabama and Georgia. Rails to Trails added a trail along the lake several years ago. Recently the Yoholo Micco Creek Indian trail was extended.



The trail goes past the middle and high schools, along with the private school, so kids use it to walk to and from school. The trail meanders in and out of neighborhoods and along city streets almost like a sidewalk, then back out to the park. At the beginning of the trail visitors find information on the Creek tribe.



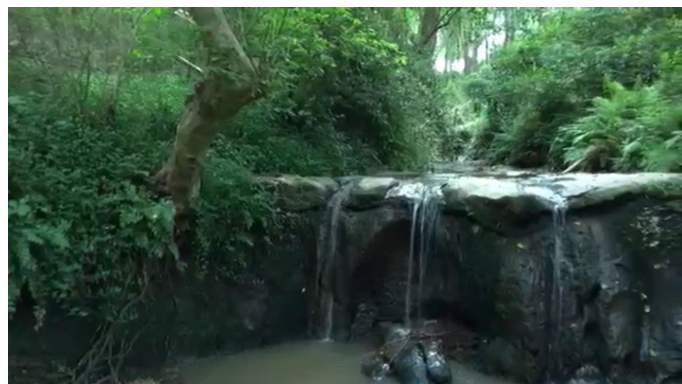
The city is applying for another grant to extend the trail to the city limits. When successful, the trail will end on a road with a bike lane and people can loop back to the city. The trail hosts events such as marathons and 5K races. This year it had its first color run.

Skirting the water provides an opportunity for physical activity in beautiful surroundings. The Extension Service added exercise stations, and many people enjoy seeing hawks and box turtles. A waterfall, birdwatching, and folk art give plenty to view. Eufaula has a safe place to walk that has nice atmosphere and sights.

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Advice:

- Be aggressive, go after the grants, but recognize there's usually match money required of about 10%.
- The benefits to the town and the population of the town outweigh the money you'll spend.
- Do it!



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