



# SENATE BILL 100: Authorize Haw River State Trail.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2023-36 authorizes the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to add the Haw River Trail to the State Parks System as a State trail.*

*This act became effective June 9, 2023.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The State Parks Act provides that State trails, as components of the State Parks System, can be established by the DNCR upon authorization by an act of the General Assembly.

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

**Section 2** of the act authorizes the DNCR to add the Haw River Trail in Rockingham, Guilford, Alamance, Orange, and Chatham Counties, between Haw River State Park and Jordan Lake State Recreation Area, to the State Parks System as a State trail.

**Section 3** of the act directs the DNCR to support, encourage, and facilitate the establishment of trail segments on State Park lands and on lands of other federal, State, local, and private landowners. On segments of the trail that cross property controlled by agencies and owners other than the DNCR Division of Parks and Recreation, the laws, rules, and policies of those agencies or owners must govern the use of the property.

**Section 4** of the act exempts this addition from requirements for appropriations for land acquisition, development, and operations. Lands needed to complete the trail could be acquired by donations to the State or by using existing funds in the Land and Water Fund, the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, the Complete the Trails Fund, the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and other available sources of funding.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act became effective June 9, 2023.

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