

Petersburg Trailhead, Bartram Trail



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US Army Corps of Engineers, J. Strom Thurmond Lake, Expands Trailhead Parking Lot with Help from Local Partners

In February 2015 the US Army Corps of Engineers celebrated the grand opening of the newly expanded Petersburg Trailhead parking lot at the Bartram Trail. The popular 27-mile Bartram Trail is heavily used by hikers and bikers and runners in the local Central Savannah River Area. Trail use had become steady, and even busy at times, but each trailhead had limited parking and amenities for users. The Petersburg Trailhead, in particular, had become a favorite location for area riders and runners.

In 2014, representatives from SORBA-CSRA and the US Army Corps of Engineers formulated a plan to improve access at the Petersburg Trailhead through the Corps' Handshake Partnership Program. Together they applied for, and received, funding to improve trailhead access, security and amenities. Additional partners included: Mulherin Lumber, Andy Jordan's Bicycle Warehouse, Chain Reaction Cycling, Ivey Homes, Outspokin' Bicycles, Columbia County Community & Leisure Services and Augusta Concrete Block Company.

Through the Handshake Partnership Program grant, the group was able to expand the trailhead parking lot - creating 25 spaces - and add security lighting. They also added a group picnic shelter with water, electric, a grill and fire ring. Other new amenities included a bike wash station, a bike repair station, changing room and partner donation box. Other enhancements were also made along the trail, including a kiosk and picnic table at Wildwood Park Trailhead, three benches in scenic locations along the Bartram Trail and road crossing warning signs for trail users.

This great partnership is proud to present the new-and-improved Petersburg Trailhead and welcome all users to enjoy the many outdoor opportunities at Thurmond Lake!



SORBA-CSRA President Dave Kozlowski and USACE Thurmond Lake Operations Project Manager Scott Hyatt cut the ribbon at Petersburg Trailhead Grand Opening, February 2015