

Piedmont Triad Conceptual Regional Trail Plan & Inventory
Surry and Stokes County Notes
September 21st, 2009 – 6pm
Armfield Center, Pilot Mountain, NC

15 attendees, not including staff

Following an introduction to trail planning efforts along the Mountains to Sea Trail and a summary of the scope of the current Regional Trail Plan process, the group proceeded to a mapping workshop showing where their preferred routes would be located. There were 4 groups working on location of horse, hiking, multi-use and water trails. The following priorities were determined by the 4 groups:

Group 1

1. Connect Ararat River to the Yadkin River Trail
2. Develop Mitchell River Trail
3. Connect small gaps
4. Create more access along the Dan River and replace or revitalize closed access points
5. Bicycle route plan for Stokes County
6. Expand horse trails in Stokes County

Group 2

1. Preserve Sauratown Trail and connect with the Town of Danbury
2. Improve river accesses along the Dan River
3. Look at feasibility of river access north of Stokes County, currently not paddable because of bridge design

Group 3

1. Preserve Sauratown Trail, explore interest in permanent easements
2. Connect Hanging Rock to Belews Lake
3. Re-open blueway access in southeast part of Surry County
4. Develop trail along Yadkin railroad route from Elkin to Yadkin Park
5. Develop horse trail around Pilot Mountain

Group 4

1. Develop Rockford access on Yadkin River
2. Develop Shiloh access on Yadkin River
3. Construct access at US 421
4. Include interim MST route on future planning maps.

Other Notes

- Pilot Mountain is working on a Management Plan currently
- Piedmont Land Conservancy should be involved in trail planning and development, especially along the Sauratown Trail