

Lazy Girl

Driving Directions: From the Saluda Library go uphill on Carolina Ave. Turn left at Henderson Street. Stay right at fork. At .6 miles from the library there is the sign for Bradley Nature Preserve and a small sign for the Lazy Girl. There is a small pull off for 1 or 2 cars. Be careful as the pull off is steep. OR Continue on Esseola Street to Laurel Dr. This will be 1.4 miles from the library. Turn right and park on the shoulder of the road. There are more parking spaces available here. Look for the small Lazy Girl sign before the first house on the right. You can use this connector trail to enter the Lazy Girl trail from here.

Hiking Directions: This trail is a greenway which is a trail in an urban area. The trail is about a mile and traverses a stream and connects Esseola Dr. through the woods to Laurel Dr. It can be hiked as an "in and out" (2.2 miles) from Laurel Drive. There are two places where the trail goes off to the left, closer to the stream. It creates a kind of figure 8 creating two loops.

If you start at Laurel Drive, make sure to take the second fork in order to see the Lazy Gal spring. A stone wall was built around the spring and you can still see the wall. Imagine a pulley system with buckets to get water up the hill and across the street to houses on the high side of Esseola Street. Even though it is said that boys were sent down to the spring to hook the buckets up to the pulley system, it was called a Lazy Gal.

If you start hiking on Esseola Street across from Autumn Care, come down the hill and take the right fork (both go to the left) to get to the Lazy Gal spring. There is another trail going off to the right but this is a connector for local residents and not part of the Lazy Girl Trail. For a shorter hike, you can do one or both loops and then return to your car..

Additional Educational Information: This 9 acre parcel of land was originally part of the Ransom Pace family. This last parcel was owned by William Pace. He did not want to sell all of his Saluda inheritance but was very agreeable to preserving it as a park and trail system.

It is the hope that someday this greenway will be added on to encircle all of the city of Saluda.