

# POLLINATOR TRAIL



**Plan your own pollinator-friendly adventure!** This ongoing self-guided trail is your guide to eco-friendly gardens, green spaces, food, and art initiatives by the City of Hendersonville that highlight the importance of bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.

The **RED ROUTE** is entirely walkable and takes approximately 2 miles to complete roundtrip. There is an optional add on for Stop #7, the **GREEN ROUTE** which takes visitors along the Oklawaha Greenway and adds on an additional 2.8 miles. Visitors can also choose to visit location #8 however, a vehicle is required.

## 1 THE GOOD OF THE HIVE MURAL EXTERIOR WALL OF HANDS ON! CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Location: Within the Azalea Public Parking Lot (facing Third Ave. E. between N. Main Street and King Street)

Entirely funded by donations from the community, the mural stirs curiosity and inspires actions to help sustain healthy ecosystems. The hive of bees also serves as a metaphor for recognizing and celebrating the power in human connection.

## 2 BEE MURAL DEMONSTRATION POLLINATOR GARDENS

Location: Azalea Parking Lot / Hands On! Children's Museum / The Good of the Hive Bee & Pollinator Mural (facing Third Ave. E. between N. Main Street and King Street).

These gardens, planted and maintained by the Tree Board as part of Hendersonville's Bee City USA program, serve as examples of pollinator-friendly landscaping that can be replicated at home.

## 3 HENDO BEELINE SIDEWALK MURAL

Location: Long Maple Street between 5th Avenue and the Historic Train Depot

Pedestrians of all ages are invited to hop, skip, and stroll along a honey-combed path stretching over 800 feet and painted with four seasons of flowers, all vital to pollinators. The design includes flowers, children's art sections filled with different pollinators and other wildlife that contribute to the biodiversity of this painted garden path.

## 4 HENDERSONVILLE FARMERS MARKET

Location: Historic Train Depot, 650 Maple Street, Hendersonville  
Open Saturdays from 8 AM - 1 PM, May - October.

Hendersonville Farmers Market aims to be a world class market that contributes to the success of local producers and growers, expands access to farm fresh foods, and creates a vibrant community gathering space. With fresh produce, meats, baked goods, honey, crafts, live entertainment, food trucks, and more, it's a weekly outing with something for everybody! Pollinators are appreciated every day, but will be especially celebrated during Pollinator Month!

## 6 OKLAWAHA GREENWAY TRAIL-PATTON PARK ACCESS

Location: Patton Park

The City of Hendersonville's 3.5 mile fully paved Oklawaha Greenway winds through wetlands, meadows and forests to connect four parks and is easily accessible from five convenient parking areas. There are several adopt a trail pollinator beds and meadows along the trail.

## 5 BROOKLYN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Location: Across the street from the Boys & Girls Club of Hendersonville

This community garden is in the construction phase and when completed in spring 2024 will feature garden beds, including ADA accessible, pollinator gardens, fruit trees, and berry bushes, as well as a gathering space all open to the public.

## 7 BEARFOOTIN' BEARS ART WALK

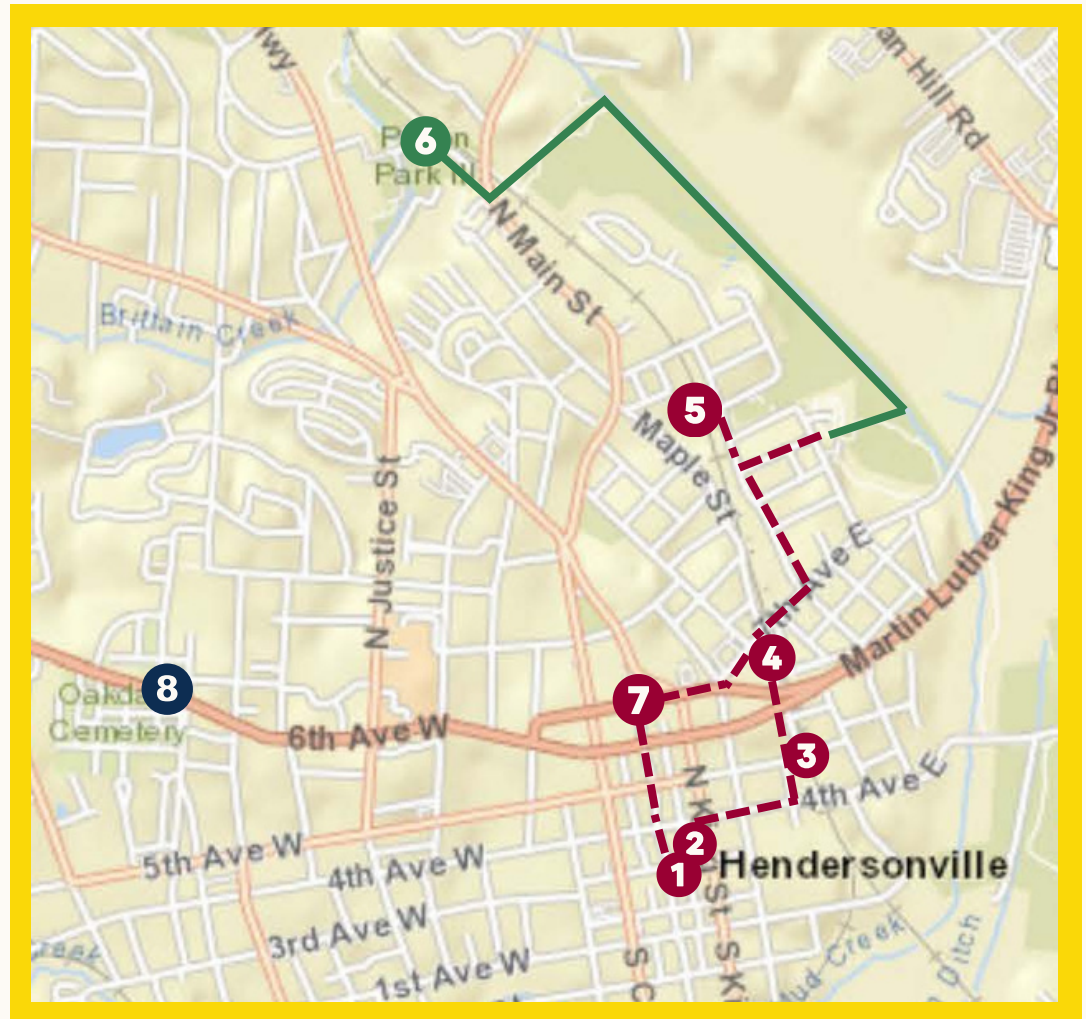
Location: Throughout downtown Hendersonville from May - October

The annual Bearfootin' Public Art Walk is a whimsical, playful public art display featuring bear sculptures each transformed in a spectacular fashion by local artists. Past themes for bears have included "Buzz the Pollinator Bear" featuring beekeeping scenes; "Honeybear" painted to resemble a squeeze bottle of delicious mountain honey; a mother and her cub named "Polly & Nate" covered in a diversity of native wildflowers, bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

## 8 BEARCAT LOOP TREE & POLLINATOR PLANTINGS

Location: Oakdale Cemetery

The Hendersonville Tree Board has planted over 80 trees and established 7 raised beds along Bearcat Loop. Among these plantings you'll find pawpaw, sourwood, carolina silverbell as well as perennial favorites including milkweed, mountain mint, goldenrod, cardinal flower, black-eyed susan, joe-pye weed and more.



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