



The Murphy River Walk takes you through many natural environments that just happen to immediately surround the historic town center. From Konehete Park, you'll follow the beautiful Valley River to its meeting with the Hiwassee

River and lake backwaters, passing through open meadowland, marshy wetland, hardwood forest, and around a rock cliff. The paved, gravel, boardwalk and bridge surfaces of the River Walk have been constructed with respect to the natural environment, and its host of native plant and wild life.

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The Canoe Trails follow along the banks of the Valley and Hiwassee Rivers. In the summer months when Lake Hiwassee is full, it backs up into these rivers and surrounding low lands. These shallow waters provide unique opportunities for the paddlers to meander along the rivers, inlets, and among the trees to observe birds, wildlife and fish species not otherwise seen from the walking trail.