

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 339*

Short Title: Add Fonta Flora Trail to State Parks System. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Blackwell (Primary Sponsor).

For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.

Referred to: Environment.

March 25, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF THE FONTA FLORA LOOP TRAIL IN
BURKE COUNTY TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds that a hiking and biking trail around Lake James in Burke County would provide a multitude of economic, recreational, health, environmental, community and transportation benefits. The General Assembly further finds that a number of federal, State, local and private partners have expressed substantial interest in completing such a trail; that such a trail would be a recreational resource of statewide significance; and that including such a trail in the State Parks System as a State Trail would be beneficial to the people of North Carolina and further the development of North Carolina as "The Great Trails State."

SECTION 2. The General Assembly authorizes the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to add the Fonta Flora Loop Trail to the State Parks System as provided in G.S. 113-44.14(b). The Department shall support, promote, encourage, and facilitate the establishment of trail segments on State park lands and on lands of other federal, State, local, and private landowners. On segments of the Fonta Flora Loop Trail that cross property controlled by agencies or owners other than the Department's Division of Parks and Recreation, the laws, rules, and policies of those agencies or owners shall govern the use of the property.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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