

What are wetlands?

Wetlands are transitional areas between water and land that may be referred to as swamps, marshes, bays or bogs. Different communities of plants, soils and water conditions determine the type of wetland.

Why are wetlands important?

Wetlands offer food, shelter and protection for many species of wildlife. Also, wetlands help to prevent flooding and filter out pollution. Throughout the park you will find signs that explain the history of the park, the treatment system and what types of wildlife live or visit Brick Pond



What is Stormwater Pollution?

Rainwater is not polluted normally. But when it hits the ground and begins to run across lawns, streets, parking lots, or by leaking containers, it carries with it anything light enough to float away. This includes trash, bacteria, and toxic chemicals like oil, gas, grease, fertilizer, and pesticides. The rainwater is then considered “polluted stormwater”.

The polluted stormwater flows through pipes, ditches, ponds, and roadways directly into the streams of North Augusta or the Savannah River. Since all North Augusta streams empty into Savannah River, every bit of the stormwater pollution from our city impacts it. In addition, city drinking water comes from the river. This is why it is especially important for all of us to do our part to prevent pollution from entering the storm drains in North Augusta.

How do wetlands clean stormwater?

Occurring in low lying areas, wetlands receive runoff water and overflow from communities, rivers and streams during rain events. In response to these conditions, various wetland biological mechanisms or “processes” clean or “treat” water that enters the wetland. Plants, bacteria, soils and other features within the wetlands trap sediments and can break down a wide range of pollutants.



History: Brick Pond Park was formerly an industrial site where bricks and pottery were made. The clay pit ponds that remained were not healthy and could not efficiently sustain wildlife. Today it is a healing ecosystem and public park.

Park Rules (partial list):

1. Do not feed or touch any animals.
2. Fishing allowed: **West Pond only** with SC DNR and a City fishing permit. Obtain city permit from Riverview Park (803) 441-4310.
3. Practice “leave no trace” principles (use waste containers provided).
4. All pond visitors must remain out of the water for safety (no wading, swimming, water sports, or standing in the ponds)
5. Children must be supervised at all times (wild animals including alligators are present).



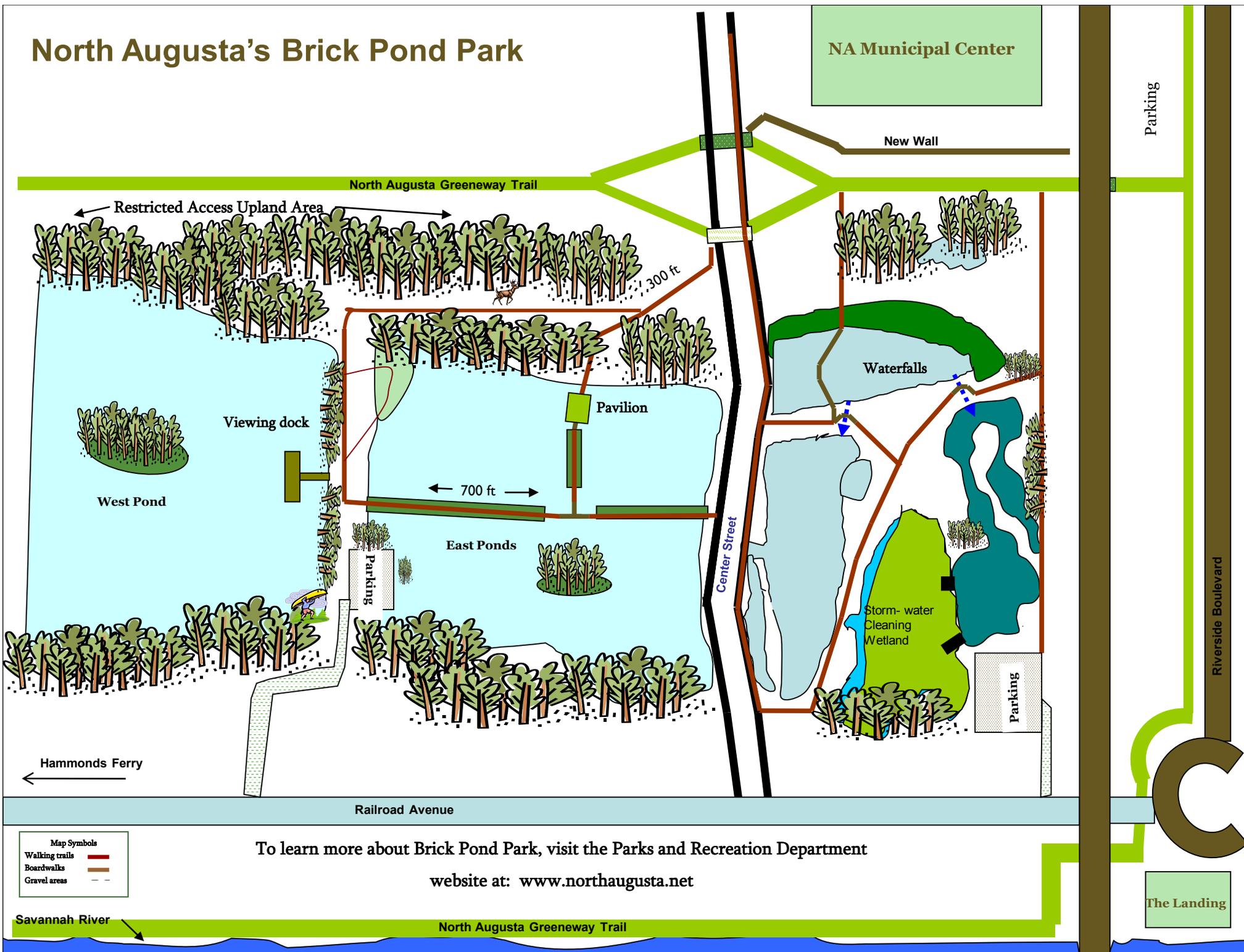
Enjoy your visit!

North Augusta's Brick Pond Park Visitors Guide & Map



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Map Symbols

Walking trails	— (red line)
Boardwalks	— (brown line)
Gravel areas	- - - (dashed line)

To learn more about Brick Pond Park, visit the Parks and Recreation Department
 website at: www.northaugusta.net

The Landing