

## HISTORIC PROPERTIES ALONG TRAIL

1. Word's Dairy—Word's Dairy once provided fresh door delivery to Valley households in the early history of the Valley textile mill villages. It's unique stone construction is typical of early country dairy farms. The Word family is among the earliest families to settle in the Valley area.
2. Langdale Boy Scout Hut—Constructed from native rock. Built by West Point Manufacturing Company for use of local scouts. Now privately owned.
3. Langdale Theater—Built in 1937 after the old wood frame theater and school burned.
4. LaFayette Lanier Elementary School—After the original 1914 Langdale School building was burned, this building was begun on the same site in 1935. It was completed in 1936.
5. Cotton Duck/Langdale Kindergarten—Was designed and constructed to be used as a public kindergarten and library in 1914. The décor (of original façade of ducks) and the fact that the first fabric made in Langdale was made of cotton and was called "duck" caused the building to be named the "Cotton Duck."
6. Horace King Memorial Covered Bridge—Was built to enhance the Chattahoochee Valley Railroad Trail and to emphasize black history in the area.
7. Langdale Mill—Built in 1866, one year after the U.S. Civil War ended and the defeated Southern States were looking for some way to resurrect their ruined economics. City of Valley purchased the mill in 2005 to keep building from being torn down for salvage materials. Plans for mill include retail stores, conference center and hotel.
8. Sugar or Kissing Bridge—So named for 9th Grade Graduating Class of 1938 at LaFayette Lanier.

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9. Sears Memorial Hall—Known as Langdale Gym. Constructed in 1929.
10. Iron Man—A sculpture by renowned local artist, Chuck Moore, is made from parts of cars and equipment that once traveled Chattahoochee Valley Railroad.
11. Iron Bridge—Built in 1880's on Moore's Creek.
12. Fairfax Depot—This is one of two remaining CVRR Depots. Built in 1917, the depot has a rest area and museum.
13. Bethlehem Church & Cemetary—One of the oldest buildings in this area (circa 1870).
14. Parnell Peach Park—A small linear park lined with peach trees commemorates John and Charles Parnell. John Parnell lived in Valley in the 1870's near the Parnell Peach Park and started one of the earliest commercial peach orchards in the southeast. Later he returned to Ireland to join his world famous brother, Charles', campaign for the English Parliament representing Ireland. Charles was known as the "uncrowned King of Ireland."
15. Union Church—Riverview First Christian Church evolved from the local Union Church that served the Riverdale Mill textile village. The Union church was a non-denominational church shared by Methodist, Baptist, Disciples of Christ and other Christian denominations. Later, each denomination left the Union Church to build churches for themselves. Circa 1870.
16. Riverview School—Built in 1928, closed in 1992. Restored by City's Historical Society and now serves as the city archive storage.

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CHATTAHOOCHEE  
(CVRR)  
VALLEY RAILROAD TRAIL

The CVRR Trail is a biking, jogging and walking trail that traverses 7.5 miles from the Shawmut Mill Village to the Riverdale Mill Village. The trail lies directly on top of what was once the Chattahoochee Valley Railroad that serviced the four textile mills of the area. The railroad carried passengers, cotton, cloth and supplies between Shawmut, Langdale, Fairfax and Riverdale Mills. Today, this trail ties together all the mill villages that compose the City of Valley and passes the majority of the 18 historic landmarks in the area.

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