PURPLE MARTIN greenway

GREENWAY RULES
» Greenway is open dawn to dusk
» For your safety we recommend the buddy system
» Respect Nature—Keep the Greenway clean
» Trail surfaces are slippery when wet
» Pedestrians have the right of way
» Travel on the right and pass on the left
» Give warning before passing
» Pets must have on a 6’ or shorter leash
» Clean up after your pets
» No hunting
» No motorized vehicles

CLEGHORN CREEK ACCESS POINTS
ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK
The Town of Rutherfordton is not responsible for anything beyond this point. You are entering this area at your own risk. Children under 18 must have adult supervision at all times.

NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY
No persons shall enter this area when a National Weather Service flood, small stream or thunderstorm watch has been issued in this watershed.

PET WASTE TRANSMITS DISEASE
Leash & clean up after your pet.
IT’S THE LAW! $75.00—$500.00 FINE

#PurpleMartin
RutherfordtonTrails.com
Named after the Purple Martin bird that appeared on General Griffith Rutherford’s family crest, the Purple Martin Greenway is Rutherfordton’s first natural trail system. Along this trail you can explore wildlife, creeks, waterfalls and local plant life. The trail is bike, kid and pet friendly as well as handicap accessible.

THE PURPLE MARTIN

With a length of 7–8” & a wingspan up to 15”, the purple martin is the largest swallow in North America and one of the largest of the world’s roughly 90 swallow and martin species.

Adult Purple Martin males are a shiny dark purple with blackish wings and tail. Females and sub-adults have a gray chest with whitish belly. The back is a dull purple with black wings and tail.

Purple martins follow an insectivorous diet, eating primarily flying insects such as moths, gnats, flies and mosquitoes. They catch the majority of their prey in midair, acrobatically twisting and turning to follow agile insects. They even drink in mid-air, flying over a pond, lake or stream and scooping water into their bills while on the move.

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