

NLES Accessibility Final Report:

Parksley – ESHC Walking Trail

Final Score: **Yellow** – Use caution on this trail if you have a movement disability (please use report below for more specific recommendations on walking this trail).

****Please download the “Seven Easy Walks of the Eastern Shore” document from www.nolimitseasternshore.com/walking-trails to find the ESHC recommendations for parking/walking the trail as well as a trail map.****

The Parksley ESHC Walking Trail is a charming walk that leads you through the historic streets of Parksley, Virginia. This 1.2 mile trail is only minimally accessible and the NLES Assessment group would like to warn walkers with physical disabilities to use caution when attempting to maneuver this trail. The trail is mostly located on the

town of Parksley’s main sidewalks and streets, but in many of the areas with sidewalks users of the trail will find themselves at an abrupt stop. When the sidewalk does stop abruptly, users may have to “back track” on the trail in order to find an accessible curb cut which would allow the user to continue the trail parallel to the sidewalk on the street. The NLES Assessment group would also like to warn anyone using the trail that a component of the path does cross over the busy Route 316 which may prove extremely dangerous for walkers with a physical disability. Route 316 also contains a railroad track which may prove impossible to maneuver around for individuals dependent on wheelchair use. The NLES Assessment group recommends users that are concerned with walking over Route



The NLES Assessment group recommends parking in the parking lot next to Taste of Eden Produce Stand.

316 to park near the Eastern Shore Railway Museum located directly across the street from the Club Car Café Restaurant near the Taste of Eden Produce Stand. From there, walkers could start the trail on Bennett Street and follow the originally provided path from ESHC all the way to Adelaide Street but then should turn left when they arrive back on the road with the Produce Stand. This would allow users to walk the majority of the trail while avoiding Route 316.



In the picture above you can see an abrupt stop to the sidewalk with no curb cut available on one side.

There are several amenities located along this trail which some users may find extremely beneficial. Public restrooms, telephones, and drinking water can all be found at various locations throughout the town of Parksley and there are even sitting benches located along the trail for anyone who may need to rest on their walk. Overall, the NLES Assessment group recommends users with a movement disability to use caution while walking this trail and to follow the recommended path instructions if they do not wish to cross over Route 316.

If you would like to add an observation or comment regarding this trail please e-mail nolimitseasternshore@gmail.com and include ESHC Parksley Trail in the subject line.



Looking onto Route 316 from Bennett Street – this area may prove dangerous for some walking the trail specifically if dependent on a wheelchair.