

NLES Accessibility Final Report: Onancock – ESHC Walking Trail

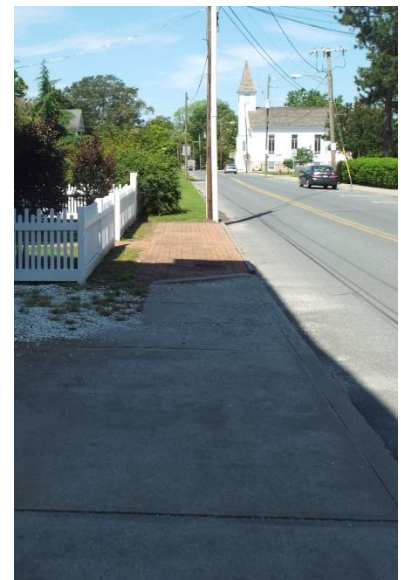
Final Score: **Yellow** – Use caution on this trail if you have a disability (please use report below for more specific recommendations on walking this trail).

****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 Onancock ESHC Walking Trail is a quiet trail that leads you through the historic town of Onancock. This 0.8 mile trail is minimally accessible and the NLES Assessment group would like to warn walkers with physical disabilities that there are several “obstacles” to maneuver around this trail. While the trail is almost entirely on town sidewalks it was found that the sidewalks are not continuous along the trail and often end abruptly with no curb cut to lead you to where the sidewalk starts again; therefore there are many locations where a person with physical disability (especially wheelchair users) might be left having to back track in order to find a curb cut that would allow them to cross to the next portion of the sidewalk safely.

It was also found that “true” obstacles, such as tree limbs and telephone poles in the middle of the

sidewalk, can be found in several places along this trail. Persons with physical disabilities should be aware that these obstacles may or may not cause be a problem for them and be prepared to turn around. Overall this is a beautiful walking trail, through a historic town. There are many historical sites very near to the trail that users interested would be able to access. There are also many local establishments offering food,

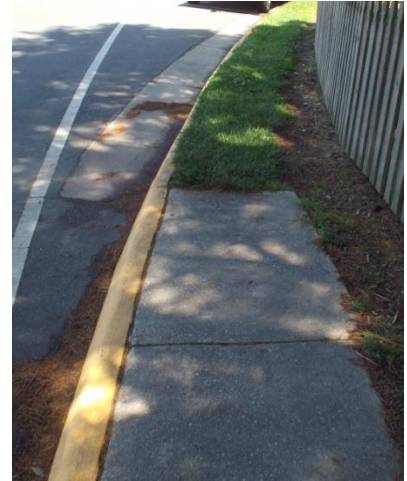


A picture showing an abrupt end to the sidewalk with no curb cut to lead across the street to the other sidewalk.



Obstacles such as telephone poles in the sidewalk may be problematic for users with physical disabilities.

refreshments, and other shopping items, which make this trail one of the most economically friendly trails that we have walked. There are also lots of native plants and wildlife that can be seen along this trail. Overall we would recommend users with disability to use this trail with caution.



Another picture showing an abrupt end to the sidewalk with no curb cut.

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



Enjoy your walk on the Onancock ESHC Walking Trail!