

Wells Viaduct - Toccoa



An impressive structure, this railroad bridge was built between 1915 and 1919 and is still in use today. The tallest columns are two hundred feet above the streambed.

You won't have to wait long for a train. This is the main north-south rail route and traffic is heavy. I was on site less than one hour on a weekday and saw three trains.

Directions to a long-distance view:

From Toccoa head north on GA 17 (It is actually the Toccoa by-pass and you are going westward) to Trestle Ridge Road on the right. Turn right and go 1.3 miles and stay left on Trestle Point. Park just off the cul-de-sac for a view northward.

Coordinates for long distance view: 34°34'05.8"N 83°22'38.9"W

Directions to trail head leading to trestle:

Same as above except turn left off Trestle Ridge Road (after just one mile) onto Trestle View Road and then immediately right onto Trestle View Way. The trail head is between the addresses of 97 and 125 Trestle View Way. Be considerate when parking - this is a residential neighborhood. The trail is a few hundred yards and all down-hill. It terminates in a kudzu patch where you'll get a good view of oncoming trains.

Coordinates of the trail head: 34°33'58.7"N 83°22'56.6"W

Interesting fact: The columns closest to the viewer and at the far end are solid. All the others are hollow - an engineering accomplishment in the day. The trestle has been in service over 100 years.