



## Family Adventure Guide

# Berkeley Outdoor Life 27 Blueways, 24 Walkways, & 21 Bikeways



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*Above: Huger / Quinby Creek on the Berkeley Blueways.*

Front cover photos: Bicycling the Biggin Creek Trail (left), Kayaking the Duckpond on Lake Moultrie (upper right), Walking the Cane Bay Community (lower right). Back cover photo: Bicycling Daniel Island.

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# Introduction

## Berkeley Outdoor Life

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The Berkeley Outdoor Life program has its origins in the Berkeley Blueways, created by the Berkeley Soil & Water Conservation District (BSWCD). A “blueway” is a water trail, used by kayakers, canoeists and paddleboarders. The Berkeley Blueways program began around 2008, and after years of development, it had around 20 paddling trails, or about 175 miles of navigable waters. After a big update of the Blueways in 2018, the BSWCD launched a larger project to not only highlight the best places to paddle, but also places in Berkeley County to take a quiet walk or hike, places to safely ride a bicycle, and then information about family camping, public parks, boat ramps, where to fish and hunt, and public golfing. These new programs became known as the Berkeley Walkways, Bikeways and Gameways. All these programs were combined into what is now known as **Berkeley Outdoor Life**.

Berkeley Outdoor Life is the State of South Carolina’s and Southeast’s most robust recreational platform. It is unrivalled for its detailed information and support for the residents of the County and



the visitors who come to experience these adventures. The program is continually evolving. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025, there are:

- 27 Blueways, More than 250 Miles of Paddling.
- 24 Hiking Trails & Walking Routes, 185+ Miles.
- 21 Cycling Routes & Trails, 330+ Miles.
- World class information on where to camp, public parks, public boat ramps, fishing & hunting, and public golf courses.
- Accessible Trails program within the Walkways.

Further, Berkeley Outdoor Life:

- Is a platform that showcases conservation and preservation.
- Provides unrivalled information about public access to outdoor recreation.
- Fosters tourism, business and economic development.
- And is creating a better quality of life for everyone in Berkeley County (and those who visit)!

This guidebook contains all the of the Blueways, Walkways and Bikeways in the Berkeley Outdoor Life program. Please follow our progress at [www.BerkeleyOutdoorLife.com](http://www.BerkeleyOutdoorLife.com).

– Berkeley Soil & Water Conservation District  
January 2025

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*Having fun on The Duckpond!*

# Berkeley Blueways



*Family kayakers at The Hatchery*

# Choose Your Family Adventure

## Berkeley Blueways



### Easy

Name	Distance	Location	Pg #
Dennis's Pasture	4 - 6 miles	Lake Moultrie	34
Duckpond	2.5 - 3 miles	Lake Moultrie	49
Wambaw Creek	4.6 miles	Jamestown	97
Huger/Quinby Creek	3.9 miles	Huger/Cainhoy	102
Old Santee Canal Pk.	3 miles	Moncks Corner	127
Goose Creek Rsvr.	2 - 4 miles	Hanahan/G. Ck	132
Spiers Landing	3 - 5+ miles	Lake Marion	138

### Moderate

Name	Distance	Location	Pg #
Santee Canal	6.4 miles	Lake Moultrie	14
Sandy Beach	5.2 miles	Lake Moultrie	19
Russellville Flats	6 - 7 miles	Lake Moultrie	24
The Jungle	4 - 6 miles	Lake Moultrie	29
Coon Island	7 miles	Lake Moultrie	39
The Hatchery	3 - 6 miles	Lake Moultrie	44
Cross Coves	9 - 11 miles	Lake Moultrie	54
Bulltown Flats	6 - 8 miles	Lake Moultrie	60
Jamestown	11 miles	Santee River	81

**Moderate (continued...)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Pg #</b>
Lower Wadboo Creek	3 - 4 miles	Moncks Corner	87
Upper Wadboo Creek	5 miles	Moncks Corner	92
Echaw Creek	2 - 2.5 miles	Jamestown	107
Chicken Creek	9.1 miles	Jamestown	112
Durham Cr./Back River	7.8 miles	Goose Creek	117
Bushy Park/Foster Cr.	10 -12 miles	Goose Creek	122
The Northern Isles	7 - 10 miles	Lake Marion	144

**Strenuous**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Pg #</b>
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*Kayaking Echaw Creek*



## Santee Canal – N. Lake Moultrie

# 1

Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*The quiet waters of the narrow Santee Canal.*

### Summary

With its inception in 1796, the Santee Canal offers a lot for the keen history buff. One of the engineers was none other than General George Washington! The original canal was 22 miles in length, but after Lake Moultrie was formed, there remains a beautiful 2.5-mile section of the canal.

### Difficulty

Moderate, due to crossing open water.

### Distance

6.4 miles, round-trip.

### Time

3- 4 hours, minimum.

## *Paddle into history in the calm waters of the Santee Canal*

<b>Crowds</b>	Very light; could see boaters/anglers. Almost guaranteed not to see anyone else in the canal.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 12 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	Angel's Landing Marina, 1556 Viper Road, Pineville, SC 29468, 800-315-3087.  <u>GPS</u> : 33.381196, -80.091654 33°22'52.3"N, 80°05'30.0"W  <u>Directions</u> : All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	\$5.00 parking fee (as of January 2025).
<b>Current</b>	Negligible.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Winds above 10 MPH can be tough for a paddler on Lake Moultrie. There is a lot of open water for wind to intensify and cause waves/whitecaps.  There are hundreds of tree stumps just inches below the water's surface. These can flip a paddler if a boat gets wedged on top. <b>Tip</b> : these stumps can usually be seen with polarized sunglasses.



**Map – Santee Canal N. Moultrie**



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 8 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the boat ramp at Angel's Landing Marina, turn left, heading in a northeast direction.
<b>2</b>	At 0.1 mile, pass by an island of tall grass. It is best to pass on the left side, closest to the mainland. Continue in slight northeast direction.
<b>3</b>	Pass by tip of island at 0.6 miles. Begin an even more northeastern direction towards another large island 0.3 mile away.
<b>4</b>	At 0.9 mile, paddle around the southern tip of island, head into center of the bay, paddling towards upper right corner of the bay. This is where the canal opening is located.
<b>5</b>	Enter the Santee Canal at 1.4 miles. This is a narrow, shallow waterway (no more than 20 yards wide and maintains a depth of 4-5 feet).  Enjoy the calm waters of the Santee Canal. Keep an eye out for wildlife: deer, wild boar, and a variety of waterfowl.
<b>6</b>	Come to railroad crossing over the canal at 2.8 miles. The canal will begin to narrow shortly after the railroad crossing.
<b>7</b>	At 3.2 miles, come to the obvious end of the canal.  <b>Return the same way you came.</b>
<b>8</b>	<u>Option</u> : When leaving the canal, turn a hard left and head into a large cove. This is picturesque and worth the extra 20-30 minutes, particularly when everything is in bloom!



*Otherworldly-looking, but beautiful Golden Lotus seed pods on the paddle to the Santee Canal.*



*Paddling the beautiful cove outside the Santee Canal.*

# Sandy Beach – N. Lake Moultrie



Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2



*Paddling North Lake Moultrie to Sandy Beach.*

## Summary

The 600-acre Sandy Beach Waterfowl Refuge includes part of North Lake Moultrie. It is a protected waterfowl management area with a nice beach for primitive camping. This entire area is beautiful with tupelos, flowering aquatic plants and you are almost guaranteed to see a few large birds of prey. There are hiking trails open from March 1 until November 1.

## Difficulty

Moderate, due to crossing open water.

## Distance

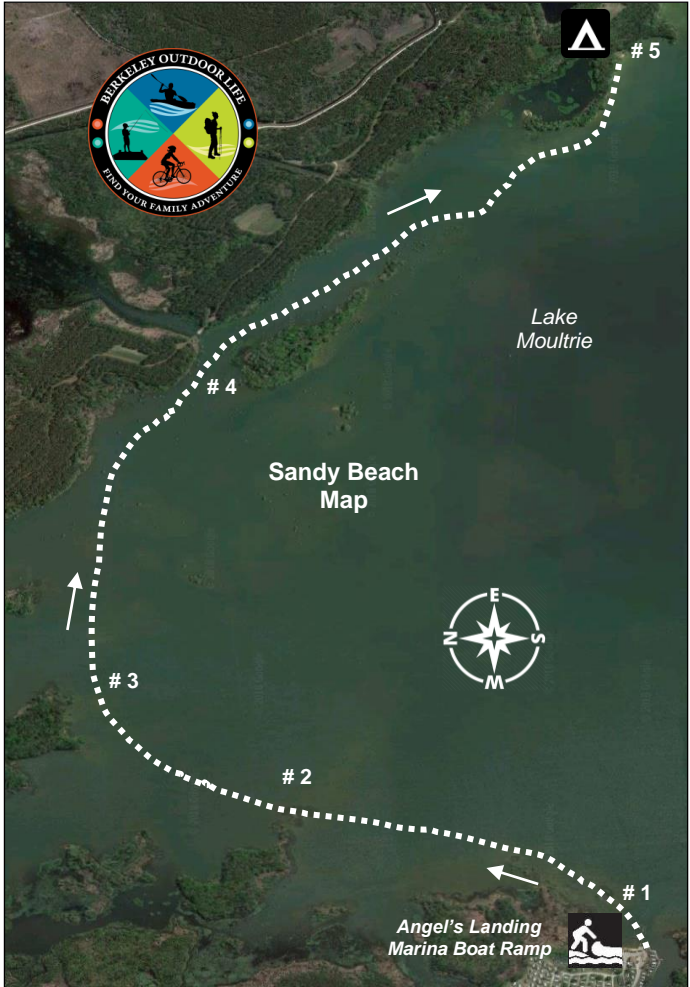
5.2 miles, round-trip.

## Time

2 - 3 hours; although, we recommend spending the night/camping on this little gem of a beach!

**Visit a DNR Waterfowl Area with primitive camping!**

<b>Crowds</b>	Light to Moderate. You're almost guaranteed to see boaters/anglers, and you might see other paddlers on the weekends.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 12 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	Angel's Landing Marina, 1556 Viper Road, Pineville, SC 29468, 800-315-3087.  <u>GPS</u> : 33.381196, -80.091654 33°22'52.3"N, 80°05'30.0"W  <u>Directions</u> : All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	\$5.00 parking fee (as of January 2025).
<b>Current</b>	Negligible.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Winds above 10 MPH can be tough for a paddler on Lake Moultrie. There is a lot of open water for wind to intensify and cause waves/whitecaps.  There are hundreds of tree stumps just inches below the water's surface. These can flip a paddler if a boat gets wedged on top. <b>Tip</b> : these stumps can usually be seen with polarized sunglasses.  It is advisable to wear bright orange during hunting season.



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on the next page.

## ***Route – Sandy Beach***

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the boat ramp at Angel's Landing Marina, turn left, heading in a northeast direction.
<b>2</b>	Pass by tip of island at 0.6 miles. Begin an even more northeastern direction towards another large island 0.3 mile away.
<b>3</b>	At 0.9 mile, paddle around southern tip of island and bear east towards the shore/treeline that is 0.4 mile away.
<b>4</b>	Once you reach near the shore at 1.3 miles, paddle near the shore in a general southeast direction. Paddle between the long island and the shore. This island is a great place to see osprey and anhinga birds.
<b>5</b>	Continue paddling near the shore for another 1.3 miles. There is lots to see here. You will run across more large waterfowl, blooming aquatic plants and beautiful trees. At 2.6 miles, arrive at the Sandy Beach area. This will be evident; it is a 200-ft. long beach area with primitive camping. This is a great place to stop for lunch, pictures, and camp!  <b>Return the same way you came.</b>



*There is lots to see on the eastern shore of Lake Moultrie on this paddle.*



*Male Anhinga near Sandy Beach on North Lake Moultrie.*





## Russellville Flats – N. Lake Moultrie

# 3

Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Paddling through fields of beautiful Golden Lotus in Russellville Flats.*

### Summary

Located between Sandy Beach and the Amos Lee Gourdine boat ramp, the Russellville Flats area offers some of the most picturesque flora of Lake Moultrie. There are several islands, two swamps, numerous shallow bays and a way ditch to the black water canal that parallels the dike system. For the angler, this area offers some of the best bluegill and red eared sunfish fishing to be found anywhere.

### Difficulty

Moderate, due to distance and winds.

### Distance

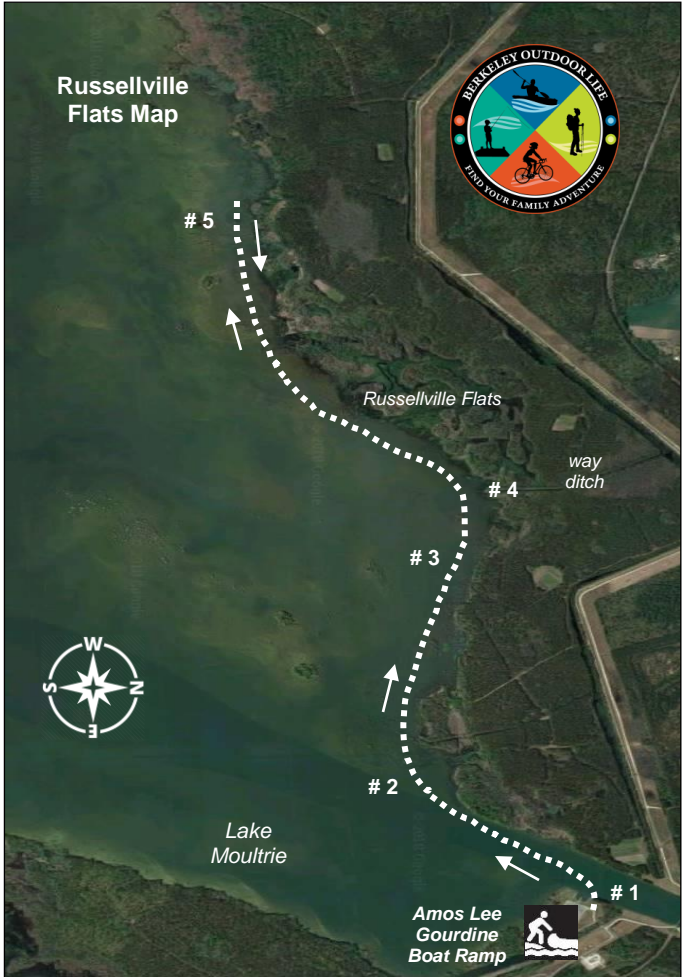
6-7 miles, roundtrip.

### Time

3 -5 hours.

<b>Crowds</b>	Light. You're likely to see boaters/anglers in this area.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 12 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp, Russell Store Road, St. Stephen, SC 29479.  <u>GPS</u> : 33.402138, -79.992848 33°24'07.7"N, 79°59'34.3"W  <u>Directions</u> : All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Current</b>	Negligible, generally northeast direction in open water.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	You will stay close to the shoreline on this route. Winds can intensify on Lake Moultrie resulting in waves/whitecaps.

## Map – Russellville Flats



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp, paddle 500-ft. across the canal to the opposite shoreline. Begin following the shoreline in a general southwest direction.
<b>2</b>	Continue paralleling the shore, and at 0.5 mile, you'll begin rounding a long bend, and head in a western direction.
<b>3</b>	<p>At approximately 1.4 miles, you will begin to enter the Russellville Flats area. Over the next mile, there are nearly endless opportunities for exploring shallow bays, cypress areas, flowering plants, and beautiful bottomland habitats. Take some time and enjoy this special place.</p> <p>For kayak anglers, this area offers some of the best bluegill and red eared sunfish (shell cracker) fishing to be found anywhere in the state!</p>
<b>4</b>	At 1.5 miles on the right, there is a narrow, 10-20 ft. wide way ditch that goes 0.4 mile back to the blackwater canal that parallels the dike (depending on vegetation growth).
<b>5</b>	Reach the end of the Russellville Flats area. <b>Return the same way you came.</b>



*Early morning kayaker fly fishing at Russellville Flats on Lake Moultrie.*



*There are many Cormorant birds on the paddle to Russellville Flats.*

# The Jungle – E. Lake Moultrie



Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_

# 4



*Large group of paddlers enjoying the day in The Jungle.*

## Summary

The Jungle is an enclosed tupelo swamp with an appearance like the famed Okefenokee Swamp of south Georgia, but on a much smaller scale. The waters are heavily grown with water lilies, lotus plants and various grasses. There are many options for exploration on this paddle.

## Difficulty

Moderate. The lilies/vegetation can be overgrown and tough to push through, but well worth the effort.

## Distance

4 - 6 miles, roundtrip, opportunity for a lot more exploration.

## Time

2.5 hours, minimum.

## *Hundreds of acres of water lilies and lotus plants!*

<b>Crowds</b>	Light. The Jungle is not navigable by larger motorboats.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 10-feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	<p>Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp, Russel Store Road, St. Stephen, SC 29479.</p> <p><u>GPS</u>: 33.402138, -79.992848 33°24'07.7"N, 79°59'34.3"W</p> <p><u>Directions</u>: All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.</p>
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Current</b>	Negligible, generally northeast direction in open water
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>You will stay close to the shoreline on this route and won't have to cross any large bodies of water. Winds can intensify on Lake Moultrie resulting in waves/whitecaps.</p> <p>There are hundreds of tree stumps just inches below the water's surface, particularly the closer you get to the entrance of The Jungle. These can flip a paddler if a boat gets wedged on top. <b>Tip</b>: these stumps can usually be seen with polarized sunglasses.</p>



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on the next page.



<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp, turn left, going around the peninsula, and head in a south direction, staying close to the shore.
<b>2</b>	Continue paralleling close to shore.
<b>3</b>	At 1.4 miles, turn left into 300-ft. wide opening. This is the first opening you encounter when paralleling the shore that goes back into an open area. This is The Jungle entrance.
<b>4</b>	Continue into the main body of The Jungle. There are obvious paths of exploration, or you can make your own. There is lots to see here!
<b>5</b>	Option: Continue navigating east through The Jungle until you reach the blackwater canal that parallels the dike. <b>Return the same way you came.</b>



*Nesting Great Blue Heron in early Spring at The Jungle.*



*Entering the picturesque Jungle.*



## Dennis's Pasture – E. Lake Moultrie

# 5

Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Young photographer among the blooming aquatics of Dennis's Pasture.*

### Summary

Dennis's Pasture, also known as the "Cow Pasture," comprises of the area between The Jungle and Bonneau Beach. It consists of numerous small islands and open bays of varying depths and vegetation. It is unique because the density of islands and cypress groves offer good wind protection. You can easily spend a full day of paddling the various bays, way ditch and canal.

### Difficulty

Easy to Moderate.

### Distance

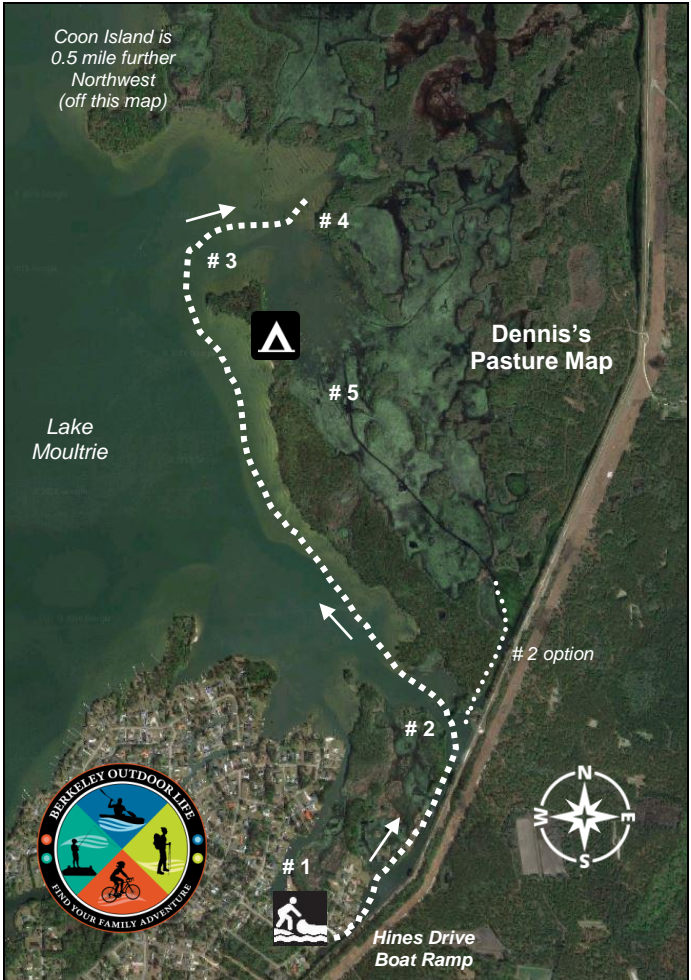
4 - 6 miles, roundtrip, varies based on exploration.

### Time

2 - 3 hours but take your time to discover all this has to offer.

<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate. The area can be popular with anglers.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 10 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	Hines Drive Bonneau Beach Landing, At corner of Hines Lane & Driftwood Drive, Bonneau, SC 29431  GPS: 33.332530, -79.982775 33°19'57.1"N, 79°58'58.0"W  <u>Directions:</u> All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Current</b>	Negligible.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	You will have protection from some winds with a few islands and dikes, however, there are plenty of open spaces in Dennis's Pasture where winds can intensify resulting in waves/whitecaps.

## Map – Dennis's Pasture



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the boat ramp, turn left, heading in a northern direction up the canal. This is an area of frequent boat traffic.
<b>2</b>	At 0.5 mile, bear left in northwest direction towards a more open area of Lake Moultrie. Continue paddling close to the shore/treeline for next 1.3 miles.  Option: Instead of bearing left, continue straight into the narrow canal into the "backside" of Dennis's Pasture.
<b>3</b>	At 1.8 miles, round the tip of the peninsula, and turn right heading east.
<b>4</b>	Cross the 1,000-ft. wide open area and you have entered Dennis's Pasture. From this point, there are hundreds of acres of fun exploration!
<b>5</b>	0.4-mile southeast is a wide path that heads 0.7 mile back to the canal. The path itself is worth paddling through, and this can serve as a shortcut back towards the boat ramp. See map.  <b>Return the same way you came.</b>



*You'll paddle by acres of lily fields in the warmer months.*



*Good times, big smiles, and laughter in Dennis's Pasture.*

## Coon Island – E. Lake Moultrie



Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_

# 6



*Primitive camping on Coon Island is fun and FREE!*

### Summary

Coon Island is known as one of the best places for primitive camping on Lake Moultrie (locals may also call this “Coon Hill Island”). There is a beautiful beach with high ground on its south side. Camping is permitted on a first come, first serve basis, and the area is large enough to support many campers.

### Difficulty

Easy to moderate.

### Distance

7 miles, round-trip.

### Time

2 - 3 hours; although, we recommend spending the night/camping on this great island!



<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate. You are almost guaranteed to see boaters/anglers, and you'll probably see other paddlers on the weekends.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 10 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp, Russel Store Road, St. Stephen, SC 29479  <u>GPS</u> : 33.402138, -79.992848 33°24'07.7"N, 79°59'34.3"W  <u>Directions</u> : All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Current</b>	Negligible.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	You will stay close to the shoreline on most of this route. Winds can intensify on Lake Moultrie resulting in waves/whitecaps.  There are hundreds of tree stumps just inches below the water's surface. These can flip a paddler if a boat gets wedged on top. <b>Tip</b> : these stumps can usually be seen with polarized sunglasses.



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp, turn left, going around the peninsula, and head in a south direction, staying close to the shore.
<b>2</b>	Continue paralleling shore and the general treeline for the next 2.8 miles. This is a beautiful shoreline with a mix of pine and occasional tupelo trees. Look for nesting osprey in shorter trees out in the water in this area.
<b>3</b>	At 2.9 miles, reach the eastern tip of Coon Island. Continue in a south direction around the tip, bear right/west and paddle close to the shore.
<b>4</b>	<p>The southern side of the island has a long beach. Depending on water levels, this beach can be between 1,000 - 2,000 feet long. This is a fantastic place to stop for lunch, take pictures of waterfowl, and has some of the best camping on Lake Moultrie.</p> <p>When you finish your exploration of the south side of Coon Island, return the same way you came.</p>
<b>5</b>	<u>Option</u> : Continue paddling around the shoreline of the entire island. This will extend your paddle by nearly 2 miles. The north side of the island has additional camping opportunities and smaller beaches.



*You will paddle across open water to get to Coon Island, but it's easy!*



*When camping on Coon Island, this will be your evening "back porch!"*



## The Hatchery – W. Lake Moultrie

# 7

Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*This protected waterfowl area is full of surprises! Pictured: Egret.*

### Summary

The Hatchery, or sometimes called “Pinopolis Pool” by locals, is a 2,200+ acre Department of Natural Resources protected Waterfowl Management Area. It is somewhat contained by a series of old dikes and many small islands. This paddle offers anything from a couple hours of enjoyment to an all-day adventure - there’s lots to see! Wildlife includes wading birds, songbirds, and small game. It offers some of the best fishing around.

### Difficulty

Easy to moderate.

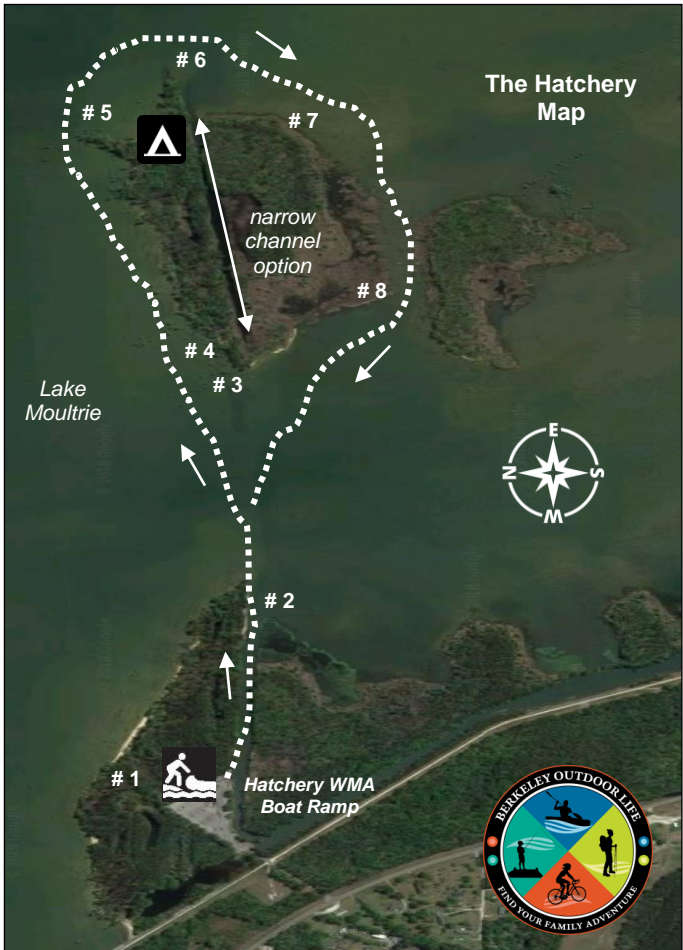
### Distance

3 miles, round-trip, and exploration available.

### Time

2 - 2.5 hours.

<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate. You are almost guaranteed to see boaters/anglers, and you'll probably see other paddlers on the weekends.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 10 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	Hatchery Wildlife Management Area, State Road S-8-802, Pinopolis, SC 29469.  GPS: 33.268503, -80.103042 33°16'06.6"N, 80°06'11.0"W  <u>Directions:</u> All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Current</b>	Negligible.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>You'll have protection from some winds with a few islands and dikes, however, there are plenty of open spaces in The Hatchery where winds can intensify resulting in waves/whitecaps.</p> <p>There are hundreds of tree stumps just inches below the water's surface. These can flip a paddler if a boat gets wedged on top. <b>Tip:</b> these stumps can usually be seen with polarized sunglasses.</p> <p>It is advisable to wear bright orange during hunting season.</p>



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 8 on the next page.

Route Directions	
1	<p><u>Note:</u> There is lots to see and explore at The Hatchery. It can offer multiple and different adventures each time you visit. For the purposes of this guide, we're recommending a fun, family-oriented big island circumnavigation that will truly be a catalyst for other Hatchery adventures.</p> <p>From the boat ramp at The Hatchery, turn left, heading down the 75-ft. wide channel.</p>
2	At nearly 0.3 mile, come to open water/main body of The Hatchery. Continue straight, heading towards large island.
3	Reach western tip of island at 0.7 mile. Paddle on left (north) side of island.
4	300-ft. past tip of island, among tupelo trees, is a small beach area. This is a great spot for photos!
5	Continue paddling along the north side of the island, staying close to the shore. Turn right, heading south for 1.2 miles. To your right is a 250-ft. long beach area with designated camping. This is a great spot for lunch!
6	<p>At 1.4 miles, round the eastern most tip of the island, turn a sharp right and begin heading back in a west direction. Continue paddling close to shore.</p> <p><u>Option:</u> 300-ft. ahead is a narrow channel opening that splits the island; it runs about 1,500-ft. (nearly the length of the island) and is a fantastic place to see wading birds!</p>
7	Continue paddling close to the southern side of the island and at 1.8 miles, another island will be to your left within 200 feet.
8	At 1.9 miles, round the southwest tip of the island, paddle in a northwest direction towards where you started to end your paddle.





*Circumnavigating the cypress lined big island at The Hatchery.*



*Marveling at the beautiful Golden Lotus of The Hatchery (late summer).*

# Duckpond – W. Lake Moultrie



Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_

# 8



*It is all smiles at Lake Moultrie's Duckpond!*

## Summary

The area of Lake Moultrie known as the Duckpond is a large, enclosed bay that opens to a smaller area of a cypress swamp that contains abundant wildlife, cypress and tupelo trees, and tall grasses. It is home to numerous wading birds, as well as large ospreys and bald eagles. About midway between the boat ramp and the Duckpond is a nice sandy beach that can even be used for primitive camping!

## Difficulty

Easy and family friendly!

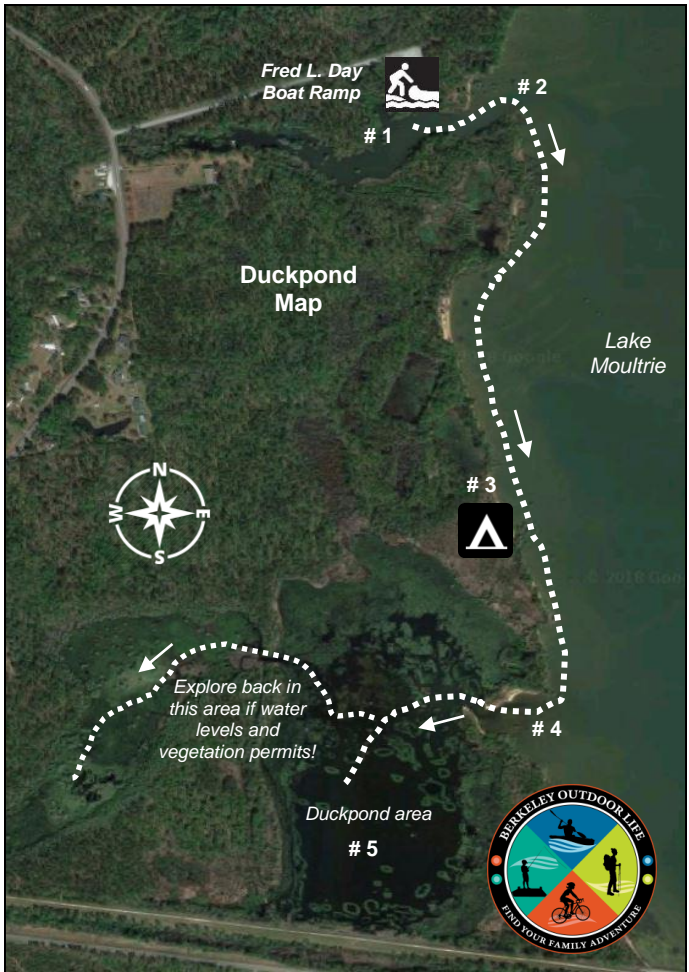
## Distance

2.5 - 3 miles, roundtrip, varies based on exploration.

## Time

1.5 - 2.5 hours.

<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate. The area can be popular with anglers.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 10 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	Fred L. Day Boat Ramp, Boat Landing Way, Cross, SC 29436.  GPS: 33.295429, -80.156345 33°17'43.5"N, 80°09'22.8"W  <u>Directions:</u> All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Current</b>	Negligible.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	You will have protection from some winds once you reach the Duckpond, however, if winds are above 10 MPH, expect some waves and whitecaps on the paddle to the area.  There are many tree stumps just inches below the water's surface. These can flip a paddler if a boat gets wedged on top. <b>Tip:</b> these stumps can usually be seen with polarized sunglasses.



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the boat ramp, turn left, heading towards the open area of Lake Moultrie. This is an area of frequent boat traffic.
<b>2</b>	After approximately 500 feet, turn right, following the shore/treeline in a generally south direction.
<b>3</b>	At 0.5 mile, there's a nice 150-ft. long sandy beach area fronted by a small grove of cypress trees that's a great place for lunch, swim or primitive overnight camping.
<b>4</b>	At nearly 1.0 mile, turn right into bay, paddle another 400-ft through the narrow entrance into the Duckpond.
<b>5</b>	<p>You can now explore the Duckpond. It is approximately 0.3-mile in width (south to north) by 0.2-mile wide (east to west). This area offers abundant places for photography, bird viewing and fishing.</p> <p><u>Option:</u> On the west side of the Duckpond, there is an obvious 20-ft. wide opening that goes back further (see map). If water levels and vegetation permit, it is worth further exploration. In Spring and early Summer, you are likely to see hundreds of nesting Anhinga chicks. This area extends approximately 0.5 mile.</p> <p><b>Return the same way you came.</b></p>



*Look around, and up. You are almost guaranteed to see nesting birds.*



*There are more than just ducks! Nesting Aninga chicks in late June.*



## Cross Coves – W. Lake Moultrie

# 9

Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Cross Coves is a birder's and photographer's paradise! Pictured: Osprey.*

### Summary

The Cross Coves Blueway kayak trail is located on west Lake Moultrie between two popular boat ramps. It consists of miles of beautiful and interesting coves. There are numerous rookeries of Egrets, Great Blue Herons, Anhingas, Cormorants and Bald Eagles. You are nearly guaranteed to see an abundance of wildlife on this paddle. This adventure, more than any other on the Berkeley Blueways, is a birder's and photographer's paradise!

### Difficulty

Moderate to Strenuous, depending on distance.

### Distance

9 - 11 miles, one way, varies based on exploration

### Time

4 - 5.5 hours

**Crowds** Moderate. This area is popular with boaters/anglers.

**Boat Type** Kayaks or canoes 12 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.

**Requires staging 2 vehicles or arranging pickup!**

**Put In** Fred L. Day Boat Ramp, Boat Landing Way, Cross, SC 29436.

GPS: 33.295429, -80.156345  
33°17'43.5"N, 80°09'22.8"W

**Take Out** Angel's Landing Marina, 1556 Viper Rd., Pineville, SC 29468.

GPS: 33.381196, -80.091654  
33°22'52.3"N, 80°05'30.0"W

**Fees/Permits** \$5.00 parking fee at Angel's Landing. No fee for the Fred L. Day Boat Ramp.

**Current** Negligible, generally south direction

**Tidal Influence** None

**Precautions:** If winds are above 10 MPH expect some waves and whitecaps on the paddle to the area.

There are many tree stumps just inches below the water's surface. These can flip a paddler if a boat gets wedged on top. **Tip:** these stumps can usually be seen with polarized sunglasses.





This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 7 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
	<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> Doing the entire paddle in one day requires staging two vehicles or arranging pickup. However, this trip is best suited as a slower exploration paddle and completing the adventure in at least two trips; paddling north from the Fred L. Day Boat Ramp, and then paddling south from Angel's Landing Marina.</p> <p>For the purposes of this guide, the route directions describe paddling north from the Fred L. Day Boat Ramp.</p>
<b>1</b>	Turn left from the Fred L. Day Boat Ramp. After approximately 500 feet, turn left again, following the shore/treeline in a generally north direction.
<b>2</b>	At 1.0 mile, come to large cove that is nearly 2,000 ft. wide. This cove is rich with birds and wildlife. Historically, there are several rookeries on the northwest side of the cove.
<b>3</b>	At 3.3 miles, there is another cove (going back to Johnston Landing). 1,000 ft. into the cove and to the right is an opening into a tributary. This area is worth exploring for beautiful vegetation and more wildlife.
<b>4</b>	Cross by the entrance of the Diversion Canal at 5.7 miles.
<b>5</b>	At 6.4 miles, there are more deep coves to explore. Again, this area is known to have several rookeries.
<b>6</b>	Come to an area with homes. This is the entrance to another series of large coves. This area is another opportunity to see many waterfowl and other wildlife.
<b>7</b>	At 9.9 miles, come arrive at Angel's Landing Marina to end your paddle.



*Juvenile egrets in one of the many rookeries of Cross Coves.*



*Leaving the Fred L. Day Boat Ramp in early morning to paddle Cross Coves.*



*Cross Coves is a birder's and photographer's paradise!*



*Juvenile ospreys in late Spring on the Cross Coves kayak adventure.*



## Bulltown Flats – N/W. Lake Moultrie

# 10

Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Paddling beautiful north Lake Moultrie in the Bulltown Flats.*

### Summary

The area between Angel's Landing and the historic Santee Canal, and just a little northeast of the Canal on Lake Moultrie offers the adventurous paddler a full day's exploration of nearly a dozen coves and tributaries that rarely see people. The water is too low for motorized boats, so you're guaranteed to be alone. You'll see an abundance of larger waterfowl and birds of prey, along with the occasional deer. You'll also be treated to eerie cypress and tupelo trees, and scenery you won't find anywhere else on the lake.

### Difficulty

Moderate

### Distance

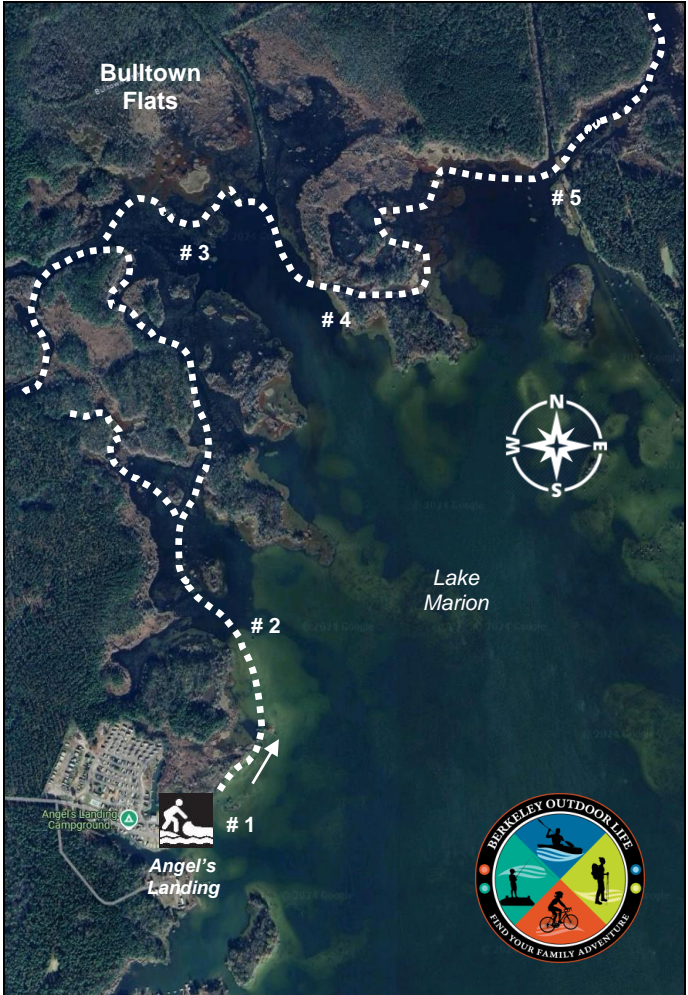
6 - 8 miles, best suited as exploration

### Time

3 - 4 hours

<b>Crowds</b>	Usually very light boat traffic.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 12 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	Angel's Landing Marina, 1556 Viper Road, Pineville, SC 29468, 800-315-3087.  <u>GPS</u> : 33.381196, -80.091654 33°22'52.3"N, 80°05'30.0"W  <u>Directions</u> : All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	\$5.00 parking fee (as of late January 2025)
<b>Current</b>	Negligible, generally south direction
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None
<b>Precautions:</b>	Winds above 10 MPH can be tough for a paddler on Lake Moultrie. There is a lot of open water for wind to intensify and cause waves/whitecaps.  There are hundreds of tree stumps just inches below the water's surface. These can flip a paddler if a boat gets wedged on top. <b>Tip</b> : these stumps can usually be seen with polarized sunglasses.

## Map – Bulltown Flats



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	Leave the boat ramp and head north, staying close to the shoreline.
<b>2</b>	After 0.4 mile, enter the first large cove to the northeast. From here, begin your exploration. This area and the 0.8 mile have numerous coves, thickets and tributaries you can paddle into (depending on water level and vegetation). Examine the map on the previous page for suggestions on places to check out!
<b>3</b>	Begin paddling east across the top of Lake Moultrie, then turn south.
<b>4</b>	Approximately 0.4 mile south of the top of the lake is a scenic and fun cut-through. If the water levels are too low or vegetation is too dense, proceed around the southern tip of this peninsula.
<b>5</b>	To the south and east of the entrance of the historic Santee Canal is a large opening. Paddle back as far as you can to explore even more coves.  Return the same way you paddled out.



## ***Bulltown Flats***



*Bald Eagles are a common sight on north Lake Moultrie.*



*Scenic, narrow path in the Bulltown Flats.*

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*Scenes from the Berkeley Blueways*



## Santee River 1 – Wilson’s Landing

# 11

Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*There are a few Class 1 riffles on this section of the Santee River.*

### Summary

Wilson’s Landing is located on the tailrace of the Lake Marion Dam. This is the longest paddle in the Berkeley Blueways program. This 25-mile section of the Santee River is best attempted by camping overnight and making two days of the adventure. During most water levels, there are many sandbars along the trip. There is truly little sign of human habitation and wildlife is abundant.

### Difficulty

Very strenuous, due to distance and the potential of Class 1 riffles. Tenured paddlers only!

### Distance

25 miles, landing to landing.

### Time

9 - 12 hours of paddling.

<b>Crowds</b>	Very light. You are likely to only see motorized boats near the two landings. Very few paddlers ever make this journey.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 14-feet or longer, with room for overnight camping provisions. Paddle boards are not recommended.

**Requires staging 2 vehicles or arranging pickup!**

**IMPORTANT:** Once you embark on this paddle, the next take out is 25 miles downriver!

**Put In** Wilson's Landing, 1541 Wilson Landing Road, Pineville, SC 29468.

GPS: 33.448418, -80.158270  
33°26'54.3"N, 80°09'29.8"W

**Take Out** HWY 52/Santee River Bridge, 15 US 52, Salters, SC 29590

GPS: 33.497546, -79.959332  
33°29'50.8"N, 79°57'33.7"W

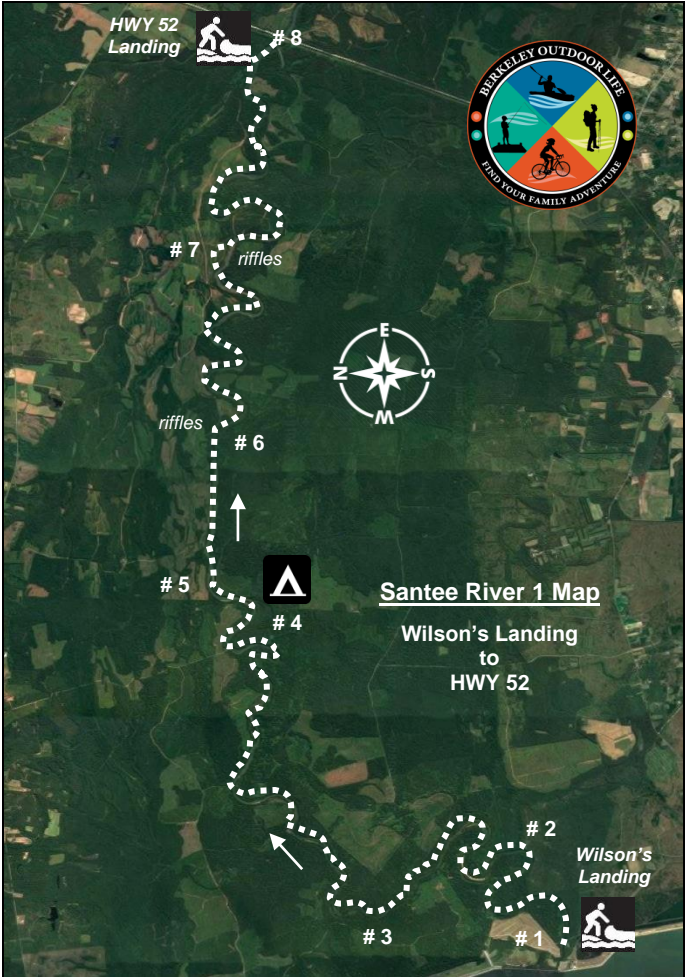
**Fees/Permits** None.

**Current** Flows downriver in an east direction.

**Tidal Influence** Extremely negligible tidal influence this far up the river.

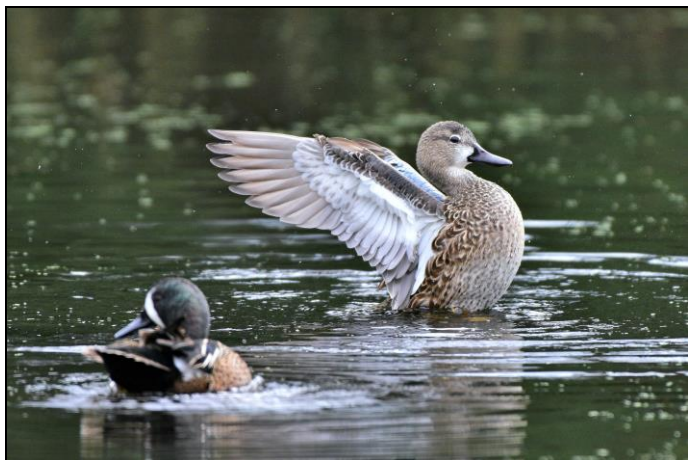
**Precautions:** Motorized boats go up and down the river near the two landings. While normally not a problem for paddlers, dam water releases could inundate campsites. Call 800-925-2537 for scheduled releases.

**Map – Santee River 1 Wilson's Landing**



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 8 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>From the boat ramp, turn right to begin paddling down river. For most of the river, you can expect a 1 - 3 MPH current, depending on width and water levels.</p> <p><u>Option:</u> Turn left to paddle upriver approximately 1,000 ft. to the Lake Marion Dam. This is a great place for photos. <b>IMPORTANT</b> -- Do not cross buoys and/or metal safety cables.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>For first 4.5 miles, the river makes five sweeping curves. You are likely to see Great Blue Herons and Egrets in this quiet section.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>At 6.6 miles, there is a creek/tributary to your left/west in a small cove. If time and water levels permit, this is a pleasant 1.4-mile paddle back to the Lake Marion Dam.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>At near the halfway point, between miles 12.2 - 13.0 there are reliable sandbars for camping.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p>Begin near 2-mile long, wide straightway section of river.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p>Immediately after the straightway section, at 15.3 miles, come up on a large shoal area with Class 1 riffles. You should be able to hear the riffles coming up at least a quarter-mile before.</p> <p><b><u>VERY IMPORTANT:</u></b> It is recommended that you stop and examine the riffles. At just about every water level, it is recommended that you <u>paddle down the left, narrow passageway.</u></p>
<b>7</b>	<p>At 19.4 miles, come upon another larger section of riffles. You should not have to stop and examine this section. Paddle straight through.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p>End your paddle at the Highway 52 bridge/boat ramp.</p>



*Blue Winged Teal near the dam at Wilson's Landing.*



*Beautiful early morning light and fog rising from the Santee River.*

## Santee River 2 – HWY 52



Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_

# 12



*It is an easy float and paddle down this long section of the Santee River.*

### Summary

This section of the Santee River terminates at Arrowhead Landing on the Santee Cooper Rediversion Canal. This adventure has many sandbars, as well as islands for breaks, lunch, or camping. There are two landmarks on this paddle: a railroad trestle at mile 4.9 and a set of high-tension power lines crossing the river at mile 8.0. This is a fun day trip for experienced paddlers.

### Difficulty

Very strenuous, only due to distance.

### Distance

13 miles, landing to landing.

### Time

6 - 8 hours.

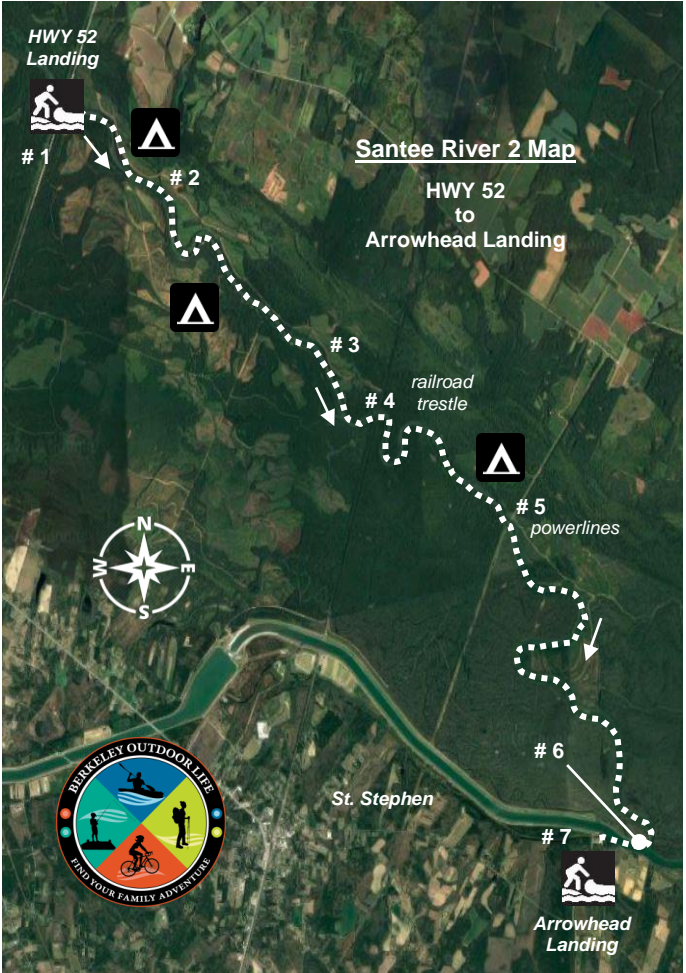


## *A great, extended day trip down the Santee River*

<b>Crowds</b>	Light. You are likely to see motorized boats up and down the river, however, the river is wide enough where this should not bother the paddler. You are likely not to see many other paddlers on this trip.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 12-feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.

### **Requires staging 2 vehicles or arranging pickup!**

<b>Put In</b>	HWY 52/Santee River Bridge, 15 US 52, Salters, SC 29590.  <u>GPS:</u> 33.497546, -79.959332 33°29'50.8"N, 79°57'33.7"W
<b>Take Out</b>	Arrowhead Landing, Arrowhead Road, St. Stephen, SC 29479  <u>GPS:</u> 33.404235, -79.863481 33°24'15.3"N, 79°51'48.5"W
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Current</b>	Flows downriver in a southeast direction.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	Extremely negligible tidal influence this far up the river.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Motorized boats go up and down the river near the two landings. While normally not a problem for paddlers, dam water releases could inundate sandbars. Call 800-925-2537 for scheduled releases.

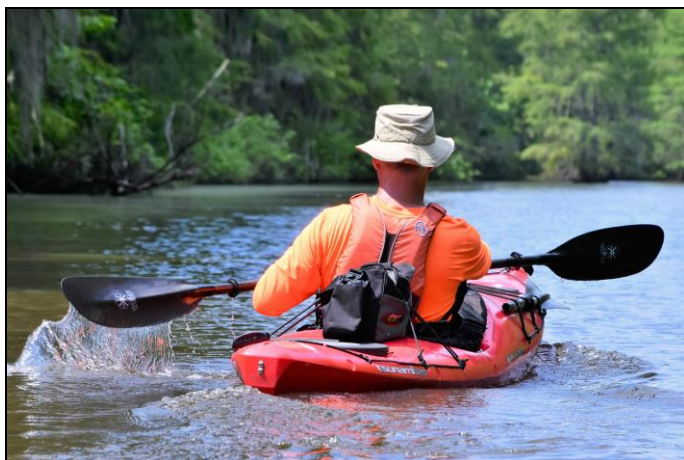


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<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the boat ramp, turn left to begin paddling down river. For most of the river, you can expect a 1 - 3 MPH current, depending on width and water levels.
<b>2</b>	At 1.5 miles, come upon the first set of islands. At the end of the second island, at approximately 1.8 miles, there are a couple large sandbars appropriate for camping.
<b>3</b>	Arrive at another island at 3.6 miles. Only at low water levels, this island is likely to have a sandbar.
<b>4</b>	Pass under photogenic railroad trestle at 4.9 miles.
<b>5</b>	At 7.3 miles, pass under set of large high-tension power lines crossing the river. Over the next 1.7 miles, the flora changes. You will encounter several small islands with sandbars and tall grassy shoals.
<b>6</b>	Come to the Santee Cooper Rediversion Canal at 12.1 miles. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> Turn right at the Rediversion Canal. (Some mapping/GPS applications call the Rediversion Canal the “Santee River,” “Mattassee Lake,” or “Crawl Creek.”)
<b>7</b>	Paddle nearly 0.5 mile to Arrowhead Landing on the left side of the canal. End your paddle here.



*You will see lots of large waterfowl like this Cormorant on the Santee River.*



*The Santee River shoreline has lots of willows and hanging moss.*



## Santee River 3 – Arrowhead Landing

# 13

Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Late spring overnight camping trip down the Santee River. It's an adventure!*

### Summary

This paddle begins at Arrowhead Landing in St. Stephen on the Rediversion Canal and ends at the Jamestown Landing adjacent to the HWY 41 bridge. Throughout the trip, there are numerous sandbars and small islands for lunch or rest spots. Wildlife consists of numerous large birds, deer, and wild boar.

### Difficulty

Very strenuous due to distance.

### Distance

16 miles, landing to landing.

### Time

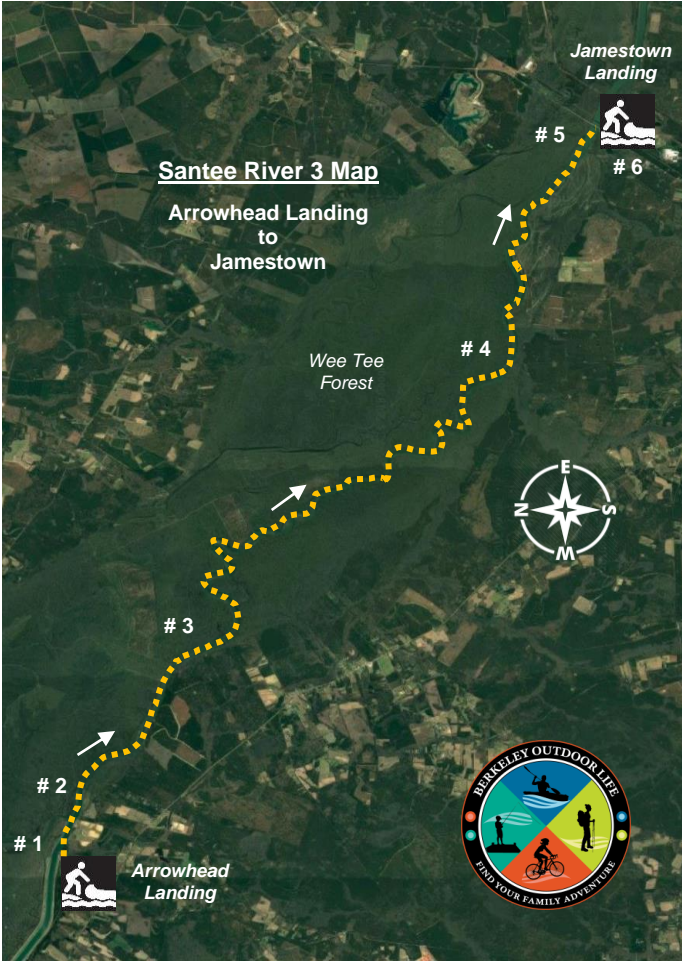
6 - 8 hours.

<b>Crowds</b>	Very light. You are likely to only see motorized boats near the two landings. Not many paddlers make this journey either.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 14-feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.

**Requires staging 2 vehicles or arranging pickup!**

<b>Put In</b>	Arrowhead Landing, Arrowhead Road, St. Stephen, SC 29479.  <u>GPS:</u> 33.404235, -79.863481 33°24'15.3"N, 79°51'48.5"W
<b>Take Out</b>	Jamestown Landing, US-17/41 ALT, Jamestown, SC 29453.  <u>GPS:</u> 33.303510, -79.679659 33°18'12.6"N, 79°40'46.8"W
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Current</b>	Flows downriver in a southeast direction.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	Yes, can begin to feel tidal influence within 2-3 miles of Jamestown Landing. Tide is approximately 3 - 3.5 hours behind Charleston Harbor tide table.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Motorized boats go up and down the river near the two landings. While normally not a problem for paddlers, dam water releases could inundate sandbars. Call 800-925-2537 for scheduled releases.

Map - Santee River 3 Arrowhead Landing

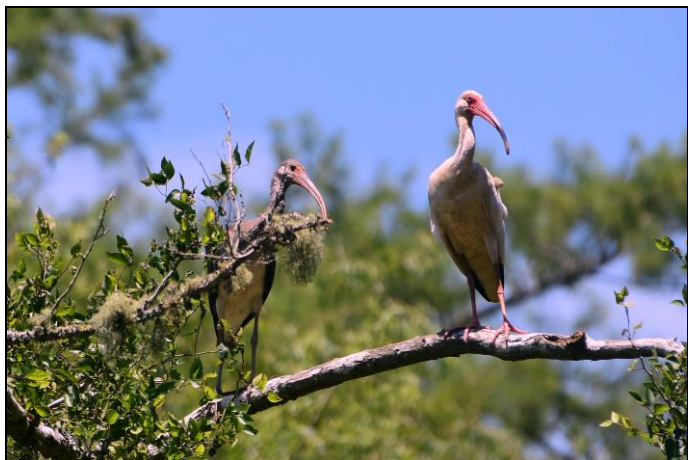


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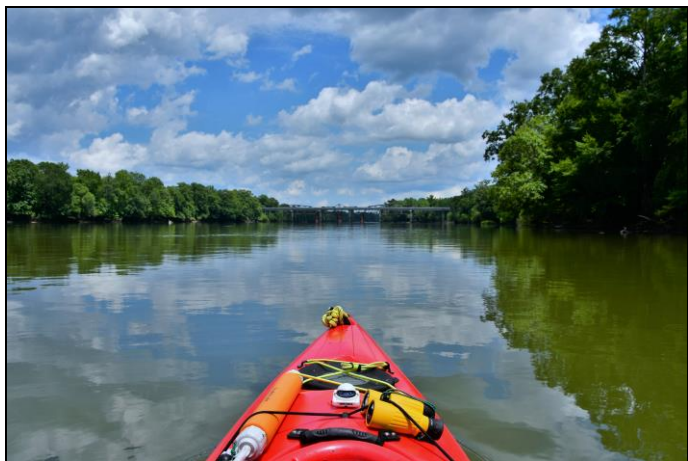
<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the boat ramp, turn right to begin paddling down river. For most of the river, you can expect a 1 - 3 MPH current, depending on width and water levels.
<b>2</b>	Within 1 mile, the river leaves evidence of human habitation and becomes quite primitive. The river is now about 250-ft. wide and remains about this width for the next 13 miles. There is an island at 1.5 miles.
<b>3</b>	At 4.3 miles, the river begins “zig-zagging” back and forth (following the way of a “snake”) for the next 7 miles. It offers little in the way of variety, but is a quiet, beautiful paddle with numerous small islands and sandbars. Keep your eyes open for herons and ibis.
<b>4</b>	A little past 11 miles, the river begins to widen, has sweeping bends, and then widens even more.
<b>5</b>	At 15.3 miles, within sight of the Jamestown Landing bridge, is a beautiful Santee River tributary creek on the left. It traverses back into a bottomland cypress habitat that’s part of the Wee Tee Forest. It is worth exploring if you’re not too tired from your 16-mile paddle.  (Some mapping/GPS applications call this creek “Wittee Branch.”)
<b>6</b>	At 16.1 miles, complete your paddle at the Jamestown Landing / US 17/41 bridge on the right side of the river.



*Photos -- Santee River 3 Arrowhead Landing*



*Ibis along the Santee River.*



*Jamestown Landing within sight, on the Santee River.*

## Santee River 4 – Jamestown



Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_

# 14



*Kayak fishing is always great on the Santee River!*

### Summary

This is a pretty section of the Santee River. It ranges from 50 yards in width to a little over 100 yards. It is bordered by uninhabited high bluffs and cypress swamps. Much of it is bordered on the right side by the Francis Marion National Forest, and you will have the opportunity to visit the Battery Warren, a Civil War-era fort built to protect a railroad bridge.

### Difficulty

Moderate, due to distance.

### Distance

11 miles, landing to landing.

### Time

4 - 5 hours.

- Crowds** Heavy. The Jamestown Landing and this section of the river is used heavily by motorized boats; however, the river is wide enough where you should not be affected. You are likely not to see any other paddlers on this trip.
- Boat Type** Kayaks or canoes 12-feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.

**Requires staging 2 vehicles or arranging pickup!**

- Put In** Jamestown Landing, US-17/41 ALT, Jamestown, SC 29453.

GPS: 33.303510, -79.679659  
33°18'12.6"N, 79°40'46.8"W

- Take Out** McConnell's Landing (note: some mapping/GPS applications call this "Pleasant Hill Landing), Forest Service Road 204-F, Jamestown, SC 29453.

GPS: 33.244908, -79.520938  
33°14'41.7"N, 79°31'15.4"W

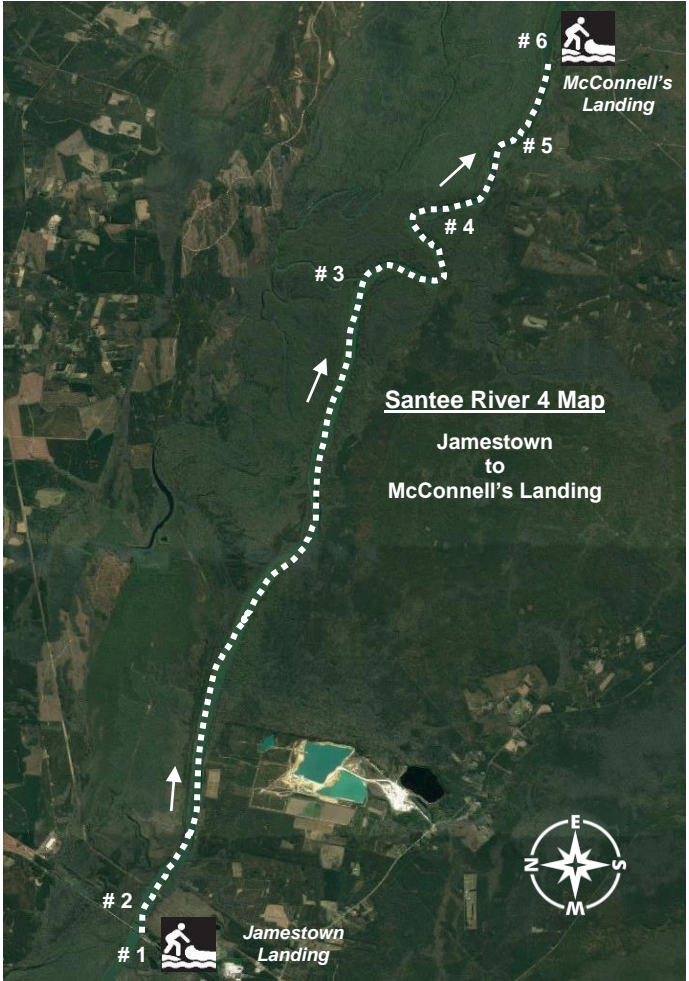
- Fees/Permits** None.

- Current** Flows downriver in a southeast direction.

- Tidal Influence** Yes, tide is approximately 3 hours behind the Charleston Harbor tide table.

- Precautions:** Motorized boats near Jamestown. While normally not a problem for paddlers, dam water releases could inundate sandbars. Call 800-925-2537 for scheduled releases.

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This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the boat ramp, turn right to begin paddling down river. For most of the river, you can expect a 1 - 3 MPH current, depending on width and water levels.
<b>2</b>	Cross under railroad trestle just 600-ft. into your paddle. For the next 7 miles, the river consists of miles-long sweeping turns that almost appear straight on the map.
<b>3</b>	At 7.3 miles, the river begins a large “S-curve” for the next 2 miles.
<b>4</b>	At 9.6 miles there is a 100-ft. wide creek/tributary opening on the right. This is the eastern terminus of <b>Echaw Creek</b> (Berkeley Blueway # 19, page 107 in this guidebook).
<b>5</b>	At 10.6 miles, to your right on the bank is the Battery Warren Civil War Historical Site. Look for the interpretative signs and wooden overlook. This is worth a stop. It is free and part of the Francis Marion National Forest.
<b>6</b>	At 11.4 miles, complete your paddle at McConnell’s Landing on the right side of the river.  (Some mapping/GPS applications call this landing “Pleasant Hill Landing.”)



*The Battery Warren site sits on a high bluff in this section of the Santee River.*



*Juvenile Yellow-Crown Night Heron on the Santee River.*

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*Scenes from the Berkeley Blueways*

## Lower Wadboo Creek



Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_

# 15



*It's easy paddling on the Lower Wadboo Creek.*

### Summary

On the map, this looks like a wide, winding creek that leads to the Tailrace Canal, but it is so much more than that! The Lower Wadboo Creek includes beautiful flora, inlets and tributaries that include swamp-like habitats and a chance to see birds of prey. Do not underestimate the tidal influence; it can test the strongest paddlers!

### Difficulty

Moderate. The biggest consideration is the tidal influence from the Tailrace Canal (Cooper River).

### Distance

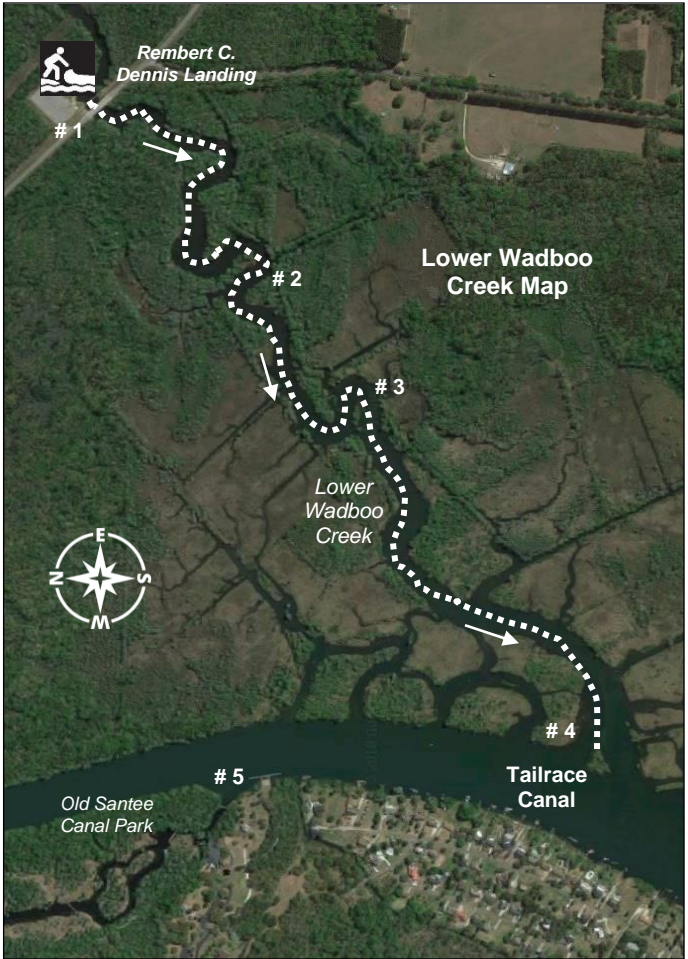
3 - 4 miles, varies. Best suited as exploration of inlets and Tailrace Canal.

### Time

2 - 3 hours.



<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate. There are almost always boaters zipping up and down the wide creek.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 12-feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	<p>Rembert C. Dennis Landing, 1400 SC HWY 402, Moncks Corner, SC 29461.</p> <p>GPS: 33.195955, -79.953198 33°11'45.4"N, 79°57'11.5"W</p> <p><u>Directions:</u> All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.</p>
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Current</b>	Flows west in the direction of the Tailrace Canal, however the tidal influence is a larger factor.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	Yes, can be strong at times if paddling against the tide. Approximately 3 hours behind Charleston Harbor tide table.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Motorized boats go up and down the Lower Wadboo all day long. Most boaters will slow down and yield to paddlers but keep a watchful eye.



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the Rembert C. Dennis Landing boat ramp, turn right, paddling under the HWY 402 bridge. Immediately after the bridge, the flora changes with beautiful water lilies on the right.
<b>2</b>	This paddle is full of small inlets from the creek, to flooded 19 <sup>th</sup> century rice fields. At 0.5 mile, pass a small island (might look more like a peninsula depending on water level) in an S-curve. Just beyond the island on the left is a small access stream that leads back to a beautiful cypress swamp.
<b>3</b>	At 1.0 mile, there is another small stream to the left that goes back into a marsh and wooded area. This is a fantastic spot to fish for large bluegills and redbreast.
<b>4</b>	Reach the Tailrace Canal at 1.5 miles. In addition to these route directions, there are literally dozens of small inlets, streams, and tributaries to see along the Wadboo Creek. Suggestion: take your time returning to the boat ramp and explore these areas.  <b>Return the same way you came.</b>
<b>5</b>	<u>Option:</u> For strong paddlers only. There can be a strong current and high-speed boats. At the Tailrace Canal, turn right/north and paddle 0.4 mile to the Old Santee Canal Park that is on the west side of the river. There is a dock that you can rest and get out of your boat. If you decide to explore the park, please visit the Interpretative Center up the hill and pay for admission.



Paddler and his "best friend" on the Lower Wadboo Creek. **Note:** Wearing a PFD (life jacket) is always recommended. Always make sure your dog does not disturb or attract the attention of wildlife!



Stunning Red Shouldered Hawk on Lower Wadboo Creek in winter.



## Upper Wadboo Creek

# 16

Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Fall paddle on Upper Wadboo Creek near the Rembert C. Dennis Landing.*

### Summary

One of the most beautiful paddles in the state, the historic Upper Wadboo Creek is a lovely cypress swamp that looks the same as it did two centuries ago when Francis Marion roamed these parts. You will see remnants of 19<sup>th</sup> century rice plantation dikes and canals, limestone bluffs and the fauna include white tailed deer, turkey, osprey, and ibis.

### Difficulty

Moderate to Strenuous. Can be challenging during periods of low water when it may be necessary to portage around obstructions.

### Distance

5 miles, one way.

### Time

2 - 3 hours.

### Crowds

Very light, not likely to see anyone.

**Boat Type** Shorter boats of 10-feet or under can have a big advantage in Upper Wadboo Creek. Paddle boards are not recommended.

**Requires staging 2 vehicles or arranging pickup!**

**Put In** Patts Road, Moncks Corner, SC 29461. Park at end of dirt road and there is an easy to find path leading to Palmetto Trail on the southeast side of the parking area. The launching ramp/bridge is a 300-yard portage down the trail.

GPS for Parking Area:

33.255451, -79.916218  
33°15'19.6"N, 79°54'58.4"W

GPS for Actual Ramp/Bridge:

33.253937, -79.913003  
33°15'14.2"N, 79°54'46.8"W

**Take Out** Rembert C. Dennis Landing, 1400 SC HWY 402, Moncks Corner, SC 29461.

GPS: 33.195955, -79.953198  
33°11'45.4"N, 79°57'11.5"W

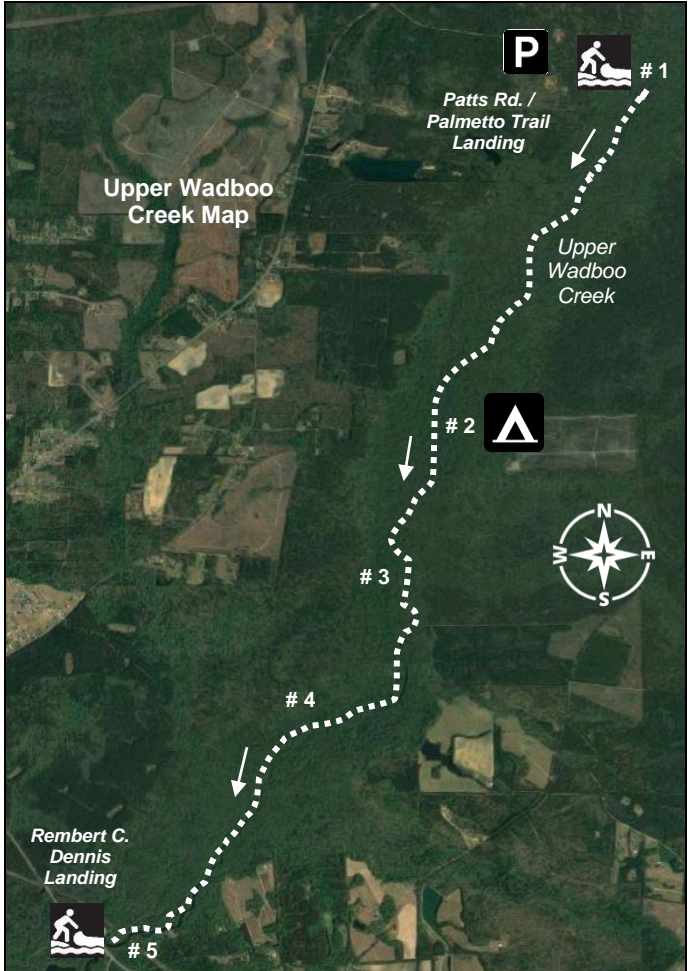
**Fees/Permits** None.

**Current** Negligible, runs southwest

**Tidal Influence** Yes, but not as strong as the Lower Wadboo Creek. Approximately 2.5 - 3 hours behind Charleston Harbor tide table.

**Precautions:** Obstructions or water levels that require portaging are the biggest concern. After big storms, downed trees and low hanging branches will have to be negotiated. It is advisable to wear bright orange during hunting season.

## Map – Upper Wadboo Creek



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on the next page.

### Route Directions

<b>1</b>	<p><u>Note:</u> this can be paddled from either boat ramp. For the purposes of this guide, the route directions are from the Upper Wadboo Creek off the Palmetto Trail.</p> <p>From the wooden ramp, turn right, heading south on Wadboo Creek. Over the next mile is some of the densest of the creek. Look for small yellow diamond-shaped trail markers bearing the likeness of a canoe.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>At approximately 2.3 miles, there is a small camping area on the left. Depending on water levels or recent rains, there is enough room for several tents here. This is a great spot for a break or lunch.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>Several limestone bluffs at 2.9 miles.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>By 4.2 miles, the creek begins to widen to 20 - 30 feet and continues to widen to 50 - 70 feet over the next half mile. There is a possibility that you could begin to see small, motorized boats from here to the take-out point.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p>At 5.2 miles, arrive at the Rembert C. Dennis Landing on your right.</p>





*The residents of Wadboo Creek are very photogenic!*



*The narrow waters of the Upper Wadboo Creek.*

# Wambaw Creek



Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_

# 17



*It's always all smiles on quiet, beautiful Wambaw Creek.*

## Summary

Wambaw Creek is a pretty, blackwater tidal creek located in the Francis Marion National Forest. It meanders the Wambaw Creek Wilderness. There are two landings that provide access to the creek. You can stage two vehicles or paddle up in one direction and return to your put-in landing. There are many large, beautiful cypress trees along the banks. Camping is permitted at the Elmwood Recreation Area.

## Difficulty

Easy.

## Distance

4.6 miles one-way.

## Time

2 - 4 hours.

<b>Crowds</b>	Light
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 10-feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.

**You can stage 2 vehicles or do an “up & back” paddle**

**Put In** Wambaw Creek-Still Landing, FR 211-B, Mill Branch Road, McClellanville, SC 29458.

GPS: 33.177449, -79.496577  
33°10'38.8"N, 79°29'47.7"W

**Take Out** Elmwood Recreation Area, Echaw Road, Jamestown, SC 29453.

GPS: 33.207819, -79.468563  
33°12'28.2"N, 79°28'06.8"W

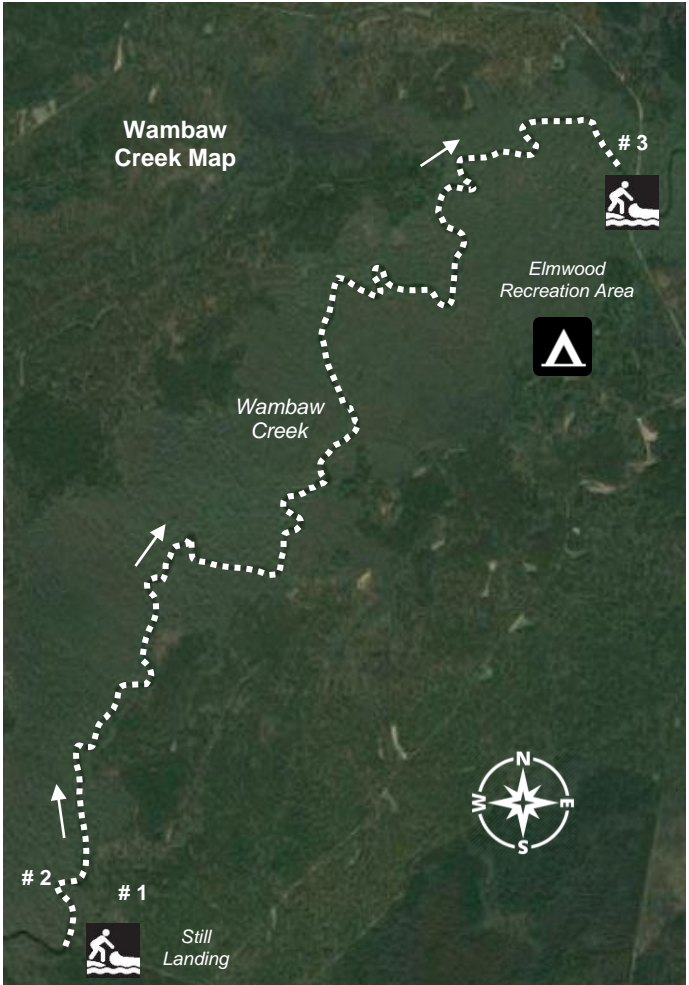
**Fees/Permits** None.

**Current** Flows in northeast direction.

**Tidal Influence** Yes, tide is approximately 2 hours behind Charleston Harbor tide table.

**Precautions:** Log jams and portages after heavy storms. Wasp nests could be in low lying branches.

It is advisable to wear bright orange during hunting season in the Francis Marion National Forest.



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 3 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p><u>Note</u>: this can be paddled from either landing, and it is short enough that you can paddle both directions in a morning or afternoon. For the purposes of this guide, the route directions are from Still Landing.</p> <p>From the boat ramp, turn right, heading downstream in a northeast direction.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Just 500-ft. into your paddle, the creek bears left in a “C-curve.” During times of highwater, this area could become a small oxbow lake. Keep this in mind. Over the next 3 miles, there are similar shaped turns in the creek that could do the same. Even if this occurs, the creek is easy to follow.</p> <p>Throughout your paddle, the primary growth on the higher ground is loblolly pine and the creek itself is lined with beautiful, and sometimes strange, cypress trees.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>At 4.6 miles, arrive at the Elmwood Recreation Area Landing.</p>



Want a peaceful paddle? There's no stress on Wambaw Creek!  
**Note:** Wearing a PFD (life jacket) is always recommended.



Great Egret snagging some lunch on Wambaw Creek.



## Huger / Quinby Creek

# 18

Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Huger / Quinby Creek is a great spot for kayak fishing.*

### Summary

This easy paddle meanders through marshland and rice fields. This is a tributary of the East Branch Cooper River. You are guaranteed to see lots of large waterfowl and the creeks are lined with flowering lily pads in the warmer months. This area also offers some of the best fishing around; excellent panfish and bass are easy to find in these creeks.

### Difficulty

Easy.

### Distance

3.9 miles one-way.

### Time

2 - 4 hours.

**Crowds** Light to moderate. These creeks are popular with smaller motorized boats because of the great fishing.

**Boat Type** Kayaks or canoes 10-feet or longer.

**You can stage 2 vehicles or do an “up & back” paddle**

**Put In** Ralph Hamer Sr. Landing, 3800 Cainhoy Road, Huger, SC 29450.

GPS: 33.094700, -79.807426  
33°05'40.9"N, 79°48'26.7"W

**Take Out** Huger Recreation Area Landing, HWY 402, Cordesville, SC 29434.

GPS: 33.131327, -79.811059  
33°07'52.8"N, 79°48'39.8"W

**Fees/Permits** None.

**Current** Flows in southwest direction.

**Tidal Influence** Yes, tide is approximately 2.5 hours behind Charleston Harbor tide table.

**Precautions:** The creek borders tall grass and rice fields for the first 2.5 miles, offering little shade; take extra water and wear a wide brim sun hat in warmer months.

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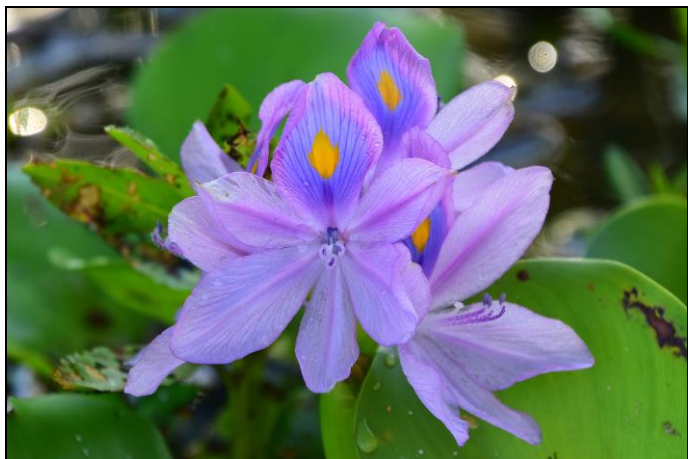
**Map – Huger / Quinby Creek**



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 4 on the next page.

### Route Directions

1	<p><u>Note</u>: This can be paddled from either landing, and it is short enough that you can paddle both directions in a morning or afternoon. For the purposes of this guide, the route directions are from the Ralph Hamer Sr. Landing on Quinby Creek.</p> <p>From the boat ramp, turn right, heading in a northwest direction. Quinby Creek meanders through marshland and old rice fields.</p>
2	<p>Reach the East Branch Cooper River at 1.3 miles. The creek widens significantly here, and you will see remnants of old rice field dikes on the left bank as you approach the river.</p> <p><b><u>IMPORTANT</u></b>: Turn right to head into Huger Creek. You will soon notice a change to higher ground with more forestation.</p>
3	<p>By approximately the 3.0 mile point, the creek is more heavily forested and offers a little more reprieve from the sun.</p>
4	<p>At 3.9 miles, cross under a railroad bridge. 400-ft. ahead on the left is the Huger Recreation Area Landing.</p>



*Beautiful flowers of lower Huger Creek.*



*Paddlers cleaning up Huger Creek with Keep Berkeley Beautiful.*

# Echaw Creek



Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_

# 19



*You'll paddle past old growth cypress trees wider than your boat!*

## Summary

Echaw Creek is a small blackwater creek with tidal influence. The creek above the landing narrows quite a bit making paddling difficult about half-a-mile south of the landing. The creek below the landing widens, is deeper and is easy paddling to the Santee River.

## Difficulty

Easy to Moderate. There is a slight current and log jams can make navigating the upper part of the creek tough. Be prepared for adventure, including pulling/dragging your boat over obstacles.

## Distance

2 - 2.5 miles, best suited as exploration.

## Time

2 - 3 hours.

## Crowds

Very light, not likely to see anyone else.

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**Boat Type** Even though just about any type of kayak or canoe will work just fine, shorter boats in the 10-12 ft. range will work best through some of the narrow twists, turns and log jams. Paddle boards are not recommended.

**Put In / Take Out** Pitch Landing, Forest Road 192 (off FR 151), Jamestown, SC 29453. There is signage for "Pitch Landing."

GPS: 33.246968, -79.577922  
33°14'49.1"N, 79°34'40.5"W

Directions: If you search "Pitch Landing Echaw Creek SC," all GPS mapping applications recognize this location.

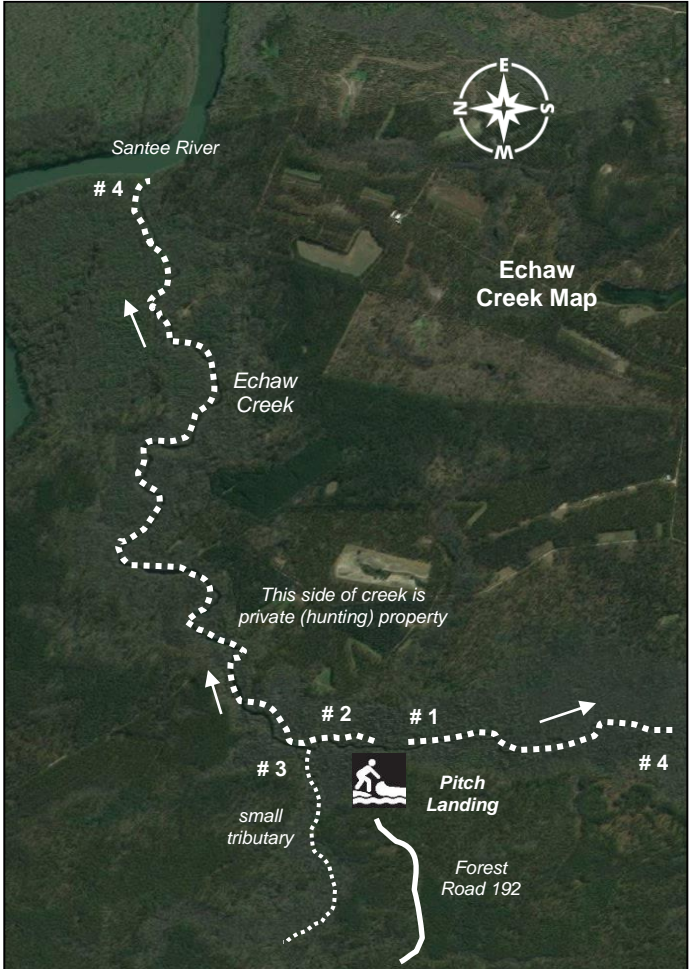
**Fees/Permits** None.

**Current** The creek's current flows east towards the Santee River.

**Tidal Influence** Yes, there is a negligible tidal influence from the Santee River. Approximately 2.75 hours behind Charleston Harbor tide table.

**Precautions:** It is rare to see motorized boats above the landing. The biggest precaution is log jams and cypress knees right beneath the water surface.

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This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 4 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p><u>Note</u>: This wonderful creek is best suited as an exploration paddle. There is lots to see. There are a couple options for paddling.</p> <p><u>Option 1</u>: From the boat ramp, turn right heading upstream. The paddle is characterized by a thick bottomland cypress habitat with lots of twists and turns. We recommend paddling as far up the creek as you can go. This is usually about 1.0 - 1.8 miles, depending on log jams, portaging, and water levels. Take your time, look around and explore this special place.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><u>Option 2</u>: From the boat ramp, turn left heading downstream. The creek will quickly double in size/width and is much deeper going this direction. The creek continues approximately 2.8 miles until you reach the Santee River.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>At 0.25 mile downstream, there is an unnamed tributary creek to your left (see map). This is a beautiful 10-minute paddle into a rarely explored creek that is similar in flora to the upper part of Echaw.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><u>Longer Paddling Option</u>: Paddle the entire 2.8 miles down Echaw Creek to the Santee River. Bear right on the river and continue another 1.8 miles to McConnell's Landing (reference page 82 for information on this landing). This requires staging two vehicles or arranging pickup.</p>



*Beautiful and strange surprises are around every corner of Echaw Creek!*



*The quiet, dark waters of Echaw Creek.*





## Chicken Creek

# 20

Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Exploring the deep forest of Chicken Creek.*

### Summary

Get ready for variety with this paddle! You will spend time on the Santee River, meander two wilderness bottomland creeks that rarely see visitors, paddle through the Francis Marion National Forest, and experience the same forests that Revolutionary soldiers traversed over two centuries ago. Besides all this, you are likely to see herons, egrets, bald eagles and so much more!

### Difficulty

Moderate, only due to distance.

### Distance

9.1 miles, one-way.

### Time

4 - 5 hours.

<b>Crowds</b>	Light. You could see motorized boat traffic on the Santee River sections, but the creeks rarely see boats or paddlers.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 12-feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.

**Requires staging 2 vehicles or arranging pickup!**

<b>Put In</b>	McConnell's Landing (note: some mapping/GPS applications call this "Pleasant Hill Landing"), Forest Service Road 204-F, Jamestown, SC 29453.
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GPS: 33.244908, -79.520938  
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<b>Take Out</b>	Elmwood Recreation Area, Echaw Road, Jamestown, SC 29453.
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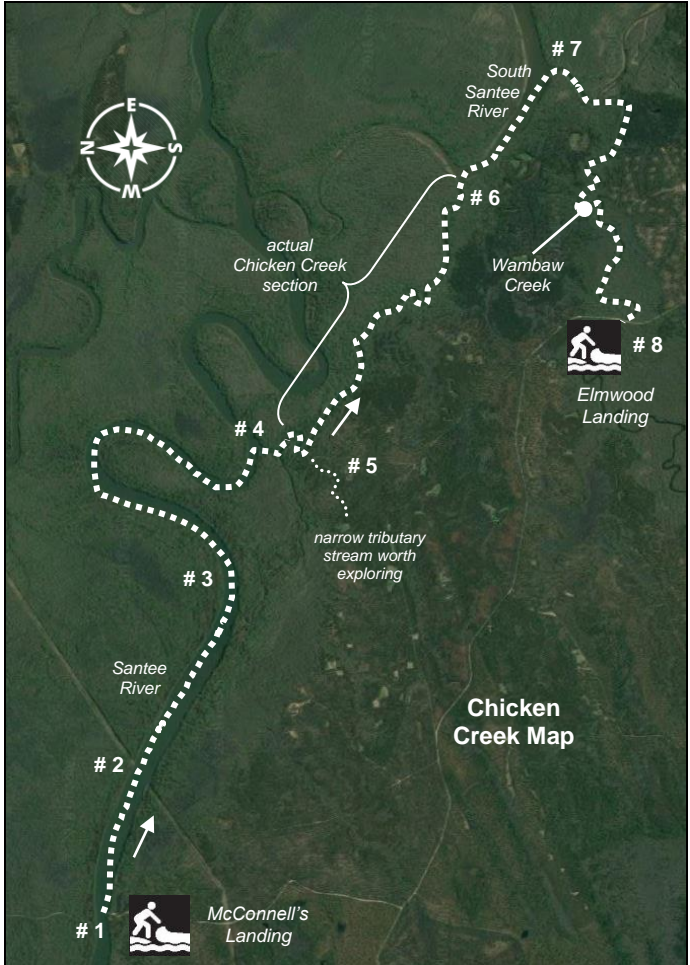
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
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<b>Current</b>	Flows downriver in a southeast direction.
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<b>Tidal Influence</b>	Yes, tide is approximately 2 - 2.5 hours behind Charleston Harbor tide table.
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<b>Precautions:</b>	It is advisable to wear bright orange during hunting season in the Francis Marion National Forest.
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## Map – Chicken Creek

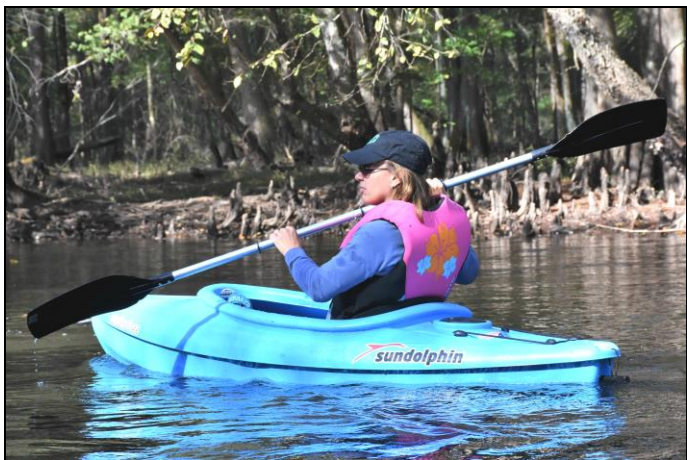


This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 8 on the next page.

Route Directions	
1	From the McConnell's Landing boat ramp, turn right to begin paddling down river. For most of the river, you can expect a 1 - 3 MPH current, depending on width and water levels.
2	Pass under power lines at 0.7 mile.
3	At 1.8 miles, begin long sweeping "U"-shaped curve that continues for next 2 miles.
4	When coming out of "U"-shaped curve, the river bears left. Soon after this turn at 4.0 miles, there is a creek opening on the right. <b>TURN RIGHT.</b> This is Chicken Creek.
5	500-ft. after entering Chicken Creek, there is a narrow stream to the right. This is an interesting 0.5-mile paddle back into a part of the bottomland forest that few people have ever been. It is worth exploring!  Back on the main Chicken Creek passage, continue paddling the creek for another 2.1 miles.
6	At 6.2 miles, Chicken Creek terminates in the South Santee River. Turn right, paddling down river.
7	Turn right into Wambaw Creek at 7.0 miles. This will be your first creek/opening in the river.  <b>IMPORTANT:</b> After a little more than 1,000-ft., there is a creek leading to the left; this is Hampton Creek. Do not take this. <b>CONTINUE STRAIGHT on Wambaw Creek.</b>
8	After another 1.9 miles, end your paddle at the Elmwood Recreation Area Landing on the right.



*Egret building a home at the confluence of Chicken Creek and the South Santee River.*



*The banks of Chicken Creek are lined with cypress knees in many areas.*

## Durham Creek / Back River



Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_

# 21



*You'll paddle narrow waters with mixed vegetation on the upper Back River.*

### Summary

The Back River is accessed from Durham Creek near Cypress Gardens. You will paddle beside tall grasses, and forestation that is a mix of pine, cypress, sweet gum, hardwoods, red cedar and river birch. In warmer months, the banks are lined with flowering water lilies. The waterway is home to wood ducks, herons, anhingas, and osprey. On the upper creek, you may even spot a white tailed deer.

### Difficulty

Moderate, only due to distance.

### Distance

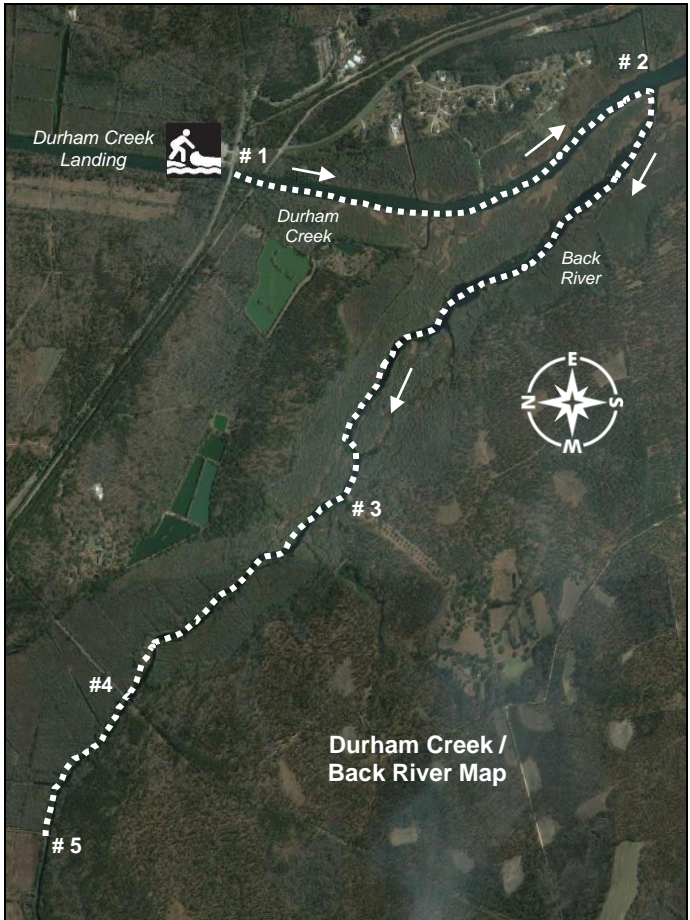
7.8 miles, round-trip.

### Time

3 - 4 hours.

*Paddle a seldom visited small tidal creek and river*

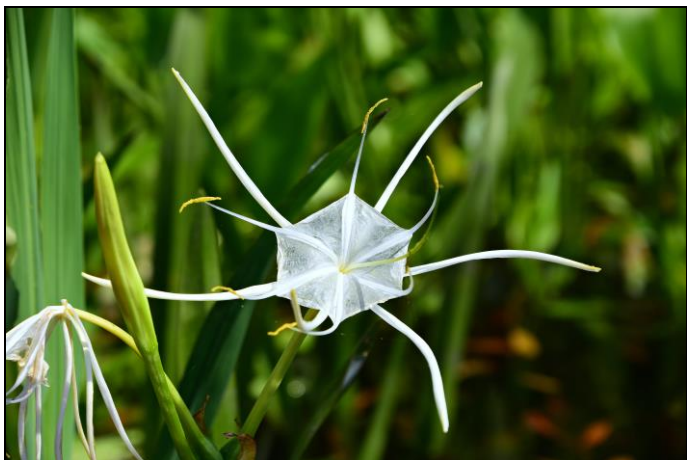
<b>Crowds</b>	Light. You are almost guaranteed to see boaters/anglers in Durham Creek, but the Back River is not frequented.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 10 feet or longer. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	Durham Creek Landing (note: some mapping/GPS applications call this “Cypress Gardens Boat Ramp”), 3000 Cypress Gardens Road, Moncks Corner, SC 29461.  <u>GPS</u> : 33.057584, -79.957782 33°03'27.3"N, 79°57'28.0"W
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Current</b>	Negligible, generally south direction.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	Yes, tide is approximately 1.5 hours behind Charleston Harbor tide table.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Motorized boats go up and down Durham Creek. Most boaters will slow down and yield to paddlers but keep a watchful eye.



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on the next page.



<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the Durham Creek Landing boat ramp, turn left to begin paddling down the creek. In 200-ft., pass under bridge. In 500 more feet, pass under a railroad trestle.
<b>2</b>	At 1.3 miles, turn right into the wide Back River. The river will consist of tall grasses and marshland.
<b>3</b>	1.4 miles up the river (at 2.7 miles total), you will come to a well-manicured clearing on your left with a floating dock. This is Medway Plantation. It consisted of 12,000 acres that has history back to the 1680s. Fort Sumter was built using bricks produced at this plantation.  <u>Note:</u> Medway Plantation is private property. No trespassing.
<b>4</b>	Pass under a railroad trestle at 3.6 miles.
<b>5</b>	At 3.9 miles, come to a wooden bridge.  <u>Note:</u> At the time of updating this guidebook in January 2025, recent storms have blown down part of this bridge and there is massive debris blocking further passage. Since the creek becomes narrow and very shallow past this point, there are no plans to clear this blockage.  <b>Return the same way you came.</b>



*Beautiful Spider Lilies in the tall grasses of the Back River in summer.*



*Louisiana (also known as "Little Blue") Heron on the Back River.*



## Bushy Park / Foster Creek

# 22

Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Foster Creek is known by the locals as one of the best fishing spots around!*  
**Note:** Wearing a PFD (life jacket) is always recommended.

### Summary

Foster Creek is a pretty tidal creek at the southern end of the Back River section of the Cooper River. It meanders through the Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek. The banks have restricted access and you are not allowed to go ashore. This is a great trip for taking photos of numerous wading birds. Foster Creek is also a popular fishing area; it produces some nice largemouth bass and bluegills.

### Difficulty

Moderate, only due to distance.

### Distance

10 -12 miles, round-trip.

### Time

5 - 6 hours.

- Crowds** Light. You are almost guaranteed a quiet, solitary paddle back in Foster Creek.
- Boat Type** Kayaks or canoes 10 feet or longer.
- Put In / Take Out** Bushy Park Boat Landing, Bushy Park Road, Goose Creek, SC 29445.
- GPS: 32.967805, -79.937209  
32°58'04.1"N, 79°56'14.0"W
- There are boats ramps on both sides of the road. You will launch from the northwest side.
- Fees/Permits** None.
- Current** Negligible, generally south direction.
- Tidal Influence** Yes, tide is approximately 1.5 hours behind Charleston Harbor tide table.
- Precautions:** Motorized boats go up and down the Back River. Most boaters will slow down and yield to paddlers but keep a watchful eye.

**IMPORTANT:** Foster Creek goes through the Naval Weapons Station. You can paddle in the creek; however, the banks are **RESTRICTED ACCESS** by the military!



You **CANNOT GO ASHORE**. There are many signs pointing this out.

**Map – Bushy Park / Foster Creek**



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 3 on the next page.

### Route Directions

**1** From the northwest side of the Bushy Park boat ramp, paddle north up the Back River. The river is nearly 750 ft. wide here. Paddle over close to the left shoreline. The river will consist of tall grasses and marshland.

**2** At 0.6 mile, come to a 250-ft. wide opening on the left. This is Foster Creek. Bear left into the creek.  
  
The banks continue to be tall grasses with blooming flowers in the warmer months, and you are likely to see many wading birds.

**3** Paddle as far up Foster Creek as you would like. The creek goes back another 6+ miles. The further you get up Foster Creek, there is a greater variety of vegetation and trees on the banks.

**IMPORTANT:** Keep in mind the tidal influence and time to return to the boat ramp.

**Return the same way you came.**



*Ducks on upper Foster Creek.*



*Paddling the narrow waters of upper Foster Creek.*

# Old Santee Canal Park



Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_

# 23



*No boat? No problem! You can rent a canoe and paddle the quiet, beautiful waters of Biggin Creek.*

## Summary

This paddle trail is located entirely within the boundaries of the Old Santee Canal Park on Biggin Creek. It is an excellent opportunity for beginner paddlers to enjoy a few hours of kayaking or canoeing. Rental canoes are available at the park for a modest fee. You will see cypress trees, swamp-like habitats, flowering aquatic plants, wading birds and maybe even a deer on the banks.

## Difficulty

Easy, family friendly, and recommended for all skill levels!

## Distance

3 miles, roundtrip, loop trail.

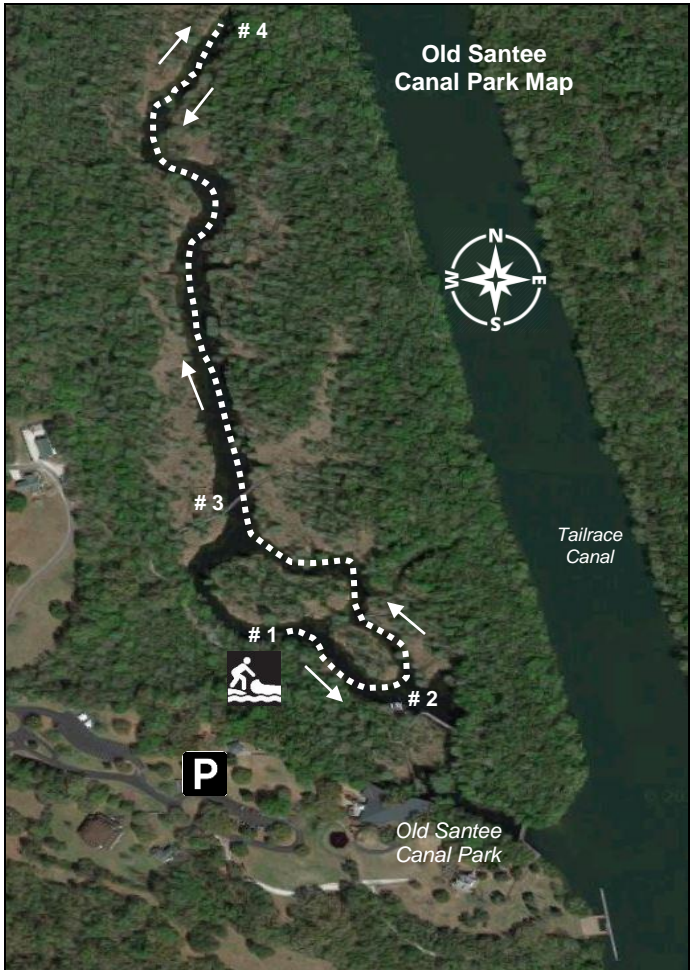
## Time

2 - 2.5 hours; however, take your time, take lots of family photos, and enjoy this gem in the middle of Moncks Corner.

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<b>Crowds</b>	Light to moderate. On the weekends, you will probably see a few other groups with rental canoes.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Any kayak or canoe, however, under 15-ft is best because the canal narrows quite a bit in places.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	900 Stony Landing Road, Moncks Corner, SC 29461. 843-899-5200, oldsanteecanalpark.org.  GPS: 33.194924, -79.971907 33°11'41.7"N, 79°58'18.9"W  Note: The GPS coordinates are for the <u>actual</u> boat ramp if bringing your own kayak/canoe. Driving across a grass field and through the woods on a narrow dirt road is required. It's best to ask the front gate staff for directions.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	\$5 adults, \$3 senior citizens, children under 6 FREE (as of January 2025).
<b>Current</b>	Negligible.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	There could be low hanging branches and tight places to squeeze your boat after storms; however, the park staff is good at cleaning up this type of debris.



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 4 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>If bringing your own kayak/canoe, obtain detailed directions on the boat ramp location (it can be confusing; you must drive across a grass field and then down a steep, narrow dirt road through the woods).</p> <p>If renting a canoe, go see the friendly folks at the Interpretative Center, and start at step # 2 below.</p> <p>From the small boat ramp, begin your paddle by turning right in Biggin Creek.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>At 0.1 mile, reach the dock and rental canoe area. Continue left around the marsh following the creek, heading north. This general area is beautiful with towering cypress trees with hanging moss.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>Go under a beautiful boardwalk bridge at 0.3 mile. Continue straight in Biggin Creek. Over the next 0.3 mile, the creek is over 120-ft. wide, lined with beautiful cypress, and you are likely to see egrets and herons.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>At 0.6 mile, the creek narrows to 10 - 12 feet for the next 450-ft. This is an intimate, completely shaded paddle and part of the old canal. Pass under another foot bridge (labeled "6").</p> <p>The paddle trail continues through the old canal for the next 0.8 miles, narrowing again, and then widening to 30 - 50 feet. Continue in the canal until you cannot paddle any further.</p> <p><b>Return the same way you came.</b></p>



*Kayaker and Great Blue Heron share an exciting moment on Biggin Creek.*



*Old Santee Canal Park is a great place for large groups of paddlers.*



## Goose Creek Reservoir

# 24

Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Kayak fishing is fantastic at Goose Creek Reservoir.*

### Summary

One of the most accessible paddles in the Berkeley Blueways program, Goose Creek Reservoir is in the middle of urban sprawl in the cities of Hanahan and Goose Creek. Extremely popular with boaters/anglers, you will not be alone on this 600-acre lake.

### Difficulty

Easy to Moderate.

### Distance

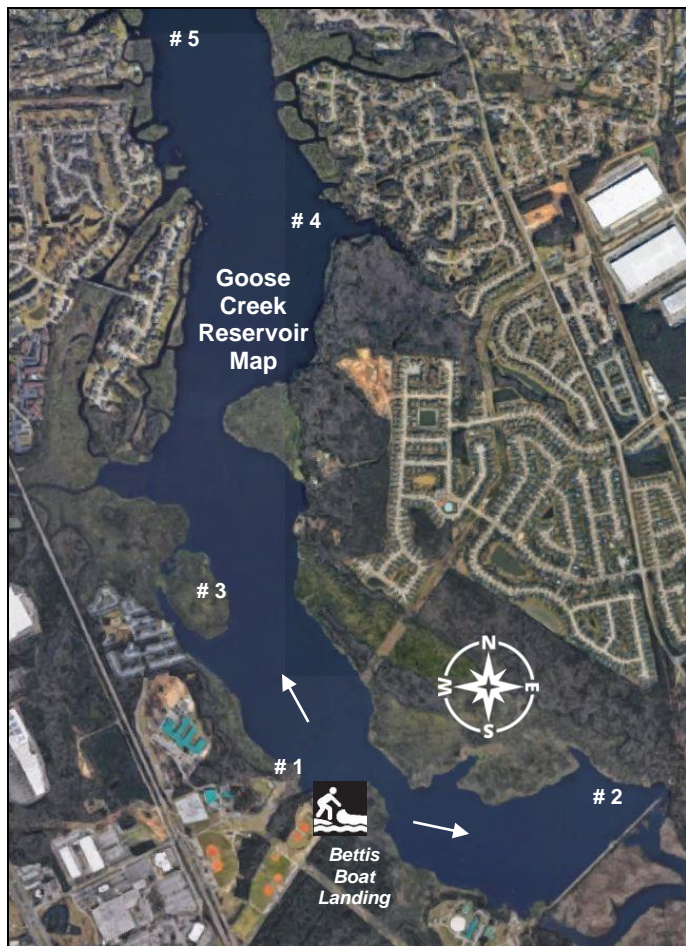
2 - 4 miles, varies. Best suited for exploration.

### Time

1 - 4 hours; take as little or as much time as you would like.

<b>Crowds</b>	Heavy at times. Even on weekdays, there are always boaters and friendly folks fishing from the shore and dock.
<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 10-feet or longer, canoes. Paddle boards are not recommended.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	At the end of Bettis Boat Landing Road, Hanahan, SC.  GPS: 32.932889, -80.022594 32°55'58.4"N, 80°01'21.3"W  <u>Directions:</u> All GPS and mapping applications recognize this address.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Current</b>	Negligible, generally south direction towards the dam.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Winds above 10 MPH can be tough for a paddler on Goose Creek Reservoir. There is a lot of open water for wind to intensify and cause waves/whitecaps.

## Map – Goose Creek Reservoir



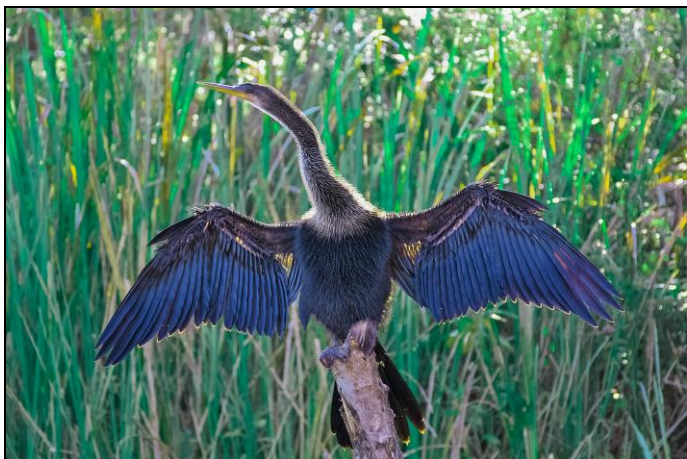
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<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	Begin at the boat ramp at the end of Bettis Boat Landing Road. This paddle is best suited for exploration. The reservoir is more than 4 miles in length. For this guide, we'll highlight some of the interesting areas of the reservoir.
<b>2</b>	By turning right, heading in a southeast direction, the reservoir's dam is only a 0.7-mile paddle away. This is a great place to fish for bluegills and speckled perch (crappie). You will almost always find boaters in this area. About half-way back on the right/east side of the reservoir is a popular cove for waterfowl such as egrets, anhingas and larger gull birds.
<b>3</b>	By turning left, heading in a north direction, you will reach a large peninsula on your left. It will look like an island. This is a great place to see nesting anhingas and herons.
<b>4</b>	Further north up the reservoir at approximately 1.5 miles, is one of the most popular spots for boaters/anglers - for a good reason. The cove off to the right offers some of the best fishing around!
<b>5</b>	Continue further up the reservoir as far as you would like. The topography does not change much other than more housing development after mile 2. You will encounter several small islands, peninsulas and coves, and the further north you paddle up Goose Creek Reservoir, the larger birds you are likely to see.  <b>Return the same way you came.</b>





*Family paddlers crossing open water at Goose Creek Reservoir.*



*Sunning Anhinga at Goose Creek Reservoir. You'll see lots of these!*

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## Spiers Landing / Church Island

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Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*There's always lots to see at Spiers Landing and Church Island!*

### Summary

Spiers Landing is on Lake Marion and part of the Berkeley County Park by the same name. There are numerous islands as well as several miles of interesting shoreline to explore. For the purposes of this guide, we will focus on Church Island. The island has a 160+ year old cemetery with many Confederate soldiers buried there.

### Difficulty

Easy to Moderate.

### Distance

3 - 5+ miles, best suited as exploration.

### Time

2 - 3 hours.

### Crowds

Can vary from light to heavy depending on motorboat traffic

**Boat Type** Kayaks or canoes 12-feet or longer. Even though paddle boards are not officially recommended, they are found here often in the summer.

**Put In / Take Out** Spiers Landing Boat Ramp, 1505 Spiers Landing Road, Cross, SC 29436.

GPS: 33.395937, -80.197160  
33°23'45.4"N, 80°11'49.8"W

Directions: If you search "Spiers Landing Boat Ramp," all GPS mapping applications recognize this location.

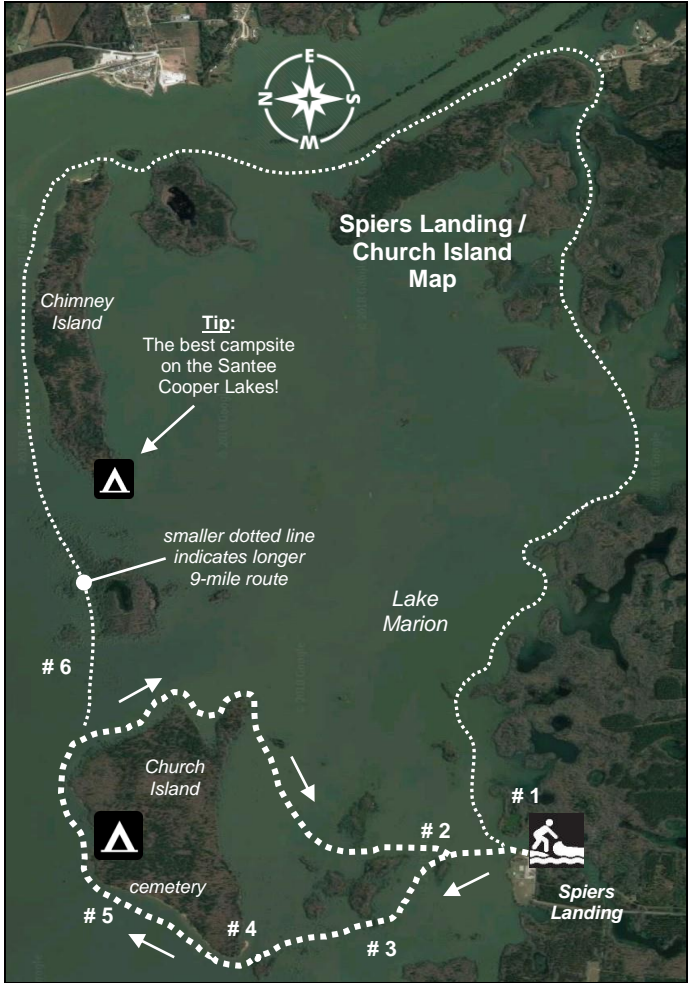
**Fees/Permits** None.

**Current** If you get out in the open water, east of the islands, there can be a small current in the south direction.

**Tidal Influence** None.

**Precautions:** You will have protection from some winds with the islands, however, there are plenty of open spaces in Lake Marion where winds can intensify resulting in waves/whitecaps.

**Map – Spiers Landing / Church Island**



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	Leave the boat ramp and head in a general north direction towards the islands.
<b>2</b>	At 0.2 mile, pass by the first small island.
<b>3</b>	At 0.5 mile, round the western tip of the next (larger) island. This tip is composed of tall grass/vegetation. Continue north heading towards Church Island.
<b>4</b>	At nearly 1 mile, arrive at the tip of Church Island. Continue paddling around the island in a clockwise direction, staying close to the shore.
<b>5</b>	At 1.4 miles, you will see signs for the old Church of the Epiphany remains and cemetery. Here you can find a spot to beach or tie your kayak off and visit this area. During warmer months, the grass could be overgrown with ticks and other buzzing friends. Insect repellent is recommended.
<b>6</b>	<p>Continue circumnavigating Church Island, staying close to the shore, and head south back towards Spiers Landing.</p> <p><u>Option:</u> Continue paddling the larger Spiers Landing/ Lake Marion area by following the smaller dotted line on the map. This is easy to navigate. This will take you to several more islands and interesting coves. This route is approximately 9 miles, and plan for an additional 3-4 hours of paddling.</p> <p>There are many established camping areas on these islands. <b>Tip:</b> The campsite on the far western tip of Chimney Island is arguably the best camping on the Santee Cooper Lakes, and part of the Swamp Fox 50 Mile Paddle &amp; Camp Trail (Blueway # 27, page 165).</p>

*Spiers Landing / Church Island*



*There's centuries old history on Church Island.*



*Winter paddling around Church Island among tupelo trees.*

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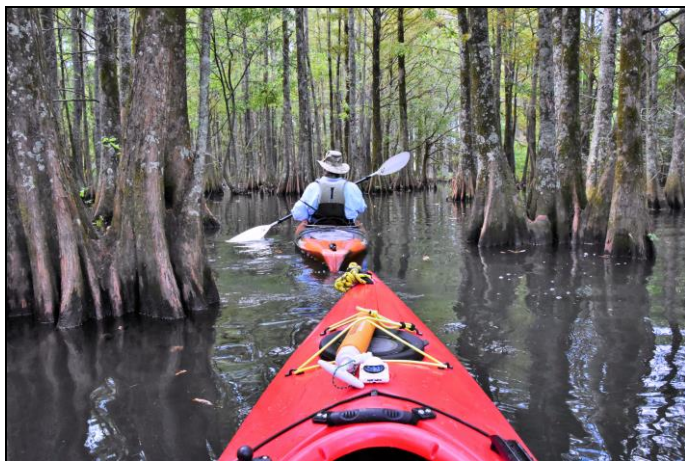




## The Northern Isles – Lake Marion

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Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_



*There are acres and acres of cypress and tupelo trees to paddle among!*

### Summary

Located approximately 1 mile above Church Island on Lake Marion, The Northern Isles consist of two islands (Pine Island and Bass Island) and several other large cypress fields. You'll paddle through acres and acres of cypress and tupelo trees, see the large waterfowl that the Santee Cooper lakes are known for, and have several opportunities to get out and stretch our legs or have lunch on a small sandy beach.

### Difficulty

Moderate

### Distance

7 - 10 miles, best suited as exploration

### Time

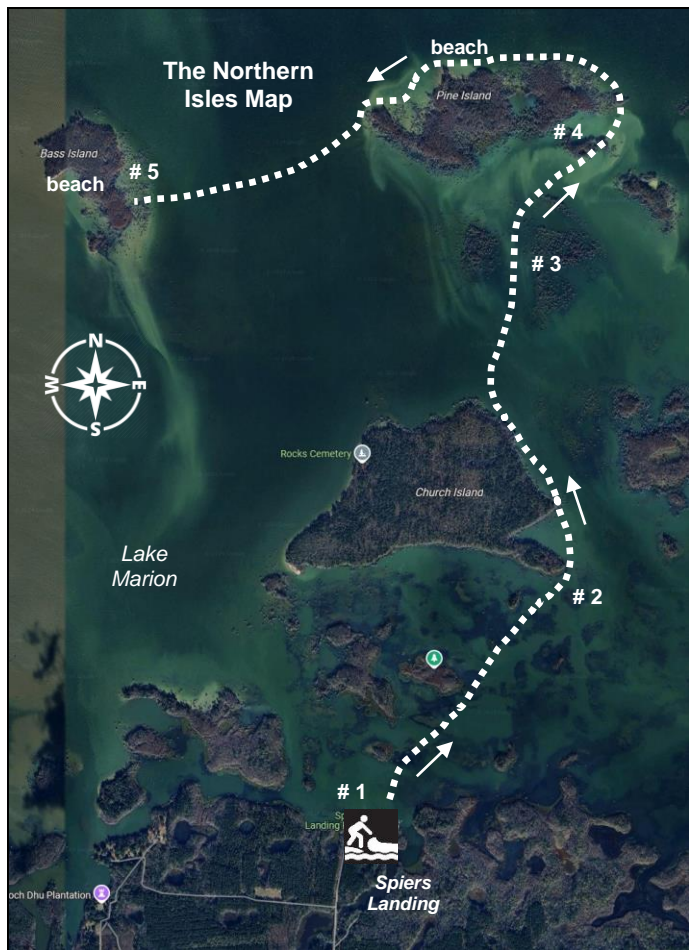
3 - 5 hours

### Crowds

Usually very light boat traffic

<b>Boat Type</b>	Kayaks or canoes 12-feet or longer. Even though paddle boards are not officially recommended, they are found here often in the summer.
<b>Put In / Take Out</b>	<p>Spiers Landing Boat Ramp, 1505 Spiers Landing Road, Cross, SC 29436.</p> <p>GPS: 33.395937, -80.197160 33°23'45.4"N, 80°11'49.8"W</p> <p>Directions: If you search "Spiers Landing Boat Ramp," all GPS mapping applications recognize this location.</p>
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None
<b>Current</b>	If you get out into the open water, east of the islands, there could be a small current in the south direction.
<b>Tidal Influence</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	You'll have protection from some winds with the islands, however, there are plenty of open spaces in Lake Marion where winds can intensify resulting in waves/whitecaps.

## Map – The Northern Isles



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	Leave the boat ramp and head in a general northeast direction towards the large island - Church Island.
<b>2</b>	Arrive at Church Island in approximately 1 mile. Continue paddling around the island, staying close to the shoreline, and heading north. Once you get to the northern edge of the island, continue in a northeast direction across open water towards obvious clumps of trees in the distance.
<b>3</b>	At 2 miles, arrive at cypress thickets on both sides of your kayak. This is a pretty area to explore.
<b>4</b>	Continue northeast for another 0.4 mile and arrive at Pine Island. There is lots to explore here. You can weave in and out of more cypress trees and/or circumnavigate the island. There's a beach on the north side of the island (see map).
<b>5</b>	Approximately 0.8 mile (4,000 ft.) to the west of Pine Island is Bass Island. This is another pretty cypress island. There's a beach on west side of the island, facing south (see map).  Return the same way you paddled out.

## *The Northern Isles*



*The eerie and beautiful trees are the highlights of this awesome Blueway.*



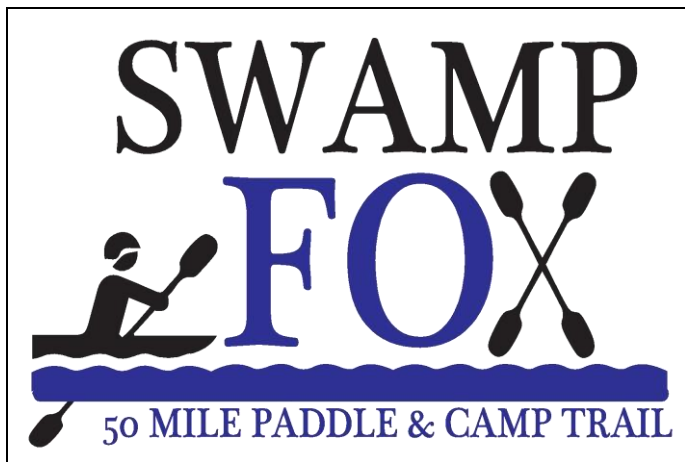
*You'll cross a little open water to reach this Blueway's namesake.*

## Swamp Fox 50 Trail



Date Paddled: \_\_\_\_\_

# 27



*Swamp Fox 50 Mile Paddle & Camp Trail: Established 2012*

### Summary

Experience South Carolina's only established 4-night, 5-day paddle trail. Paddle the state's largest lake, Lake Marion, camp at a state park, pass by historic landmarks and experience Lake Moultrie. Epic wildlife is guaranteed. The paddle trail has bald eagles, just about every type of heron known to the Low Country, egrets, other waterfowl, otters, beavers, deer and so much more. This is a bucket list level adventure!

### Difficulty

Daily sections range from easy to very strenuous.

### Distance

54 miles total.

### Time

Each section can take 6 - 10 hours/day.

- Crowds** Very light. You are likely not to see any other paddlers on this trip. You will see many motorized boats.
- Boat Type** IMPORTANT: Touring kayaks or canoes, capable of holding camping gear, fresh water and supplies for multi-day trips. Because of open water and capacity, minimum of 14-ft. long recommended.

**Requires staging 2 vehicles or arranging pickup!**

- Put In** Lake Marion, Lowfalls Landing, 958 Low Falls Road, Cameron, SC 29030. 803-823-9074.

GPS: 33.632445, -80.543588  
33°37'56.8"N, 80°32'36.9"W

- Take Out** Lake Moultrie, 200 Hines Drive, Bonneau, SC 29431.

GPS: 33.332527, -79.982664  
33°19'57.1"N, 79°58'57.6"W

- Fees/Permits** Camping fees at Santee State Park (803-854-2408). Contact the park for current fees.

- Current** If you get out in the open water, there can be a small current in a south direction.

- Tidal Influence** None.

- Precautions:** Winds across open water can cause waves and whitecaps. There are tree stumps located in the water near the surface. Watch out for motorized boat traffic. The use of a compass and/or a GPS is strongly encouraged for this trip.



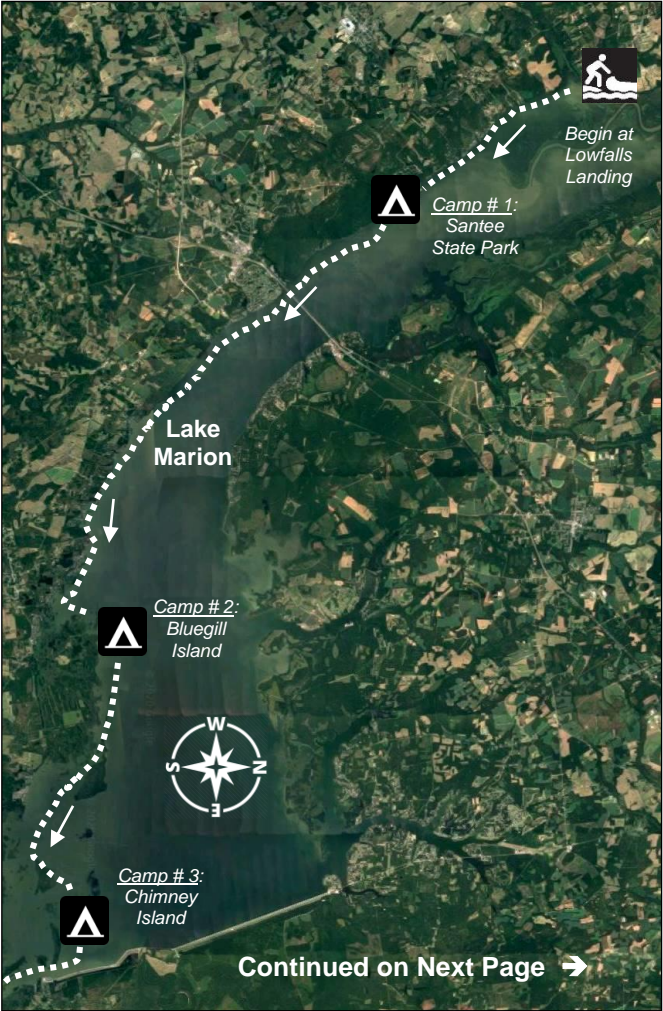
*Exploring Stumphole Swamp on the Swamp Fox 50 Trail.*



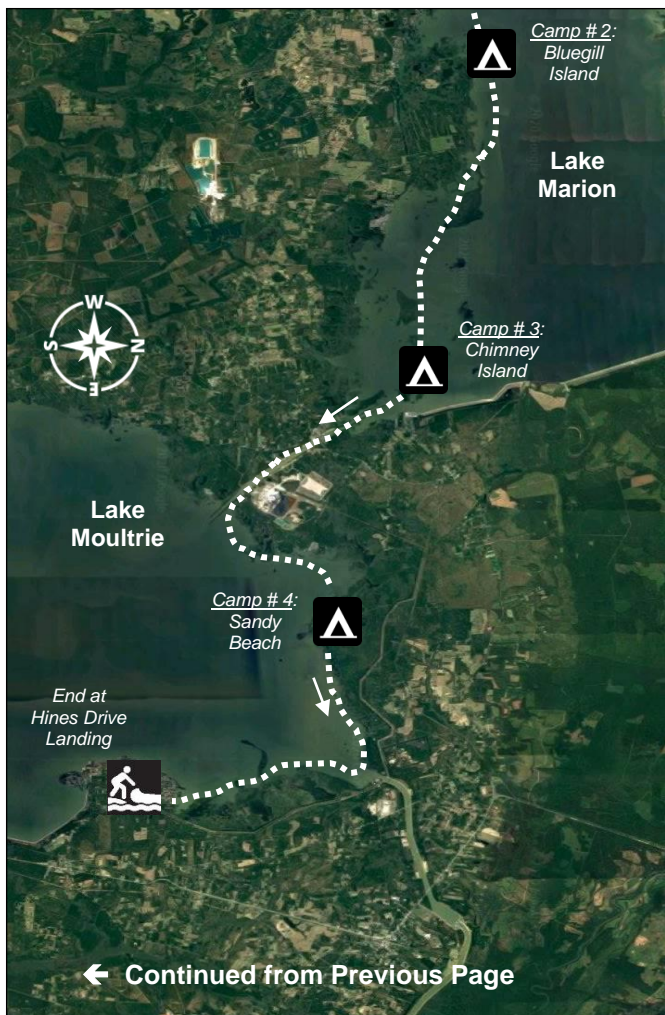
*Camping on the Swamp Fox 50 Trail is scenic. Photo: Chimney Island.*



**Overview Map 1 – Lake Marion – Swamp Fox 50 Trail**



**Overview Map 2 – Lake Moultrie – Swamp Fox 50 Trail**



## Overview – Swamp Fox 50 Mile Trail: Day 1 – 3

### Day 1

7 miles, easy, 3 - 4 hours

#### **Stumphole Section**

Begin on north Lake Marion at Lowfalls Landing,  
958 Low Falls Road, Cameron, SC 29030.  
803-823-9074.

GPS: 33.632445, -80.543588  
33°37'56.8"N, 80°32'36.9"W

End and camp at Santee State Park, 251 State  
Park Road, Santee, SC 29142. 803-854-2408.

GPS: 33.552039, -80.501540  
33°33'07.3"N, 80°30'05.5"W

### Day 2

15 miles, very strenuous, 6 - 8 hours

#### **Eutaw Section**

Begin at Santee State Park, 251 State Park  
Road, Santee, SC 29142. 803-854-2408.

GPS: 33.552039, -80.501540  
33°33'07.3"N, 80°30'05.5"W

End and camp at Bluegill Island (Eutaw Springs).

GPS: 33.431394, -80.314068  
33°25'53.0"N, 80°18'50.6"W

### Day 3

9 miles, moderate, 4 - 5 hours

#### **Chimney Island Section**

Begin at Bluegill Island (Eutaw Springs).

GPS: 33.431394, -80.314068  
33°25'53.0"N, 80°18'50.6"W

End and camp at Chimney Island (part of  
Blueway # 25).

GPS: 33.414081, -80.175478  
33°24'50.7"N, 80°10'31.7"W

**Day 4**

12 miles, strenuous, 6 - 7 hours

**Cross  
Section**

Begin at Chimney Island (part of Blueway # 25).

GPS: 33.414081, -80.175478  
33°24'50.7"N, 80°10'31.7"W

End and camp at Sandy Beach Waterfowl  
Management Area (Blueway # 2).

GPS: 33.381827, -80.060897  
33°22'54.6"N, 80°03'39.2"W

**Day 5**

11 miles, moderate, 5 - 6 hours

**The Jungle  
Section**

Begin at Sandy Beach Waterfowl Management  
Area (Blueway # 2).

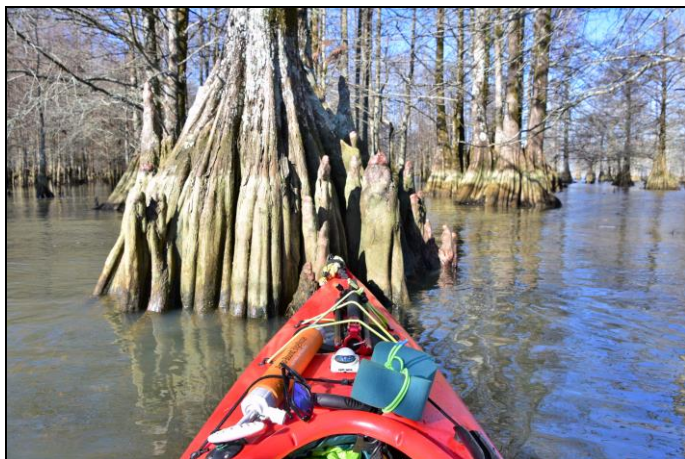
GPS: 33.381827, -80.060897  
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End at east Lake Moultrie, 200 Hines Drive,  
Bonneau, SC 29431.

GPS: 33.332527, -79.982664  
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*There are 4 exciting campsites on the Swamp Fox 50 Trail.*



*Navigating the cypress of the Chimney Island section.*

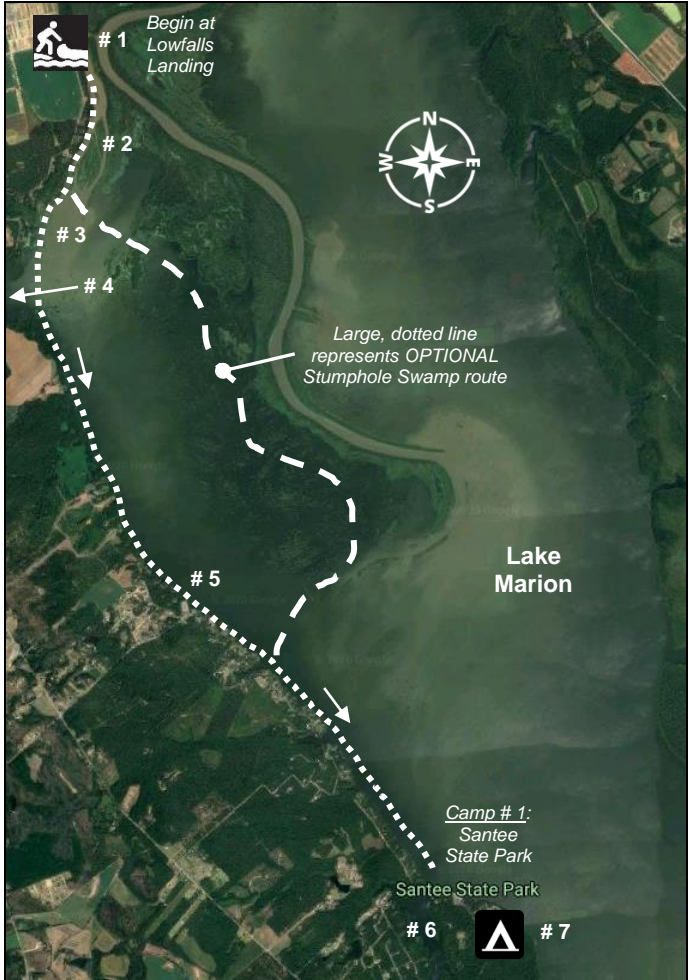


*Bald Eagle near The Jungle on the Swamp Fox 50 Trail!*



*Loaded kayak, cruising the Swamp Fox 50 Trail.*

Map – Swamp Fox 50 Trail – Day 1

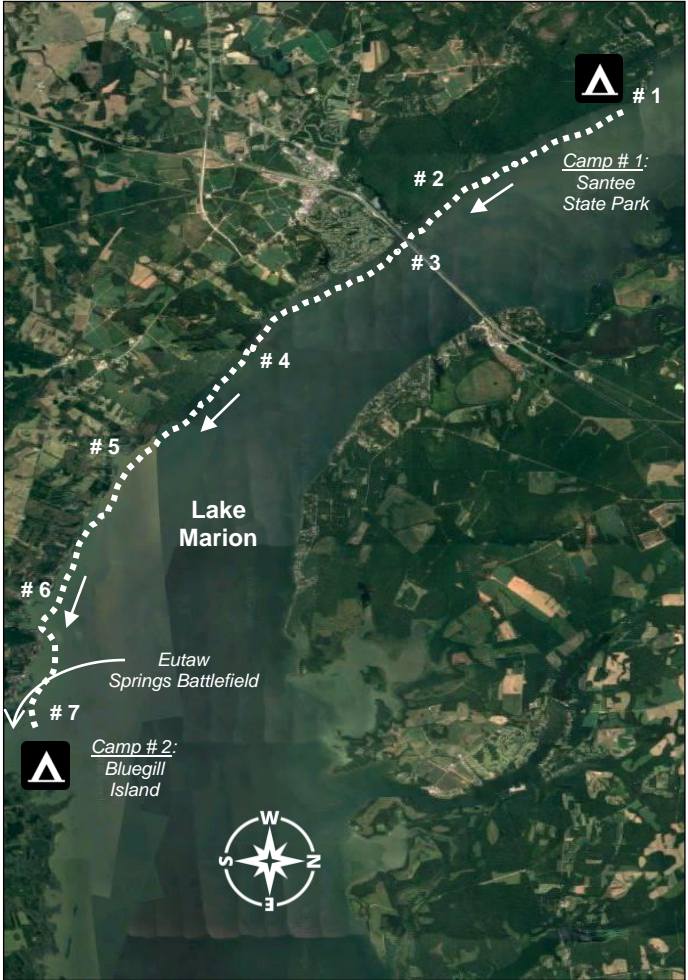


This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 7 on the next page.

<b>Stumphole Section - 7 miles</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the Lowfalls Landing boat ramp, begin your paddle by turning right into Lake Marion. Over the next 1.2 miles, you will travel down a 200 - 500 ft. wide tributary of greater Lake Marion / Santee River.
<b>2</b>	At 0.6 mile, come to large island (grouping of trees, vegetation) that is nearly a half-mile long. You can choose to go around the island in either direction. The right side keeps you closer to the shore.
<b>3</b>	After passing by the large island at 1.2 miles, continue going straight, staying close to the shore to the right.  <b>STUMPHOLE SWAMP Option:</b> Turn left and paddle in a southeast direction for approximately 2,000 ft. to enter Stumphole Swamp. The swamp is approximately 2.5 miles long and up to 1 mile wide in some areas. This option will not add much mileage to your paddle, but depending on exploration, could add a 1 - 2 hours to your paddle time. If you take this option, exit the swamp at any time by paddling southwest towards the shore.
<b>4</b>	At 1.6 miles, there is a large cove (nearly 2,000 wide) to the right. Depending on water levels, you can explore this swamp area in a west direction back nearly a mile.
<b>5</b>	At 4.2 miles, pass by Stumphole Landing.
<b>6</b>	Immediately before arriving at Santee State Park at 6.8 miles, in the area where the over-the-water cabins are located, to the right is Poplar Creek cove. This 1.3-mile-long cove traces the state park's west boundary and goes back to a charming swamp (this is named "Twinkleberry Swamp" because it resembles "Sparkleberry Swamp," but on a smaller scale). If time allows, this is well worth the trip.
<b>7</b>	At nearly 7 miles, end your day and camp at Santee State Park.



Map – Swamp Fox 50 Trail – Day 2



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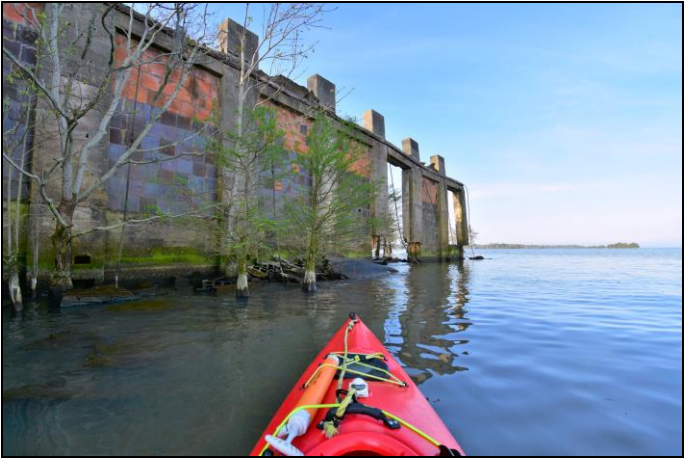
<b>Eutaw Section - 15 miles</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>NOTE:</b> Start early! This is the longest day of the Swamp Fox 50 Trail at 15 miles (it is 18 miles if the Eutaw Springs Battle Ground is visited). From Santee State Park, begin your paddle by turning right into Lake Marion and paddle along the shore.
<b>2</b>	At 3.2 miles, pass by Boy Scout Camp Rd. boat ramp.
<b>3</b>	Pass under I-95 bridge in Santee at 4.5 miles.
<b>4</b>	At 6.9 miles, pass by the Lake Marion Resort & Marina boat ramp.
<b>5</b>	At 9.8 miles, pass by the Mill Creek Marina & Campground boat ramp.
<b>6</b>	At 12.2 miles, pass by the Indian Bluff Recreation Park boat ramp.
<b>7</b>	<p>At 14.2 miles, come to a large cove. Continue across open water in a northeast direction for approximately 0.8 mile to a group of islands. There are several areas of camping (check GPS coordinates on page 154). End your day of paddling and camp on these islands. The largest island is known as Bluegill Island.</p> <p><b><u>EUTAW SPRINGS BATTLE GROUND Option:</u></b> When you reach the large cove at 14.2 miles, continue paddling near the shore in a southeast direction. Paddle nearly 2 miles until you reach the Bells Marina boat ramp (<u>GPS:</u> 33.408818, -80.299869 or 33°24'31.7"N, 80°17'59.5"W). Walk approximately 900 ft. south to HWY 6, turn left and walk another 500 ft. to the Eutaw Springs Battle Ground, which is on the left.</p> <p><b><u>IMPORTANT NOTE:</u></b> This option adds a total of 3 paddling miles (for a total of 18 miles for the day), plus the walking and battleground visit time. It is recommended that you plan a minimum of 2 extra hours for this excursion.</p>



*Historical point of interest along the Swamp Fox 50 Trail.*



*Pied-Billed Grebe near the Eutaw section of the Swamp Fox 50 Trail.*

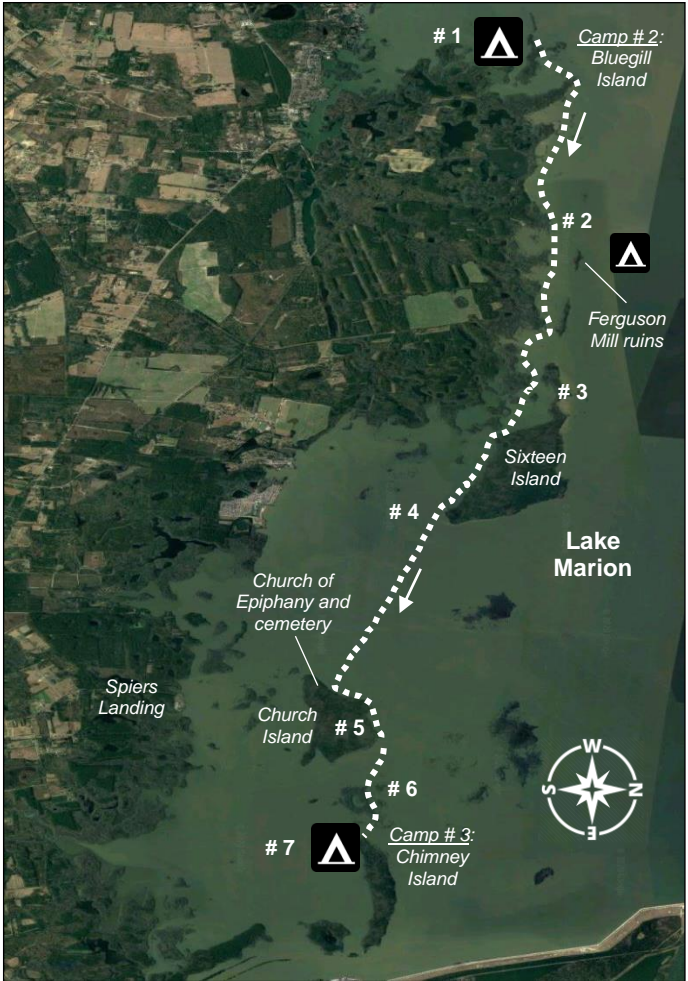


*Ferguson Mill ruins on the Chimney Island section of the Swamp Fox 50.*



*Osprey are highly active along the entire Swamp Fox 50 Trail.*

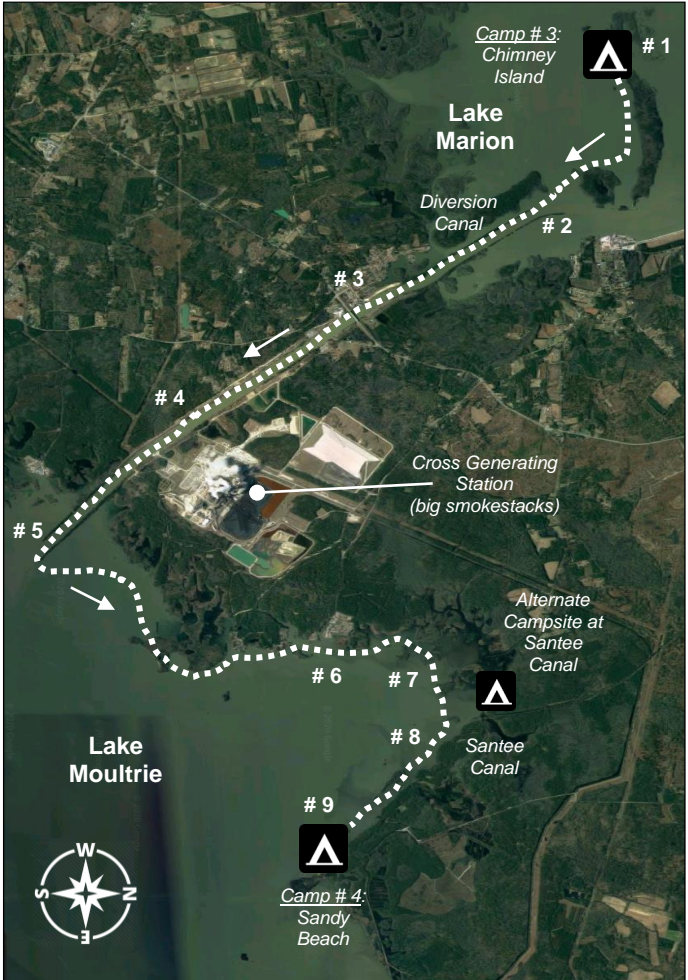
**Map – Swamp Fox 50 Trail – Day 3**



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 7 on the next page.

<b>Chimney Island Section - 9 miles</b>	
<b>1</b>	From Bluegill Island, begin your paddle by turning right into Lake Marion. Paddle in a northeast direction, following the island and peninsulas' shoreline. This soon changes to a general east direction.
<b>2</b>	At 2.2 miles, come to the tip of a peninsula. Ferguson Landing is only 0.25 mile away, by turning right and paddling into the cove. To proceed on the trail route, paddle straight and continue following the peninsula tips in an east direction.  <b><u>FERGUSON MILL RUINS Option:</u></b> From the tip of the peninsula at 2.2 miles, paddle in a northeast direction for 0.25 mile to a small island. The Ferguson Mill, which dates to the early 1900s, is on the west side of the island. There is also DNR-designated camping on this island.
<b>3</b>	Come to the western tip of Sixteen Island at 3.5 miles. This is a large 1.8-mile-long island and nearly 0.75 mile at its widest. Begin paddling in a southeast direction, staying close to the island's shore.
<b>4</b>	At 5.1 miles, come to end of Sixteen Island. Continue paddling in a southeast direction across the open water towards the large visible island - this is Church Island. <b><u>WARNING:</u></b> It is 2 miles of open water to Church Island. Be mindful of winds, whitecaps and waves when crossing open water here!
<b>5</b>	At 7.1 miles, reach Church Island. Begin paddling the shore in a north direction. Almost immediately on the island, is the Church of the Epiphany and cemetery. This is an excellent and easy historical place to visit.
<b>6</b>	Continue paddling the shore of Church Island in an east direction. Pass by a beautiful tupelo island at 8.5 miles.
<b>7</b>	At 9 miles, arrive at Chimney Island to camp. <b><u>Tip:</u></b> The best campsite on the Santee Cooper lakes is on the island's west end!

Map – Swamp Fox 50 Trail – Day 4

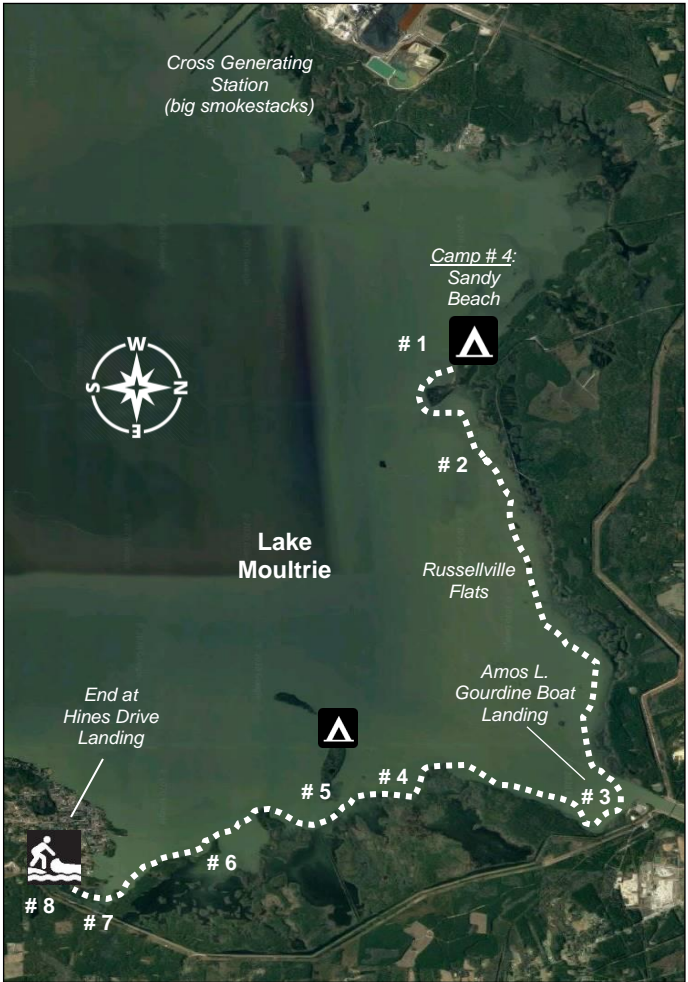


This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 9 on the next page.

<b>Cross Section - 12 miles</b>	
<b>1</b>	From Church Island, begin your paddle by heading in a southeast direction towards an island that is nearly a mile away.
<b>2</b>	Continue paddling southeast, and at 1.4 miles, enter the Diversion Canal. The canal is nearly 5 miles in length and connects Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie.
<b>3</b>	At almost 3 miles, you will reach the HWY-45 bridge and Canal Lakes Fish Camp and Boat Ramp on the right.
<b>4</b>	Pass by the Cross Generating Station at 4.5 miles on the left. Its tall smokestacks are visible for dozens of miles!
<b>5</b>	At 6.2 miles, come to the end of the Diversion Canal in Lake Moultrie. Turn left, heading north, staying close to the shore and tips of the peninsulas.
<b>6</b>	Pass by Angel's Landing Campground and boat ramp on the left at 9.3 miles. Continue paddling north.
<b>7</b>	At 10 miles near the tip of a peninsula, begin paddling east towards the treeline in the distance.
<b>8</b>	<p>At 10.7 miles, arrive at the treeline, turn right, paddling in a southeast direction.</p> <p><b><u>SANTEE CANAL Option:</u></b> After reaching the tree line, turn left, paddling in a northwest direction. Within 2,000 ft., come to the narrow opening of the Santee Canal. Built in the 1780s, this quiet, beautiful canal continues another 1.8 miles (depending on water levels).</p> <p><b><u>NOTE:</u></b> The alternative campsite for this section is located at the entrance of the Santee Canal, on the left high bank (<b><u>GPS:</u></b> 33.398682, -80.079991 or 33°23'55.3"N, 80°04'48.0"W).</p>
<b>9</b>	At nearly 12 miles, arrive at the Sandy Beach campsite on your right. This campsite closes seasonally - check for signage. Use alternative campsite in # 8 if needed.



**Map – Swamp Fox 50 Trail – Day 5**



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 8 on the next page.

<b>The Jungle Section - 11 miles</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the Sandy Beach campsite, begin your paddle by turning left into Lake Moultrie, staying close to the shore. At 0.5 mile, round the tip of the small peninsula, and continue following the shore/treeline.
<b>2</b>	By the time you reach approximately 1.5 miles down the shore, you will enter the Russellville Flats area (Blueway # 3). Continue paddling down this north edge of Lake Moultrie for another 3.4 miles.
<b>3</b>	At nearly 5 miles, bear right, crossing beginning of the canal and the Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp will be on your left. Continue following the shore, heading in a south direction.
<b>4</b>	Pass by the entrance to The Jungle at 6.6 miles (Blueway # 4). Continue following the peninsula tips and treeline.
<b>5</b>	At 7.7 miles, pass by the southern tip of Coon Island (Blueway # 6). This island has nearly endless possibilities for camping. It has thousands of feet of beach. Continue following the peninsula tips and treeline.
<b>6</b>	At 8.5 miles, pass by the area known as Dennis's Pasture (Blueway # 5). Continue paddling in a southeast direction for the next 1.5 miles.
<b>7</b>	At 10 miles, reach the straight canal/dike or "way ditch" that runs north to south. Turn right, heading south.
<b>8</b>	Continue down the canal for another 0.6 mile and end your paddle at the Hines Drive Landing on the right.  <b>Congratulations on completing the Swamp Fox 50 Mile Paddle and Camp Trail!</b>



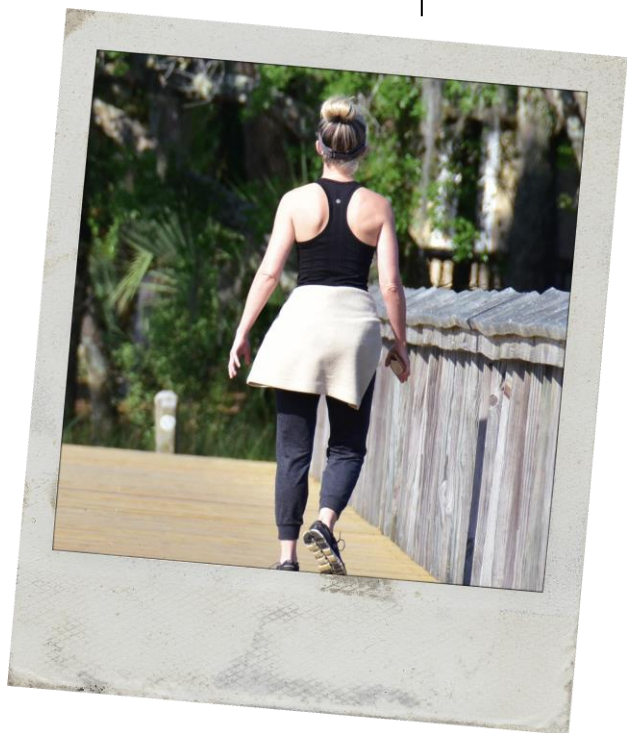
*Common Moorhens are found throughout The Jungle section.*



*Crossing open water on the Chimney Island section of the Swamp Fox 50.*

## The 24 HIKING & WALKING ROUTES

# Berkeley Walkways



*Walking the Daniel Island Trail.*

# Choose Your Family Adventure

## Berkeley Walkways



### Easy Walking / Hiking Trails

Name	Distance	Location	Pg #
Daniel Island Trail	1.4 miles	Daniel Island	174
Goose Creek Trail	2.5 miles	Goose Creek	179
Cane Bay Community	12+ miles	Summerville	184
Nexton Community	10+ miles	Summerville	188
Camp Hall	12 miles	Ridgeville	192
Cypress Gardens	4.5 miles	Moncks Corner	196
Old Santee Canal Pk.	3+ miles	Moncks Corner	200
Hanahan City Park	1 mile	Hanahan	204
Mepkin Abbey	0.5 - 1.5+ m.	Moncks Corner	212
Sandy Beach	3.2 miles	Pineville	227
Wadboo Swamp	1.5 miles	Moncks Corner	255
Turkey Crk / Irishtown	4.2 miles	Huger	265
Battery Warren	1.2 miles	Jamestown	270
Jericho Swamp	3.6 miles	Cordesville	275
The Hatchery Flats	5 miles	Cross	285

### Moderate Hiking

Name	Distance	Location	Pg #
Biggin Creek Trail	5.0 miles	Moncks Corner	208
Santee Canal	3.0 or 7.1 m.	Pineville	222
Crooked Bay	5.3 or 7.4 m.	Pineville	232
East Moultrie Flats	8.4 miles	Bonneau	239
Canady Wetlands	5.9 miles	Moncks Corner	250
Little Hellhole Swamp	2.2 or 6.6 m.	Cordesville	260
Cooks Creek Valley	7.2 miles	Huger	280

### Strenuous Hiking

Lake Moultrie Psg	27 miles	Lake Moultrie	217
Swamp Fox Passage	48 miles	FMNF	244

### Hiking Trails with FREE Camping

Lake Moultrie Psg	4 camps	Lake Moultrie	217
Sandy Beach	3.2 miles	Pineville	227
Crooked Bay	5.3 or 7.4 m.	Pineville	232
East Moultrie Flats	8.4 miles	Bonneau	239
Swamp Fox Passage	5 camps	FMNF	244
Little Hellhole Swamp	2.2 or 6.6 m.	Cordesville	260
Jericho Swamp	3.6 miles	Cordesville	275
Cooks Creek Valley	7.2 miles	Goose Creek	280



## Daniel Island Trail

# 1

Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*You will cross a trio of long boardwalk bridges over beautiful tidal marsh.*

### Summary

The beautiful Daniel Island Trail is a family favorite! This multi-use path traces the east side of Daniel Island along the Wando River. You'll walk on several boardwalks that cross tidal marsh, wind through Low Country maritime forest habitats, see giant live oaks, pass by children's play areas and see a variety of wildlife (egrets, herons, dolphins). Don't miss this easy stroll on one of the area's most popular planned island communities.

### Difficulty

Easy.

### Distance

1.4 miles of trail, can be out-and-back walk, or variety of distances.

### Time

Varies, 30 minutes to 1.5 hours.

### Trail Surface

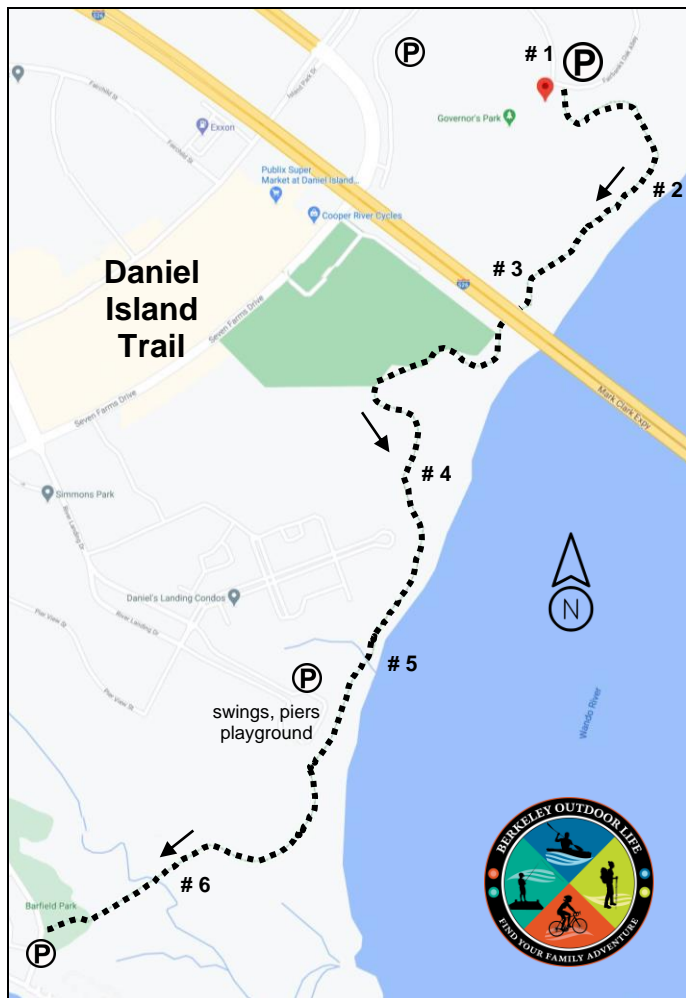
Variety of surfaces; boardwalks, dirt, sand, crushed gravel, concrete.

***Enjoy a little island life on this family favorite multi-use path!***

<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate to heavy. This is one of the most popular family trails in the Berkeley Outdoor Life program.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions</b>	When crossing through the maritime forest sections, biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. There are warnings that alligators could be in the area.
<b>Parking</b>	Governor's Park, 165 Fairbanks Oak Alley, Daniel Island, SC 29492. This is also parking for Governor's Park off Seven Farms Drive.  GPS: 32.865118, -79.898890 32°51'54.4"N, 79°53'56.0"W



## Map – Daniel Island Trail



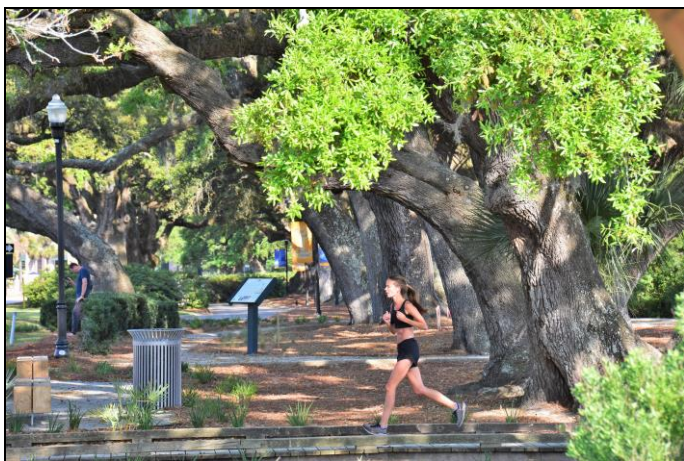
This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the parking area(s) at Governor's Park, the Daniel Island trail begins south of the baseball fields near a playground area (you might also see signs for "River Walk Loop"; this is the same trail). Walk the dirt and crushed gravel trail, heading towards the Wando River.
<b>2</b>	After 900-ft., begin paralleling the Wando River. You are now in maritime forest habitat.
<b>3</b>	At 0.25 mile, cross over 200-ft. long boardwalk bridge over marsh and at 0.3 mile, walk under I-526.
<b>4</b>	Cross over 300+ ft. long boardwalk bridge over marsh at 0.7 mile.
<b>5</b>	At 0.9 mile, cross over 150-ft. long boardwalk bridge over marsh. After bridge, arrive at Daniel Landing Dr. area with swing sets, piers, and playground.
<b>6</b>	Cross over impressive 500-ft. long boardwalk bridge over marsh at 1.25 miles. This bridge terminates at Barfield Park. This ends the Daniel Island Trail.  <b>Return the same way you came.</b>

## ***Daniel Island Trail***



*There's something for every member of the family on the Daniel Island Trail.*



*Walk (or run) among giant live oak trees and maritime forest habitats.*

# Goose Creek Trail



Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2



*Goose Creek Trail signage on the path paralleling HWY-52.*

## Summary

The Goose Creek Trail is a smooth concrete and asphalt path that circumnavigates the tranquil pond behind the town's municipal center and extends 1.5 miles paralleling HWY-52. It's wide enough for several people to walk side-by-side, and is popular with joggers, families with strollers and cyclists. The pond area sees a variety of wading birds and even the occasional large bird of prey (e.g.: red shouldered hawk, bald eagle).

## Difficulty

Easy.

## Distance

2.2 miles of paths, can be out-and-back walk, or variety of distances.

## Time

Varies, 30 minutes to 2 hours.

## Trail Surface

Smooth, wide concrete and asphalt path.

***Take a stroll on an easy, safe multi-use path in Goose Creek***

<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate, you're likely to see others on the path.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions</b>	You'll cross several roads when walking the HWY-52 section. Look both ways and yield to cars. Most of this trail is in the full exposed sun. Wear a hat and sunscreen.
<b>Parking</b>	Marguerite H. Brown Municipal Center, 519 N. Goose Creek Blvd (HWY-52), Goose Creek, SC 29445. 843-797-6220.  GPS: 33.027608, -80.035822 33°01'39.4"N, 80°02'09.0"W

## Map - Goose Creek Trail



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 3 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
	From the municipal center parking area, you have several options for a short or longer walk. For the purposes of this guide, the numbered route directions will list these walking choices.
<b>1</b>	Just a couple hundred feet west of the parking area is the large pond behind the municipal center. This is the most popular area for walkers. You will almost always see others circumnavigating the pond. The distance around the pond is half-a-mile.
<b>2</b>	By taking the path on the northeast side of the pond path, and then circling the municipal complex and heading back to where you parked, this adds another 0.3 mile.
<b>3</b>	You can walk the part of the trail that parallels HWY-52. This continues for 1.4 miles to Seewee Drive. You will cross three roads. There is also limited parking at some of the businesses at Seewee Drive.



*Aerial view of Goose Creek Trail and pond behind the municipal center.*



*The Goose Creek Trail is appropriate for every member of the family.*

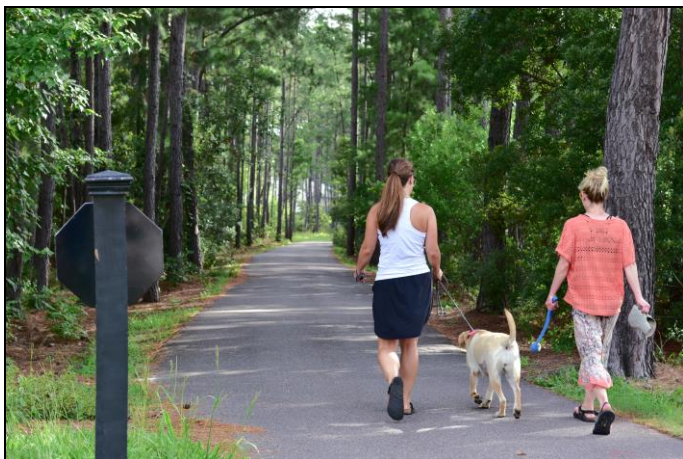




## Cane Bay Community

# 3

Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*Getting some exercise on the wide, safe trails at Cane Bay.*

### Summary

With more miles of multi-use paths than any other community in Berkeley County, take an hour-long stroll, or a half-day hike on 12+ miles of trails that wind through wooded areas, around ponds, through tunnels, and parallel quiet, beautiful neighborhoods. Cane Bay is a great place for the entire family to get some exercise on safe, wide paths. Tip: park at The Market at Cane Bay for shopping or to grab a bite to eat after your adventure.

### Difficulty

Easy.

### Distance

12+ miles of family multi-use paths (more than 25 miles of paths planned!).

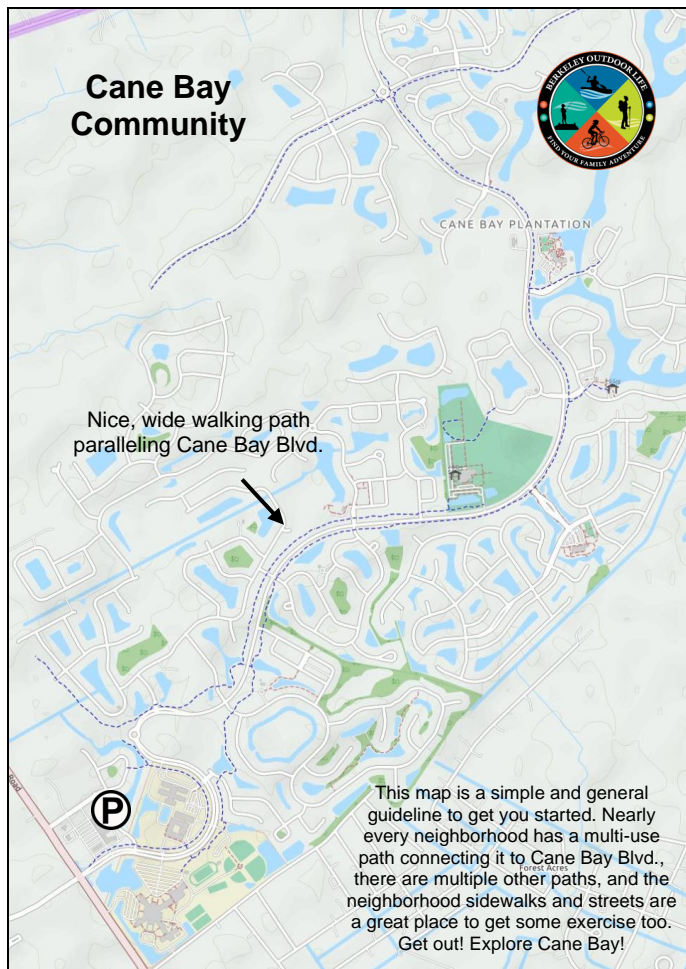
### Time

Spend as little, or as much time as you'd like.

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Smooth, wide concrete and asphalt path.
<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate. This is a growing area with many families spending time outdoors.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions</b>	Many of the residents use golf carts on the multi-use paths. Some of the path paralleling Cane Bay Blvd. has little reprieve from the sun. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended.
<b>Parking</b>	<u>MANY OPTIONS</u> - At the entrance to many of the neighborhoods along Cane Bay Blvd., there are pull-off areas for parking. A great place to park and start is at <a href="#">The Market at Cane Bay</a> - 1730 State Road, Summerville, SC 29486. On the weekends or during the summer, park at Cane Bay Elementary School or Cane Bay Middle School.

GPS: 33.105580, -80.126320  
33°06'20.1"N, 80°07'34.8"W

## Map - Cane Bay Community





*There are tunnels under Cane Bay Blvd. for safe family fun.*

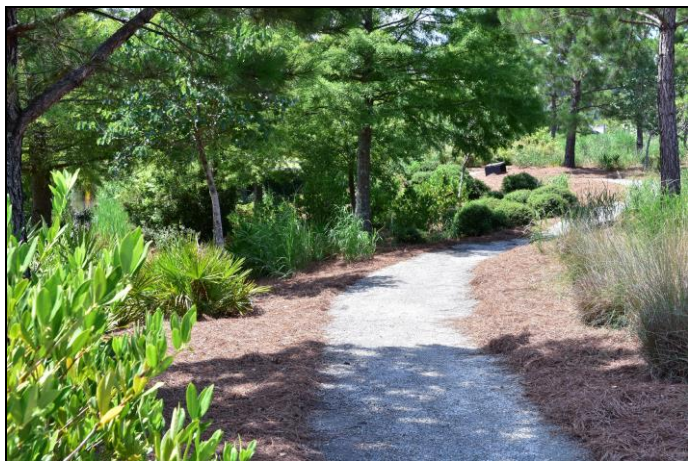


*The multi-use paths wind around many ponds and scenic areas.*



## Nexton Community

**# 4** Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*One of the greenspace gravel walking paths at Nexton.*

### Summary

Take a short stroll or a long walk in Berkeley County's newest large, planned community. Nexton has more than 10 miles of asphalt, concrete, gravel and natural surface multi-use paths that are designed with families in mind. The options for walking are endless! You can traverse landscaped greenspaces, enjoy miles of walking paths paralleling the Nexton Parkway, or just take a stroll through a quiet neighborhood. Lace up your walking shoes, pack a picnic and head to Nexton for some quality family exercise!

### Difficulty

Easy.

### Distance

More than 10 miles of family multi-use paths (with many more miles of paths planned!).

***Planned community with more than 10 miles of paths***

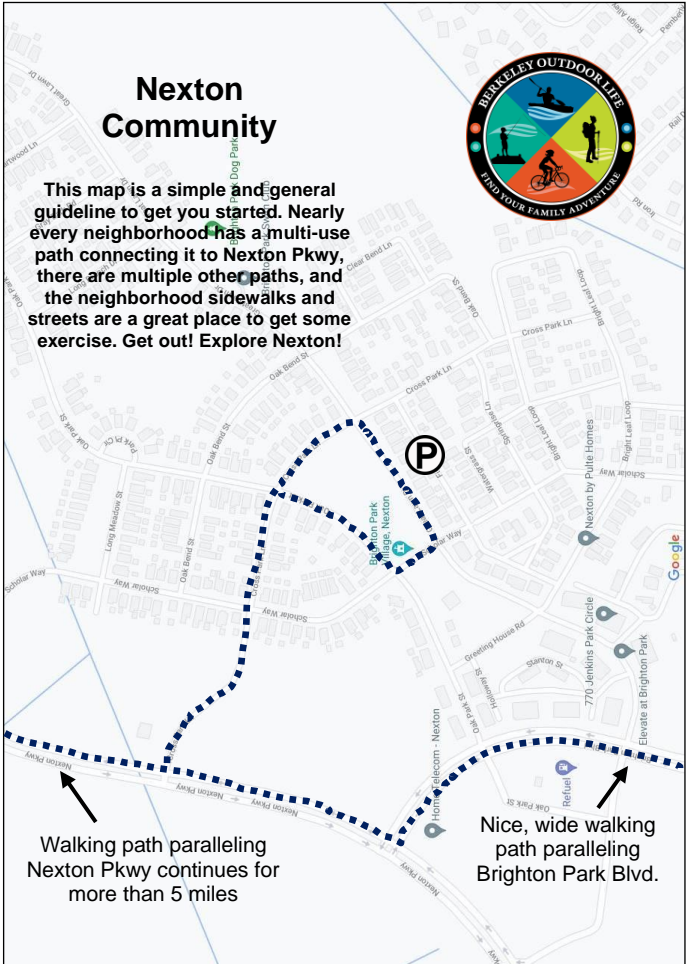
<b>Time</b>	Spend as little, or as much time as you'd like.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Variety of surfaces; concrete, asphalt, gravel, natural surface.
<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate. This is a growing community with lots of folks spending time outdoors.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions</b>	On many of the paths, there is little reprieve from the sun. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended.
<b>Parking</b>	<u>MANY OPTIONS</u> - You can park along most of the community streets. A great place to park and start is Brighton Park Village, Scholar Way, Summerville, SC 29493. There is ample parking around the "Great Lawn" and pond area.

GPS: 33.058354, -80.148873  
33°03'30.1"N, 80°08'55.9"W

## Map – Nexton Community

### Nexton Community

This map is a simple and general guideline to get you started. Nearly every neighborhood has a multi-use path connecting it to Nexton Pkwy, there are multiple other paths, and the neighborhood sidewalks and streets are a great place to get some exercise. Get out! Explore Nexton!

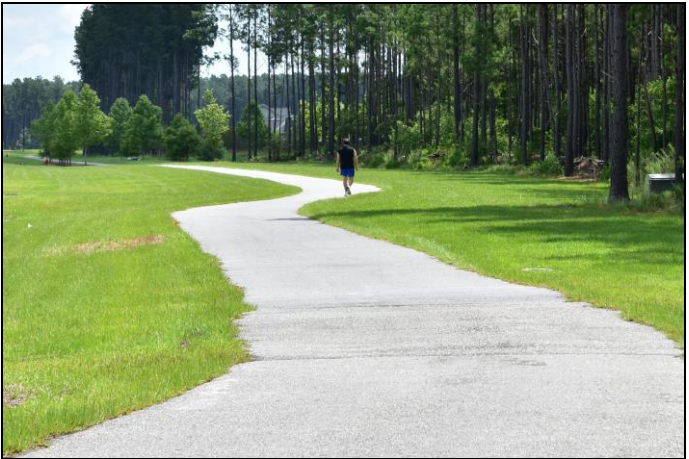


Walking path paralleling Nexton Pkwy continues for more than 5 miles

Nice, wide walking path paralleling Brighton Park Blvd.



*Path going through landscaped greenspace at Brighton Park Village.*



*Wide, safe multi-use path paralleling Nexton Parkway.*





## Camp Hall

# 5

Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*Camp Hall has multi-use recreation for the entire family!*

### Summary

Camp Hall is a next generation commerce park that not only is designed for modern industry, but also includes nearly 2,000 acres of preserved habitats. The family adventurer will find miles of mixed surface trails and routes that can be used for walking/hiking, wildlife viewing and forest exploring. This is one of the best places in the Low Country that you can pick an adventure and keep going back to experience something new and exciting with each visit. Grab your boots, pack a lunch and camera, and head to Camp Hall.

### Difficulty

Easy.

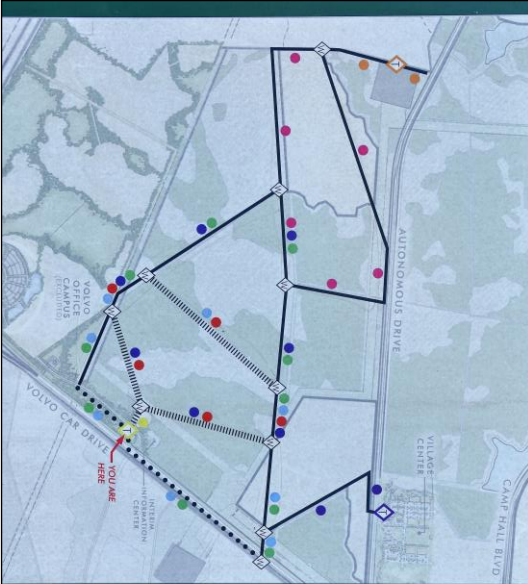
### Distance

12+ miles of trail routes.

<b>Time</b>	Plan at least 2 - 3 hours each time you visit this exciting place.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Mixed surface; forest-service road type roads, gravel, dirt, mulch, forest double-track.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light. You'll see others on the weekends.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent. You're likely to see a good bit of wildlife; try not to disturb it!
<b>Parking</b>	114 Three Point Drive, Ridgeville, SC 29472. There's great trailhead signage with a map on the north side of the parking lot.  GPS: 33.132486, -80.267084 33°07'57.0"N, 80°16'01.5"W

# CAMP HALL TRAIL SYSTEM

A GUIDE TO YOUR NEW FAVORITE SPOT



**LEGEND:**

— FILL MATERIAL - DIRT TRAIL  
(Multi-use path)

||||| MULCH PATH  
(Multi-use path)

••• ASPHALT PAVEMENT  
(Multi-use path)

◆ TRAILHEAD SIGNAGE

◆ WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

**NOTE:** In addition to wayfinding and trailhead signs, mile markers are to be placed at 0.5 mile intervals along trails.

**TRAIL ROUTES:**

- Box Office - 0.14 miles | 0.23 km
- Cypress - 1.55 miles | 2.49 km
- Ironwood - 3.17 miles | 5.10 km
- Magnolia - 2.28 miles | 3.67 km
- Sweetbly - 0.29 miles | 0.47 km
- Sycamore - 2.27 miles | 3.65 km
- Tupelo - 1.92 miles | 3.09 km
- Village - 0.38 miles | 0.61 km

**KEY MAP**





*Hiker crossing a bridge on the Sycamore/Cypress route.*



*It's easy to find your way at Camp Hall; bright, colorful trail signage.*



## Cypress Gardens

# 6

Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*Cypress Gardens is always a favorite family adventure.*

### Summary

Visit one of the most popular family attractions in the South Carolina Low Country. In addition to walking the beautiful trails, there's lots to see and do. You're guaranteed to see wildlife - variety of birds and reptiles. Check out the Swamparium, take a stroll through the Butterfly House, and see exotic birds in the Aviary. There's even a gift shop and large playground for the kids. 16 movies and television series have been filmed at Cypress Gardens. Don't miss this world class family adventure!

### Difficulty

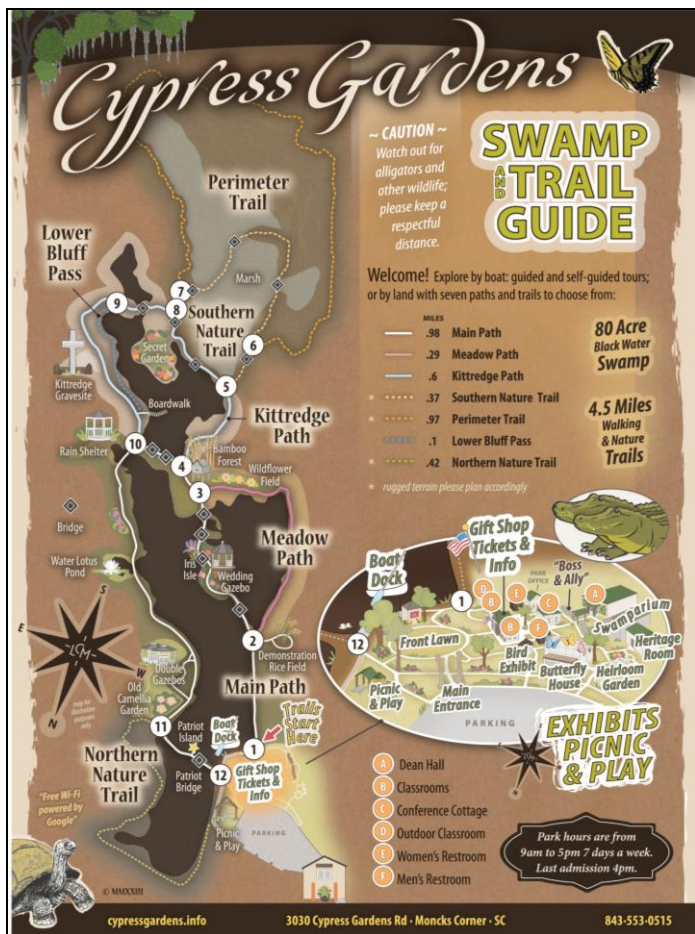
Easy.

### Distance

4.5 miles of family walking paths.

***Visit one of the most popular family attractions in the area***

<b>Time</b>	Spend a minimum of 2 hours to enjoy everything Cypress Gardens has to offer.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Wide asphalt walking paths.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light to moderate during the week. Heavy crowds on the weekend.
<b>Hours</b>	Open 7 days a week. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Last admission 4:00 pm.
<b>Admission</b>	Age 18-64, \$10. Age 16-17, \$5. Age 65+, 911 and military, \$6.50 (as of January 2025).
<b>Precautions</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent. You're likely to see a good bit of wildlife; try not to disturb it!
<b>Address</b>	3030 Cypress Gardens Road, Moncks Corner, SC 29461.
<b>Contact</b>	cypressgardens.berkeleycountysc.gov 843-553-0515





*Spring flowers explode with color at Cypress Gardens.*



*A few of the "locals" at Cypress Gardens.*





## Old Santee Canal Park

# 7

Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*This park is popular with birders and photographers.*

### Summary

The Old Santee Canal Park in downtown Moncks Corner offers hours of easy adventure for families. The park is the site of America's first canal, which began operating in 1800. There are over 3 miles of walking paths, with lots of raised boardwalks and bridges. You'll traverse the quiet Biggin Creek and are guaranteed to see wildlife; common sightings are egrets, herons, turtles, deer and alligators! There's an interpretative center, landing with excellent views of the Tailrace Canal / Cooper River, picnic facilities, and the Berkeley County Museum and Heritage Center.

### Difficulty

Easy.

### Distance

3+ miles of walking paths.

***Have a walking adventure at America's first canal***

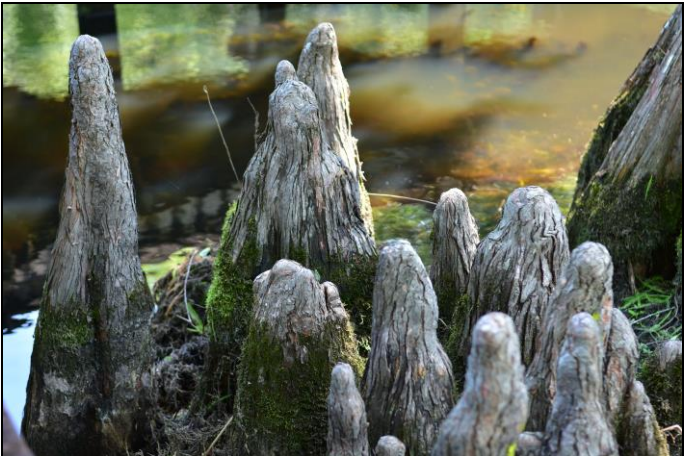
<b>Time</b>	Plan 2 - 4 hours to enjoy this gem of a park.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Mixed surface; raised wood boardwalk, dirt, concrete.
<b>Crowds</b>	Varies from light to heavy. Weekends are the busiest with family adventurers.
<b>Hours</b>	Open daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
<b>Admission</b>	\$5 per person. \$3 for Senior/AAA/Military. FREE for children 6 & younger (as of January 2025).
<b>Precautions</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent. You're likely to see a good bit of wildlife; try not to disturb it!
<b>Parking</b>	900 Stony Landing Road, Moncks Corner, SC 29461.
<b>Address</b>	<a href="http://oldsanteecanalpark.org">oldsanteecanalpark.org</a> . 843-899-5200.

## Map – Old Santee Canal Park





*You'll walk on lots of raised boardwalks at Old Santee Canal Park.*



*Strange and interesting cypress knees are a common sight in the park.*



## Hanahan City Park

# 8

Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*Cypress Gardens is always a favorite family adventure.*

### Summary

Located in the City of Hanahan on Goose Creek Reservoir, the City Park is a wonderful place for family walks, wildlife viewing, fishing, boating, kayaking, kids playtime, organized sports and music. With nearly a mile of walking paths, including a new boardwalk bridge and dock, winding asphalt through wooded areas, and sidewalks circumnavigating ball fields, there is truly something for everyone. Put on your walking shoes, pack a picnic, grab your fishing pole, and head to Hanahan City Park!

### Difficulty

Easy.

### Distance

1 mile of paths.

## ***Family walks, wildlife viewing, fishing, boating and kayaking***

<b>Time</b>	Plan at least an hour at this large park.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Boardwalk, asphalt and concrete sidewalk.
<b>Crowds</b>	There are usually a lot of folks enjoying this park.
<b>Hours</b>	Daylight hours.
<b>Admission</b>	FREE!
<b>Precautions</b>	You're likely to see a good bit of wildlife; try not to disturb it!
<b>Address</b>	Bettis Boat Landing Rd., Hanahan, SC 29410.
<b>Contact</b>	cityofhanahan.com. 843-266-0723.

**Map – Hanahan City Park**





*Beautiful and relaxing spot to have a picnic.*



*Aerial view of the new boardwalk and dock.*





## Biggin Creek Trail

# 9

Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*Mountain bike berms provide interesting entertainment even for hikers!*

### Summary

The Biggin Creek Trail was primarily developed for mountain bikers, but is open and encouraged for use by hikers and trail runners. This trail offers a lot for the family adventurer. It's one of the few trails in the area with lots of elevation change. You'll hike countless small, and sometimes steep hills with roots, stumps and other small obstacles. The hike stops by the namesake, beautiful Biggin Creek. You may see egrets, herons, turtles and alligators. The best part: this fun adventure is in the heart of the town of Moncks Corner.

### Difficulty

Moderate.

### Distance

5.0 miles, round-trip, loop trail.

## ***Hike a world class mountain bike park trail with tough sections***

<b>Time</b>	2 - 2.5 hours.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Mostly narrow “single” track, dirt, lots of roots.
<b>Crowds</b>	Varies from light to heavy. Designed for and popular with mountain bikers. Heavy use on the weekends.
<b>Hours</b>	Daylight hours.
<b>Admission</b>	None. The town will close the trail for a couple days after heavy rains to prevent damage to the trail.
<b>Precautions</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent. This trail was built for mountain bikers, but hikers and trail runners are encouraged to use it. Be on the lookout for (sometimes fast moving) bikers. Everyone is usually courteous and will yield to hikers. Watch your footing; there are countless roots on the trail.
<b>Address</b>	An exact address is not given, however, if you Google “Cannon Welding, Moncks Corner,” it is right across the street. Cannon Welding’s address is 591 Rembert C. Dennis Blvd., Moncks Corner, SC 29461. <u>GPS</u> : 33.204245, -79.982635
<b>Contact</b>	Town of Moncks Corner Recreation Department. 843-719-7921

# Map – Biggin Creek Trail





*Humorous sign indicating the more strenuous path.*

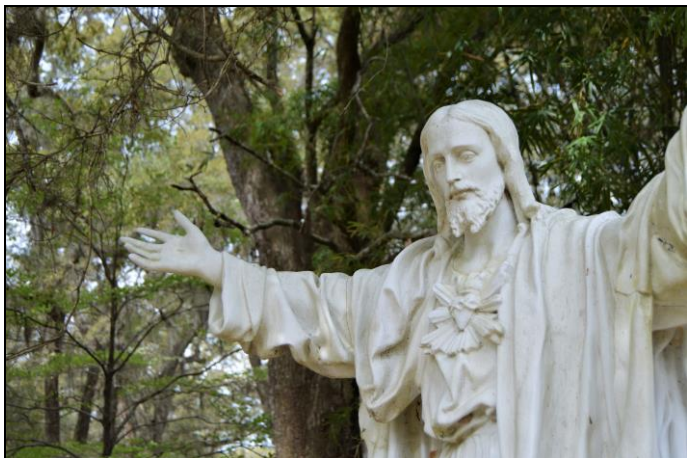


*Strange signs abound at Biggin Creek; the trail is easy to follow.*



## Mepkin Abbey

# 10 Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*You will find many sculptures around the grounds at Mepkin Abbey.*

### Summary

Walk the grounds of a Roman Catholic Trappist monastery. Located on the grounds of the historic Mepkin Plantation on the Cooper River, you will see landscaped vitas, beautiful gardens, ornate sculptures and the Mepkin Abbey Church. This is a fantastic trek for the entire family and a great place to have a picnic. Walk all the way to the Cooper River. You are treated to impressive live oaks and panoramic scenery.

### Difficulty

Easy.

### Distance

0.5 - 1.5 + miles. Treat this walk as exploration.

### Time

Plan to spend 2 -3 hours.

### Trail Surface

Pathways, asphalt and dirt roads, crossing over lawns/grass.

***Saunter on the grounds of a beautiful Trappist monastery***

<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate to heavy crowds, especially on the weekends.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None. Parts of the abbey may be closed at times for religious purposes.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent. <b>No dogs are allowed.</b></p> <p>Watch for alligators around some of the ponds.</p> <p><u>IMPORTANT:</u> This is a working monastery. Please dress modestly, be mindful of foul language, and show respect to clergy members and any religious services.</p>
<b>Parking</b>	<p>1098 Mepkin Abbey, Moncks Corner, SC 29641. 843-761-8509. <a href="http://www.mepkinabbey.com">www.mepkinabbey.com</a>. Park in the Reception Center/Gift Shop parking lot.</p> <p>GPS: 33.115964, -79.950910 33°06'57.5"N, 79°57'03.3"W</p>

## Map - Mepkin Abbey



This map corresponds with route directions on the next page.

### **Route Directions**

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| <b>1</b> | After entering the grounds of Mepkin Abbey, proceed down Mepkin Abbey Rd, following the signs for the Reception Center & Gift Shop. Park here. It is best to grab a free map from the Reception Center.   |
| <b>2</b> | <p>For the purposes of this guide, we will not provide specific “trail routes.” Mepkin Abbey is best treated as an exploration walk. Using the map on the previous page, and the map you received at the Reception Center, wander the beautiful grounds. There are gardens, statues, sculptures, wood carvings, ponds, stunning views of the Cooper River and you are nearly guaranteed to see wildlife along the way.</p> <p>Bring a camera, and maybe even a picnic. This is a peaceful and special place to spend a couple of hours.</p> |



## ***Mepkin Abbey***



*Appropriate message to all who visit Mepkin Abbey.*



*Unique wood carving statues at Mepkin Abbey.*

# Lake Moultrie Passage



Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_ # 11



*This namesake passage follows the outline of Lake Moultrie.*

## Summary

This passage of the Palmetto Trail follows the scenic and popular Lake Moultrie, one of the state's largest bodies of water. Lots of variety is guaranteed to keep things interesting: bottomland/swamp habitats, water impoundments, forest-service roads, hardwood and pine forests, and wildlife including herons, egrets, ibis, bald eagles, fox squirrels and alligators. This is a fantastic passage for backpackers because it offers some of the best sunrises and sunsets in the Low Country.

## Difficulty

Easy, if section hiked. Strenuous if thru-hiked.

## Distance

27 miles, total passage length.

## Time

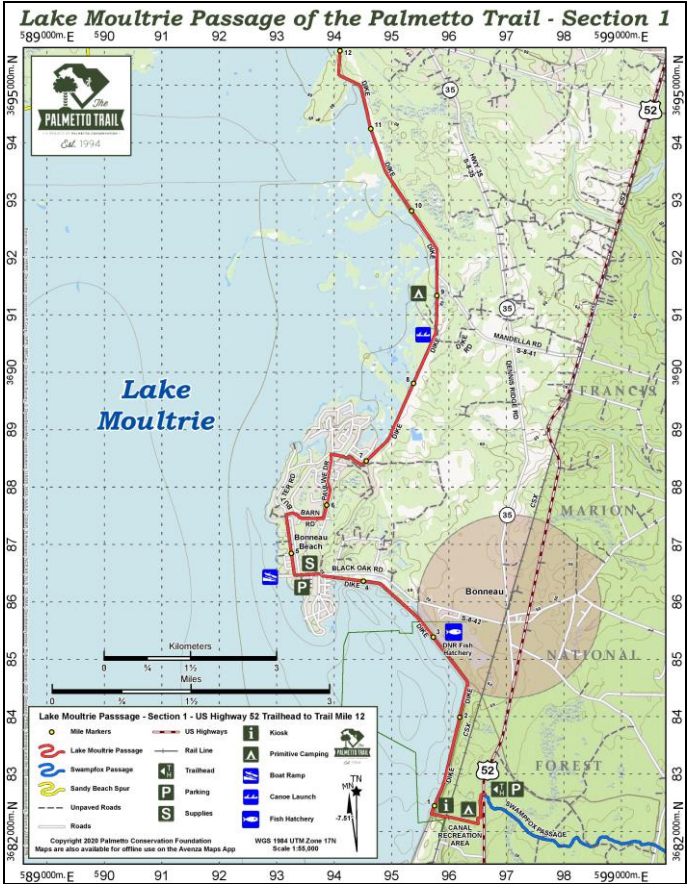
If thru-hiked, most backpackers can complete in 1 night/2 days.

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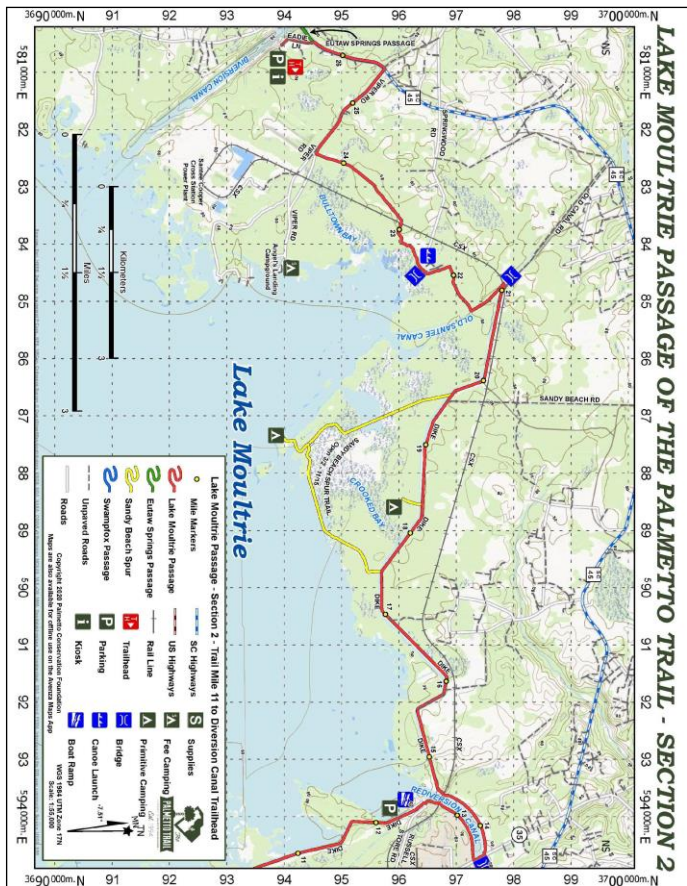
***Hike around one of the state's largest bodies of water***

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Sand, pine covered, raised boardwalks, planks, bridges and bottomland/wet sections.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent. Many miles of this passage traverse the long water impoundments of Lake Moultrie. There is little reprieve from the sun. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended.
<b>Eadie Lane Trailhead</b>	Eadie Lane, Cross, SC 29436 <u>GPS</u> : 33.381806, -80.134250 33°22'54.5"N, 80°08'03.3"W
<b>HWY-52 Trailhead</b>	N. US HWY-52, Bonneau, SC 29431 <u>GPS</u> : 33.278472, -79.962444 33°16'42.5"N, 79°57'44.8"W
<b>Contacts</b>	SC Dept. Natural Resources, Bonneau, SC Office 843-825-3387. Santee Cooper 843-761-4068. Palmetto Trail 843-359-8775 or 803-771-0590.

# Map 1 – Lake Moultrie Passage



## Map 2 – Lake Moultrie Passage





*Great Blue Heron taking flight along Lake Moultrie.*



*Parts of the trail consist of wide, service roads.*



## Santee Canal

# 12 Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*Aerial view of the Santee Canal. This is your destination on the hike.*

### Summary

Hike to one of the earliest built canals in the United States. The Santee Canal dates to the 1790s, and it helped connect Columbia to the coast. This delightful hike takes you through a variety of habitats and trail types. You'll walk on wide forest service roads, visit beautiful bottomland floodplains, and cross many interesting, raised boardwalks and bridges. You are even likely to see great blue herons, egrets and deer if you're quiet. This trek is part of the Palmetto Trail's Lake Moultrie Passage.

### Difficulty

Easy or Moderate (only due to distance).

### Distance

3.0 or 7.1 miles, round-trip, out-and-back hike.

### Time

1.5 - 3.5 hours.

### Trail Surface

Dirt, gravel, forest service roads, raised boardwalks and bridges.

## ***Hike to one of the earliest canals built in the United States***

- Trail Marker**      Yellow blazes on trees, and good signage on the trail.
- Crowds**            Very light. You are almost guaranteed to be alone. You may see others on the weekend.
- Fees/Permits**      \$5.00 parking fee only if parking at Springwood Drive (see below)
- Precautions:**      Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. You may have to walk through shin-to-knee deep grass - ticks abound! Bring insect repellent.

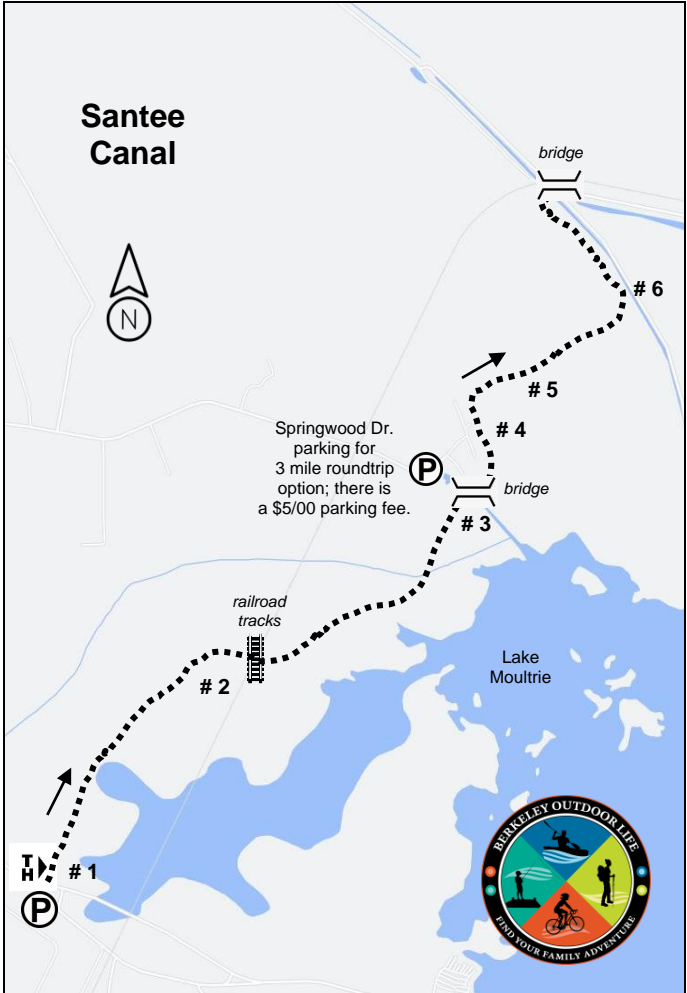


**VERY IMPORTANT:** If there is a train at the crossing, walk around it on the gravel. Never attempt to pass through in between the train cars. The train can start moving at any time without warning.

- Parking**            7.1 Mile Option - park off Viper Rd., Pineville, SC.  
GPS: 33.387071, -80.113609  
33°23'13.5"N, 80°06'49.0"W
- 3.0 Mile Option - park at end of Springwood Dr., Pineville, SC, at private boat launch.  
\$5.00 parking fee (as of January 2025).  
GPS: 33.403931, -80.093653  
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**Map – Santee Canal**



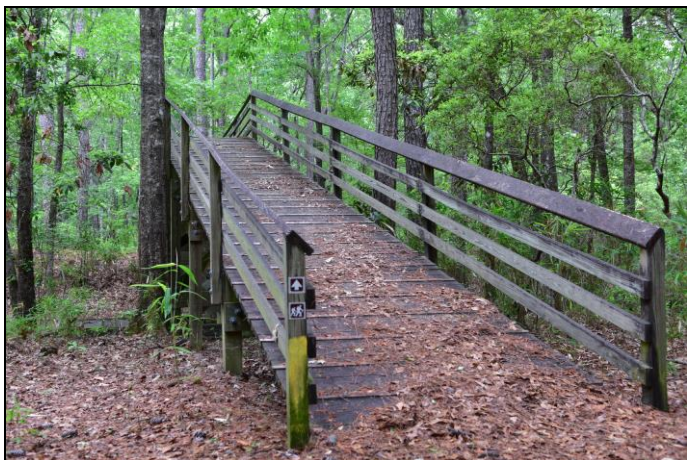
This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	Park in the grass/dirt off to the side of Viper Rd. near the trailhead. The trail is marked with Palmetto Trail signage. Begin your hike by walking north on the wide dirt forest service road.
<b>2</b>	At 1.25 miles, arrive at railroad tracks. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> these tracks frequently have coal train cars for the Cross Generating Power Station. If train cars are present, walk around the track in the gravel beside the tracks.  After crossing tracks, trail reenters the woods and after 150-ft. bears left. Trail narrows to tight “singletrack” and enters bottomland floodplain over the 0.75 mile. You’ll cross several raised boardwalks.
<b>3</b>	Arrive at large, steep bridge over N. Lake Moultrie “wayditch” at nearly 2 miles.  **This is close to the start of the shorter 3 mile roundtrip option. If choosing this option, from the parking area at the Springwood Dr. boat launch, walk southwest to the edge of the grass and begin a path into the woods. After 200 ft., this path joins the trail at the large, steep bridge.
<b>4</b>	For the next 2,000 ft., the trail parallels the RV/campground that’s on the left.
<b>5</b>	At 2.5 miles, trail opens to wide, grassy forest service road that is mowed.
<b>6</b>	Turn hard left at nearly 3.0 miles, continuing wide, grassy forest service road. After another 0.5 mile, arrive at railroad tracks and bridge over the historic Santee Canal.  <b>Return the same way you came.</b>

## Santee Canal



*Trail is blazed yellow. You'll cross many raised boardwalks on this hike.*



*Large, interesting bridge over the N. Lake Moultrie "wayditch."*

# Sandy Beach



Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_ # 13



*Looking across Lake Moultrie from Sandy Beach.*

**Summary** Have lunch on a beach overlooking north Lake Moultrie. This hike is entirely contained within the Department of Natural Resources' Sandy Beach Waterfowl Management Area (WMA). You are guaranteed to see large waterfowl (egrets, great blue herons, ibis), maybe a few birds of prey (osprey, bald eagles) and the occasional alligator. Bring your camera on this easy trek to the best hidden beach on the lake!

**Difficulty** Easy.

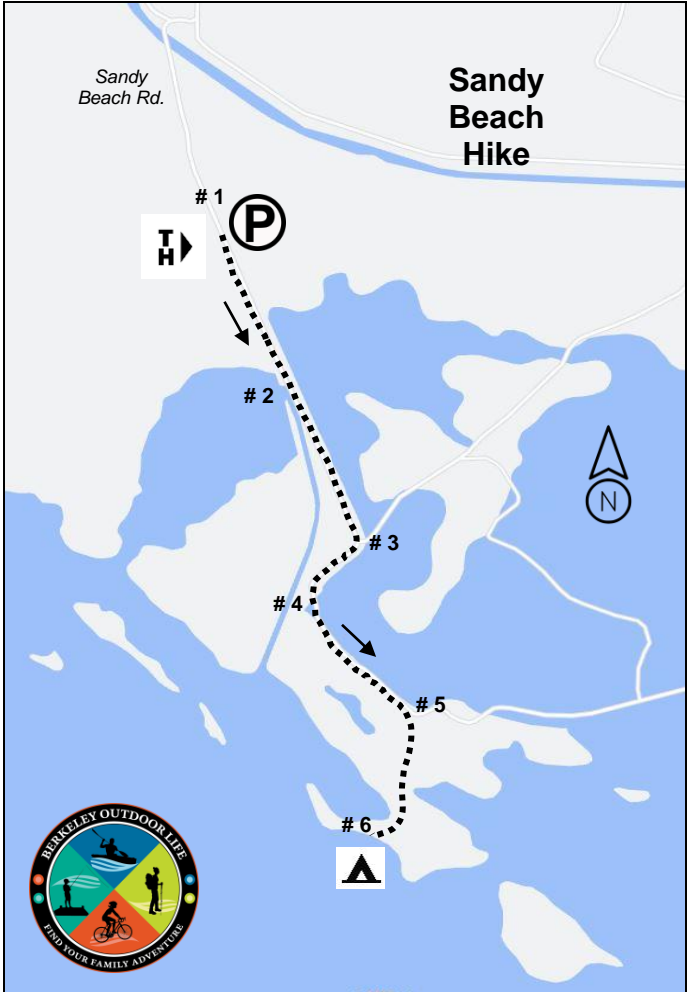
**Distance** 3.2 miles, roundtrip, out-and-back hike.

**Time** 3 hours.

**Trail Surface** Wide dirt/sand service roads and double track.

## ***Hike through a DNR Waterfowl Management Area to a beach***

- Crowds** Very light. The only possibility of seeing others is on the weekend.
- Fees/Permits** None. Parts of the waterfowl management area are closed from November until February. There are many signs indicating this.
- Precautions:** Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent.
- There could be alligators sunning on some of the roads. Never approach an alligator. Usually, they will move away quickly when they see humans.
- Trailhead Parking** Sandy Beach Road, Pineville, SC 29468.
- GPS: 33.400852, -80.066027  
33°24'03.1"N, 80°03'57.7"W
- Camping** Waterfront primitive camping is available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the end of the hike at the namesake "Sandy Beach." This area can easily accommodate 20 campers.



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	Begin your hike by walking around the metal gate (to the left of the large “Sandy Beach Waterfowl Management Area” sign). Walk south down the dirt/sand service road.
<b>2</b>	At nearly 0.2 mile into the walk, there is water on both sides of the road (the road is now a water impoundment). Both sides of the road are parts of the active waterfowl sanctuary. Take a moment to look around. You are likely to see an abundance of wildlife in this area. This continues for the next 0.3 mile.
<b>3</b>	Road curves to the right at 0.7 mile.
<b>4</b>	At nearly 0.9 mile, come to a gated maintenance facility. The road curves to the left, continuing past the facility.
<b>5</b>	At 1.25 miles, turn right down a double track road that heads into the woods. This road is sometimes slightly overgrown.
<b>6</b>	Arrive at the wide Sandy Beach at 1.6 miles. Depending on water levels, the beach here can be over 200 ft. wide. This is a primitive campground area that can easily accommodate up to 20 people.  <b>Return the same way you came.</b>



*This route includes part of the Lake Moultrie Passage of the Palmetto Trail.*



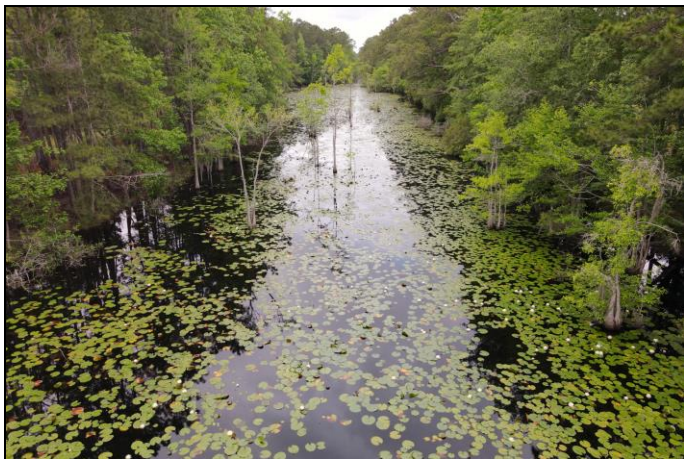
*Summer flowers blooming on the hike to Sandy Beach.*





## Crooked Bay

# 14 Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*Swamp/bottomland habitat below the dike at Crooked Bay.*

### Summary

Located entirely within the Sandy Beach Waterfowl Management Area, the Crooked Bay route takes the hiker through a variety of habitats including pine forests, bottomland floodplains, water impoundments and big lake coves, all while hiking on wide, easy forest service roads. To say this area has wildlife is an understatement! In one trip, you're likely to see egrets, osprey, herons, ibis, eagles, deer, alligators, snakes and fox squirrels. Don't miss this adventure for those who like to wander in the woods.

### Difficulty

Moderate (only due to distance).

### Distance

5.3 mile route or 7.4 mile route, round-trip, loop style hikes.

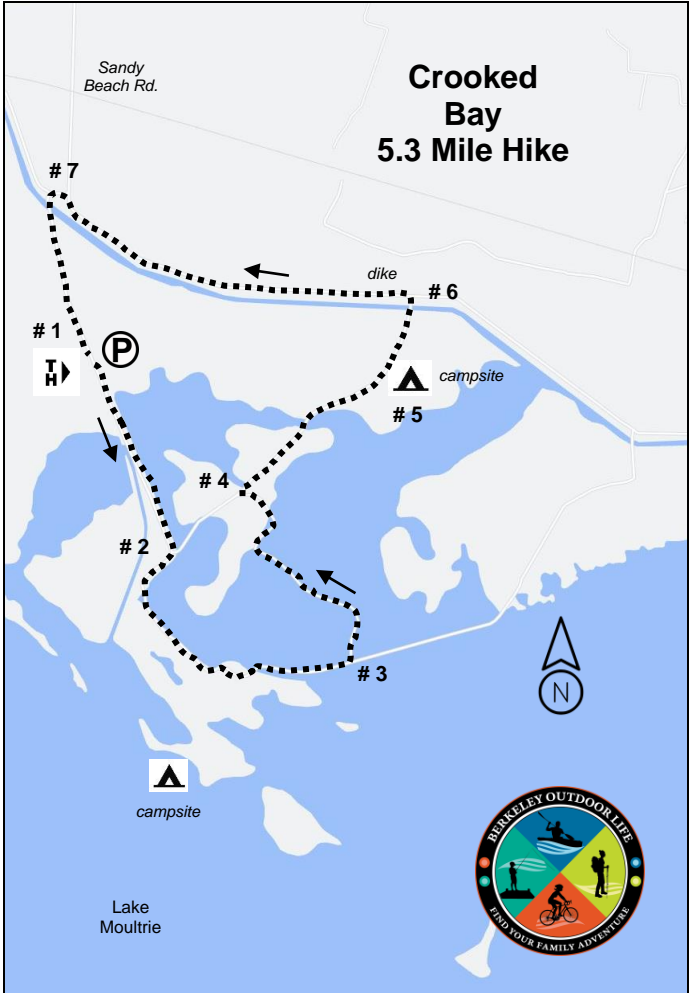
### Time

2.5 - 3.5 hours.

***Take a longer hike in a protected wildlife management area***

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Wide dirt/sand forest service roads.
<b>Crowds</b>	Very light.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None. Parts of the waterfowl management areas are closed from November until February. There are signs indicating this.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent.</p> <p>There could be alligators sunning on some of the roads. Never approach an alligator. Usually, they will move away quickly when they see humans.</p>
<b>Parking</b>	Sandy Beach Road, Pineville, SC 29468.
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**Map - Crooked Bay - 5.3 Mile Hike**

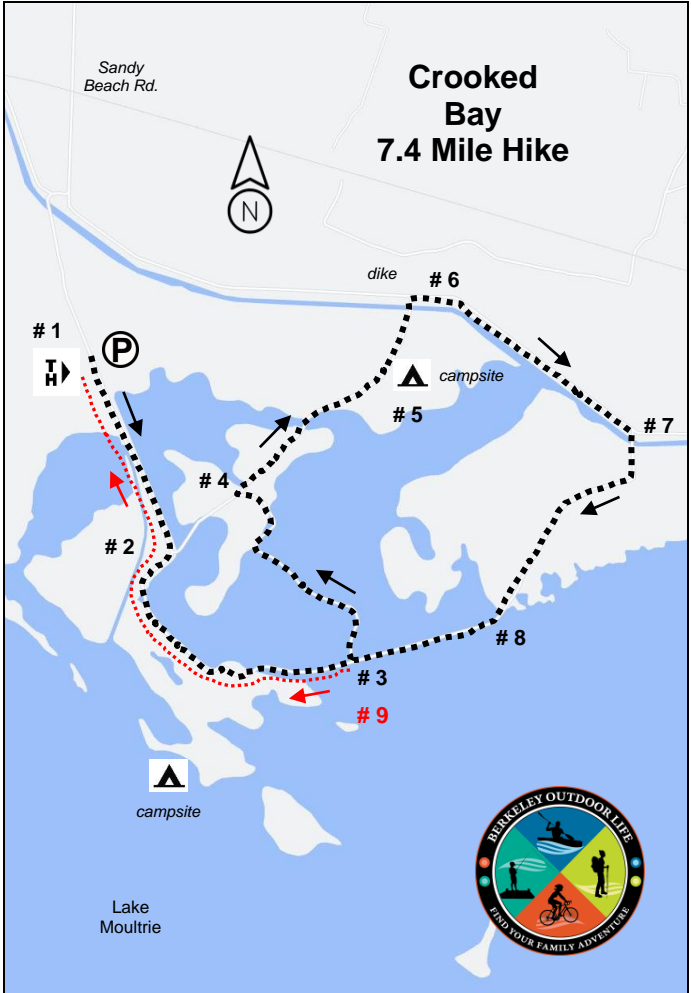


This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 7 on the next page.

**Route Directions - 5.3 Mile Hike**

<b>1</b>	<p>Begin your hike by walking around the metal gate (to the left of the large “Sandy Beach Waterfowl Management Area” sign). Walk south down the dirt/sand service road.</p> <p>After 1,000 ft., there is water on both sides of the road (the road is now a water impoundment). This is an active waterfowl sanctuary area. You’re likely to see an abundance of wildlife in this area.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Road curves to the right at 0.7 mile, and within 0.2 mile, there’s a water impoundment on your left. Look for herons, egrets and the occasional alligator sunning on the bank.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>At 1.7 miles, turn left, heading into woods. Over the next 0.9 mile, you’ll traverse through mixed pine forest, tall grasses and remnants of crop fields. This is a great area to watch for deer.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>Turn right at 2.6 miles. For next 0.25 mile, there crop fields on both sides, then you’ll reenter the woods. The woods for the next 0.6 miles are lush at times, with beautiful ferns and blooming irises on both sides of the road.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p>Come to designated campground on right at 3.3 miles.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p>At 3.5 miles, turn left on elevated dike. Continue walking this wide, dirt road for 1.2 miles.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p>Turn left on Sandy Beach Rd. (this is the road you came in on to the trailhead) at 4.7 miles. The road bears left again.</p> <p>Continue walking down Sandy Beach Rd. for 0.6 mile to end your hike at the trailhead.</p>

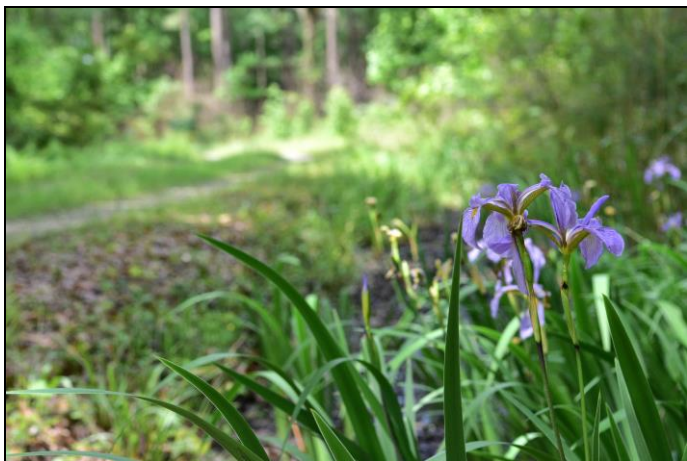
**Map - Crooked Bay - 7.4 Mile Hike**



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 9 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions - 7.4 Mile Hike</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>Begin your hike by walking around the metal gate (to the left of the large “Sandy Beach Waterfowl Management Area” sign). Walk south down the dirt/sand service road.</p> <p>After 1,000 ft., there is water on both sides of the road (the road is now a water impoundment). This is an active waterfowl sanctuary area. You’re likely to see an abundance of wildlife in this area.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Road curves to the right at 0.7 mile, and within 0.2 mile, there’s a water impoundment on your left. Look for herons, egrets and the occasional alligator sunning on the bank.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>At 1.7 miles, turn left, heading into woods. Over the next 0.9 mile, you’ll traverse through mixed pine forest, tall grasses and remnants of crop fields. This is a great area to watch for deer.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>Turn right at 2.6 miles. For next 0.25 mile, there crop fields on both sides, then you’ll reenter the woods. The woods for the next 0.6 miles are lush at times, with beautiful ferns and blooming irises on both sides of the road.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p>Come to designated campground on right at 3.3 miles.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p>At 3.5 miles, turn right on elevated dike. Continue walking this wide, dirt road for 0.9 miles.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p>Turn right off the dike, descending into the woods again at 4.4 miles.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p>At 5.1 miles, emerge from woods to water (and marsh on the left) on both sides. This area is full of wildlife! Look for alligators, large herons, egrets, osprey and anhingas.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p>Arrive back where you’ve already hiked (reference # 3 above and on map) at 5.7 miles. From here, continue retracing your steps 1.7 miles back to the trailhead (see dotted red line and arrows on map).</p>

## ***Crooked Bay***



*Spring irises abound along the side of the forest service roads.*



*A walk in the woods. Crooked Bay route aerial view.*

## East Moultrie Flats



Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_ # 15



*Beautiful views for relaxing or lunch are your reward on this hike.*

### Summary

Hike atop a flat and fast, well-maintained water impoundment with gorgeous views of east Lake Moultrie. This adventure has miles of blooming aquatic plants in the warmer months, a guarantee to see large birds (egrets, herons, osprey and bald eagle are common sights!), and impressive panoramic views of the lake. Bonus: at the end / turn-around point, there are rare restrooms and shaded areas with picnic tables! This is 4 miles of the Palmetto Trail's Lake Moultrie Passage.

### Difficulty

Moderate, but only due to distance.

### Distance

8.4 miles, round-trip, out-and-back hike.

### Time

3 - 4 hours.



***Take an adventure on a Lake Moultrie water impoundment***

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Service road; small gravel, dirt.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	There is no protection from the sun on the dike. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended. Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent.
<b>Parking</b>	Beginning of Hike: Dike Rd., Bonneau, SC 29431.  GPS: 33.353176, -79.971053 33°21'11.4"N, 79°58'15.8"W  End of Hike: Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp, Russel Store Rd., St. Stephen, SC 29479  GPS: 33.401999, -79.992471 33°24'07.2"N, 79°59'32.9"W



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 4 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>From the Dike Rd. Boat Ramp &amp; Campground, walk back on road you drove in on approximately 600 ft. to the raised straight road running north-south. This is the dike. There are gates on both sides.</p> <p>Begin your hike by turning <b>LEFT</b> on the dike, going around the gate, and walking the long, flat and straight dirt/small gravel “road.”</p> <p>Almost immediately, you’ll begin paralleling the water to your left. This is sometimes called a “way ditch.” This area is beautiful with thousands of blooming water lilies in spring and summer, and many large wading birds.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>At 0.9 mile, the road curves to the left (in a general northwest direction) and continues this direction for the remainder of the hike. The impressive views of the way ditch continue.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>At 3.6 miles, the view to the left opens to a panoramic vista of the way ditch and lake. Stop here, take a few photos and enjoy the scenery!</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>Come to a gate and Russel Store Rd. at 4.1 miles. Walk around the gate, turn left on the road and continue another 300 ft. until you reach the Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp parking area. This is the end of your hike. Across the large parking lot are restrooms, covered picnic tables, and there are more picnic tables on the beach/swimming area to the left.</p> <p><b>Return the same way you came.</b></p>



*95% of this hike is on the service road atop the Lake Moultrie dike.*



*This is part of the Palmetto Trail's Lake Moultrie Passage.*



## Swamp Fox Passage

# 16 Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*There are many bridges and wetlands on the Swamp Fox Passage.*

### Summary

Hike the longest section of the cross-state Palmetto Trail. This passage begins at HWY-52 in Bonneau and ends at HWY-17 near Awendaw. Nearly 40 miles of the Swamp Fox Passage is in Berkeley County! You'll pass through a variety of ecosystems in the Francis Marion National Forest, including bottomland/swamp habitats, long-leaf pine forests, and tall grass savannas. If you're quiet in the morning, you're almost guaranteed to see white tailed deer. Barred owls can be heard throughout the forest year round.

### Difficulty

Easy, if section hiked. Strenuous if thru-hiked.

### Distance

48 miles, total passage length.

## ***Hike the longest section of the cross-state Palmetto Trail***

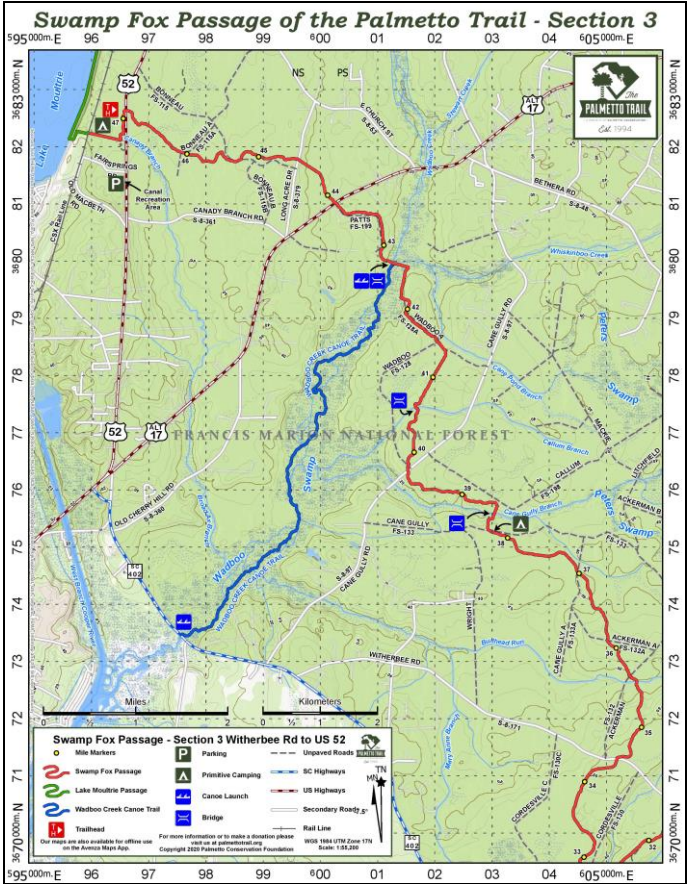
<b>Time</b>	If thru-hiked, most backpackers can complete in 3 nights / 4 days.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt, pine covered, raised boardwalks, planks, bridges and bottomland/wet sections.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light during the week; you'll see others on the weekend.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent.
<b>HWY-52 Trailhead</b>	N. US HWY-52, Bonneau, SC 29431 <u>GPS</u> : 33.278472, -79.962444 33°16'42.5"N, 79°57'44.8"W
<b>HWY-17 Trailhead</b>	7476 US-17, McClellanville, SC 29458 <u>GPS</u> : 33.037361, -79.617472 33°02'14.5"N, 79°37'02.9"W
<b>Contacts</b>	Francis Marion National Forest 843-336-2200. Palmetto Trail 843-359-8775 or 803-771-0590.





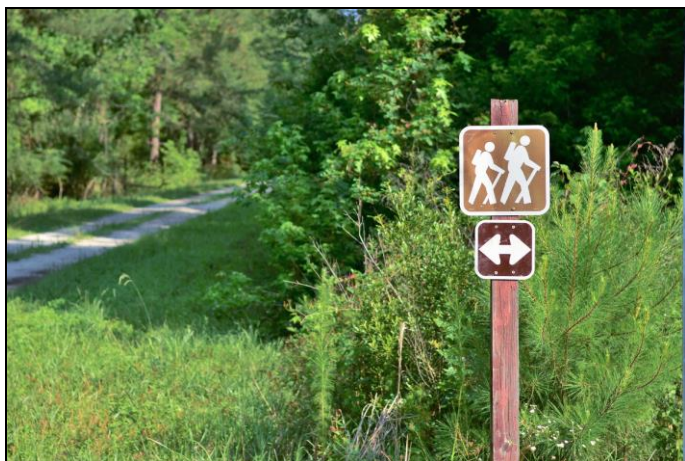


# Map 3 – Swamp Fox Passage





*Camping at the Cane Gulley campsite in late Fall.*



*Trail signage is abundant and easy to follow in this passage.*



## Canady Wetlands

# 17 Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*Hiker crosses long boardwalk bridge over Canady Branch.*

### Summary

Get ready for adventure and something different! Part of the Swamp Fox Passage of the Palmetto Trail, this route goes through several picturesque bottomland habitats and mixed hardwood forests. You'll cross over pristine bridges that zigzag through the forest with fantastic views of the dark and eerie swamp. In late Spring and early Summer, discover gorgeous wildflowers on the east side of the trail and in sunnier sections. This is a beautiful trek that guarantees variety and year-round beauty!

### Difficulty

Moderate (only due to distance).

### Distance

5.9 miles, round-trip, out-and-back hike.

### Time

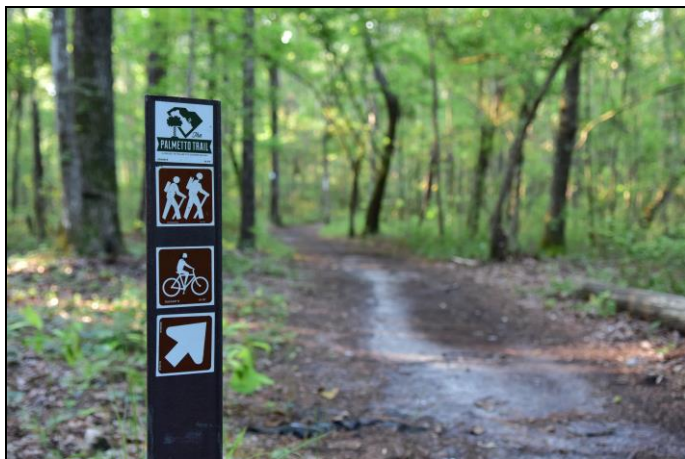
3 - 4 hours.

***Zigzag through a forest with views of a dark and eerie swamp!***

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt and pine covered, many boardwalk bridges over wet areas.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent.</p> <p>Even though there are boardwalk bridges going through some of the bottomland sections, there might still be some muddy sections.</p>
<b>Parking</b>	<p>Swamp Fox Passage Trailhead. N. US HWY-52, Bonneau, SC 29431.</p> <p>GPS: 33.278472, -79.962444 33°16'42.5"N, 79°57'44.8"W</p> <p>HWY-17 ALT Trailhead: 1780 US-17 ALT, Moncks Corner, SC 29461.</p> <p>GPS: 33.263558, -79.923712 33°15'48.8"N, 79°55'25.4"W</p>



<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>Begin your hike at the north terminus of the Swamp Fox Passage of the Palmetto Trail. Just beyond the large information sign at the edge of the parking area, the trail continues through the forest.</p> <p>Over the next 0.3 mile, you'll hike through a lush forest, crossing raised gravel walkways and a boardwalk bridge.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Come to an open area with powerlines at 0.3 mile. Trail continues back into woods at boardwalk bridge.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>At 0.4 mile, enter the beautiful, namesake Canady Branch bottomland. There is a unique 300-ft. long boardwalk bridge that goes over the swamp. This is a great place to stop, look around and snap a few photos. There are two benches at the end of the bridge.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>Come to an old roadbed at 0.8 mile.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p>At 1.5 miles, cross over forest service road (Bonneau Rd.). Begin drier section of the trail with mixed hardwoods and pines.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p>Come to two lane asphalt road, Long Acre Dr., at 2.3 miles. There is also a small parking area here. Cross road, turn right, and trail continues back into woods 60-ft. down the road.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p>Arrive at HWY 17 ALT parking area and end of hiking route at 2.9 miles.</p> <p><b>Return the same way you came.</b></p>



*Start of the trail at the Swamp Fox Passage trailhead.*



*Many boardwalk bridges keep you dry from the swamp habitat.*

# Wadboo Swamp



Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_ # 18



*You'll walk hundreds of feet of boardwalk on this hike.*

## Summary

One of the most beautiful bottomland habitats in Berkeley County, Wadboo Swamp looks the same as it did over two centuries ago when Francis Marion roamed these parts. This easy hike is appropriate for any member of the family. You will see remnants of 19<sup>th</sup> century rice plantations and water impoundments, and some of the most interesting cypress trees and "knees" found anywhere in the Southeast. This impressive hike is part of the Swamp Fox passage of the Palmetto Trail.

## Difficulty

Easy and recommended for all skill levels!

## Distance

1.5 miles, roundtrip, out-and-back hike.

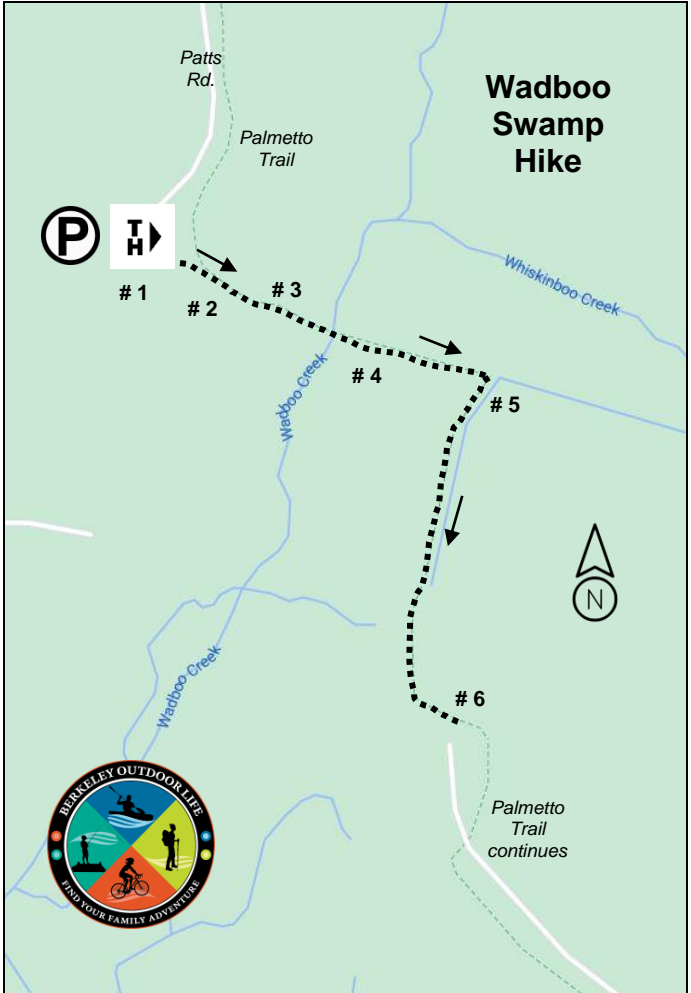
## Time

Allow at least an hour to enjoy everything this hike has to offer.



***Hike where Francis Marion roamed over 240 years ago!***

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Mixed natural surface, dirt, mud, pine needles. Lots of raised boardwalks and bridges.
<b>Crowds</b>	Very light. Only possibility of seeing others is on the weekend.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>There are many cypress “knees” on the trail. These can easily trip you up if you are not paying attention. Boardwalks, raised boards and bridges can be slippery if wet or even after overnight dew.</p> <p>Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent.</p>
<b>Trailhead Parking</b>	<p>Patts Road, Moncks Corner, SC 29461. Park at the end of the dirt road and there is an easy to find path leading to the Palmetto Trail on the southeast side of the parking area. This begins your hike.</p> <p>GPS: 33.255464, -79.916155 33°15'19.7"N, 79°54'58.2"W</p> <p>Note: Google and other mapping programs recognize “Patts Road, Moncks Corner.”</p>



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	Begin your hike on the trail at the southeast side of the parking area leading into the woods. You might have to hop over a small muddy ditch-like depression at the edge of the parking area.
<b>2</b>	After walking approximately 300 ft., come to trail signage and intersection with the Palmetto Trail. Continue straight (bearing slight right) at this junction.
<b>3</b>	At 700-ft., begin walking downhill, descending into Wadboo Swamp valley. You will soon reach a 400-ft. long boardwalk. At nearly 0.25 mile, cross over Wadboo Creek on the Rembert C. Dennis Bridge. This area has impressive cypress trees and knees.
<b>4</b>	For the next 0.2 mile, walk on an old water impoundment, crossing several raised boards. Be careful with your footing here; there are many cypress knees. This is a great area to stop and take in the surrounding views of the beautiful swamp. There are some cypress knees that are over 5-ft. tall!
<b>5</b>	The trail takes a hard right at 0.4 mile, crossing a small bridge. Again, the views of the cypress trees, knees and swamp are otherworldly-looking in this area.
<b>6</b>	For the next 0.4 miles, continue walking on narrow water impoundment, paralleling a creek on your left. You will see additional water impoundments that are remnants of 19 <sup>th</sup> century rice plantations. You will eventually come to small bridge and the trail bears left. This ends your Wadboo Swamp hike. You can continue further on the Palmetto Trail; the trail quickly moves out of the Wadboo Swamp valley.  <b>Return the same way you came.</b>



*Rembert C. Dennis Bridge over Wadboo Creek on Palmetto Trail.*



*There are cypress knees that are over 5-ft. tall.*



## Little Hellhole Swamp

# 19 Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



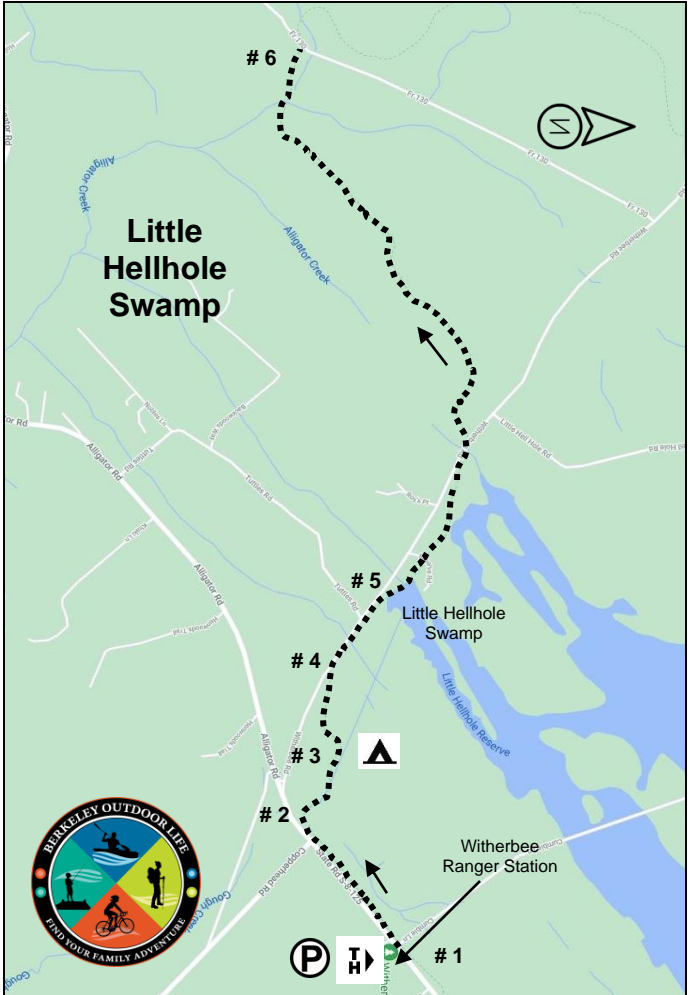
*Little Hellhole Swamp is an important bottomland habitat.*

<b>Summary</b>	Take a quiet hike through a longleaf pine forest, traverse the namesake bottomland/swamp habitat, visit a retired ranger station with fire tower, all while hiking the state's most famous trail - the Palmetto Trail. Part of the Swamp Fox Passage, and in the Francis Marion National Forest, this easy walk guarantees a good bit of solitude. If you hike early in the morning, you might see a family of deer or a red shouldered hawk.
<b>Difficulty</b>	Easy or Moderate (only due to distance).
<b>Distance</b>	2.2 - 6.6 miles, round-trip, out-and-back hike.
<b>Time</b>	2 - 3 hours.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt and pine covered.

## ***Saunter in the Francis Marion National Forest***

<b>Trail Marker</b>	White blazes on trees, and good signage on the trail.
<b>Crowds</b>	Very light. You are almost guaranteed to be alone. You may see others on the weekend.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent.
<b>Parking</b>	Witherbee Ranger Station. Witherbee Rd., Cordesville, SC 29434. Google Maps recognizes "Witherbee Ranger Station" and will take you to the trailhead parking.  GPS: 33.162406, -79.829825 33°09'44.7"N, 79°49'47.4"W

## Map – Little Hellhole Swamp



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the parking area at the Witherbee Ranger Station, cross Witherbee Road towards (dirt road) Cumbie Lane. Approximately 30 ft. into this dirt road, the Palmetto Trail crosses over it. Begin your hike by turning left (southwest) on the Palmetto Trail. For the first 0.5 mile, the trail parallels Witherbee Road, never more than 75 ft. from the road.
<b>2</b>	At 0.5 mile, the trail bears right (northwest).
<b>3</b>	Arrive at the official Witherbee campsite at 0.75 mile. This moderately sized campsite has enough room for 2-3 tents or 5-6 backpacking-style campers. It is FREE to camp here.
<b>4</b>	At 1.0 mile, arrive at Witherbee Road. Walk down road for 1000-ft and trail resumes into the woods on the right.
<b>5</b>	<p>400-ft. after leaving the road, arrive at Little Hellhole Swamp (to your right). In cooler months, you should have good views of this impressive bottomland area. There is official signage “Little Hellhole Reserve Enhancement Area.”</p> <p>After visiting the swamp, you can turn around to return the way you came. Your total hike will be 2.2 miles. Recommended: continue hiking on the Palmetto Trail until you reach Forest Service Road 130 (FR130).</p>
<b>6</b>	<p>Hike another 2 miles until you reach the dirt road FR130. You’ll walk through a variety of beautiful longleaf pine forests and more bottomland/swamp habitats.</p> <p><b>Return the same way you came.</b></p>



## ***Little Hellhole Swamp***



*Strange trees abound on the Little Hellhole Swamp hike.*



*This is part of the Swamp Fox Passage of the Palmetto Trail.*

# Turkey Creek / Irishtown



Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_ # 20



*There are cypress knees throughout the Turkey Creek valley.*

## Summary

Step into a dark, lush, green valley with a swamp, picturesque cypress knees, and mysterious sites around every new corner. This family adventure follows the Turkey Creek valley with its countless twists and turns through the forest. Slow down and look around. This area is home to barred owls, deer and prothonotary warblers. The path through this bottomland is well marked and easy to follow. It is part of the Swamp Fox Passage of the Palmetto Trail.

## Difficulty

Easy.

## Distance

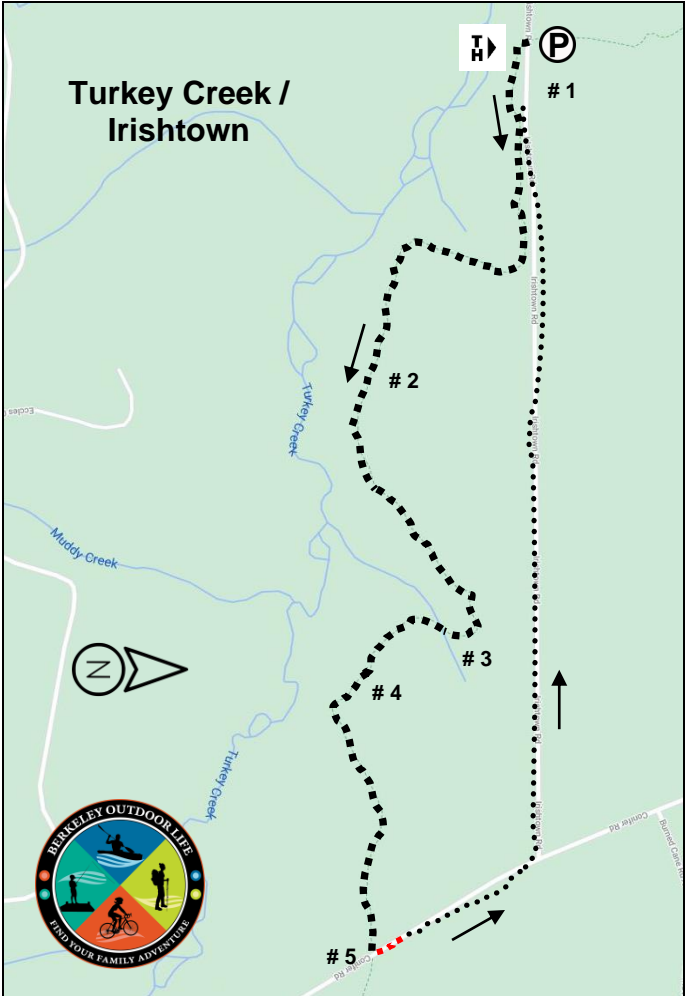
4.2 miles, round-trip, out-and-back hike.

## Time

1.5 - 2 hours.

***Step into a dark, lush green valley with mystery all around!***

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt and pine covered, boardwalk bridge and raised boards over wet/muddy areas.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent.</p> <p>This area is wet nearly year-round. Even though there are raised boards over some of the muddier sections, you might still get your shoes wet/muddy.</p>
<b>Parking</b>	<p>Beginning of Hike: Irishtown Rd., Huger, SC 29450.</p> <p>GPS: 33.126473, -79.775923 33°07'35.3"N, 79°46'33.3"W</p> <p>End of Hike: Conifer Rd., Huger, SC 29450</p> <p>GPS: 33.123263, -79.753084 33°07'23.8"N, 79°45'11.1"W</p>



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>The trailhead for this hike is located 0.6 miles east of HWY 41 down the forest service road “Irishtown Rd.” There is parking for a couple vehicles on the left/north side of the road. The hike begins on the obvious trail on the right/south side of the road.</p> <p>Begin your hike by descending into the Turkey Creek valley. Within a couple hundred feet, you’ll see the lush, wet valley off to the right. The trail continues to follow narrow Turkey Creek and its wide valley for nearly 1.7 miles.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>At around 0.7 mile, you come to a series of raised walking board sections to keep you out of the mud/wet. You’ll encounter these over the next 0.2 mile.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>Cross small bridge over Turkey Creek at 1.2 miles.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>Shortly after crossing small bridge, the trail moves away from the Turkey Creek valley and the surrounding area makes a dramatic turn to a dryer, pine forest. It continues like this until the end of the route.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p>Arrive at the forest service road “Conifer Rd.” This ends the trail route.</p> <p><b>Return the same way you came.</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Optional:</b> You can return to your vehicle by taking a left on Conifer Rd., walking 0.25 mile, turning left on Irishtown Rd., and continuing another 1.2 miles. This is a shorter and faster route back. See smaller dotted route and arrows on map.</p>



*This trail is uniquely dual “blazed” white and blue.*



*This is a beautiful, lush and green valley year-round.*



## Battery Warren

# 21 Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*Viewing platform with views of fort embankments and the Santee River.*

<b>Summary</b>	Located on a high bluff of the Santee River, the Battery Warren is an easy stroll to an earthen Civil War fort that was used to block Union forces from moving up the river. The hike is dotted with mixed hardwood-pine and dogwoods. The original embankments of the old fort are still visible today. This hike and fort are in the Francis Marion National Forest.
<b>Difficulty</b>	Easy and recommended for all skill levels!
<b>Distance</b>	1.2 miles, roundtrip, out-and-back hike.
<b>Time</b>	Allow at least an hour to explore the old fort remains.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Mixed natural surface, dirt, mud, pine needles. Lots of raised boardwalks and bridges.

## ***Hike to an earthen Civil War fort that guarded the Santee River***

**Crowds** Very light. Only possibility of seeing others is on the weekend.

**Fees/Permits** None.

**Precautions:** The earthen fort mounds are steeper than they appear. Use caution if you decide to climb any of them.

Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent.

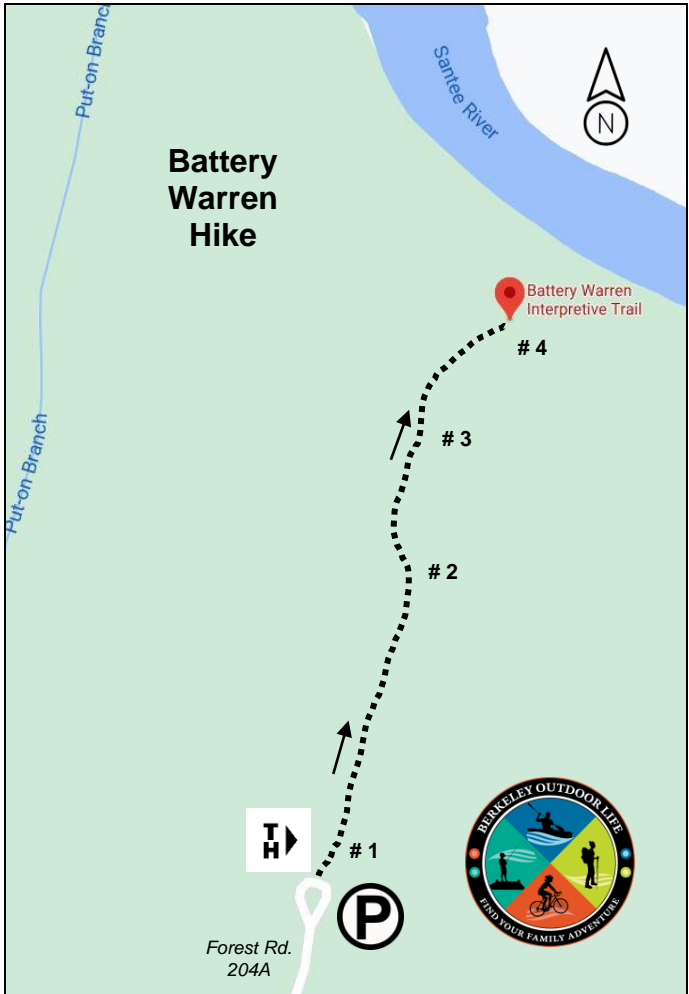
**Trailhead Parking** Forest Rd. 204A, Francis Marion National Forest, Honey Hill area, Berkeley County.

GPS: 33.243523, -79.536625  
33°14'36.7"N, 79°32'11.9"W

Note: Google and other mapping programs recognize "Battery Warren Interpretive Trail" and will take you to the trailhead parking.



## Map - Battery Warren



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 4 on the next page.

**Route Directions**

<b>1</b>	Begin your hike on the trail at the north side of the parking area. There is good signage and a map. Go around the metal gate and begin walking down the wide, forest service road path.
<b>2</b>	At nearly 0.2 mile, the trail winds to the right.
<b>3</b>	Trail begins slight descent into Battery Warren area at 0.3 mile, getting closer to the Santee River.
<b>4</b>	Arrive at the Battery Warren at 0.5 mile.  Take some time and look around. The earthen fort remains and mounds span over 300-ft. wide. There is a viewing platform with excellent views of the fort and Santee River and interpretive signage.  <b>Return the same way you came.</b>

## **Battery Warren**



*There are impressive views of the Santee River at the Battery Warren.*



*Earthen fort embankments are over 160 years old.*

# Jericho Swamp



Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_ # 22



*One of the 3 distinct bottomland/swamp sections of this hike.*

## Summary

This adventure packs a lot in its short 1.8 mile distance (one-way)! You'll visit no less than 3 distinct swamps, pass through lush valleys and other bottomlands, and visit a long-leaf pine forest. The swamps are otherworldly looking and encourage exploration. Take your time, bring a camera and look around. Strange and interesting sights are waiting to be discovered. This hike is part of the Francis Marion National Forest's Jericho Horse Trail.

## Difficulty

Easy.

## Distance

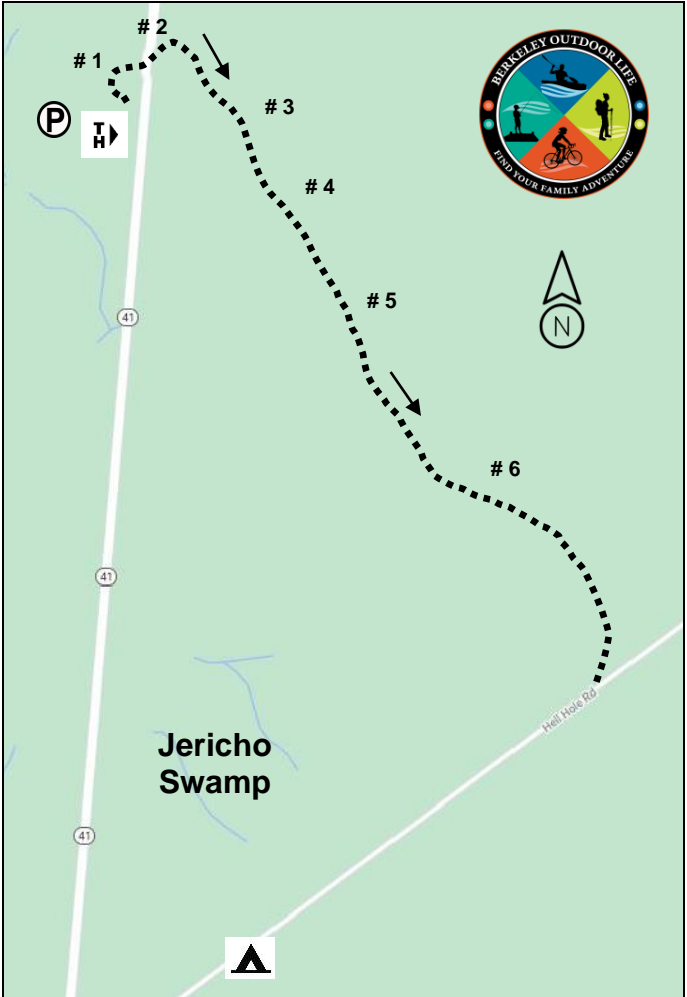
3.6 miles, round-trip, out-and-back hike.

## Time

1.5 - 2.5 hours.

**Visit multiple, otherworldly looking swamps in one short hike!**

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt, natural surface, some wet/muddy areas.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent.</p> <p>This area is wet nearly year-round. You might get your shoes wet/muddy.</p> <p><u>IMPORTANT:</u> Hikers must yield to horseback riders. Step off the trail and stop!</p>
<b>Parking</b>	<p>Beginning of Hike: 6369 SC-41, Cordesville, SC 29434.</p> <p>GPS: 33.200822, -79.765446 33°12'43.6"N, 79°45'11.8"W</p> <p>End of Hike: Hell Hole Rd., Huger, SC 29450</p> <p>GPS: 33.186617, -79.753133 33°11'11.8"N, 79°45'11.3"W</p>



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>The trailhead for this hike is located off the road for the Jericho Horse Trail parking. Approximately 80-ft. after turning onto the Jericho Horse Trail parking road, the trail crosses over this road (running north to south). This is obvious and there are blue blazes on the trees.</p> <p>From where you park, to begin your hike, walk back down the road towards HWY-41 and turn <b>LEFT</b> (north) on the Jericho Horse Trail. This is easy to remember; you turn in the same direction/side as the small pond.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>After 750-ft., cross HWY-41. The trail re-enters the woods about 100-ft. down on the right. There is obvious trail signage for this.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>By 0.3 mile, you'll begin to enter a lush bottomland habitat with glimpses of the first of several small swamps.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>Enter a denser swamp area at 0.5 mile.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p>At 0.7 mile, you'll arrive at the largest swamp of this hike. There's a bridge crossing over the creek here. Water levels permitting, this is a wonderful area for safe, off-trail adventure and photos!</p>
<b>6</b>	<p>By 1.2 miles, the trail begins to traverse through a long-leaf pine forest with tall grass on both sides. It remains this way until the end of the hike at 1.6 miles at Hell Hole Rd.</p> <p><u>CAMPING OPTION:</u> Turn right on Hell Hole Rd. and walk 0.9 mile further down the forest service road. The campsite is on the left.</p> <p><b>Return the same way you came.</b></p>



*Most of the trail is narrow single track through lush, green valleys.*



*Color abounds in spring and summer in the Jericho Swamp.*





## Cooks Creek Valley

# 23 Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_



*The Cooks Creek Valley is lush, eerie and beautiful.*

### Summary

Part of the Francis Marion National Forest's Jericho Horse Trail, this interesting trek takes the family hiker from Yellow Jacket Rd. to Hell Hole Rd. Most of the hike follows the wide Cooks Creek Valley. The trail is a mix of pine forest and some bottomland/swamp habitat around the Forest Rd. 165 area. Take your time and look around. You'll discover a lush, green valleys, wildflowers in spring and summer, and a pretty little pond with water lilies. This hiking route has a lot of variety in every season.

### Difficulty

Moderate, but only due to distance.

### Distance

7.2 miles, round-trip, out-and-back hike.

### Time

2.5 - 3.5 hours.

***Hike a mix of lush single track and forest service roads***

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt and pine covered, forest service road, some wet/muddy areas.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent.</p> <p>This area is wet nearly year-round. You might get your shoes wet/muddy.</p> <p><u>IMPORTANT:</u> Hikers must yield to horseback riders. Step off the trail and stop!</p>
<b>Parking</b>	<p>Beginning of Hike: Yellow Jacket Rd., Huger, SC 29450.</p> <p>GPS: 33.162100, -79.753267 33°09'43.6"N, 79°45'11.8"W</p> <p>End of Hike: Hell Hole Rd., Huger, SC 29450</p> <p>GPS: 33.186617, -79.753133 33°11'11.8"N, 79°45'11.3"W</p>

**Map – Cooks Creek Valley**



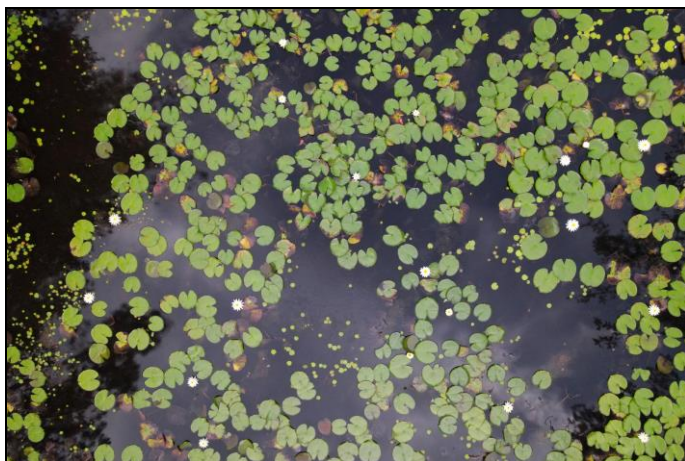
This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>The trailhead for this hike is located 1.4 miles northeast of HWY 41 down the forest service road “Yellow Jacket Rd” (also known as FR 159). There is parking at the trailhead on the left side of the road. The hike begins on the obvious trail (it’s an old roadbed) on the left/north side of the road.</p> <p>Begin your hike by walking along the old, wide roadbed. The trail continues like this for 0.3 mile and then narrows to singletrack. Look for the blue blazes on trees.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>At 1.7 miles, there is a small, beautiful pond to the left. This pond is filled with blooming water lilies in late spring and summer!</p> <p>A couple hundred feet after the pond, you’ll come to Forest Rd. 165. Turn left.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>Within 0.1 mile after turning on FR 165, you’ll enter the Cooks Creek Valley. Look on both sides of the road. This is a lush, beautiful valley and exploration is encouraged.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>After hiking a total of 0.6 mile on FR 165, the trail continues into the woods straight ahead on narrow singletrack.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p>After another 0.8 mile on the narrow singletrack, arrive at Hell Hole Rd (also known as FR 158). This is the end of your hike.</p> <p><u>CAMPING OPTION:</u> Turn left on Hell Hole Rd. and walk 0.9 mile further down the forest service road. The campsite is on the left.</p> <p><b>Return the same way you came.</b></p>

## ***Cooks Creek Valley***



*Half-a-mile of the trail is on a beautiful forest service road.*

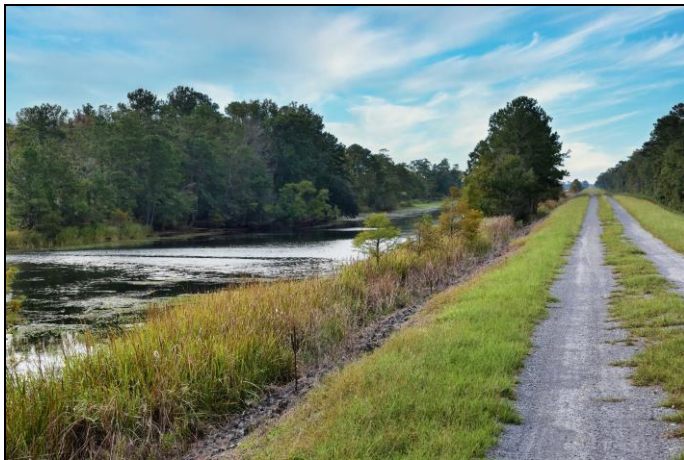


*Beautiful water lilies in summer at the pond before arriving at FR 165.*

# The Hatchery Flats



Date Walked / Hiked: \_\_\_\_\_ # 24



*You'll parallel a scenic waterway created by two long water impoundments.*

## Summary

Hike atop a flat and easy, well-maintained water impoundment with gorgeous views of west Lake Moultrie. This adventure has miles of blooming aquatic plants in the warmer months, a guarantee to see large birds (egrets, herons, osprey and bald eagles are common sights!), and impressive panoramic views of the lake. On this trek, you'll parallel a quiet, narrow scenic waterway that acts as a buffer to the larger Hatchery Waterfowl Area.

## Difficulty

Easy.

## Distance

5 miles, round-trip, out-and-back hike.

## Time

1.5 - 2 hours.

***Walk atop a peaceful Lake Moultrie water impoundment***

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Service road; small gravel, dirt.
<b>Crowds</b>	Almost none. You're not likely to see many others.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent.
<b>Parking</b>	Hatchery Waterfowl Management Area, State Road S-8-802, Pinopolis, SC 29469.

GPS: 33.267806, -80.105472  
33°16'04.1"N, 80°06'19.7"W



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on the next page.



<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	Park at the Hatchery Waterfowl Management area large parking lot.
<b>2</b>	Walk 330 ft. back towards HWY-6 (on the road you just came in on) to the top of the small hill and you'll see a dirt road on either side of the asphalt road. There are gates on both sides. Turn left/south, walk around the gate and begin your trek.
<b>3</b>	Walk nearly 2.5 miles until you reach a long water impoundment extending far out into Lake Moultrie. You can continue walking or turn around and head back where you parked.



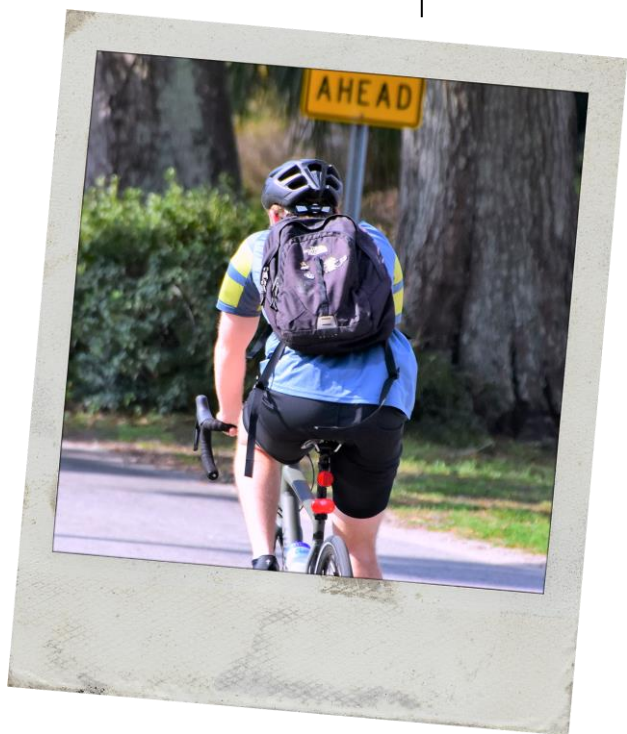
*Go around the gate to begin your easy walk.*



*Overlooking the Hatchery beach area 0.2 mile northwest.*

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## Berkeley Bikeways



### Easy Bike Rides

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Jericho Horse Trail	19 miles	Cordesville	364
Big Gravel Ride	25 miles	Cordesville	377
Marrington Plantation	17 miles	Goose Creek	381

# Tour de Daniel Island



Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_ # 1



*This is a favorite among family cyclists.*

**Summary** Officially in Berkeley County, but part of the City of Charleston, the planned community of Daniel Island is surrounded by rivers, creeks and stunning marsh views. This bicycle tour will take you along the Daniel Island Trail, paralleling the Wondo River, visit several parks, a treehouse, and along neighborhood streets with wide bike lanes. This is an easy, relaxing ride for the entire family and packs a lot in its short distance.

**Difficulty** Easy and family friendly!

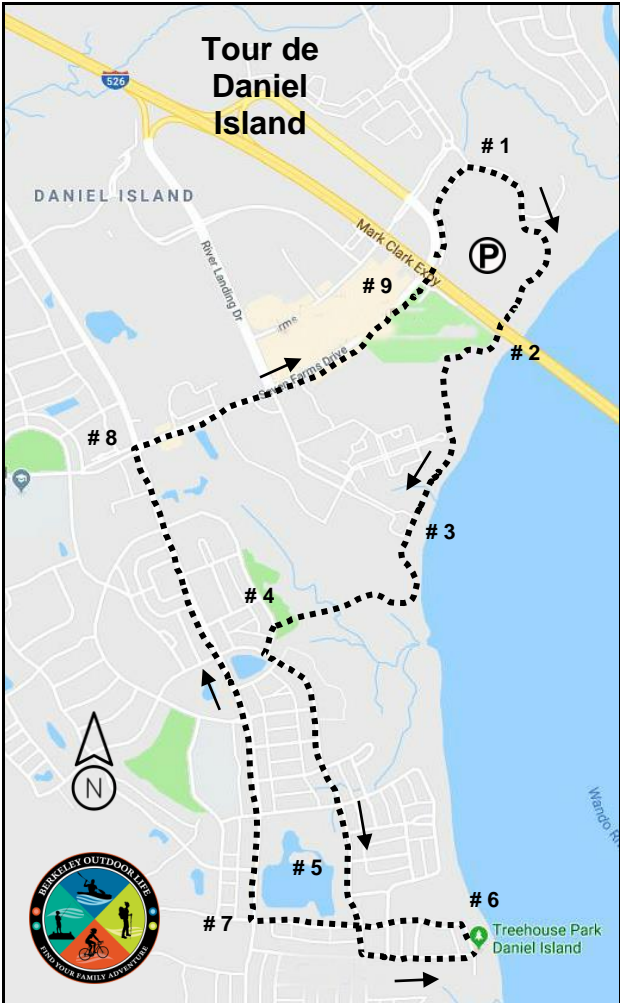
**Distance** 5.0 mile fun route, but exploration is encouraged.

**Time** Allow a couple hours to enjoy everything this ride has to offer.

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***Bike the area's most family-friendly island town!***

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Mostly asphalt trail and roads, with a mix of hard pack dirt/gravel trail.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Any bike type will work. Because of pedestrian and other bicycle traffic, a bicycle bell is highly recommended.
<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate to heavy. This is a popular place.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Any bike type will work. Because of pedestrian and other bicycle traffic, a bicycle bell is highly recommended.
<b>Precautions:</b>	There is vehicle traffic, however, it is slow moving, and the locals are used to seeing a lot of cyclists and families out and about.
<b>Parking</b>	Governor's Park, 165 Fairbanks Oak Alley, Daniel Island, SC 29492. There is also parking for Governor's Park off Seven Farms Drive. GPS: 32.865118, -79.898890 32°51'54.4"N, 79°53'56.0"W



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 9 on next page.



<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	From the Governors Park parking area off Seven Farms Drive, begin by north biking on the asphalt path. This path will take you around the large field in front of the parking area, and after 0.3 mile, you'll begin the Daniel Island Trail (this will also be referred to as the "River Walk Loop).
<b>2</b>	Continuing the trail, you'll soon parallel the Wondo River and at 0.6 mile, bike under the massive I-526 bridge. At 0.7 mile, you'll pass by a series of tennis courts on the right.
<b>3</b>	At 1.3 miles, pass area with swings, tables, children play area, long piers out over the Wondo River on the left.
<b>4</b>	Come to the end of the Daniel Island Trail at Barfield Street at 1.7 miles. Turn right, bike 300-ft., and turn left on Pierce Street.
<b>5</b>	Bike on Pierce Street for another 0.5 mile. Smythe Park is on the right. This is a large park, with a good size pond, paths that navigate the park and worth exploring.
<b>6</b>	At 2.6 miles, turn left on Wando Landing Street, bike 1,000-ft. and the unique Treehouse Park is at the end of the street. This is a favorite among kids (and adults)!
<b>7</b>	After your treehouse adventure, bike north on Smythe Street (which curves around to the left) for 0.5 mile, and turn right on Daniel Island Drive. You'll pass by Smythe Park.
<b>8</b>	Bike on Daniel Island Drive for 1.0 mile. There are nice, wide bike lanes on this road. Turn right on Seven Farms Drive.
<b>9</b>	Bike another 0.75 mile on Seven Farms Drive to return where you began your ride.



*Having fun near Smythe Park on Daniel Island.*



*This is easy going cycling at its best!*



## Cane Bay Community

# 2

Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Getting some exercise on the wide, safe trails at Cane Bay.*

### Summary

With more miles of multi-use paths than any other community in Berkeley County, take an easy bike stroll through 12+ miles of trails that wind through wooded areas, around ponds, through tunnels, and parallel quiet, beautiful neighborhoods. Cane Bay is a great place for the entire family to get some exercise on safe, wide paths. Tip: park at The Market at Cane Bay for shopping or to grab a bite to eat after your adventure.

### Difficulty

Easy.

### Distance

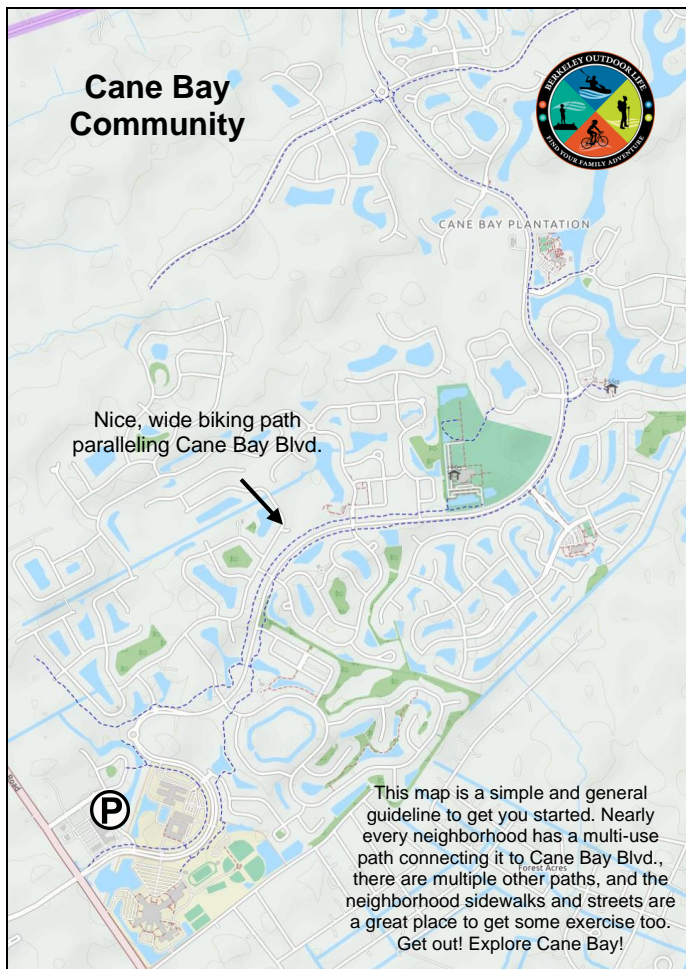
12+ miles of family multi-use paths (more than 25 miles of paths planned!).

### Time

Spend as little, or as much time as you'd like.

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Smooth, wide concrete and asphalt path.
<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate. This is a growing area with many families spending time outdoors.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Any bike type will work. Because of pedestrian and other bicycle traffic, a bicycle bell is highly recommended.
<b>Precautions</b>	Many of the residents use golf carts on the multi-use paths. Some of the path paralleling Cane Bay Blvd. has little reprieve from the sun. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended.
<b>Parking</b>	<u>MANY OPTIONS</u> - At the entrance to many of the neighborhoods along Cane Bay Blvd., there are pull-off areas for parking. A great place to park and start is at <u>The Market at Cane Bay</u> - 1730 State Road, Summerville, SC 29486. On the weekends or during the summer, park at Cane Bay Elementary School or Cane Bay Middle School.

GPS: 33.105580, -80.126320  
33°06'20.1"N, 80°07'34.8"W





*There are tunnels under Cane Bay Blvd. for safe family fun.*



*The multi-use paths wind around many ponds and scenic areas.*



## Nexton Community

# 3

Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_



*One of the greenspace asphalt biking paths at Nexton.*

### Summary

Take a short stroll or a long ride in Berkeley County's newest large, planned community. Nexton has more than 10 miles of asphalt, concrete, gravel and natural surface multi-use paths that are designed with families in mind. The options for cycling are endless! You can traverse landscaped greenspaces, enjoy miles of easy paths paralleling the Nexton Parkway, or just take a stroll through a quiet neighborhood. Pump up those bike tires, pack a picnic and head to Nexton for some quality family exercise!

### Difficulty

Easy.

### Distance

More than 10 miles of family multi-use paths (with many more miles of paths planned!).

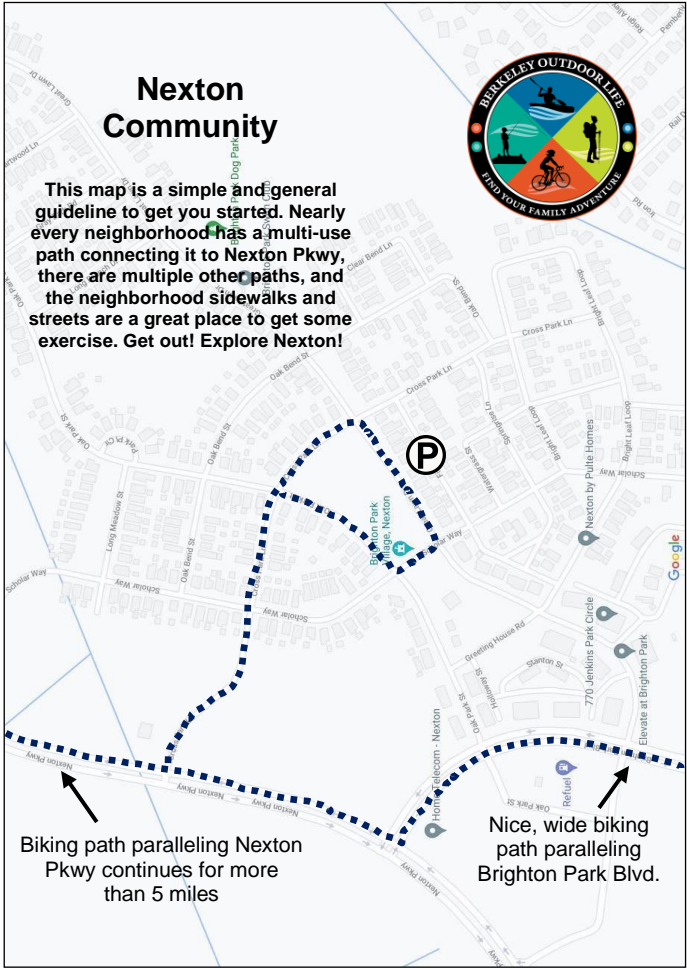
<b>Time</b>	Spend as little, or as much time as you'd like.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Variety of surfaces; concrete, asphalt, gravel, natural surface.
<b>Crowds</b>	Moderate. This is a growing community with lots of folks spending time outdoors.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Any bike type will work. Because of pedestrian and other bicycle traffic, a bicycle bell is highly recommended.
<b>Precautions</b>	On many of the paths, there is little reprieve from the sun. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended.
<b>Parking</b>	<u>MANY OPTIONS</u> - You can park along most of the community streets. A great place to park and start is Brighton Park Village, Scholar Way, Summerville, SC 29493. There is ample parking around the "Great Lawn" and pond area.

GPS: 33.058354, -80.148873  
33°03'30.1"N, 80°08'55.9"W



## Nexton Community

This map is a simple and general guideline to get you started. Nearly every neighborhood has a multi-use path connecting it to Nexton Pkwy, there are multiple other paths, and the neighborhood sidewalks and streets are a great place to get some exercise. Get out! Explore Nexton!

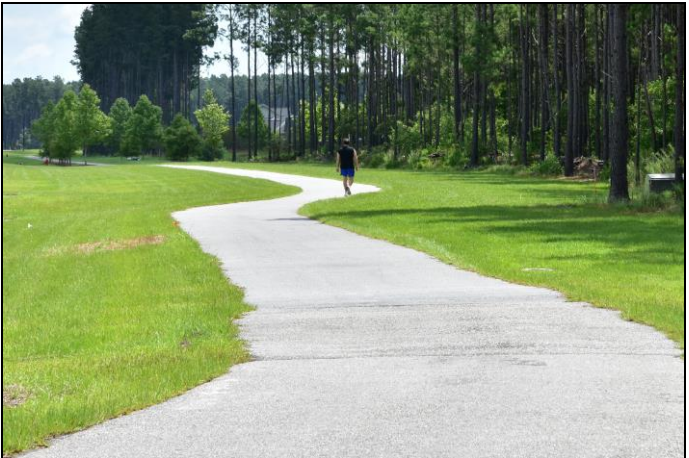


Biking path paralleling Nexton Pkwy continues for more than 5 miles

Nice, wide biking path paralleling Brighton Park Blvd.



*Path going through landscaped greenspace at Brighton Park Village.*



*Wide, safe multi-use path paralleling Nexton Parkway. .*



## Camp Hall

# 4

Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Gravel cycling on one of the miles of forest access roads at Camp Hall.*

### Summary

Camp Hall is a next generation commerce park that not only is designed for modern industry, but also includes nearly 2,000 acres of preserved habitats. The family adventurer will find miles of mixed surface trails and routes that can be used for trail/"mountain" biking, gravel rides, wildlife viewing and forest exploring. This is one of the best places in the Low Country that you can pick an adventure and keep going back to experience something new and exciting with each visit. Grab a knobby-tired bike, pack a lunch and camera, and head to Camp Hall.

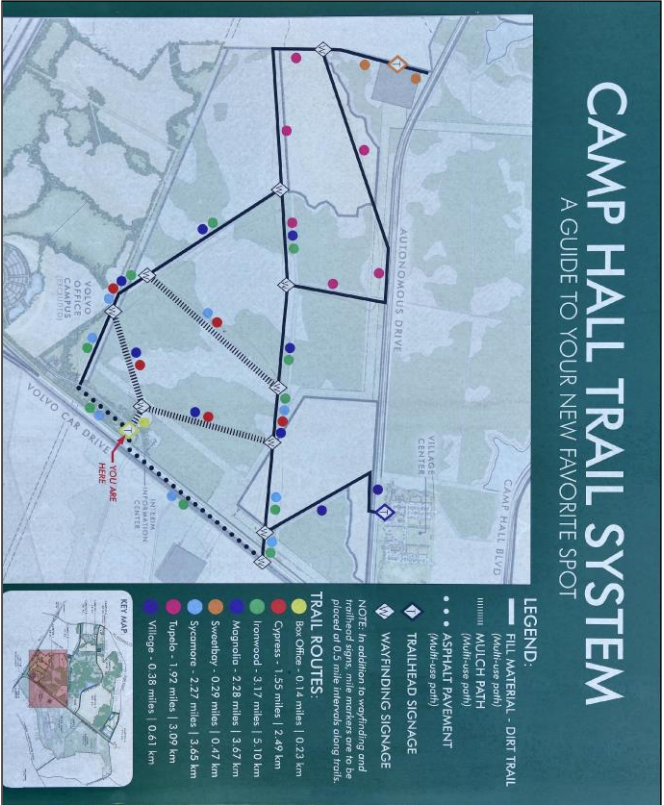
### Difficulty

Easy.

### Distance

12+ miles of trail routes.

<b>Time</b>	Plan at least 2 - 3 hours each time you visit this exciting place.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Mixed surface; forest-service road type roads, gravel, dirt, mulch, forest double-track.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light. You'll see others on the weekends.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Trail or mountain style bikes with tires over 2.0" is best for the trails that go through the forested sections. The dirt service roads can be ridden by "gravel" or hybrid style bikes with tires over 35c.
<b>Precautions</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent. You're likely to see a good bit of wildlife; try not to disturb it!
<b>Parking</b>	114 Three Point Drive, Ridgeville, SC 29472. There's great trailhead signage with a map on the north side of the parking lot.  GPS: 33.132486, -80.267084 33°07'57.0"N, 80°16'01.5"W





*Hiker crossing a bridge on the Sycamore/Cypress route.*



*It's easy to find your way at Camp Hall; bright, colorful trail signage.*



## Pineville-St. Stephen 25

# 5

Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Bikes & History! At historic Pineville Chapel, circa 1810.*

### Summary

Visit no less than three historical landmarks on this road cycling ride. You'll ride through the communities of Pineville and St. Stephen, visit the burial site of the Low Country's most prominent Revolutionary War hero, swing by an early 19<sup>th</sup> century chapel, and stop at an 18<sup>th</sup> century church that is still in use today! This ride features a wide shoulder/bike lane and offers beautiful views of the Berkeley County countryside. Bring your camera and sense of adventure for the best "Bikes & History" ride in the state!

### Difficulty

Moderate.

### Distance

25 miles, round-trip.

### Time

Plan 2 - 3 hours for the ride and exploring.

<b>Surface</b>	Paved.
<b>Trail Marker</b>	None. Most of this ride is on HWY-45.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Road or hybrid style bike.
<b>Crowds</b>	Vehicle traffic. The traffic is significantly lighter on the weekends. This is a great ride for a Saturday or Sunday morning.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Road or hybrid style bike.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Traffic on HWY-45, however, there is a nice shoulder/bike lane. Wear bright clothing, a reflective triangle and/or a rear flashing light.
<b>Parking</b>	Park and begin your ride at the Francis Marion Burial Site, Frances Marion Avenue, Pineville, SC 29468.

GPS: 33.453854, -80.086470  
33°27'13.9"N, 80°05'11.3"W





<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>Park at the end of Frances Marion Avenue near the burial site. This is a good time to visit Francis Marion's grave and the rest of this incredible historical point of interest.</p> <p>Begin by riding back down Frances Marion Avenue towards HWY-45. At 1.0 mile, turn left on HWY-45.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Pass by a decommissioned fire tower on the left at 2.3 miles. This is directly across from the access road to the Sandy Beach Waterfowl Management Area.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>At 4.6 miles, arrive in the Pineville area. <b>Turn right</b> at Matilda Circle. After 350 ft., the beautiful, historic Pineville Chapel will be on your left. This quaint house of worship dates to 1810.</p> <p>After visiting the chapel, return to HWY-45 and turn right on the HWY.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>Pass over the Rediversion Canal at 8.8 miles.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p>At approximately 10 miles, you'll enter the St. Stephen area. At 10.9 miles, there is a large municipal complex (used to be a school) that houses a Berkeley County Library branch. This complex has covered picnic tables with seating for a break or lunch.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p>Pass over HWY-52 at 11.1 miles. Continue straight on HWY-45, which is now also called Church Rd.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p>At 11.4 miles, cross over railroad tracks. Immediately after the railroad tracks is the old St. Stephen "Main Street." These buildings are mostly abandoned, but interesting to ride by.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p>Back on HWY-45/Church Rd., at arrive at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 11.8 miles. This fascinating church dates to the 1760s, has impressive historic architecture, and a cemetery worth exploring!</p> <p>After your exploring, <b>return the same way you came.</b></p>



*Tomb of Revolutionary War hero Francis Marion.*



*You'll visit St. Stephen Episcopal Church that dates to the 1760s.*

## Volvo Camp Hall 12



Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_

# 6



*At the entrance to Volvo at Volvo Car Drive, part of this cycling route.*

### Summary

Looking for a safe road bike loop? Look no further than the Volvo Camp Hall 12 mile route. Ride it once for an easy, quick workout, or do multiple loops to extend your mileage. This route rides through a new commerce park area with wide lanes and shoulders, and does not normally have heavy traffic. You'll pass by several preserved habitats, and there's even a multi-use path that you can ride. If you're feeling adventurous, and have wider tires, try one of the dirt tributary roads along Volvo Car Drive.

### Difficulty

Easy.

### Distance

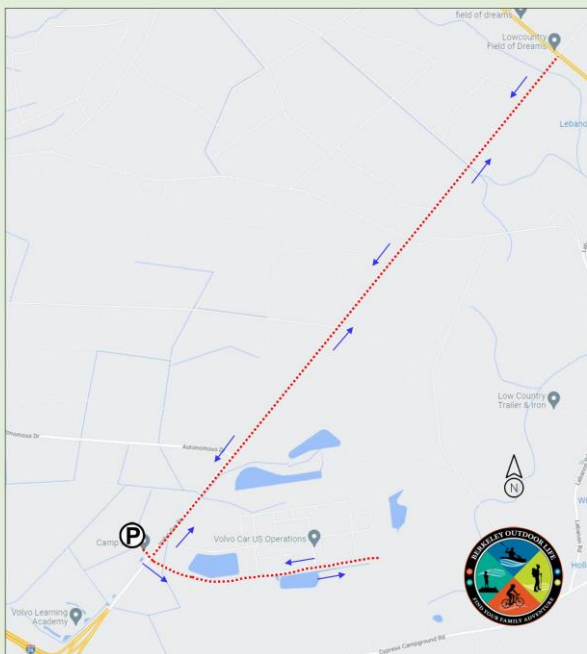
12 mile route, loop.

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***An easy, safe, fast 12 mile road route!***

<b>Time</b>	45 - 60 minutes.
<b>Surface</b>	Paved.
<b>Crowds</b>	Vehicle traffic only. Traffic is significantly lighter on weekends. This is a great ride for a Saturday or Sunday morning.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Road or hybrid style bike.
<b>Precautions</b>	Wear bright clothing, a reflective triangle and/or a rear flashing light. There is no reprieve from the sun; sunscreen or a wide brim hat is recommended.
<b>Parking</b>	Camp Hall Information Center, 114 Three Point Drive, Ridgeville, SC 29472  GPS: 33.132486, -80.267084 33°07'57.0"N, 80°16'01.5"W
<b>Contacts:</b>	Camphall.com. 843-761-4070

### Volvo Camp Hall 12 Road Bike Ride





*Corner of Volvo Car Drive and Fish Road.*

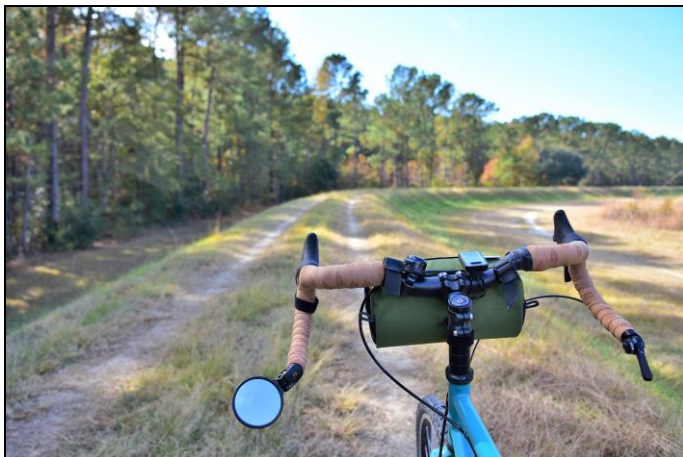


*Checking out the multi-use path paralleling Volvo Car Drive.*

# Lake Moultrie Passage



Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_ # 7



*On the water impoundment near Sandy Beach WMA.*

**Summary** This passage of the Palmetto Trail follows the scenic and popular Lake Moultrie, one of the state's largest bodies of water. Lots of variety is guaranteed to keep things interesting: bottomland/swamp habitats, water impoundments, forest-service roads, hardwood and pine forests, and wildlife including herons, egrets, ibis, bald eagles, fox squirrels and alligators. This is a fantastic passage for *bikepackers* because it offers some of the best sunrises and sunsets in the Low Country.

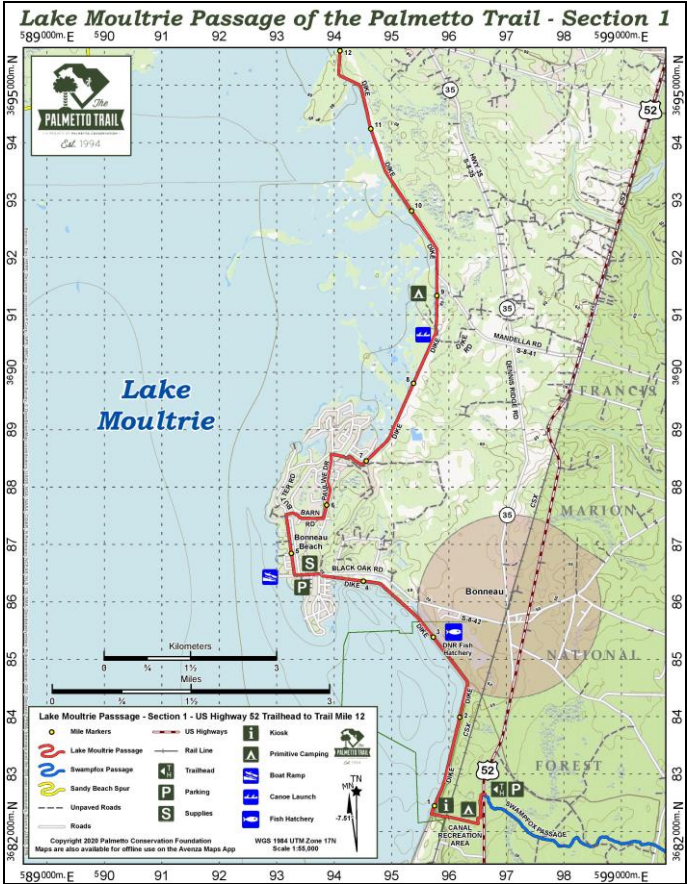
**Difficulty** Strenuous, if biking entire distance.

**Distance** 27 miles, total passage length.

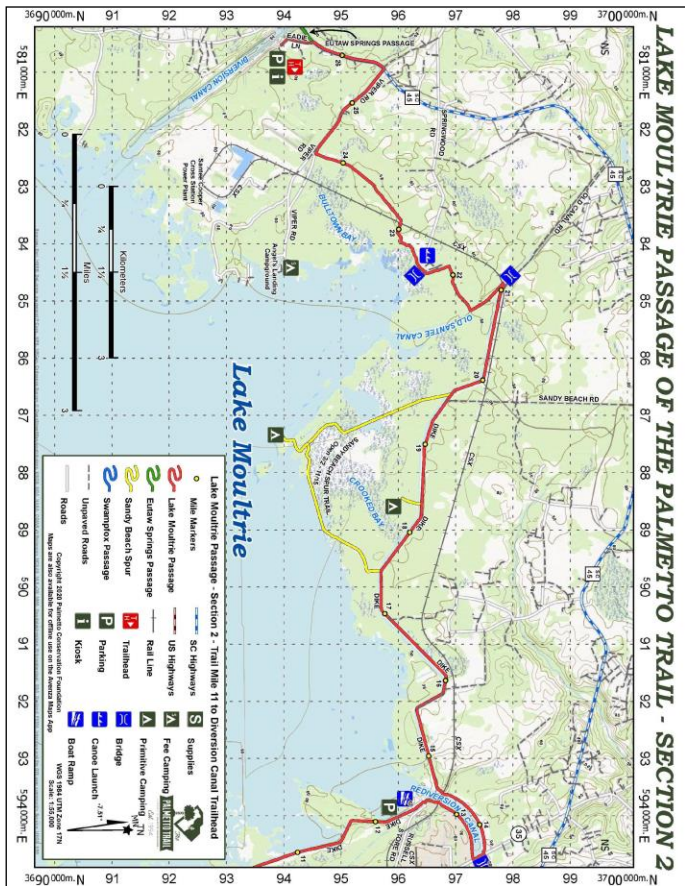
**Time** 5 - 8 hours.



<b>Trail Surface</b>	Sand, pine covered, raised boardwalks, planks, bridges and bottomland/wet sections.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Bike Type</b>	From the northern trailhead to the top of the canal, a mountain/trail bike with minimum 2.0" knobby tires. For the rest of the passage, nearly any bike type will work with tires over 28c.
<b>Precautions</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent. Many miles of this passage traverse the long water impoundments of Lake Moultrie. There is little reprieve from the sun. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended.
<b>Eadie Lane Trailhead</b>	Eadie Lane, Cross, SC 29436 <u>GPS</u> : 33.381806, -80.134250 33°22'54.5"N, 80°08'03.3"W
<b>HWY-52 Trailhead</b>	N. US HWY-52, Bonneau, SC 29431 <u>GPS</u> : 33.278472, -79.962444 33°16'42.5"N, 79°57'44.8"W
<b>Contacts</b>	SC Dept. Natural Resources, Bonneau, SC Office 843-825-3387. Santee Cooper 843-761-4068. Palmetto Trail 843-359-8775 or 803-771-0590.



## Map 2 – Lake Moultrie Passage





*Great Blue Heron taking flight along Lake Moultrie.*



*Parts of the trail consist of wide, service roads. .*



## Top of the Canal Ride

# 8

Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_



*The Old Santee Canal. This is your cycling destination.*

### Summary

Bike to one of the earliest built canals in the United States. The Santee Canal dates to the 1790s, and it helped connect Columbia to the coast. This delightful bike ride takes you through a variety of habitats and trail types. You'll ride on wide forest service roads, visit bottomland floodplains, and cross many interesting, raised boardwalks and bridges. You are even likely to see great blue herons, egrets and deer if you're quiet. This is part of the Palmetto Trail's Lake Moultrie Passage.

### Difficulty

Moderate (only due to distance).

### Distance

7.1 miles, round-trip, out-and-back hike.

### Time

2 hours.

### Trail Surface

Dirt, gravel, forest service roads, raised boardwalks and bridges.

**Trail Marker**      Yellow blazes on trees, and good signage on the trail.

**Crowds**            Very light. You are almost guaranteed to be alone. You may see others on the weekend.

**Fees/Permits**      None.

**Precautions:**      Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. You may have to walk through shin-to-knee deep grass - ticks abound! Bring insect repellent.

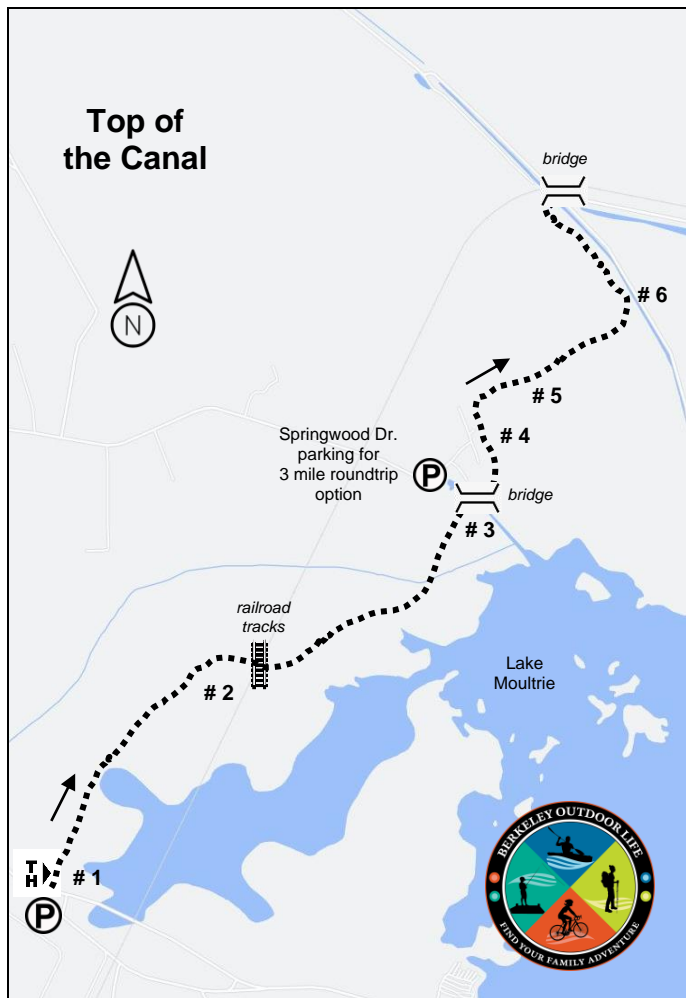


VERY IMPORTANT: If there is a train at the crossing, walk around it on the gravel. Never attempt to pass through in between the train cars. The train can start moving at any time without warning.

**Parking**            7.1 Mile Option - park off Viper Rd., Pineville, SC.  
GPS: 33.387071, -80.113609  
33°23'13.5"N, 80°06'49.0"W

3.0 Mile Option - park at end of Springwood Dr., Pineville, SC, at private boat launch.  
\$5.00 parking fee (as of January 2025).  
GPS: 33.403931, -80.093653  
33°24'14.2"N, 80°05'37.2"W

## Map – Top of the Canal Ride



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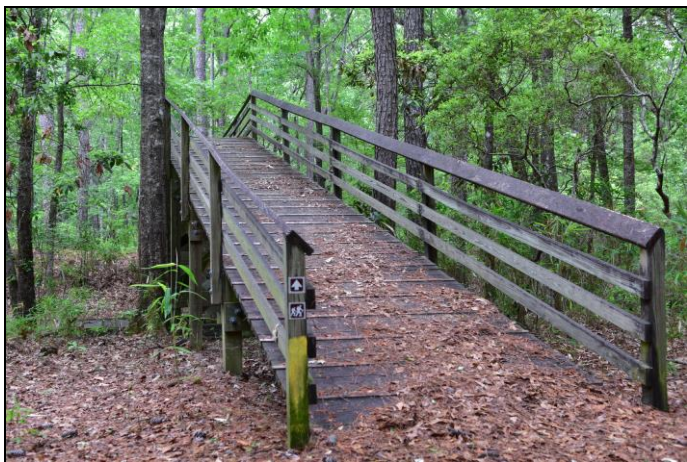
<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	Park in the grass/dirt off to the side of Viper Rd. near the trailhead. The trail is marked with Palmetto Trail signage. Begin your hike by walking north on the wide dirt forest service road.
<b>2</b>	At 1.25 miles, arrive at railroad tracks. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> these tracks frequently have coal train cars for the Cross Generating Power Station. If train cars are present, walk around the track in the gravel beside the tracks.  After crossing tracks, the trail reenters the woods and after 150-ft. bears left. The trail narrows to tight “singletrack” and enters bottomland floodplain over the 0.75 mile. You’ll cross several raised boardwalks.
<b>3</b>	Arrive at large, steep bridge over N. Lake Moultrie “wayditch” at nearly 2 miles.  **This is close to the start of the shorter 3 mile roundtrip option. If choosing this option, from the parking area at the Springwood Dr. boat launch, walk southwest to the edge of the grass and begin a path into the woods. After 200 ft., this path joins the trail at the large, steep bridge.
<b>4</b>	For the next 2,000 ft., the trail parallels the RV/campground that’s on the left.
<b>5</b>	At 2.5 miles, trail opens to wide, grassy forest service road that is mowed.
<b>6</b>	Turn hard left at nearly 3.0 miles, continuing wide, grassy forest service road. After another 0.5 mile, arrive at railroad tracks and bridge over the historic Santee Canal.  <b>Return the same way you came.</b>



## Top of the Canal Ride



*Trail is blazed yellow. You'll cross many raised boardwalks on this trail.*



*Large, interesting bridge over the N. Lake Moultrie "wayditch."*

## Ultimate Gravel 20



Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_ # 9



*Aerial view of the Rediversion Canal that you'll ride.*

**Summary** Bike Lake Moultrie's scenic Rediversion Canal, atop water impoundments and on a charming forest service road for the ultimate gravel/dirt 20-miler. You're likely to see osprey, egrets, herons and the occasional alligator. The panoramic vistas alone are worth the effort! The non-paved route is appropriate for nearly any bike type and cyclist. In the warmer months, you can even visit the Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area. Pack a sense of adventure and ride the Low Country's ultimate 20 mile gravel route.

**Difficulty** Moderate, only due to distance.

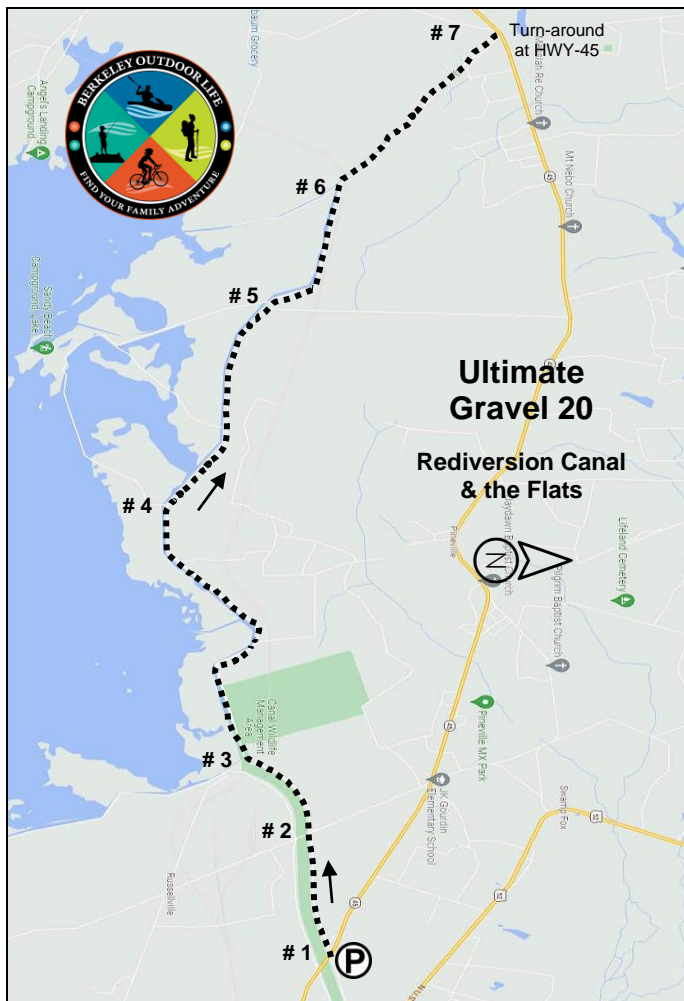
**Distance** 20.6 miles, round-trip.

**Time** Plan 3 hours for the ride and looking around.

## *20 Miles of Gravel & Dirt! Enough said!*

<b>Surface</b>	Gravel and dirt.
<b>Trail Marker</b>	Part of this route is shared with the Palmetto Trail's Lake Moultrie Passage.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Nearly any bike type will work; road bikes (with tires over 28c), hybrid, trail/mountain bikes, "gravel" style bikes and even kids' bikes.
<b>Crowds</b>	You're likely not to see anyone else on this side of the lake.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	There is no protection from the sun. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended. Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent.
<b>Parking</b>	The Rediversion Canal access on the west (Pineville) side of HWY-45, Berkeley County. Use GPS coordinates to find.

GPS: 33.414762, -79.962389  
33°24'53.1"N, 79°57'44.6"W



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 7 on next page.

Route Directions	
1	<p>From the Rediversion Canal / Canal WMA / Dove Hunt parking area, go through the gate and begin your ride on the gravel/dirt service road. Once you reach the road, <b>turn right</b>, heading west.</p> <p>This road is easy, flat and enjoyable with fantastic views of the Rediversion Canal.</p>
2	Pass under HWY-35 at 1.1 miles.
3	<p>Pass under train trestle at 2.0 miles.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> After another 500-ft. you'll begin paralleling the water impoundment ("dike") for Lake Moultrie. For the next 6 miles, you'll have the choice to either ride on the lower dirt road that you've been on so far, or ride on the higher water impoundment road. We recommend you ride on the higher road. You'll see more lake vistas and wildlife from this higher vantage point.</p>
4	At nearly 5 miles, come to one of the entrances (on the left) to the Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area. You'll pass two more entrances in the next 2 miles. This is a great area to explore. The area is CLOSED from November 1 <sup>st</sup> through February 8 <sup>th</sup> .
5	<p>Come to a set of railroad tracks and bridge at 8.5 miles. This bridge crosses the top of the original Santee Canal, which dates to 1790s and is one of the earliest canals built in the U.S.</p> <p>After exploring the canal, continue straight on the gravel/dirt road for another 700-ft, go around the metal gate and continue what is now "Old Canal Road."</p>
6	At 9.0 miles, the road curves to the left and merges with another road. After the curve, <b>bear right</b> , continuing west.
7	At 10.3 miles, reach the end of the dirt road at HWY-45. <b>Return the same way you came.</b>



*Cycling the beautiful canopied Old Canal Road towards HWY-45.*



*On the water impoundment near the Sandy Beach WMA.*



## Russellville Flats

# 10

Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Aerial view of the Lake Moultrie dike you'll ride.*

### Summary

Ride atop a flat and fast, well-maintained water impoundment with gorgeous views of east Lake Moultrie. This adventure has miles of blooming aquatic plants in the warmer months, a guarantee to see large birds (egrets, herons, osprey and bald eagle are common sights!), and impressive panoramic views of the lake. Bonus: at the end / turn-around point, there are rare restrooms and shaded areas with picnic tables! This is 4 miles of the Palmetto Trail's Lake Moultrie Passage.

### Difficulty

Moderate, but only due to distance.

### Distance

8.4 miles, round-trip, out-and-back ride.

### Time

1 hour.

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Service road; small gravel, dirt.
<b>Trail Marker</b>	Signs on vertical posts for the Palmetto Trail. This route is very easy to follow.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Nearly any bike type will work; road bikes (with tires over 28c), hybrid, trail/mountain bikes, “gravel” style bikes and even kids’ bikes.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. There is no protection from the sun on the dike. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended.
<b>Parking</b>	Beginning of Ride: Dike Rd., Bonneau, SC 29431.  GPS: 33.353176, -79.971053 33°21’11.4”N, 79°58’15.8”W  End of Ride: Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp, Russel Store Rd., St. Stephen, SC 29479  GPS: 33.401999, -79.992471 33°24’07.2”N, 79°59’32.9”W





This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 4 on the next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>From the Dike Rd. Boat Ramp &amp; Campground, ride back on road you drove in on approximately 600 ft. to the raised straight road running north-south. This is the dike. There are gates on both sides.</p> <p>Begin your bike ride by turning <b>LEFT</b> on the dike, going around the gate, and riding the long, flat and straight dirt/small gravel “road.”</p> <p>Almost immediately, you’ll begin paralleling the water to your left. This is sometimes called a “way ditch.” This area is beautiful with thousands of blooming water lilies in spring and summer, and many large wading birds.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>At 0.9 mile, the road curves to the left (in a general northwest direction) and continues in this direction for the remainder of the bike ride. The impressive views of the way ditch continue.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>At 3.6 miles, the view to the left opens to a panoramic vista of the way ditch and lake. Stop here, take a few photos and enjoy the scenery!</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>Come to a gate and Russel Store Rd. at 4.1 miles. Walk your bike around the gate, turn left on the road and continue another 300 ft. until you reach the Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp parking area. This is the end of the ride. Across the large parking lot are restrooms, covered picnic tables, and there are more picnic tables on the beach/swimming area to the left.</p> <p><b>Return the same way you came.</b></p>



*This route shares part of the Lake Moultrie Passage of the Palmetto Trail.*



*Panoramic views of the lake at the end of the ride.*

# Swamp Fox Passage



Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_ # 11



*There are many wetlands on the Swamp Fox Passage.*

## Summary

Bike the longest section of the cross-state Palmetto Trail. This passage begins at HWY-52 in Bonneau and ends at HWY-17 near Awendaw. Nearly 40 miles of the Swamp Fox Passage is in Berkeley County! You'll pass through a variety of ecosystems in the Francis Marion National Forest, including bottomland/swamp habitats, long-leaf pine forests, and tall grass savannas. If you're quiet in the morning, you're almost guaranteed to see white tailed deer. Barred owls can be heard throughout the forest year-round.

## Difficulty

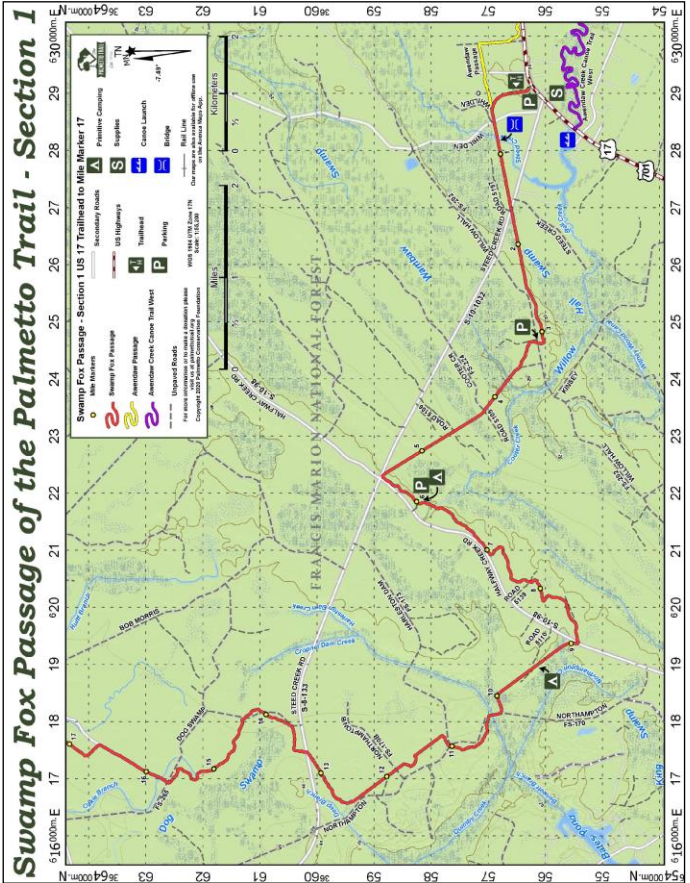
Easy, if section-biked. Strenuous if biking entire distance.

## Distance

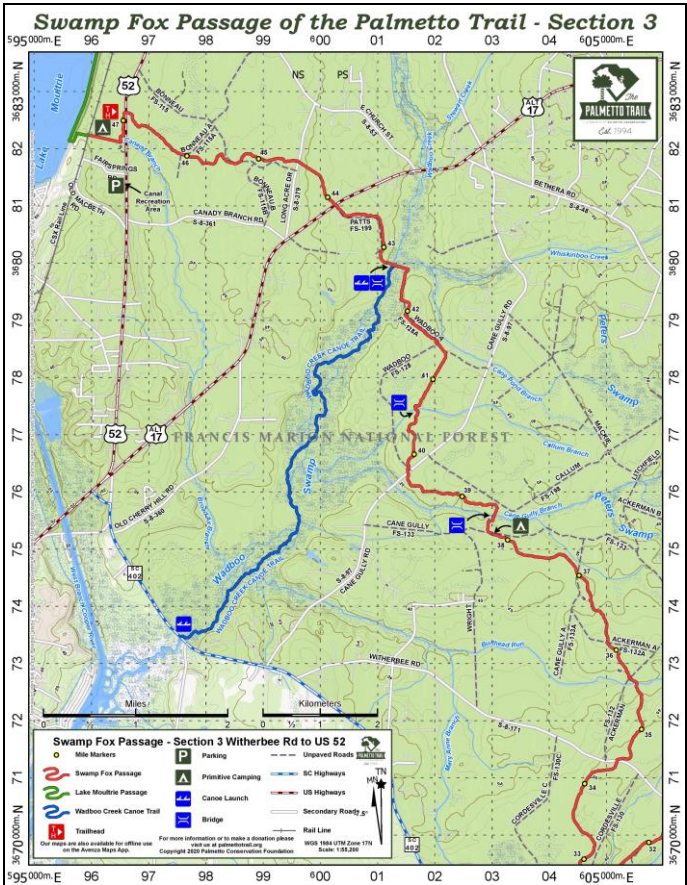
48 miles, total passage length.

***Bike the longest section of the cross-state Palmetto Trail***

<b>Time</b>	20 - 30 hours of riding for the entire passage.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt, pine covered, raised boardwalks, planks, bridges and bottomland/wet sections.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light during the week; you'll see others on the weekend.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Mountain/trail bikes with minimum 2.0" knobby tires.
<b>Precautions</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent.
<b>HWY-52 Trailhead</b>	N. US HWY-52, Bonneau, SC 29431 <u>GPS</u> : 33.278472, -79.962444 33°16'42.5"N, 79°57'44.8"W
<b>HWY-17 Trailhead</b>	7476 US-17, McClellanville, SC 29458 <u>GPS</u> : 33.037361, -79.617472 33°02'14.5"N, 79°37'02.9"W
<b>Contacts</b>	Francis Marion National Forest 843-336-2200. Palmetto Trail 843-359-8775 or 803-771-0590.





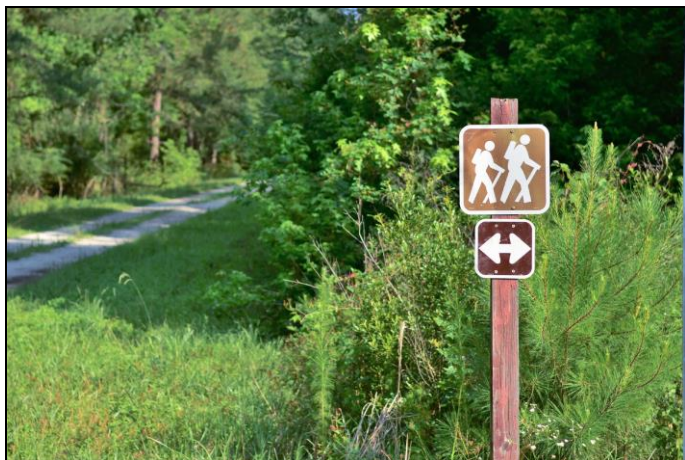




## Swamp Fox Passage



*Bike camping at the Cane Gully campsite in late Fall.*



*Trail signage is abundant and easy to follow in this passage.*

# Kids Gravel 6K Ride!



Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_ # 12



*Kid and parent bikes on Burned Cane Road. This is gravel riding at its best!*

## Summary

Ride the state's first (**and only!**) gravel and dirt bike route designed with kids and families in mind. You'll pass through a variety of Frances Marion National Forest habitats, including long leaf pine forests and tall grass savannas, cross over creeks, and see beautiful small swamps with always fun cypress knees! Take your time to look around; parents and kids will find this easy adventure intriguing and fun!

## Difficulty

Easy and family friendly.

## Distance

4 miles, roundtrip.

## Time

Plan about an hour to enjoy this fun ride!

## Trail Surface

Dirt, gravel, forest service roads.

***Bike the state's only kid's gravel route!***

**Crowds** None. You likely won't see anyone else or even a single vehicle

**Fees/Permits** None.

**Bike Type** Any kids bike will work. "Gravel," hybrid or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 40c.

**Precautions:** Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. **IMPORTANT:** Bikers must yield to horseback riders. Step off the trail and stop!

**Where to Park:** Park on the wide shoulder near the intersection of Conifer Rd. and Burned Cane Rd. A., Huger, SC 29450. It's probably best to use the GPS coordinates.

GPS: 33.129084, -79.756708  
33°07'44.7"N, 79°45'24.2"W





*This route passes by cypress trees and their fun “knees.”*



*On Conifer Rd. between 167A and 167B, near the end of the ride.*

# The Triple "G"



Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_ # 13



*Otherworldly swamps await on this incredible bike ride!*

## Summary

Bike the finest gravel route in South Carolina! This is a bold statement, but we're sure you'll agree after this adventure. This trail takes the rider on pristine gravel forest roads lined with giant ferns, visits a Santee River oxbow lake, and has the option to explore otherworldly swamps. And we're just getting started! This exciting trip is located entirely in the Francis Marion National Forest and is appropriate for all biker skill levels.

## Difficulty

Easy.

## Distance

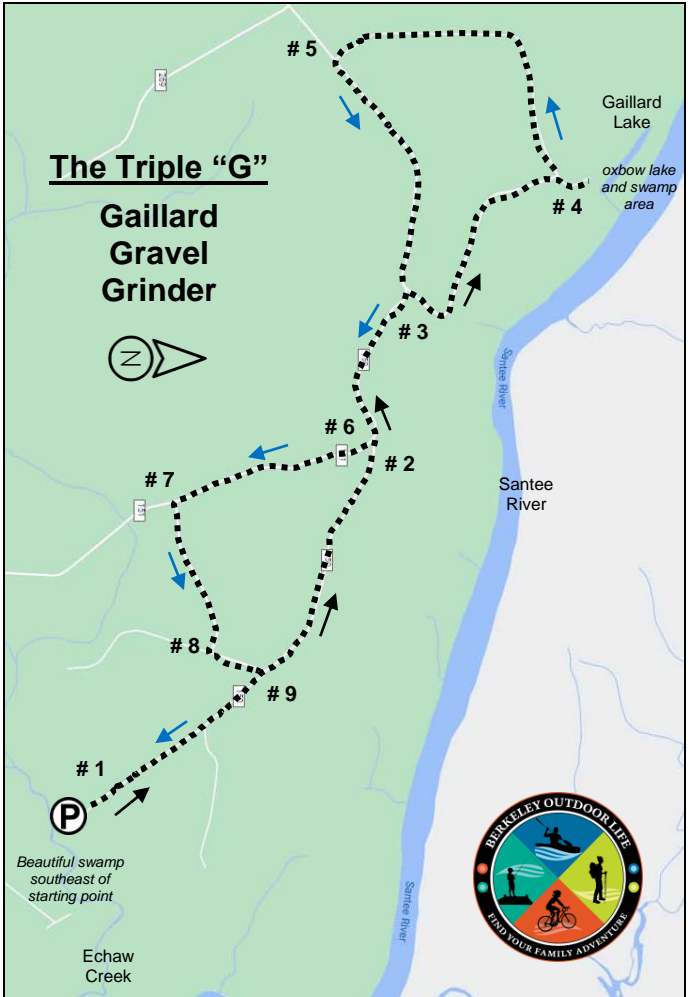
9.8 miles, round-trip, resembles a large figure-8 loop, with options for more mileage.

## Time

Minimum of 1.5 hrs. to enjoy this exciting area.

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<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads, visiting wet bottomland habitats.
<b>Trail Marker</b>	None. Some of the forest roads are numbered, but don't rely on this.
<b>Bike Type</b>	"Gravel" or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 40c. "Knobby" bike tires are recommended.
<b>Crowds</b>	Almost none. You might see the occasional vehicle on the weekend.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months; this area is known for ticks! Bring insect repellent.</p> <p>There are many forest service roads in this Echaw to Gaillard forest area. It is recommended that you print a map of the area or download off-line maps to your phone. Cell phone service is limited at best.</p>
<b>Parking</b>	<p>Park at the end of Forest Rd. 150, Jamestown, SC 29453.</p> <p>GPS: 33.254404, -79.573884 33°15'15.9"N, 79°34'26.0"W</p>



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 9 on next page.



<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>Park at the end of Forest Rd. 150. Use the GPS coordinates to find this exact location. Begin your ride cycling back up the road you just came down.</p> <p>As you ride on the forest service roads, look around. You'll discover giant ferns, micro swamps and other natural treasures!</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Continue straight at 2.0 miles.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>At 2.7 miles, take a sharp right. In 0.2 mile, the road takes a 90 degree turn to the left. For the next 0.7 mile, the road has many large holes. These can be filled with water and muddy after rains. If needed, simply walk your bike around large holes.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p>Take a right at 3.7 miles. Within 1,100 ft., you'll enter the oxbow Gaillard Lake area. This is a fantastic place to have a look around. You'll find many large and interesting cypress and tupelo trees here.</p> <p>When you're done exploring Gaillard Lake, return the way you came except continue straight on the road that you are now on.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p>At 5.4 miles, turn left. Continue for 1 mile and bear right (you're now back at # 3 route directions).</p>
<b>6</b>	<p>Bear right at 7.1 miles (you're now back at # 2 route directions).</p>
<b>7</b>	<p>At 8.0 miles, turn left.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p>At 8.7 miles, turn left.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p>Turn right at 8.9 miles, continue the road that you began on for another 0.9 mile to end your ride.</p> <p>Just beyond where you parked is a large, beautiful swamp that is part of the Echaw floodplain. This is worth checking out!</p>



*This route follows a large "figure-8."*



*This is gravel cycling at its BEST!*



## Huger & History Ride

# 14 Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_



*Bikes & History! At the historic Eccles United Methodist Church in Huger.*

**Summary** On this exciting family adventure, you'll ride miles of easy gravel roads (only 15% of the route is paved), visit an historic 140-year-old church, pass by beautiful bottomlands and swamps, start and end at one of the best recreational areas in the Francis Marion National Forest, and see towering, long leaf pine habitats. Bring your camera and plan to stop frequently; from history, to landscapes, to social media worthy pics, there's something for everyone on the Huger & History Ride!

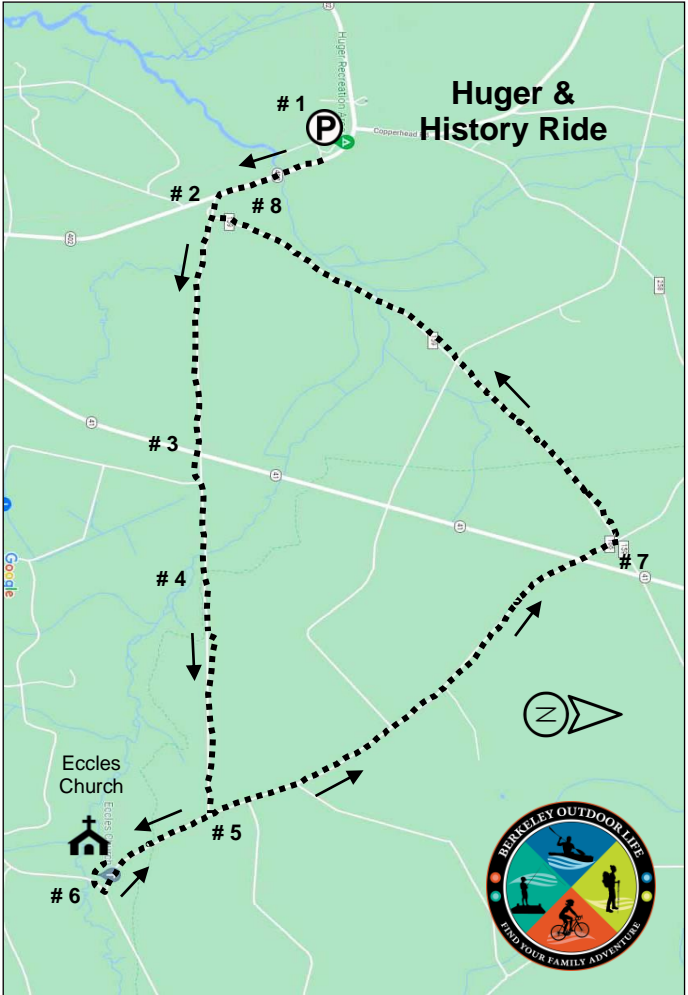
**Difficulty** Easy.

**Distance** 10.4 miles, round-trip.

**Time** Minimum of 2 hours to enjoy the exploration on this ride.

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads; approximately 15% of the ride is paved.
<b>Trail Marker</b>	None. Most of the forest service roads on this route are signed.
<b>Bike Type</b>	“Gravel,” hybrid or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 40c. “Knobby” bike tires are recommended, but not required for this ride.
<b>Crowds</b>	Almost none. You might see the occasional vehicle on the weekend.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. After rain, you may encounter muddy conditions and large holes with water/mud in them, but you shouldn’t have a problem navigating around these.</p> <p>It’s advised to wear “hunter’s orange” or other bright clothing during hunting season.</p>
<b>Parking</b>	<p>Park at the Huger Recreation Area, HWY 402, Cordesville, SC 29434.</p> <p>GPS: 33.133774, -79.810600 33°08’01.6”N, 79°48’38.2”W</p>

**Map – Huger & History Ride**



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 8 on next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	Park at the Huger Recreation Area. Begin your ride by turning a right on HWY 402. Continue for nearly one-half mile.
<b>2</b>	At 0.5 mile, turn left on the dirt/gravel Irishtown Rd. The rest of the ride is now on forest roads.  As you ride on the forest roads, look around. You'll discover giant ferns, micro swamps, long leaf pine habitats, and other natural treasures!
<b>3</b>	Cross over HWY 41 at 1.75 miles, continuing dirt Irishtown Rd.
<b>4</b>	At 2.25 miles, come to the Turkey Creek bridge. Stop and look around. There is a beautiful swamp with impressive cypress trees, "knees" and tupelos.
<b>5</b>	Turn right on dirt Conifer Rd. at 3.5 miles.
<b>6</b>	At 4.1 miles, arrive at the stop sign at end of Conifer Rd. Turn right, and Eccles Church is 250-ft. further on the right. Spend some time exploring the historical church building dating to 1882. Bikes & History is fun!  After your history adventure, bike back to Conifer Rd, and turn left (heading back the way you came). You're going to continue straight on Conifer Rd. for a total of 2.9 miles.
<b>7</b>	At approximately 7 miles, cross over HWY 41, continuing Conifer Rd. Bike another 1,000 ft. and turn left on Yellow Jacket Rd (FR-159).
<b>8</b>	Arrive back at Irishtown Rd. at 9.6 miles (you are now nearly back at route instruction # 2). Turn right on Irishtown Rd., bike 400 ft., and arrive back at HWY 402.  Turn right on HWY 402, continue for 0.5 mile until you reach the Huger Recreation Area on the left.

## *Huger & History Ride*



*Late fall, sunrise ride on the Huger & History Ride route. On Conifer Rd.*



*There are miles of easy dirt/gravel roads for the entire family.*

# Bikepacking Overnighter



Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_ # 15



*Entrance to Nicholson Creek Campsite, your destination on this ride!*

**Summary** Want to try bicycle camping (“bikepacking”) but don’t know where to go? Try Berkeley Outdoor Life’s beginner-friendly Bikepacking Overnighter route. Begin your ride at the best recreational area in the Francis Marion National Forest, ride on easy-going, pristine dirt/gravel roads, pass by beautiful bottomlands, and see towering, long leaf pine habitats. Your camping destination is a large site with log benches/seating, fire rings, a table, with the beautiful Nicholson Creek swamp just a few feet away.

**Difficulty** Easy.

**Distance** 11 miles, one-way.

**Time** Take a couple hours to reach camp; this ride encourages exploration.

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*The best beginner-friendly bikepacking trip in the state!*

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads and quarter mile of the Palmetto Trail.
<b>Trail Marker</b>	Most of the forest service roads on this route are signed. The Palmetto Trail is blazed white.
<b>Bike Type</b>	“Gravel,” hybrid or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 45c. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> This overnight bike camping trip requires a bike with racks and/or the ability to attach panniers or other bags to the bike.
<b>Crowds</b>	Almost none. You might see the occasional vehicle on the forest roads.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	No fees. Contact Francis Marion National Forest for a free camping permit.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. After rain, you may encounter muddy conditions.</p> <p>It’s advised to wear “hunter’s orange” or other bright clothing during hunting season.</p>
<b>Parking</b>	Park at the Huger Recreation Area, HWY 402, Cordesville, SC 29434.

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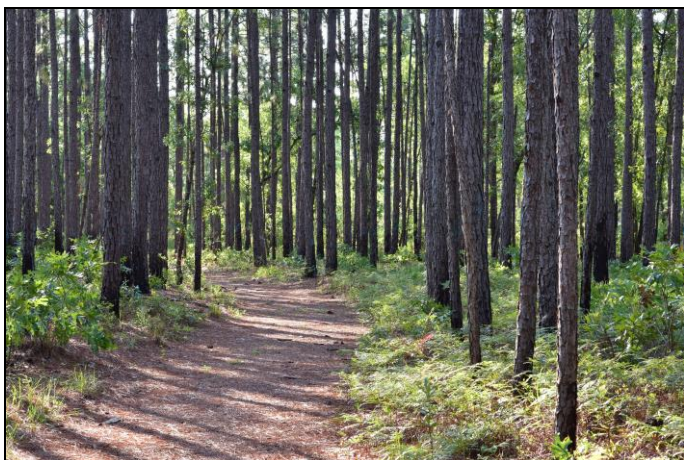


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Route Directions	
1	Park at the Huger Recreation Area. Begin your ride by turning a right on HWY 402. Continue for nearly one-half mile.
2	At 0.5 mile, turn left on the dirt/gravel Irishtown Rd. The rest of the ride is now on forest roads.  As you ride on the forest roads, look around. You'll discover giant ferns, micro swamps, long leaf pine habitats, and other natural treasures!
3	Cross over HWY 41 at 1.75 miles, continuing dirt Irishtown Rd.
4	At 2.6 miles, come to the Turkey Creek bridge. Stop and look around. There is a beautiful swamp with impressive cypress trees, "knees" and tupelos.
5	Turn left on dirt Conifer Rd. at 3.8 miles.
6	Continue 1,000 ft. and turn right on Burned Cane Rd. "A."
7	At 5.8 miles, turn left on Burned Cane Rd.
8	Turn left on Yellow Jacket Rd. at 7.8 miles.
9	Continue Yellow Jacket Rd. for 1.4 miles, crossing over HWY-41 at 9.0 miles into your ride. At 9.2 miles, turn right on Conifer Rd.
10	After continuing 1.3 miles further on Conifer Rd., at 10.6 miles total distance, bear right on the Palmetto Trail.  <b>IMPORTANT:</b> This is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> crossing of the Palmetto Trail in this short distance on Conifer Rd. If you happen to mistake either of the first two Palmetto Trail access points, you can just ride the rest of the way to the Nicholson Creek campsite.
11	Continue the Palmetto Trail for 1,500 ft. until you reach the entrance to Nicholson Creek Campsite on the right.



*Sunrise on the Best Bikepacking Ride. Conifer Road in late fall.*



*You'll see many Long Leaf Pine sections of forest.*



## Jericho Horse Trail

# 16      Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_



*On the Jericho Horse Trail near the trailhead off HWY-41.*

### Summary

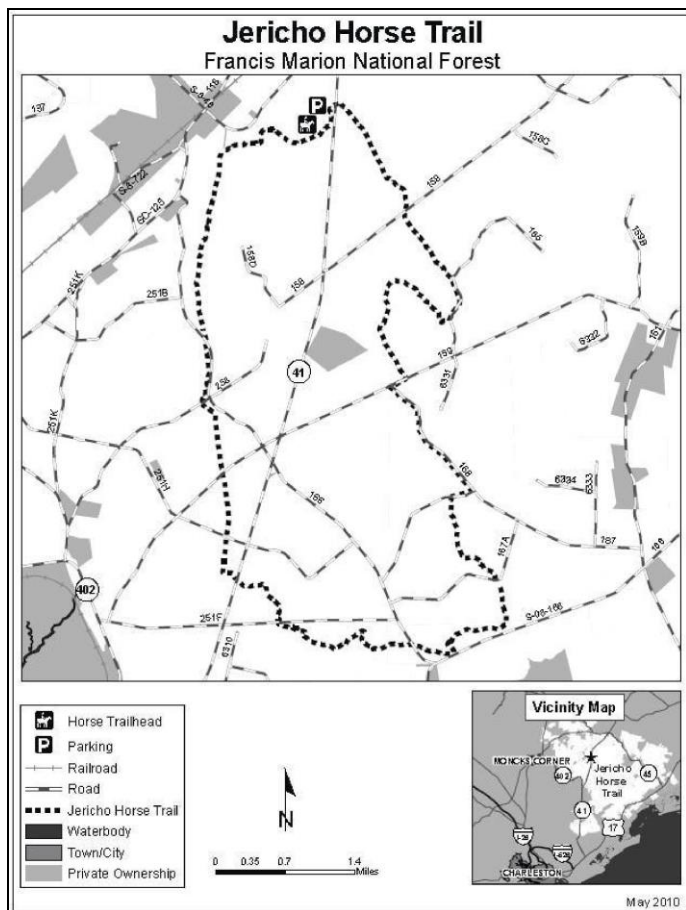
Get ready for a challenge with the Francis Marion National Forest's Jericho Horse Trail! Hence its namesake, it was designed for equestrians but is open and encouraged for hikers and bikers. You'll ride through many otherworldly looking swamps, see palm fronds, small ponds and long leaf pine forests. This trail switches things up nearly every mile. Bring your camera for some epic adventure photos! Read and study the important information below.

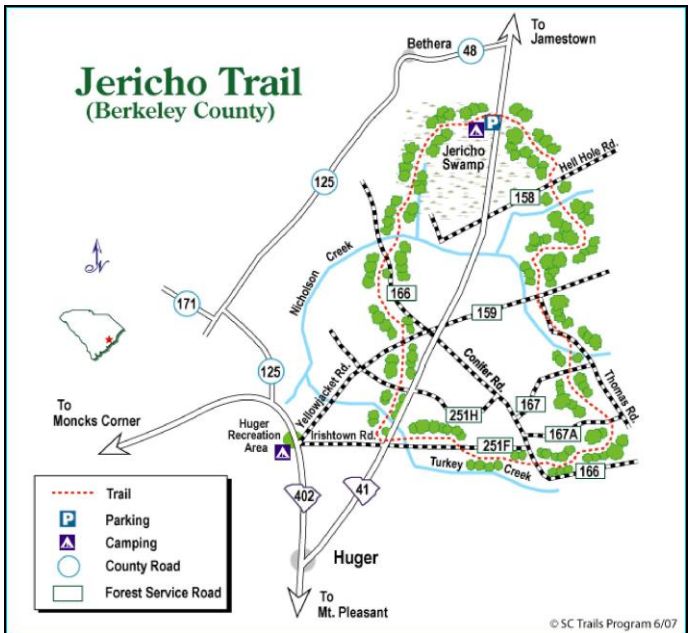
**Difficulty**                      Strenuous.

**Distance**                        19 miles, round-trip.

**Time**                                3 - 5 hours.

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads, almost always wet/muddy areas.
<b>Trail Marker</b>	Follow blue blazes. There is good signage on the trail. In some sections you'll see white blazes too. This trail shares part of the Palmetto Trail.
<b>Bike Type</b>	"Gravel," hybrid or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 45c.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. After rain, you may encounter muddy conditions.</p> <p><b><u>IMPORTANT:</u></b> Bikers must yield to horseback riders. Stop and step off the trail!</p> <p>It's advised to wear "hunter's orange" or other bright clothing during hunting season.</p>
<b>Parking</b>	<p>6369 SC-41, Cordesville, SC 29434. Google Maps recognizes "Jericho Horse Trail."</p> <p>GPS: 33.200822, -79.765446 33°12'03.0"N, 79°45'55.6"W</p>



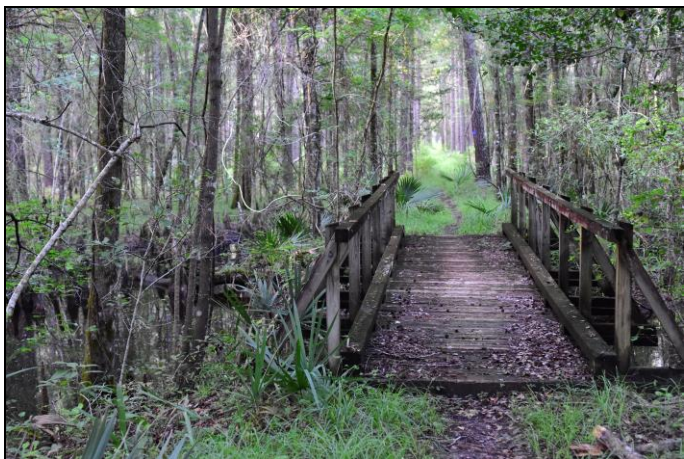




## *Jericho Horse Trail*



*One of the many lush valleys on the trail.*



*Bridge over one of the Jericho Swamp tributary creeks.*

# Biggin Creek Trail



Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_ # 17



*Mountain bike berms provide interesting entertainment even for hikers!*

## Summary

The Biggin Creek Trail was primarily developed for mountain bikers but is open and encouraged for use by hikers and trail runners. This trail offers a lot for the family adventurer. It's one of the few trails in the area with lots of elevation change. You'll bike countless small, and sometimes steep hills with roots, stumps and other small obstacles. The hike stops by the namesake, beautiful Biggin Creek. You may see egrets, herons, turtles and alligators. The best part: this fun adventure is in the heart of the town of Moncks Corner.

## Difficulty

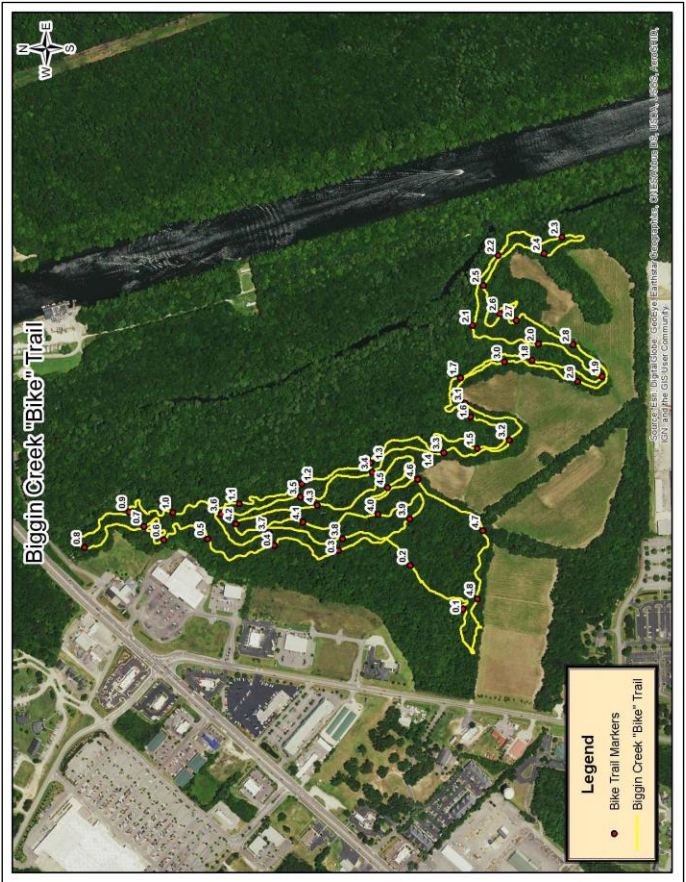
Moderate.

## Distance

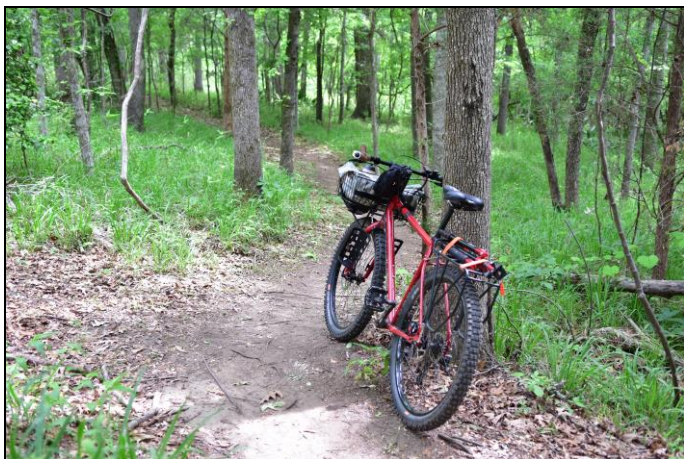
5.0 miles, round-trip, loop trail.

## *A world class mountain bike park trail with tough sections*

<b>Time</b>	Minimum of 45 minutes to ride entire loop.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Mostly narrow “single” track, dirt, lots of roots.
<b>Crowds</b>	Varies from light to heavy. Heavy use on the weekends.
<b>Hours</b>	Daylight hours.
<b>Admission</b>	None.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Trail or mountain style bikes with tires over 2.0” inches.
<b>Precautions</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent. This trail was built for mountain bikers, but hikers and trail runners are encouraged to use it. Be on the lookout for (sometimes fast moving) hikers. Cyclists must yield to hikers.
<b>Address</b>	An exact address is not given, however, if you Google “Cannon Welding, Moncks Corner,” it is right across the street. Cannon Welding’s address is 591 Rembert C. Dennis Blvd., Moncks Corner, SC 29461.  GPS: 33.204245, -79.982635 33°12’15.3”N, 79°58’57.5”W
<b>Contact</b>	Town of Moncks Corner Recreation Department. 843-719-7921



## *Biggin Creek Trail*



*This trail has hills! Yes, hills in Berkeley County!*



*Trail signage is abundant and easy to follow.*

# Bonneau Ferry WMA



Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_ # 18



*There are beautiful roads and paths at every turn in Bonneau Ferry!*

## Summary

With more than 11,000 acres of preserved lands, nearly 30 miles of dirt, gravel and other roads, DNR's Bonneau Ferry Wildlife Management Area is the hidden gem of the Low Country for a variety of family outdoor recreation. For the bike rider, you'll traverse miles of picturesque, beautifully maintained roads, see bottomland/swamp habitats, and have the chance to visit history dating to the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. This is an area that you can return to again and again, and experience a unique family adventure each time you visit.

## Difficulty

Easy.

## Distance

26+ miles of roads, endless options for adventure!

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***Nearly 30 miles of dirt and gravel adventure in one place!***

<b>Time</b>	At a minimum, plan to spend a couple hours here.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads, easy-going.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	No fees, but you must complete and display a Daily Visitation & Use Card found at the entrance kiosk.
<b>Bike Type</b>	“Gravel,” hybrid or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 40c.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. After rain, you may encounter muddy conditions.</p> <p>It’s advised to wear “hunter’s orange” or other bright clothing during hunting season.</p>
<b>Address</b>	<p>HWY 402, Cordesville, SC 29434. Google Maps recognizes “Bonneau Ferry WMA.” Use GPS coordinates listed:</p> <p>GPS: 33.122654, -79.874581 33°07’21.6”N, 79°52’28.5”W</p>
<b>Contact</b>	Department of Natural Resources, 305 Black Oak Rd., Bonneau, SC 29431.







*You'll ride through history in Bonneau Ferry!*



*Entrance to Bonneau Ferry off HWY-402.*

# Big Gravel Day



Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_ # 19



*This big gravel riding at its best! Ready for the challenge?*

## Summary

Want a more challenging, epic half day of gravel grinding? Want to ride through history, bike down picturesque winding roads with little-to-no chance of encountering vehicles? Look no further than our “Big Gravel Ride” at DNR’s Bonneau Ferry Wildlife Management Area. This preserve promises to surprise you with its 300+ year old historical landmarks, tree-canopied roads, impressive vistas and wildlife including large waterfowl, birds of prey, deer, fox squirrels, and alligators. Don’t miss this unique adventure and SC’s only big route designed just for gravel riders!

## Difficulty

Strenuous.

## Distance

25 mile route, with options for even more mileage.

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***Big day of gravel riding with epic scenery and no cars!***

<b>Time</b>	Minimum of 3 hours to enjoy everything this ride has to offer.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads, a few hills
<b>Crowds</b>	Light.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	No fees, but you must complete and display a Daily Visitation & Use Card found at the entrance kiosk.
<b>Bike Type</b>	“Gravel,” hybrid or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 40c.
<b>Precautions:</b>	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. After rains, you may encounter muddy conditions.</p> <p>It’s advised to wear “hunter’s orange” or other bright clothing during hunting season.</p>
<b>Address</b>	<p>HWY 402, Cordesville, SC 29434. Google Maps recognizes “Bonneau Ferry WMA.” Use GPS coordinates listed:</p> <p>GPS: 33.122654, -79.874581 33°07’21.6”N, 79°52’28.5”W</p>
<b>Contact</b>	Department of Natural Resources, 305 Black Oak Rd., Bonneau, SC 29431.





*This area has excellent signage.*



*Crossing bridge over swamp on Bossis Rd.*

# Marrington Plantation



Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_ # 20



*There are many small water crossings and bridges at Marrington.*

## Summary

Ask any bike shop or mountain bike club what's the best trail biking in the Low Country, and the answer is always the same: Marrington Plantation. Located on the military's Naval Weapons Station base, this large complex of trails offers all levels of difficulty, world class jump boards and berms, riding through wetlands, views of beautiful Foster Creek, and a BMX track. There is truly something for every trail cyclist! So, grab your fat-tired bike, your helmet (they are mandatory!), and camera for some epic riding at Marrington!

## Difficulty

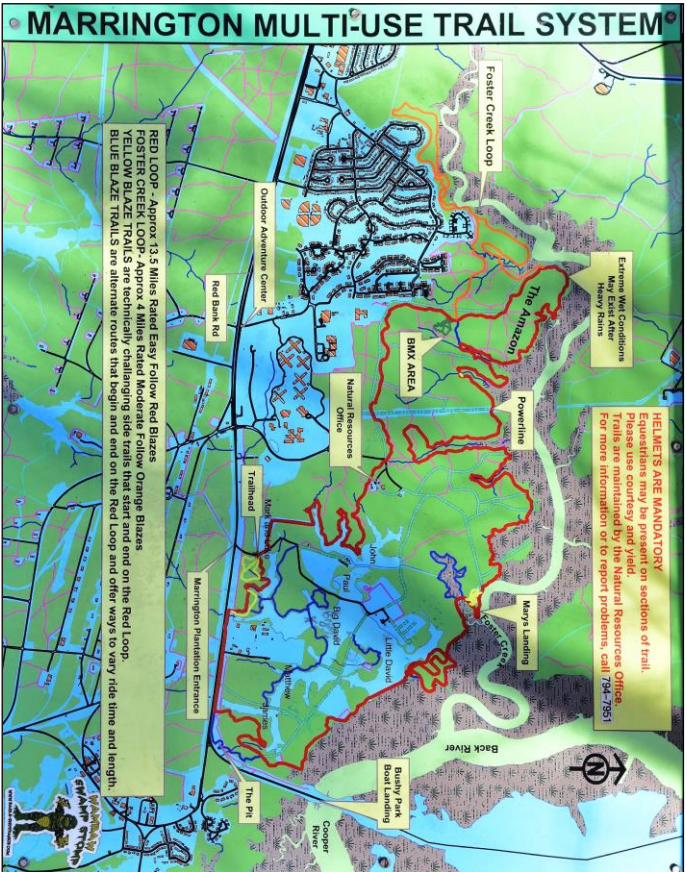
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## Distance

17 miles of trails, loops.

***Considered the BEST mountain biking in the Low Country!***

<b>Time</b>	1 - 3+ hours.
<b>Trail Surface</b>	Dirt, natural surface, almost always some wet/muddy areas.
<b>Crowds</b>	Light. Can be more crowded on the weekends.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	Yes! You must have a Department of Defense ID or Marrington Patron Pass issued by the base's Outdoor Adventure Center. 843-794-2120.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Mountain/trail bikes with minimum 2.0" knobby tires.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. After rain, you may encounter muddy conditions. Bikers must yield to horseback riders. Step off the trail and stop!
<b>Address</b>	Marrington Avenue, Goose Creek, SC 29445. Google Maps recognizes "Marrington Plantation Trailhead."  GPS: 32.963127, -79.956772 32°57'47.3"N, 79°57'24.4"W
<b>Contact</b>	Outdoor Adventure Center 843-794-2120. Naval Weapons Station 843-963-1110.







*Lots of fun mountain bike jumps and berms here.*



*There are many rules for biking in Marrington. READ THEM!*

# Marrington Plantation



Date Bicycled: \_\_\_\_\_ # 21



*You'll bike along a long, flat and fast water impoundment.*

## Summary

Get ready for a fast and flat ride on a lightly used water impoundment on the west side of Lake Moultrie. You'll begin and end at the Department of Natural Resources' Hatchery Waterfowl Management Area (WMA). With wide sweeping curves, gorgeous panoramas of the lake, you're guaranteed to see osprey, egrets, cormorants, anhingas and even the occasional bald eagle! This ride is appropriate for the entire family; bike as little or as much as you want, but bring a bring sense of adventure!

## Difficulty

Easy to Moderate, depending on distance.

## Distance

Up to 19 miles of riding options.

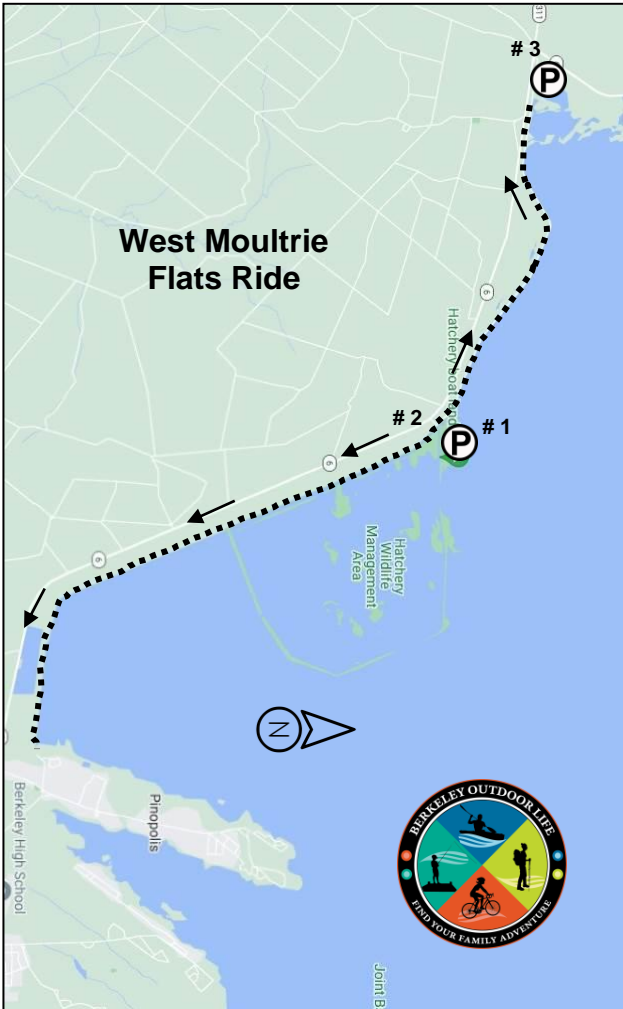
## Time

1 - 2 hours.

***Parallel a picture-perfect Waterfowl Management Area!***

<b>Trail Surface</b>	Service road; small gravel, dirt.
<b>Trail Marker</b>	None, but this trail is easy to follow.
<b>Bike Type</b>	Nearly any bike type will work; road bikes (with tires over 28c), hybrid, trail/mountain bikes, “gravel” bikes and even kids’ bikes!
<b>Crowds</b>	Almost none. You’re not likely to see many others.
<b>Fees/Permits</b>	None.
<b>Precautions:</b>	Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent.
<b>Parking</b>	Hatchery Waterfowl Management Area, State Road S-8-802, Pinopolis, SC 29469.

GPS: 33.267806, -80.105472  
33°16'04.1"N, 80°06'19.7"W



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 3 on next page.

<b>Route Directions</b>	
<b>1</b>	Park at the Hatchery Waterfowl Management area large parking lot.
<b>2</b>	<p>Ride 330 ft. back towards HWY-6 (on the road you just came in on) to the top of the small hill and you'll see a dirt road on either side of the asphalt road. There are gates on both sides.</p> <p>This is where you begin your ride. You can pick either direction. Turning left/south, parallels the Waterfowl Management Area (WMA). Turning right/north, moves away from the WMA and you have nearly instant panoramic views of Lake Moultrie.</p> <p>Return the same way you came.</p>
<b>3</b>	Alternatively, you can park at the far western terminus of the dirt road that makes up this bikeway. This "trailhead" is located 3.8 miles northwest from The Hatchery on HWY-6. GPS: 33.281722, -80.168417 or 33°16'54.2"N 80°10'06.3"W.



*Osprey pairs are a common sight on Lake Moultrie for over the year.*



*The riding surface is small gravel; smooth and fast!*



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# Berkeley Outdoor Life

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Berkeley Outdoor Life is the State of South Carolina's most comprehensive recreation platform. It is unrivaled for its detailed information and support for the residents of Berkeley County and the visitors who come to experience these adventures. With its origins in the Berkeley Blueways, created over 15 years ago, the program is continually evolving. At the time of publishing this guidebook, Berkeley Outdoor Life has the following:

- 27 Blueways, more than 250 miles of paddling.
- 24 Hiking Trails & Routes, more than 185 miles.
- 21 Cycling Routes & Trails, more than 330 miles.
- An Accessible Trails program for those with mobility challenges.
- World class information on where to camp, where to fish and hunt, boat ramps in the County, public parks, and public golf courses.



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*Blueway # 1 - Tour de Daniel Island.*

