

Sumter National Forest

South Carolina



Turkey/Stevens Creek Canoe Trail

Southern Region, USDA Forest Service

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Highlights

This 12-mile trail winds through the southeast central portion of the Long Cane Ranger District of the Sumter National Forest. Recreational canoeing is a popular sport on this creek.

Attractions

This canoe trail begins at the junctions of Turkey Creek and SC Route 283. It ends at Modoc Bridge on SC Route 23. Two access points along the creek enable you to determine the length and duration of your visit. Generally, Turkey and Stevens Creeks range from 20 to 30 feet wide and 1 to 6 feet deep. Occasional holes are up to 15 feet deep. Steep hardwood bluffs, flood plain forest, and small marshy areas border the creek. Whitewater exists during flooding. Deer, turkey, raccoon and hawks as well as waterfowl can be observed by quiet floaters. Plants such as bloodroot, anemone, geranium, wild ginger, crane-fly orchid and partridgeberry are some of the interesting plants to be found.

Surrounding Area

Nearby points of interest include Edgefield (home of 10 Governors), Lick Fork Recreation Area, Cyper Creek Hunt Camp, Beaverdam Rifle Range, Hamilton Branch State Park and McCormick.

For More Information

Long Cane Ranger District

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Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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Directions: From Edgefield, take SC Route 23 south for 1.9 miles. Turn right onto Route S 19-35 (Walker Road). Drive 5 miles, turn left onto SC 283. Drive 4.9 miles to entrance on left.

Difficulty level: Moderately easy to difficult depending upon water level.

Length: 12 miles

Requirements: Flat-bottom boats less than 14 feet, or canoes.

Safety: Check local weather conditions. Study map of area and learn terrain. Know access points.

Season: Year round.

Site amenities:
*Two paved access points

Volunteers for trail maintenance are always needed and welcome. Contact the District Office.

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