

Francis Marion National Forest

South Carolina



Tuxbury Horse Trail

Southern Region, USDA Forest Service

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Highlights

This 14-mile trail ambles along old railroad logging trams, traversing a wide array of habitat types, from mature longleaf pine stands to bottomland hardwood drains.

It offers captivating scenery to visitors who may glimpse prothonotary warblers darting among swamp cypress knees or endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers in search of food in the bark of majestic longleaf pines.

If you are interested in volunteering to help maintain the trail, please contact one of the district offices listed below.

Surrounding Areas

* Hellhole Bay Wilderness Area, Francis Marion National Forest.

* Huger Recreation Area, Francis Marion National Forest.

* Big Ocean Bay Natural Area, Francis Marion National Forest.

For More Information:

Wambaw Office

P.O. Box 788

McClellanville, SC 29458

Phone: (843) 887-3257

Fax: (843) 887-3848

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

Witherbee Office

2421 Witherbee Road

Cordesville, SC 29434

Phone: (843) 336-3248

Fax: (843) 336-4789

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

Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center

5821 US Highway 17 North

Awendaw, SC 29429

Phone: (843) 928-3368

Fax: (843) 928-3828

Hours: Tuesday--Sunday, 9 a.m.--5 p.m.

Directions: There is a trailhead with parking available just off SC Hwy 41. From Charleston, take US Hwy 17 north to the intersection of SC Hwy 41. Turn left and continue 7 miles to the trailhead on the left.

Camping: Contact one of the offices to get a free camping permit.

Difficulty level: Easy

Length: 14 miles; loop.

Restrictions: Horseback riders, hikers and mountain bikers only.

Safety: During temperate months, be prepared for biting insects and high temperatures. Be advised of big-game hunting seasons. Avoid using the trail during excessively wet periods.

Season: Year-round (Recommended: fall, winter, spring)

Surface type: Unsurfaced; grassy

Travel time: 4 hours by horseback.

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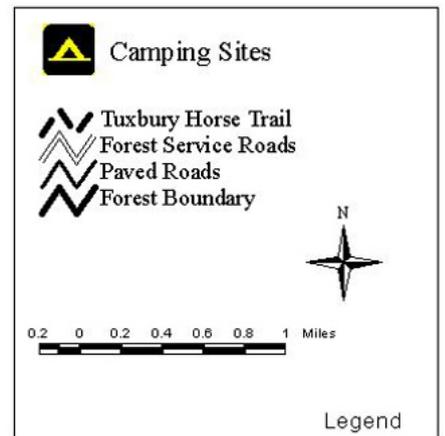
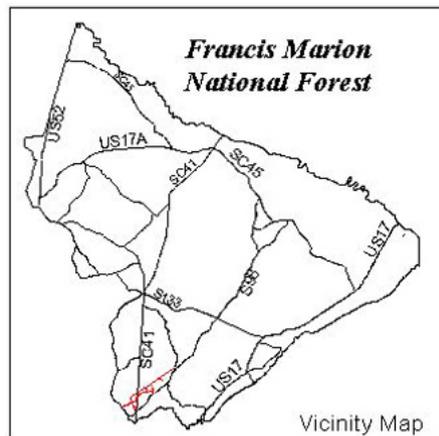
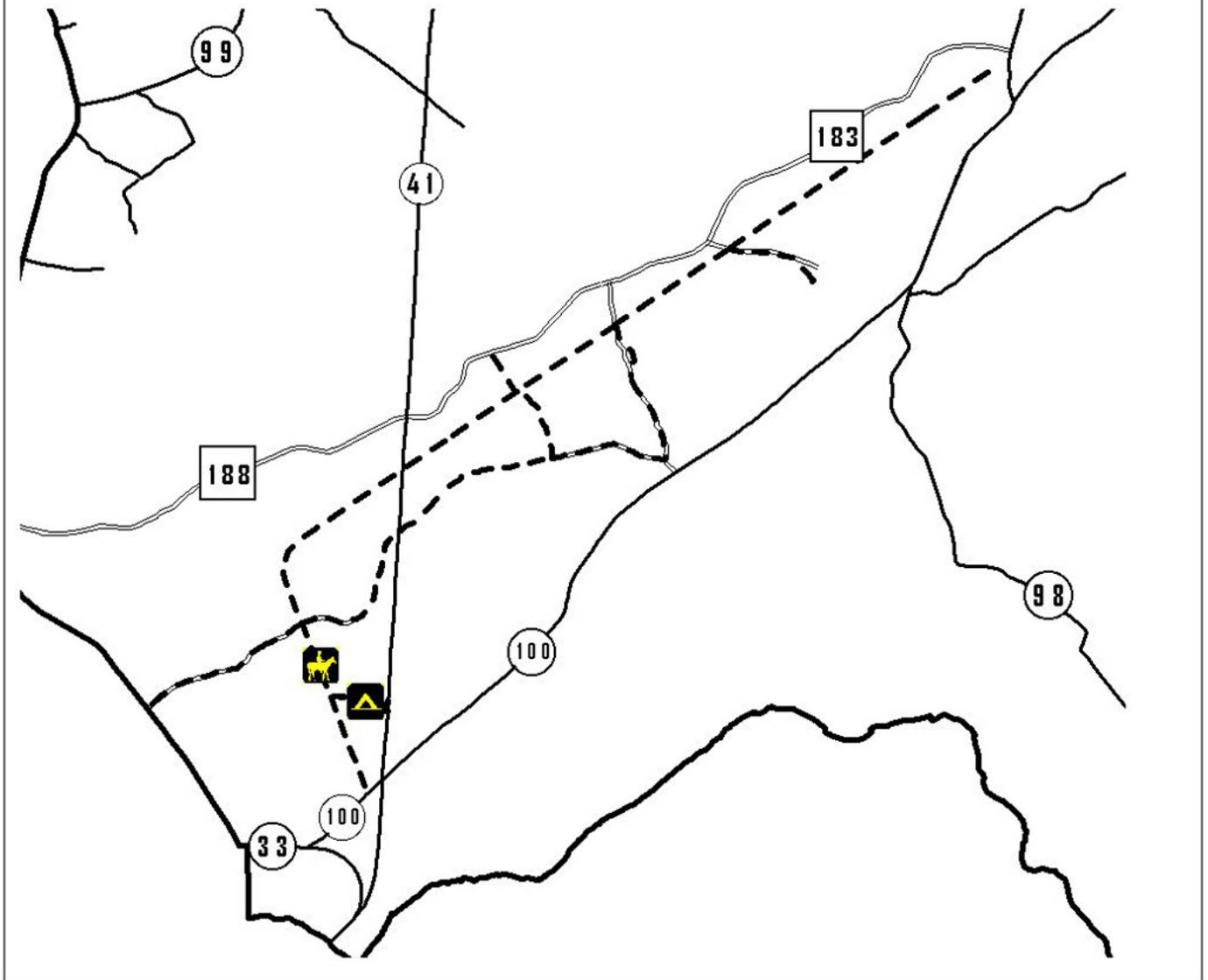
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Horse Sense



Safety

- File a trip plan with family or friends so someone will know where you are and whom to contact should you fail to return as planned.
- Take a first-aid kit, snake bite kit, compass and map. Know the location of the nearest hospital.
- Watch for hazards along the trail. Do not try to jump trees and other obstacles.
- Stay on trails to avoid stump holes in the woods.
- Take a break from time to time to rest.
- Wear blaze orange during the big-game hunting season (October through December).
- Have at least two adults in your party.
- Watch for vehicles when crossing roads.
- Locked vehicles are not completely safe. Leave valuable and unnecessary equipment at home.

Leave no Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be considerate of Other Visitors

