

# Francis Marion National Forest

## South Carolina

### Wambaw Creek Canoe Trail



Southern Region, USDA Forest Service

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#### Highlights

Wambaw Creek is a peaceful blackwater creek flowing through majestic cypress-tupelo stands. Abundant wildlife viewing opportunities exist. Species found include prothonotary warblers, swallow-tailed kites and river otters. The paddler can travel either direction from Still Landing or Echaw Road. This freshwater creek is tidal with changes in tide occurring about 3 hours later than times posted for Charleston Harbor.

#### Surrounding Area

Hampton Plantation State Park, South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism. Phone: (843) 546-9361.

Santee Coastal Reserve, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Phone: (843) 546-8665

Battery Warren Interpretive Trail, Francis Marion National Forest.

#### For More Information

##### Wambaw Office

PO 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

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##### Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center

5821 US Highway 17 North

Awendaw, SC 29429

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Hours: Tuesday–Sunday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Directions:** From Charleston, take Hwy. 17 north to McClellanville. Turn left at blinking yellow caution light onto Hwy. 45 (French Santee Road). Drive 4 miles. Turn right onto Mill Branch Road (FS Road 211). Drive 3 miles and turn left onto FS 211-B. Go .5 mile to Still Landing. To get to Echaw Road Landing, continue down Mill Branch Road past FS 211 to Echaw Road (FS 204) and turn left at dead end. Proceed 1 mile to bridge and boat ramp.

**Camping:** Most of the land along the bank is too wet for camping. Camping is available at Elmwood Campground near intersection of Mill Branch and Echaw Road. If you camp, Pack in; Pack out. Use only dead and downed wood for campfires. Leave campsite in natural condition.

**Difficulty level:** easy

**Length:** Total: 9 miles. From Still Landing to Echaw Road: 5 miles.

**Safety:** Expect biting insects and high temperatures during warmer months. Watch for venomous snakes (water moccasins) and sweeps (trees overhanging the river).

**Travel Time:** From Still Landing to Echaw Road, 3 hours.

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