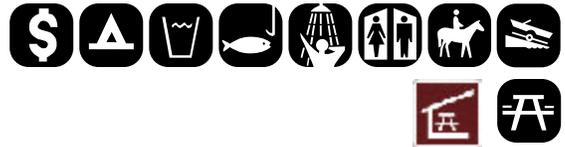


Sumter National Forest

South Carolina

Woods Ferry Recreation Area



Southern Region, USDA Forest Service

Date: 5/30/2003

Highlights

Woods Ferry Recreation Area, is in western Chester County, lies within a beautiful wooded floodplain surrounded by upland pine woods and maturing hardwood forests.

The recreation area takes its name from Matthew Woods, who acquired the land in 1817 and constructed a ferry for horse and buggy traffic. Here, Confederate cavalry under Gen. Wade Hampton crossed the river to harass Sherman's flank during his historic march through the South. In later years, the area was heavily logged, farmed, and grazed. In 1936 the Forest Service acquired the land. Extensive erosion control and reforestation work was started at that time and continues today.

Attractions

- *Benches along Broad River
- *Boat Launch
- *Camping
- *Fishing
- *Hiking
- *Horse trail access
- *Picnicking (Group picnic shelters)
- *Wildlife and plant viewing

Surrounding Area

Olde English District Commission, Chester, SC (800) 968-5909.

Leeds Campground and Rifle Range, Worthy's Bottom Wildlife Area, Sumter National Forest

For More Information

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4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29212-3530 (803) 561-4000

Directions: From Highway 72, go north on SC secondary route 25 for 2.1 miles to SC highway 49; continue north on SC 49 for 3.6 miles to SC highway 574; turn left and drive 3.6 miles.

Facilities:

- *28 campsites with tables and grills:
7 have horse stalls
- *2 group sites: 1 has horse stalls
- *50 picnic units with tables and grills
- *Restrooms with hot showers. (Water to showers is shut off November 1–March 31.)
- *Centrally-located water faucets. Water is shut off at first frost.

Fees: \$7/night for family site
\$14/night for group site

Restrictions: Maximum 14-day camping limit

Safety: Broad River is unsafe for swimming or wading: strong current!

Season: Year-round, restrooms and showers are closed during the winter months.

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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

