

Francis Marion National Forest

South Carolina



Swamp Fox National Recreation Trail

Southern Region, USDA Forest Service

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Highlights

Named for Francis Marion, famous Revolutionary War general known as the Swamp Fox, this hiking and mountain biking trail travels along old railroad logging trams for much of its length. It traverses a wide array of habitat types from mature longleaf pine stands to bottomland hardwood drains and evergreen shrub bogs offering great scenery for visitors

The Swamp Fox Trail is now part of the cross-state Palmetto Trail. There are three trailheads on this mile stretch of trail: the eastern trailhead, Swamp Fox Trailhead on Highway 17; the center trailhead at the Witherbee Office in Cordesville; and the western trailhead at Canal Recreation Area in Moncks Corner.

For More Information

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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

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Education Center

5821 Highway 17 North

Awendaw, SC 29429

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Directions: Eastern Trailhead: from

Charleston, take U.S. Highway 17 north to Steed Creek Road (SC Route 133-S) in Awendaw. Just beyond Steed Creek Road, the trailhead will be on the left.

Center Trailhead: from Charleston, take U.S. Highway 17 north to SC 41. Turn left. At Huger bear left on SC 402 and travel 3 miles to Copperhead Road. Turn right and travel 2 miles to Witherbee Road. Turn right and travel 2 mile to District Office and parking on the right. From Moncks Corner, take US Highway 52 north to SC 402. Turn right and travel 3 miles to Witherbee Road. Turn left and travel 7 miles to the District Office parking on the right.

Western Trailhead: from Moncks Corner, take SC Highway 52 north for 6 miles. Canal Recreation Area is on the left.

Camping: Halfway Creek Trail Campground, off Halfway Creek Road (SC Route 98-S). The camp has a hand pump with drinking water. Other primitive campsites along the trail are Harleston Dam, Nicholson Creek, Witherbee, and Cane Gully.

Difficulty level: Easy

Length: 42 miles

Restrictions: 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

Surface type: Unsurfaced; grassy, old railroad logging trams, boardwalks, and bridges.

Travel time: 21 hours, walking, 10 hours biking



Palmetto / Swamp Fox Hiking Trail

