**Saluda Mountains Passage of the Palmetto Trail**

**Trail Information**
- **Length:** 9.1 Miles
- **Use:** Hiking Only!
- **Difficulty:** Moderate to Strenuous
- **Passage Restrictions:**
  - No vehicles
  - No Camping or Fires
  - Park ONLY in designated areas
  - No Parking on Heatherly Heights Rd

**Trail Marking:** Trail Signs and Yellow Blazes

**Rules and Precautions**
- Please practice “Leave No Trace” philosophy, pack out what you pack in
- **Stay on designated trails**
- Walk on the left side of road facing oncoming traffic
- Leave what you find
- Respect private property
- Be considerate of fellow trail users
- No fire or camping on the trail. Use the Orchard Lake Campground, when open
- **Vehicles are prohibited!**
- Pack plenty of food and water, there is no water on the trail
- **Check the Greenville Water System**
- “Common sense rules for Palmetto Trail” posted at all trail kiosks. These trail rules are online at the Palmetto Conservation web site.

**Additional Information**
- **Palmetto Conservation Foundation**
  - 722 King Street
  - Columbia, SC 29205
  - (803) 771-0870
  - www.palmettoconservation.org
- **Orchard Lake Campground**
  - 460 Orchard Lake Rd.
  - Saluda, NC 28773
  - (828) 749-3901
  - www.orchardlakecampground.com
  - Open April through October

**Driving directions:**

**To Orchard Lake Campground**
- From Greenville:
  - Take US 25 North past Hwy 11
  - Turn right on Old US 25 for 7.1 miles
  - Turn right on Saluda Rd for 3.1 miles, the road become Mountain Page Rd @ the NC line
  - Turn right on Mine Mountain Rd for 1.3 miles to the junction of Orchard Lake, Fork Creek & W Fork Creek Roads
  - Curve right on Fork Creek Rd for .75 mile
  - Turn left into the Orchard Lake parking area
  - See below Trailhead Parking & Kiosk
- From Columbia:
  - Take I-26 West into NC
  - Take exit 67 to Tryon for 3.4 miles
  - Turn right US 176 towards Saluda for 4.7 miles, you will see a brown Pearson’s Falls sign
  - Turn Left on Pearson’s Falls Rd for .5 mile, cross Pacolet River & go under railroad trestle
  - Turn left on Fork Creek Rd, immediately after crossing under the railroad and go 4 miles
  - Turn right into the Orchard Lake parking area
  - Trailhead Parking & Kiosk
  - The parking area is inside a split rail fence just off of Fork Creek Road. At the other end of the open RV camping area is the trailhead kiosk.

**From Orchard Lake Campground to Talisman Camp**
- From the Orchard Lake parking area
  - Turn right on Fork Creek Rd for .75 mile to the junction of Orchard Lake, Mine Mountain & W Fork Creek Roads
  - Curve left onto Mine Mountain Rd for 1.4 miles
  - Turn left onto Mountain Page Rd for 3.1 miles, the road becomes Saluda Rd @ the SC line
  - Turn right onto Old US 25 for 2.2 miles
  - Turn left on Gap Creek Rd for .2 mile, Gap Creek Rd turns left here
  - Continue straight on Anders Rd for .1 mile
  - Turn left into the Talisman Camp parking area

**Off Road Trailhead Locations:**
- Mile 2.8 - Mountain Page Rd/Saluda Rd at the NC/SC State line
- Mile 8.7 – Old US Highway 25 & Gap Creek Rd at the NC/SC State line

**From Talisman Camp**
- From Greenville:
  - Take US 25 North into NC
  - Take exit 1 off US 25 for .2 miles
  - Turn right on Bobs Creek Rd for .9 mile
  - from Bobs Creek Rd
  - Turn right at the dead end on Old US 25 South for .95 miles to the SC line
  - Turn right on Gap Creek Rd for .2 mile, Gap Creek Rd turns left here
  - Continue straight on Anders Rd for .1 mile
  - Turn left into the Talisman Camp parking area

**From Columbia:**
- Take I-26 West into NC
- Take exit 1 off US 25 for .2 miles
- Turn left on Bobs Creek Rd for 1 mile
- Follow above from Bobs Creek Rd directions