

# The Swamp Fox *PASSAGE* of the *PALMETTO TRAIL*

## Passage Data

**Length:** 47.6 Miles

**Use:** Hiking and Mountain Biking

**Difficulty:** Easy

### Passage Restrictions:

No Motor vehicles on this trail  
No horseback riding (Except along Jericho Horse Trail)

**Trail Marking:** White Blazes, Trail Signs

### Driving Directions:

#### South Eastern Trailhead

Highway 17 North from Charleston to Steed Creek Road (SC 1032). Trailhead and parking is on left (west) side of the road, .25 miles past Steed Creek Road. Traveling north you will have to drive past the trailhead and make a U-turn at the next crossover.

#### Witherbee Ranger Station Trailhead

**From Awendaw:** Turn left off of US 17 onto Steed Creek Road (S-10-1032) and travel 12 miles to Huger, where you continue straight through a blinking light onto SC 402. Travel 2 miles to Copperhead Road (SC 125) and turn right (north). Go another 3 miles to Witherbee Road where you will turn (northeast) and drive ½ mile to the Witherbee Ranger Station parking area on the right. The trailhead is on the left.

**From Charleston:** Take US Highway 17 north for 9 miles. Turn left onto SC 41 and go 17 miles. At Huger bear left onto SC 402 and travel 3 miles. Turn right onto Copperhead Road and travel 2 miles. At Witherbee Road turn right and travel ½ mile to the Ranger Station and parking.

**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 Ranger Station and Parking on the right

#### Canal Recreation Area Trailhead

Take US Highway 52 north out of Moncks Corner. You will see signage at the US Forest Service Canal Recreation Area, 3.6 miles from the split of US Hwy. 52 and US Hwy. 17A, to trailhead on the left

#### Halfway Creek Campground

**From Charleston:** take US Highway 17 north to Steed Creek Road (S-10-133) in Awendaw. Turn left and drive 5 miles to Halfway Creek Road (S-10-98). Turn left and go ½ mile to campground on left.

## Rules and Precautions

Minimum impact use is in everybody's best interest. To achieve this, we recommend the following practices:

- Stay on designated trails.
- Pack it in/ pack it out.
- Leave what you find
- Respect private property
- Use fire responsibly
- Be considerate of fellow trail users
- June-August is wet season. Water often stands several inches deep in large areas of the forest. *Wear sturdy shoes that will withstand the damp conditions.*
- August- December is big-game hunting season. Wear bright orange or other brightly visible clothing on the trail.
- High temperatures and biting insects, especially mosquitoes, chiggers and ticks can be a problem. Take mosquito repellent and use netting if camping. Apply insect repellent to socks and

trouser bottoms to reduce bites. *Check body for ticks every night.*

- Users should be aware that venomous snakes such as water moccasins, copperheads and rattlesnakes are indigenous to the area, and should be avoided. Unless you are an expert in snake identification, *assume they are all venomous...and steer clear.*
- Boil natural water on the trail 3-5 minutes before drinking.
- Bury human and animal waste 6-8 inches deep and at least 200 feet from natural water.
- Poison Ivy is prevalent in areas of the forest. *Avoid contact with this vine as it will cause a rash on contact.*
- Have a good map, compass, tough clothing, first aid kit, and snake bite kit.

## For Additional Information

### USDA Forest Service

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