

# The WATEREE PASSAGE of the PALMETTO TRAIL

# Wateree Passage Data

Length: 11.4 miles
Poinsett State Park to Farmstead Rd.

**Use:** Hiking, Mountain Biking

**Difficulty: Easy** 

**Restrictions:** 

No motor vehicles, no Equestrians

Trail Marking:

**Trail Signs, Orange Blazes** 

# **Driving Directions:**

**Poinsett State Park Trailhead:** From the junction of US 378 and SC 261 S., travel 10.1 miles south on SC 261 to Poinsett Park Road (S-43-63), turn right (west), travel 2.7 miles to the Poinsett State Park Headquarters.

Campbell Creek Rd. Parking Area: From US 378 near Sumter, take SC 261 south through Wedgefield for 9.2 miles. At the Manchester State Forest sign turn right onto Headquarters Road for 1 mile. Turn left onto Campbell Creek Rd(unmarked). and go 1.6 miles to the intersection with Evenwood Lane (unmarked). This wide intersection is the parking area.

Foxville Rd. Parking Area: From US 378 near Sumter, take SC 261 south through Wedgefield for 5.8 turn right onto Middleton Rd. opposite Orangehill Church. Paved road becomes unpaved after 1.4 miles; continue 1.1 miles. Turn left and another immediate left onto Foxville Rd. (unmarked). Travel for .7 miles to a small parking area with a kiosk on the right. Walk pass the kiosk and turn left onto the Parking Lot Trail; it is .6 miles down an old rail bed to the Wateree Passage. Note: Foxville Rd can be difficult to drive on in wet weather for non 4 wheel drive vehicles.

**Farmstead Road Trailhead:** From the intersection of US 378 and US 601 travel south on US 601 S for 7.3 miles. Turn left onto Farmstead Road, the concrete parking lot and trailhead is on the right.

### Rules & Precautions

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

- Please practice "Leave No Trace" philosophy, pack out what you pack in.
- Stay on designated trails
- Take only pictures, leave only footprints
- Leave what you find
- Respect private property
- Be considerate of fellow trail users
- Water is not available on the trail. Pack food and water. Water from creeks must be treated or filtered.
- No Camping or Fires Allowed!
- Camping for a fee is available by contacting Poinsett State Park.
- Park only in designated areas.
- Mountain Biking in Manchester State Forest requires a permit, apply at website below.

## Additional Information

### **Manchester State Forest**

7640 Headquarters Road Wedgefield, SC 29168 (803) 494-8196

https://www.state.sc.us/forest/permit.htm

## **Poinsett State Park**

6660 Poinsett Park Road Wedgefield, SC 29168 (803) 484-8117

#### **Palmetto Conservation Foundation**

722 King Street Columbia, SC 29205 (803) 771-0870

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