

# Recreation Opportunity Guide



## HARRIS RIVER TRAIL

**Description:** The Harris River Trail offers foot access to the Harris River for fishing and wildlife viewing.



**Access:** The trailhead is located on the Hollis-Klawock Highway (paved) approximately 2 miles east of the Hydaburg Road junction (milepost 23).

**Distance:** 1.3 mile (one way)

**Trip Time:** 60-75 minutes (one way)

**Difficulty:** More Difficult

**Elevation Change:** 100 feet

**Terrain:** The trail is gently sloping from the highway down to where it meets the Harris River. The majority of the trail is natural tread. There is a tributary of the Harris River that must be forded at approximately 1/2 mile from the trailhead.

### Recommended Seasons

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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**Attractions:** The Harris River Trail offers hikers access to the Harris River for wildlife viewing and fishing. The trail passes through a second growth spruce and hemlock forest with alder trees immediately in the foreground and glimpses of Harris Ridge in the background. The Harris River supports an abundant run of chum, coho and sockeye salmon as well as steelhead and cutthroat trout. Waterfowl and bald eagles are commonly seen in the area during the spawning season. The trail ends at a rock bar on the banks of the river



**Special Considerations:** The trail has one primary stream crossing that must be forded. Areas of the trail have loose rock that creates unstable footing. Note that bears are attracted to the area in the late summer and fall.

### Practice Leave No Trace Skills and Ethics

- ✓ *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*



### Safety Tips

- ✓ *Discharging firearms is prohibited within 150 yards of cabins and across, or on, a body of water.*
- ✓ *Do NOT feed or approach bears!*
- ✓ *Water for consumption should be treated or boiled.*
- ✓ *Rubber boots, rain gear and insect repellent are recommended.*

**USGS Map:** Craig B-3



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