

Sumter National Forest

South Carolina

Turkey/Stevens Creek Canoe Trail



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Highlights

This 12-mile trail winds through the southeast central portion of the Long Cane Ranger District. Recreational canoeing is a popular sport on this creek.

Attractions

This canoe trail begins at the junctions of Turkey Creek and SC Route 283. It ends at Modoc Bridge on SC Route 23. Two access points along the creek enable you to determine the length and duration of your visit. Generally, Turkey and Stevens Creeks range from 20 to 30 feet wide and 1 to 6 feet deep. Occasional holes are up to 15 feet deep. Steep hardwood bluffs, flood plain forest, and small marshy areas border the creek. Whitewater exists during flooding. Deer, turkey, raccoon and hawks as well as waterfowl can be observed by quiet floaters. Plants such as bloodroot, anemone, geranium, wild ginger, crane-fly orchid and partridgeberry are some of the interesting plants to be found.

Surrounding Area

Nearby points of interest include the towns of Edgefield (home of 10 Governors), and McCormick, Lick Fork Recreation Area, Beaverdam Rifle Range, and Hamilton Branch State Park.

For More Information

Long Cane Ranger District
810 Buncombe Street
Edgefield, SC 29824
Phone: (803) 637-5396
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Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Directions: From Edgefield, take SC Route 23 south for 1.9 miles. Turn right onto Route S 19-35 (Walker Road). Drive 5 miles, turn left onto SC 283. Drive 4.9 miles to entrance on left.

Difficulty level: Moderately easy to difficult depending upon water level.

Length: 12 miles

Requirements: Flat-bottom boats less than 14 feet, or canoes.

Safety: Check local weather conditions. Study map of area and learn terrain. Know access points.

Season: Year round.

Site amenities:

- Two paved access points

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