

Francis Marion National Forest

South Carolina

Wambaw Cycle Trail



Southern Region, USDA Forest Service

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Highlights

A figure-eight style motorcycle, OHV, and mountain bike trail, this sandy course winds through fragrant pine woods with shimmering hardwoods in the understory. Riders can glimpse sinkhole ponds with majestic bald cypress, as well as turkeys and white-tailed deer.

While the trail is designed for motorcycles, it can accommodate OHVs under 50 inches wide and mountain bikes: Jeeps, Hummers and other 4 X 4 vehicles are not allowed on trails.

The Wambaw Cycle Trail and Round Pond Cycle Trailhead are maintained by the Family Riders Motorcycle Club of Charleston. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact one of the district offices listed below.

Call Before you Haul

This trail may be closed on short notice to prevent resource damage. Before your ride, call the OHV Hotline (803-561-4025) or check the website <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/forest/conditions/> for up-to-date information.

For More Information

Wambaw Office

PO Box 788, McClellanville, SC 29458

Phone: (843) 887-3257, Fax: (843) 887-3848

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Witherbee Office

2421 Witherbee Road. Cordesville, SC 29434

Phone: (843) 336-3248, Fax: (843) 336-4789

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. –4:30 p.m.

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Education Center

5821 US Highway 17 North, Awendaw, SC 29429

Phone: (843) 928-3368, Fax: (843) 928-3828

Hours: Tuesday–Sunday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Directions: From Charleston, take U.S. Highway 17 north to Steed Creek Road (SC Route 133-S). Turn left and drive 5 miles to Halfway Creek Road (SC Route 98-S). Turn right and continue 6 miles to Round Pond Cycle Trailhead on the left.

Camping: Round Pond Cycle Trailhead, located in the center of the trail loops, off Halfway Creek Road (SC Route 98-S).

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Fees: \$5 per OHV per day, or \$50 per person per season. (Seasonal passes are issued to specific individuals, and only those individuals may use them.) A complimentary seasonal pass will be issued to volunteers who contribute 8 hours or more of trail work at certified trail work outings.

Length: 40 miles, two loops, combined

Season: Year-round (Recommended: fall, winter, spring) **Temporary closures during hunting season 2004. North Loop Closed** 8/20, 8/21, 9/3, 9/4, 9/24, 9/25, 10/2, 10/15, 10/16, 11/5, 11/6, 11/13, 11/26, 11/27, 12/17, 12/18. **South Loop Closed** 9/10, 9/11, 10/1, 10/2, 10/22, 10/23, 11/12, 11/13, 12/3, 12/4, 12/24, 12/25. **Both Loops Closed** 10/2, 11/13.

Surface type: Unsurfaced, sandy

Trailhead amenities: picnic shelter and vault toilets

Travel Time: 6 hours (by motorcycle)

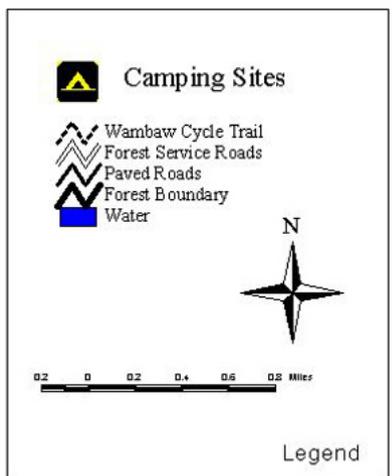
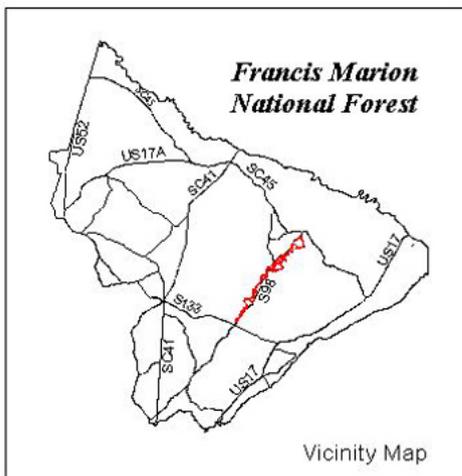
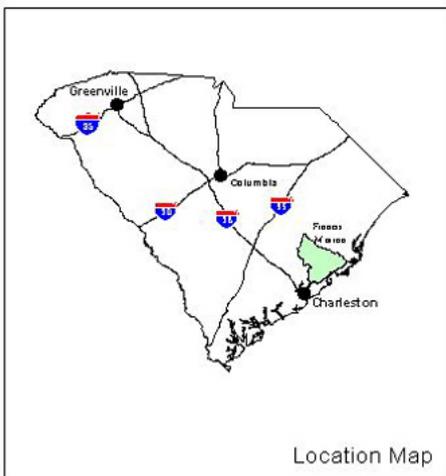
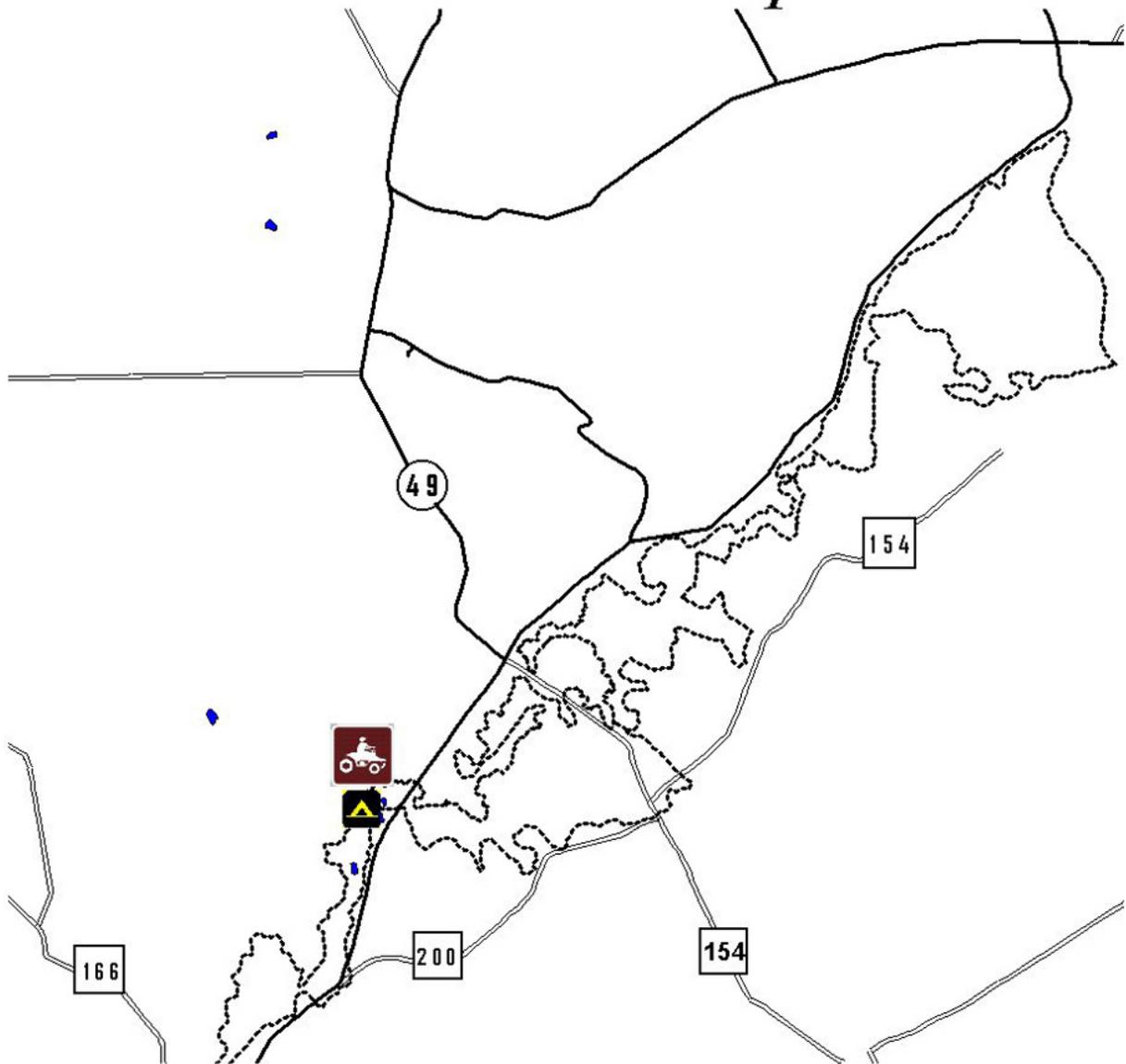
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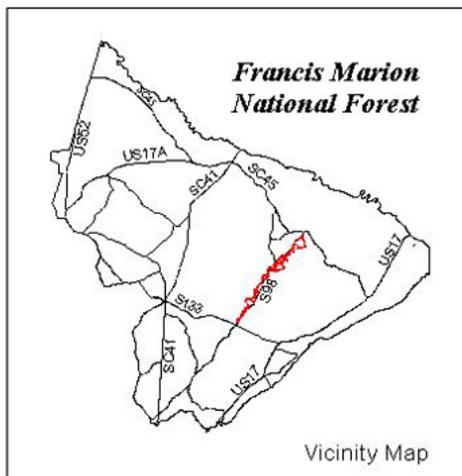
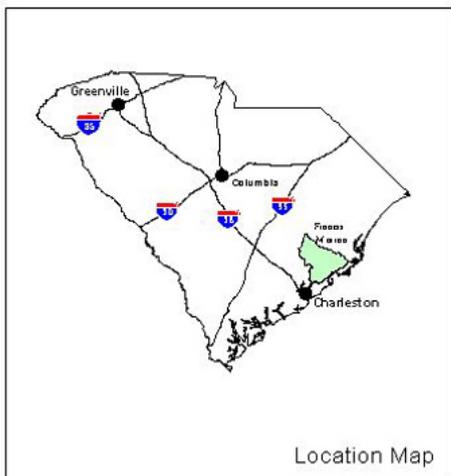
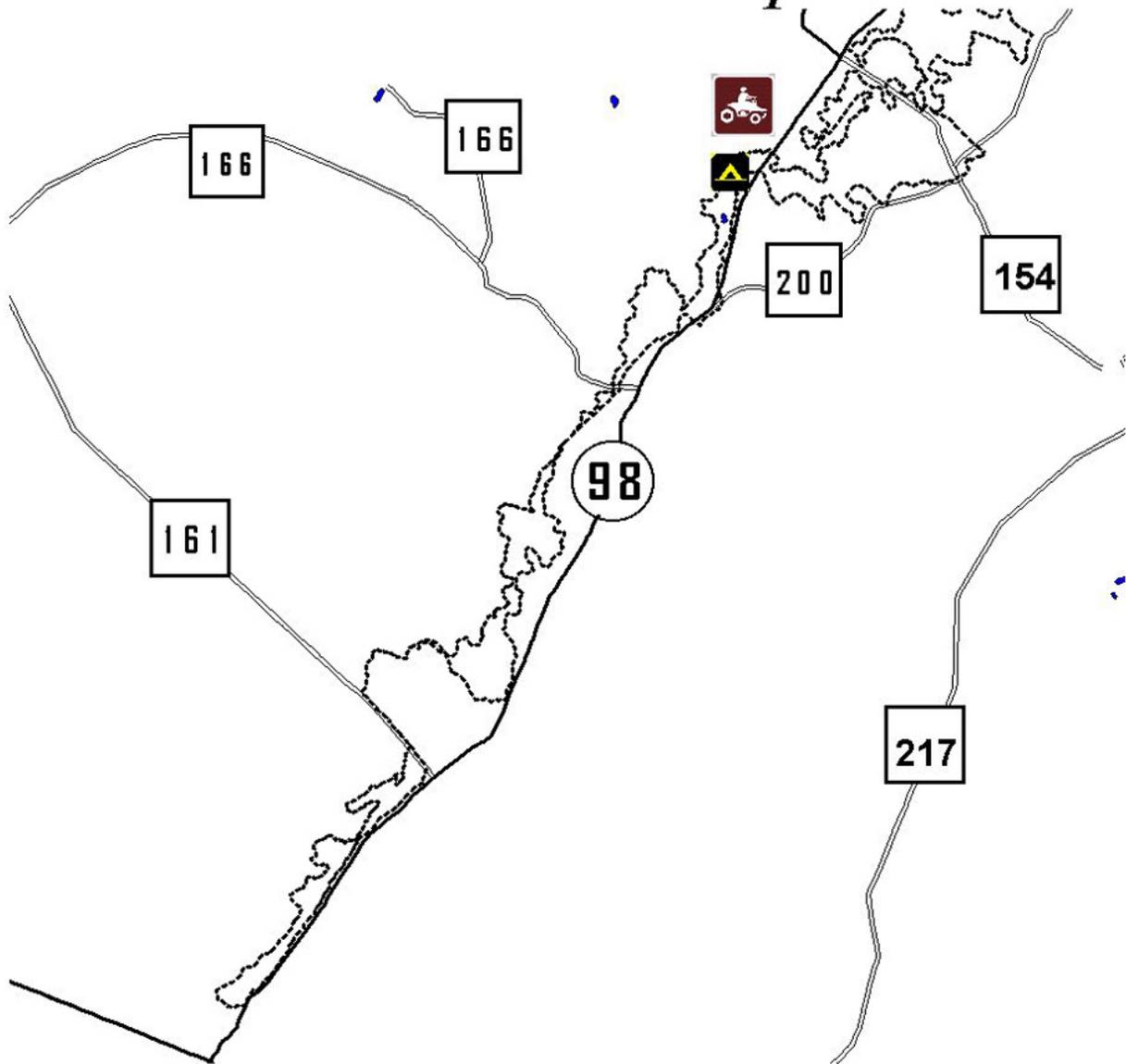
4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29212-3530 (803) 561-4000



Wambaw Cycle Trail North Loop



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OHV/Motorcycle Trail Use



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Rules

Rules are necessary to make sure your riding adventure on the Francis Marion and Sumter is fun and safe. They also ensure a quality riding experience with the least damage to natural resources. Please help by obeying these rules.

These rules apply to all 4 trails on the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests: Cedar Springs OHV Trail, Parson's Mountain OHV Trail, Enoree OHV Trail, and Wambaw Cycle Trail.

- All applicable State and Federal laws and regulations apply on Forest Service trails.
- Stay on the designated, marked trails. Do not ride pipe line and power line rights-of-way or roads that are not part of the marked trail.
- Operating any type of vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is unsafe and unlawful.
- Blocking, restricting, or otherwise interfering with the use of a road, gate, or trail is prohibited. Not only is it dangerous, but also may hinder administrative functions or emergency access.
- Operating a motor vehicle carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the safety of any person, or in a manner that endangers, or is likely to endanger, any person or property is prohibited.
- Remove all litter and trash.
- Pay the fee. Operators must have a permit in their possession at all times while riding on the trails.

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These trails are sometimes closed quickly to prevent resource damage. Call the number above or check the web site (www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms, Current Conditions) to be sure the trail you want to use is opened. These are the best sources of information for these trails.

Special permits are required for organized or commercial rides.

Remember, all 3 trails on the Sumter NF—Cedar Springs OHV, Parson's Mountain OHV, and Enoree OHV—are closed every year from the first Monday after January 1 through the last Thursday in March.

Failure to follow these rules and/or any additional rules posted at the trails may result in violation notices being issued.



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Safety

- File a trip plan with family or friends so someone will know where you are and whom to contact should you fail to return as planned.
- Take a first-aid kit. Know how to treat minor injuries. Be aware of the location of the nearest hospital.
- Watch for hazards along the trail. Do not try to jump trees and other obstacles that you may encounter.
- Yield the right-of-way when the trails cross Forest Service System roads. Be alert at the railroad crossing on the Cedar Springs Trail.
- Wear protective safety equipment when riding.
- Start and end at trail head parking areas.
- Take a break from time to time to rest and check your vehicle.
- Wear blaze orange during the big-game hunting season (October through December).

Tread Lightly

T ravel only where permitted. Use only trails that are open to vehicles or other forms of travels. Cutting across switch-backs or taking short-cuts destroys vegetation and trails.

R espect the rights of others. Be courteous to other users who also want to enjoy the land for their activities.

E ducate yourself. Find out when and where the trails are opened.

A void sensitive areas at all times. Sensitive areas include streams, lake shores, meadows, muddy roads and trails. Avoid wildlife.

D rive and travel responsibly. Protect the forests, lands, and waters you enjoy.

