

# Tyger River Canoe Trail



While floating the Tyger River, visitors will find bottom-land forests and small marshy areas. The river ranges from two to six feet deep and 40 to 70 feet wide.

Paddlers may encounter a variety of water levels so experiences depend on the time of year and the amount of rainfall. Early spring brings heavy rains that cause the river to swell, making it unsafe to paddle. In late spring, river conditions provide fast-moving flatwater for experienced paddlers to enjoy. The summer months, coupled with a lack of rain, turn the river into a small creek that makes boating impossible. In the fall, the rains start again, and river conditions provide fast-moving, flat water.

Floaters have excellent opportunities to view many wildlife species and abundant plant life or to fish for catfish, bream, and redeye bass.

**Boat Size:** Canoes and flat-bottom boats less than 14 feet long are recommended.

**Camping:** Primitive camping is allowed on national forest land along river by permit only. Sedalia Campground is nearby. Contact Tyger Office.

**Difficulty Level:** Ranges from beginner to novice paddlers, depending on water levels. A river brochure is available at the ranger station for more detail.

**Drinking Water:** Plan water needs before trip. River water is not safe to drink.

**Length:** 24 miles

**Safety:** Watch for seasonal flooding, fallen trees and log jams. Check local weather forecast before your trip. Before you float, study maps of the area and learn the terrain. Know the access points; some are NOT visible from river.

**Season:** Year round; recommended in late spring and fall. Check water levels: <http://waterdate.usgs.gov/nwis>

**Trash:** Pack it in/Pack it out

**Travel Time:** At approximately two to three miles per hour, time needed to complete a trip depends on water depth, paddle speed, number of stops, and portage.

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## Access Points

**Cedar Bluff on Hwy 49:** From Union, take Hwy 49 west to Cedar Bluff Bridge, about 8 miles. Access is on private property. Primitive, no ramp.

**Minnow Bridge:** From intersection of State Road 49 and State Road 18, drive east 3.4 miles from intersection of SR 18 to Sedalia Fire Tower Rd, 44-80. Turn left on Sedalia Fire Tower Road, 44-80, and drive to stop sign. Turn left on Minnow Bridge Road, FS Rd. 323, and take to end.

**Rose Hill Boat Ramp:** From Hwy. 176, City of Union Bypass, and State Road 16, Sardis Road, drive south 7.6 miles on SR 16. Rose Hill Boat Ramp is on the right just after you cross over the Tyger River.

**Beattys Bridge Boat Ramp:** From I-26 and Hwy. 121 (exit 72 off interstate) drive north 13.4 miles to jet Hwy. 176/Hwy. 72 in Whitmire. Stay right on Hwy. 176 and Hwy. 72 and drive 1.5 miles to fork. Turn left, north, on Hwy. 176 and drive 5.1 miles to Beattys Bridge Boat Ramp on the left.

From Union, on Hwy. 176, drive south 7.8 miles to Beattys Bridge Boat Ramp on the right.

**Gordon's Bridge (managed by Newberry County):** from Whitmire, take State Hwy. 72/121 for about 8 miles to Hwy. 35. Turn right and drive 5 miles until you cross Hwy. 54. Go approximately 1 mile to Gordon's Bridge.

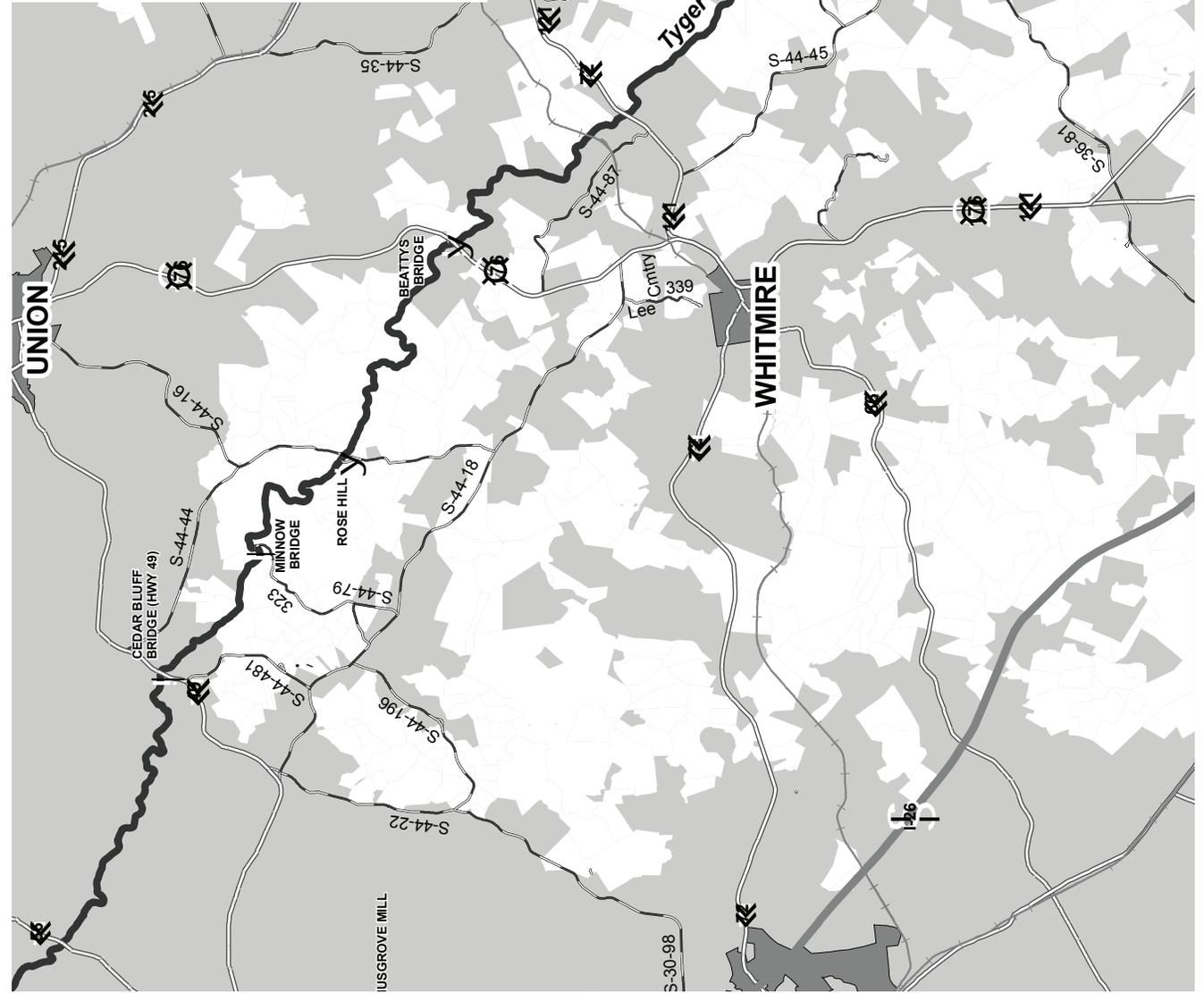
## For more information

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## River Mileages

	Cedar Bluff	Minnow Bridge	Rose Hill	Beattys Bridge	Gordons Bridge	Broad River	Strothers
Cedar Bluff							
Minnow Bridge	3.52						
Rose Hill	7.45	3.93					
Beattys Bridge	13.85	10.33	6.4				
Gordons Bridge	26.51	22.99	19.06	12.66			
Broad River	30.32	26.8	22.87	16.47	3.81		
Strothers	38.52	35	31.07	24.67	12.01	8.2	

