

Awendaw Creek Canoe Trail



Francis Marion National Forest



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Traveling inland, this brackish water creek travels inland through saltmarsh carrying paddlers under Hwy. 17, through the forest and, depending on the water level, peters out in the cypress/tupelo swamp near Steed Creek Road.

Traveling oceanward, Awendaw Creek meanders through saltmarsh and oysterbanks. Views of bluffs covered with live oak and palmetto trees give way to vistas of open water and red cedar-covered dredge islands of the Intracoastal Waterway and provides access to Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge and its barrier islands providing shorebirding opportunities. Paddlers can spot a rich variety of wildlife such as dolphins, blue herons, fiddler crabs, pelicans and oystercatchers. Paddling north on the Intracoastal Waterway, the trail ends at Buck Hall Recreation Area, with a take out at the boat ramp.

Surrounding Area:

- Buck Hall Recreation Area
- South Tibwin Plantation
- Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center

For more information:

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Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Directions:

To access from from Awendaw Canoe Launch Trailhead: from Charleston, take US Highway 17 north to Rosa Green Road. Turn right on Rosa Green Road. The trailhead is on the left where the paved road ends.

To access from Buck Hall Recreation Area, from Charleston from Charleston, take US Highway 17 North to Buck Hall Landing Road (FS 242). Turn right to the recreation area. Buck Hall is about 30 miles north of Charleston.

Difficulty Level: Easy

Length: Seven miles total

Fees: Free parking at the Awendaw Canoe Launch parking area, a \$5 parking fee applies at Buck Hall.

Season: Year round. Fall, winter and spring are recommended.

Safety: Wear sunscreen! During temperate months, be prepared for biting insects and high temperatures. Wear blaze orange for safety during hunting seasons.

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