

Echaw Creek Canoe Trail



Francis Marion National Forest



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This 4.39-mile long blackwater creek winds through magnificent oak-hickory stands and cypress-tupelo swamps. Opportunities for viewing bobcats, owls, wild turkeys and more occur at every bend. The abundance of well-drained forests on the bank invites exploration on foot. **Please note the right bank as you travel downstream is privately owned. Do not trespass.**

The creek is tidal and changes occur about 2.5 hours later than the times posted for Charleston Harbor. Look for evidence of the abandoned rice culture.

A good take-out point is McConnell's Boat Landing on the Santee River.

Surrounding Area:

- Hampton Plantation State Park/SC Dept. of Parks, Rec. and Tourism (843) 546-9361
- Battery Warren Interpretive Trail
- Guilliard Lake Scenic Area

Length: Three miles to Santee River; six miles to McConnell's Landing

Travel Time: Pitch Landing to McConnell's Landing, five to six hours

Difficulty Level: Moderate to difficult

Directions: From Charleston, take US Highway 17 North to McClellanville. Turn left at blinking yellow light onto Highway 45 (French Santee Road). Drive 12 miles and turn right onto Price Landing Road (FS Road 151). Go 2.5 miles and turn right on Pitch Landing Road. Go 0.75 miles to landing.

Safety: Expect biting insects and high temperatures during warmer months. Watch for venomous snakes and trees overhanging the river. Use caution when traversing log jams.

Camping: Leave campsites in natural condition. Pack it in/Pack it out, and use only dead and down wood for campfires.

For More Information

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