

I'on Swamp Interpretive Trail



Francis Marion National Forest



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A fascinating walk through a wetland world, this historic, self-guided, interpretive trail traverses embankments built by humans dating back to the 1700s. The embankments and ditches were built to create a patchwork of fields for rice production during the lucrative rice era of the low country.

With water pooling on both sides of the trail, visitors will witness a wide array of wildlife from the wood duck to the yellowbelly slider turtle and the great blue heron. Alligators float in the serene pools alongside the trail, while a river otter occasionally scoots across the footpath.

Surrounding Area:

- Buck Hall Recreation Area
- Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge (843) 928-3264
- Sewee Shell Mound Interpretive Trail

For more information:

Francis Marion Ranger District
2967 Steed Creek Road
Huger, SC 29450
Phone: (843) 336-3248
Fax: (843) 336-2250
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center
5821 US Highway 17 North, Awendaw, SC 29429
Phone: (843) 928-3368
Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Directions: From Charleston, take US Highway 17 North to I'on Swamp Road (FS Road 228). Turn left and drive 2.0 miles to the trailhead on the left.

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Length: 2.5 miles

Surface: Unsurfaced, grassy

Season: Year round. From December through March a large portion of the trail may be submerged to provide habitat for waterfowl.

Safety: During temperate months, be prepared for biting insects and high temperatures. Wear blaze orange for safety during hunting seasons. Avoid using the trail during excessively wet periods. Watch out for roots and exposed cypress knees on some sections of trail.

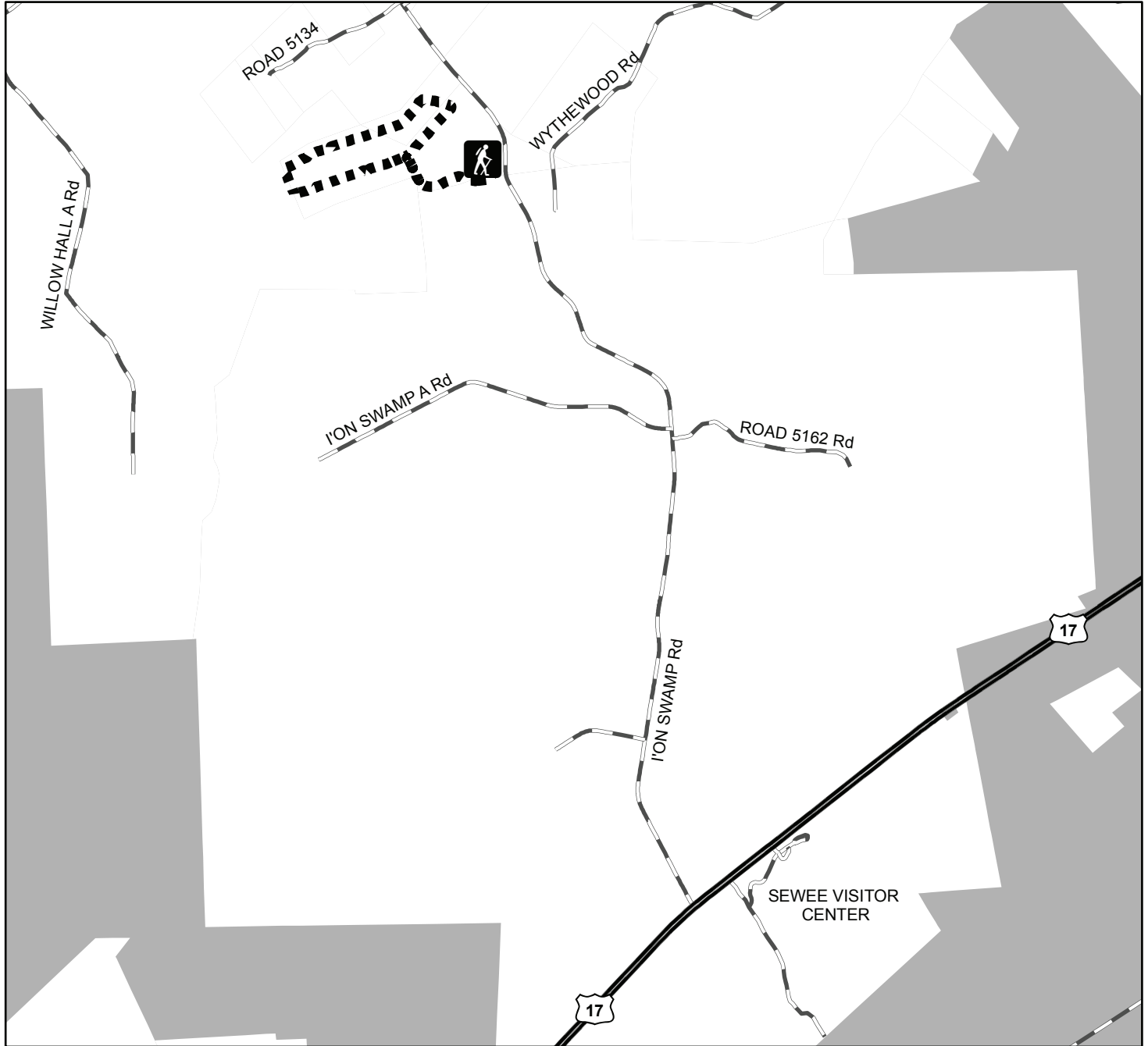
Restrictions: Day use only. Foot traffic only.

Travel Time: Two hours

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