

Wambaw Creek Canoe Trail



Francis Marion National Forest



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Wambaw Creek is a peaceful blackwater creek flowing through majestic cypress-tupelo stands. Abundant opportunities exist to view wildlife like prothonotary warblers, swallow-tailed kites and river otters. Paddlers can travel either direction from Still Landing or Echaw Road. The creek is tidal and changes occur about three hours later than times posted for Charleston Harbor.

Surrounding area

- Hampton Plantation State Park/SC Dept. of Parks, Rec. and Tourism (843) 546-9361
- Santee Coastal Reserve/SC Dept. of Natural Resources (843) 546-8665
- Battery Warren Interpretive Trail

For more information

Wambaw Office

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Witherbee Office

2421 Witherbee Road, Cordesville, SC 29434

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Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center

5821 Highway 17 North, Awendaw, SC 29429

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Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Directions: From Charleston take US Hwy. 17 North to McClellanville. Turn left at blinking yellow light onto Hwy. 45 (French Santee Rd.). Drive 4.0 miles and turn right onto Mill Branch Rd. (FS Rd. 211). Go 3.0 miles and turn left onto (FS 211-B). Go 0.5 miles to Still Landing. To get to Echaw Rd. Landing, continue down Mill Branch Rd. past (FS 211) to Echaw Rd. (FS 204), and turn left at dead end. Proceed 1.0 miles to bridge and boat ramp.

Safety: Expect biting insects and high temperatures during warmer months. Watch for venomous snakes and trees overhanging the river.

Camping: Most of the land along the bank is too wet for camping. Camping is available at Elmwood Campground near the intersection of Mill Branch and Echaw Rd. Leave campsites in natural condition. Pack it in/Pack it out. Use only dead and down wood for campfires.

Length: Nine miles total; five miles from Still Landing to Echaw Road.

Travel Time: Still Landing to Echaw Road is three hours.

Difficulty Level: Easy

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