

Awendaw Creek Canoe Trail



Francis Marion National Forest



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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 dolphin, blue heron, fiddler crabs, pelicans and oystercatchers. Paddling north on the Intracoastal Waterway, the trail ends at Buckhall 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:

Francis Marion Ranger District

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Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center

5821 US Highway 17 North, Awendaw, SC 29429

Phone: (843) 928-3368

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

Directions:

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.

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

Difficulty Level: Easy

Length: Seven miles

Surface: Unsurfaced, grassy

Fees: \$5 parking fee applies at Buck Hall

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

Safety: During temperate months, be prepared for biting insects and high temperatures. Be aware of big-game hunting seasons, and wear highly visible clothing.

Volunteers for trail maintenance are always needed and welcomed. Contact one of the district offices for details.

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