

# East Fork Trail



# Sumter National Forest



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The East Fork Trail has two trailheads: one at the Chattooga Picnic Area adjacent to the Walhalla Fish Hatchery and one at Burrells Ford. Starting at the picnic area, East Fork Trail is an easy 2.5-mile hike along the north bank of the scenic, fast-moving east fork of the Chattooga River. You will pass through the lush, East Fork Gorge into the Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area, which provides a backdrop for most of this trail. It meanders to a junction with the Chattooga Trail, where you can backtrack or hike to Ellicott Rock, which is 1.9 miles north on the Chattooga Trail. If you start from the west trailhead, you will need to hike 2.1 miles on the Chattooga Trail from Burrells Ford.

## Surrounding area

- Chattooga River Picnic Area
- Walhalla State Fish Hatchery
- Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area

## For more information

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Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon  
and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
On the Web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms>

## Directions

**To the Chattooga Picnic Area:** From Walhalla, drive northwest on Highway 28 for 7.5 miles and bear right onto SC 107. Drive 12 miles and turn left onto Fish Hatchery Road (Oconee County S-325). Continue to the Fish Hatchery and picnic area. The east trailhead is at the bridge.

**To Burrells Ford:** From Walhalla, drive west on Highway 28 for 7.5 miles and bear right onto SC 107. Drive approximately 10.0 miles and turn left onto Burrells Ford Road (FS Road 708). Drive on Burrells Ford Road to a sign that indicates the way to Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area on the Chattooga Trail. Hike for 2.1 miles on the Chattooga Trail to the west trailhead of the East Fork Trail.

**Camping:** Primitive camping is allowed, but campsites must be more than 50 feet from streams and trails, and more than 0.25 miles from roads.

**Difficulty Level:** Easy

**Length:** 2.5 miles

**Season:** Year round

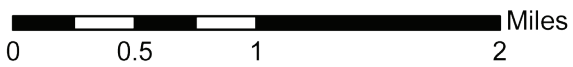
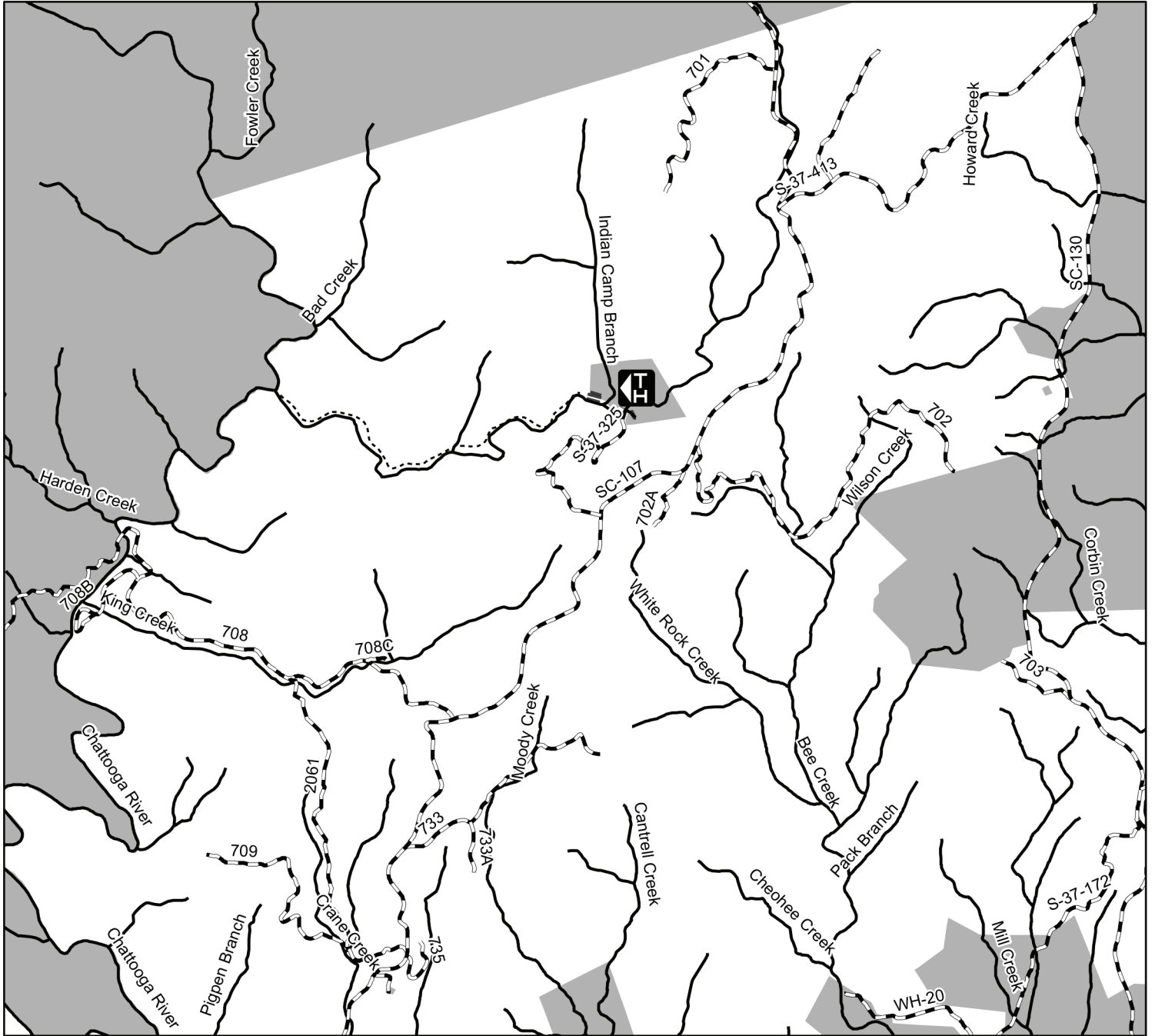
**Surface Type:** Dirt

**Travel Time:** 1.5 hours (one way)

**Volunteers for trail maintenance are always needed and welcomed. Contact the district office.**

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### Features

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|--|---------------|--|-------------------|
|  | Trailhead     |  | Waterbody         |
|  | EastForkTrail |  | Town\City         |
|  | Roads         |  | Private Ownership |
|  | Streams       |  |                   |

