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Berkeley Bikeway # 12 - Kids Gravel 6K Ride.

Front cover photo: Bikeway # 19 - Big Gravel Ride at Bonneau Ferry.

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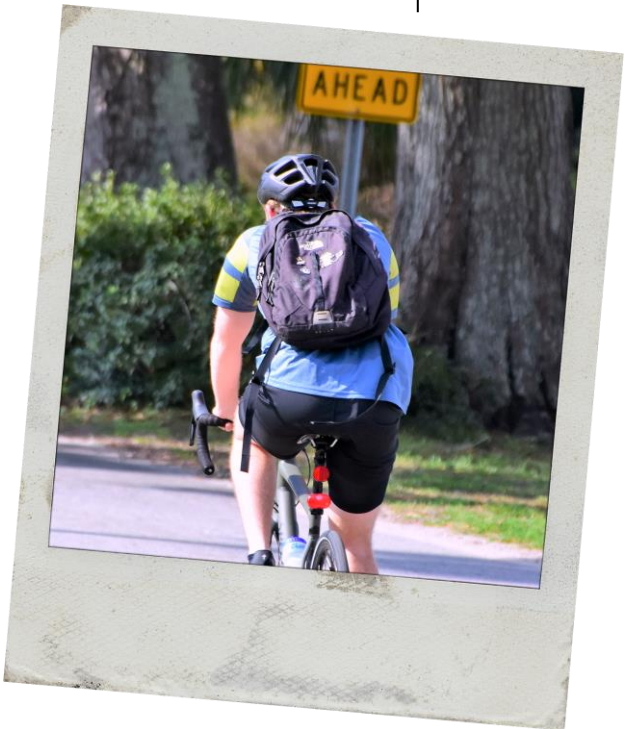
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Biggin Creek Trail	5.0 miles	Moncks Corner	88

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Jericho Horse Trail	19 miles	Cordesville	82
Big Gravel Ride	25 miles	Cordesville	96
Marrington Plantation	17 miles	Goose Creek	100

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Berkeley Bikeway # 3 - Nexton Community



Tour de Daniel Island

1



This is a favorite among family cyclists.

Summary

Officially in Berkeley County, but part of the City of Charleston, the planned community of Daniel Island is surrounded by rivers, creeks and stunning marsh views. This bicycle tour will take you along the Daniel Island Trail, paralleling the Wondo River, visit several parks, a treehouse, and along neighborhood streets with wide bike lanes. This is an easy, relaxing ride for the entire family and packs a lot in its short distance.

Difficulty

Easy and family friendly!

Distance

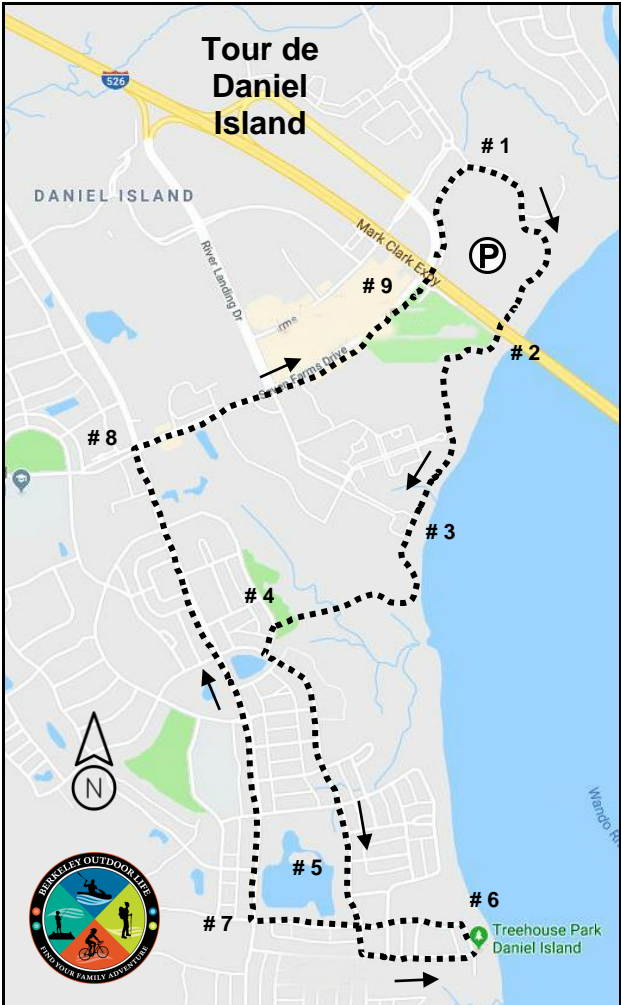
5.0 mile fun route, but exploration is encouraged.

Time

Allow a couple hours to enjoy everything this ride has to offer.

Trail Surface	Mostly asphalt trail and roads, with a mix of hard pack dirt/gravel trail.
Bike Type	Any bike type will work. Because of pedestrian and other bicycle traffic, a bicycle bell is highly recommended.
Crowds	Moderate to heavy. This is a popular place.
Fees/Permits	None.
Bike Type	Any bike type will work. Because of pedestrian and other bicycle traffic, a bicycle bell is highly recommended.
Precautions:	There is vehicle traffic, however, it is slow moving, and the locals are used to seeing a lot of cyclists and families out and about.
Parking	Governor's Park, 165 Fairbanks Oak Alley, Daniel Island, SC 29492. There is also parking for Governor's Park off Seven Farms Drive. GPS: 32.865118, -79.898890 32°51'54.4"N, 79°53'56.0"W
Weather on the Trail	Click HERE





This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 9 on next page.

Route Directions	
1	From the Governors Park parking area off Seven Farms Drive, begin by north biking on the asphalt path. This path will take you around the large field in front of the parking area, and after 0.3 mile, you'll begin the Daniel Island Trail (this will also be referred to as the "River Walk Loop).
2	Continuing the trail, you'll soon parallel the Wondo River and at 0.6 mile, bike under the massive I-526 bridge. At 0.7 mile, you'll pass by a series of tennis courts on the right.
3	At 1.3 miles, pass area with swings, tables, children play area, long piers out over the Wondo River on the left.
4	Come to the end of the Daniel Island Trail at Barfield Street at 1.7 miles. Turn right, bike 300-ft., and turn left on Pierce Street.
5	Bike on Pierce Street for another 0.5 mile. Smythe Park is on the right. This is a large park, with a good size pond, paths that navigate the park and worth exploring.
6	At 2.6 miles, turn left on Wando Landing Street, bike 1,000-ft. and the unique Treehouse Park is at the end of the street. This is a favorite among kids (and adults)!
7	After your treehouse adventure, bike north on Smythe Street (which curves around to the left) for 0.5 mile, and turn right on Daniel Island Drive. You'll pass by Smythe Park.
8	Bike on Daniel Island Drive for 1.0 mile. There are nice, wide bike lanes on this road. Turn right on Seven Farms Drive.
9	Bike another 0.75 mile on Seven Farms Drive to return where you began your ride.



Having fun near Smythe Park on Daniel Island.



This is easy going cycling at its best!



Cane Bay Community

2



Getting some exercise on the wide, safe trails at Cane Bay.

Summary

With more miles of multi-use paths than any other community in Berkeley County, take an easy bike stroll through 12+ miles of trails that wind through wooded areas, around ponds, through tunnels, and parallel quiet, beautiful neighborhoods. Cane Bay is a great place for the entire family to get some exercise on safe, wide paths. Tip: park at The Market at Cane Bay for shopping or to grab a bite to eat after your adventure.

Difficulty

Easy.

Distance

12+ miles of family multi-use paths (more than 25 miles of paths planned!).

Time

Spend as little, or as much time as you'd like.

Trail Surface	Smooth, wide concrete and asphalt path.
Crowds	Moderate. This is a growing area with many families spending time outdoors.
Fees/Permits	None.
Bike Type	Any bike type will work. Because of pedestrian and other bicycle traffic, a bicycle bell is highly recommended.
Precautions	Many of the residents use golf carts on the multi-use paths. Some of the path paralleling Cane Bay Blvd. has little reprieve from the sun. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended.
Parking	<u>MANY OPTIONS</u> - At the entrance to many of the neighborhoods along Cane Bay Blvd., there are pull-off areas for parking. A great place to park and start is at The Market at Cane Bay - 1730 State Road, Summerville, SC 29486. On the weekends or during the summer, park at Cane Bay Elementary School or Cane Bay Middle School.

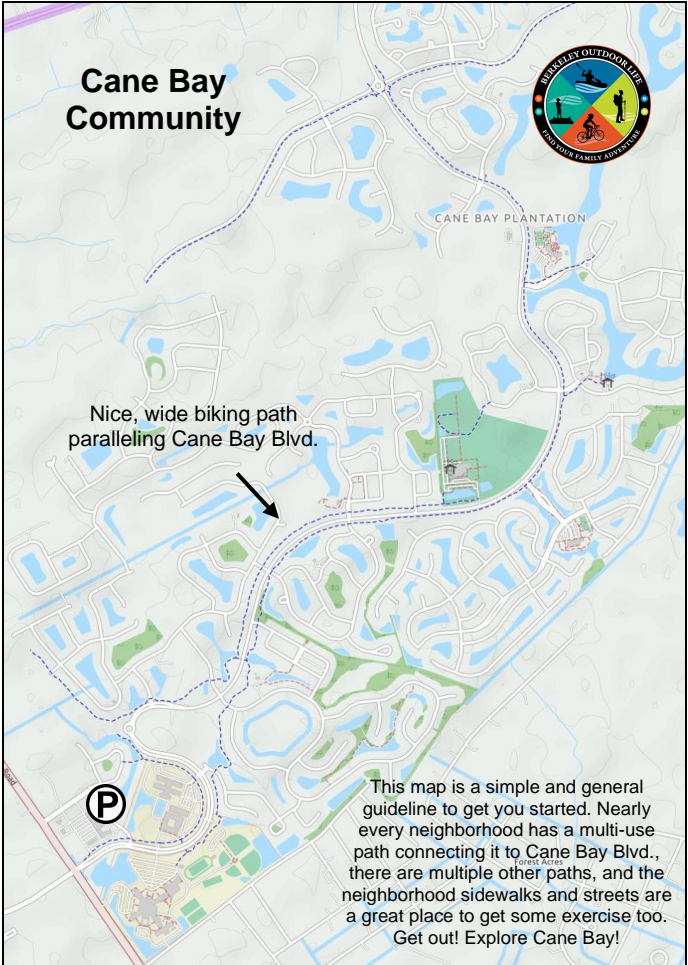


GPS: 33.105580, -80.126320
33°06'20.1"N, 80°07'34.8"W

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There are tunnels under Cane Bay Blvd. for safe family fun.



The multi-use paths wind around many ponds and scenic areas.



Nexton Community

3



One of the greenspace asphalt biking paths at Nexton.

Summary

Take a short stroll or a long ride in Berkeley County's newest large, planned community. Nexton has more than 10 miles of asphalt, concrete, gravel and natural surface multi-use paths that are designed with families in mind. The options for cycling are endless! You can traverse landscaped greenspaces, enjoy miles of easy paths paralleling the Nexton Parkway, or just take a stroll through a quiet neighborhood. Pump up those bike tires, pack a picnic and head to Nexton for some quality family exercise!

Difficulty

Easy.

Distance

More than 10 miles of family multi-use paths (with many more miles of paths planned!).

Time	Spend as little, or as much time as you'd like.
Trail Surface	Variety of surfaces; concrete, asphalt, gravel, natural surface.
Crowds	Moderate. This is a growing community with lots of folks spending time outdoors.
Fees/Permits	None.
Bike Type	Any bike type will work. Because of pedestrian and other bicycle traffic, a bicycle bell is highly recommended.
Precautions	On many of the paths, there is little reprieve from the sun. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended.
Parking	<u>MANY OPTIONS</u> - You can park along most of the community streets. A great place to park and start is Brighton Park Village, Scholar Way, Summerville, SC 29493. There is ample parking around the "Great Lawn" and pond area.



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33°03'30.1"N, 80°08'55.9"W

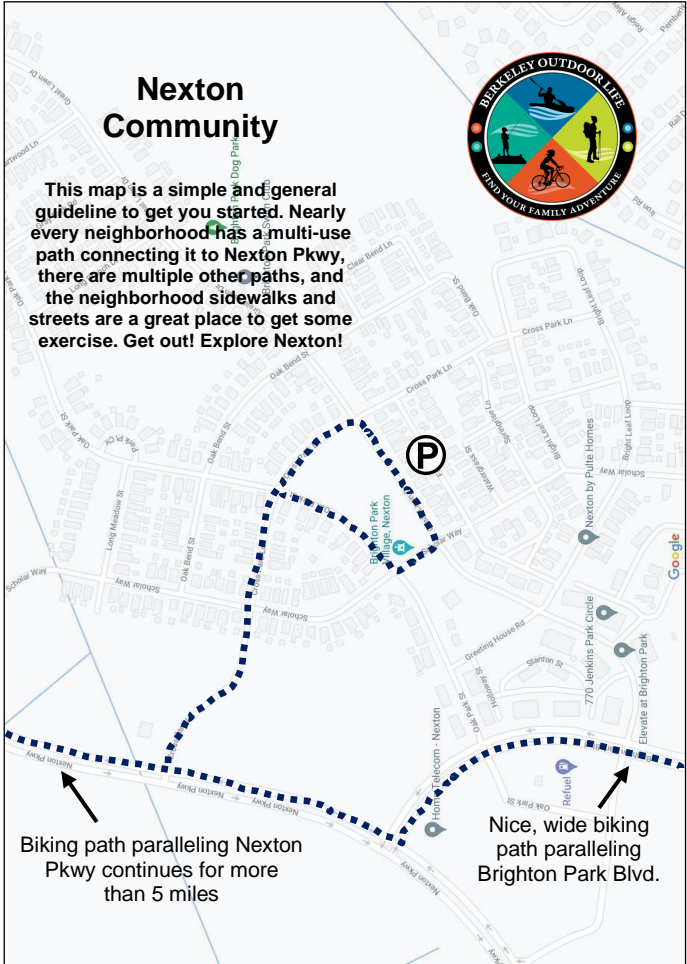
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Nexton Community

This map is a simple and general guideline to get you started. Nearly every neighborhood has a multi-use path connecting it to Nexton Pkwy, there are multiple other paths, and the neighborhood sidewalks and streets are a great place to get some exercise. Get out! Explore Nexton!

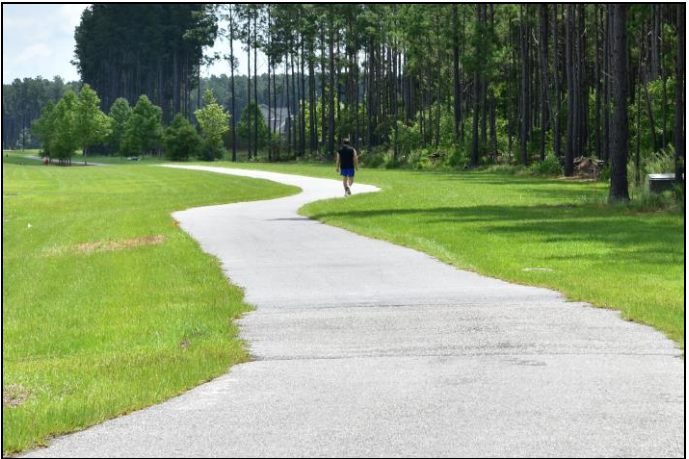


Biking path paralleling Nexton Pkwy continues for more than 5 miles

Nice, wide biking path paralleling Brighton Park Blvd.



Path going through landscaped greenspace at Brighton Park Village.



Wide, safe multi-use path paralleling Nexton Parkway.



Camp Hall

4



Gravel cycling on one of the miles of forest access roads at Camp Hall.

Summary

Camp Hall is a next generation commerce park that not only is designed for modern industry, but also includes nearly 2,000 acres of preserved habitats. The family adventurer will find miles of mixed surface trails and routes that can be used for trail/"mountain" biking, gravel rides, wildlife viewing and forest exploring. This is one of the best places in the Low Country that you can pick an adventure and keep going back to experience something new and exciting with each visit. Grab a knobby-tired bike, pack a lunch and camera, and head to Camp Hall.

Difficulty

Easy.

Distance

12 miles of trail routes (as of Summer 2021).

Time Plan at least 2 - 3 hours each time you visit this exciting place.

Trail Surface Mixed surface; forest-service road type roads, gravel, dirt, mulch, forest double-track.

Crowds Light. You'll see others on the weekends.

Fees/Permits None.

Bike Type Trail or mountain style bikes with tires over 2.0" is best for the trails that go through the forested sections. The dirt service roads can be ridden by "gravel" or hybrid style bikes with tires over 35c.

Precautions Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent. You're likely to see a good bit of wildlife; try not to disturb it!

Parking 114 Three Point Drive, Ridgeville, SC 29472. There's great trailhead signage with a map on the north side of the parking lot.

GPS: 33.132486, -80.267084
33°07'57.0"N, 80°16'01.5"W

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CAMP HALL TRAIL SYSTEM

A GUIDE TO YOUR NEW FAVORITE SPOT



LEGEND:

- FILL MATERIAL - DIRT TRAIL
(Multi-use path)
- ||||| MULCH PATH
(Multi-use path)
- ASPHALT PAVEMENT
(Multi-use path)
- ◆ TRAILHEAD SIGNAGE
- ◇ WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

NOTE: In addition to wayfinding and trailhead signs, mile markers are to be placed at 0.5 mile intervals along trails.

TRAIL ROUTES:

- Box Office - 0.14 miles | 0.23 km
- Cypress - 1.55 miles | 2.49 km
- Ironwood - 3.17 miles | 5.10 km
- Magnolia - 2.28 miles | 3.67 km
- Sweetbay - 0.29 miles | 0.47 km
- Sycamore - 2.27 miles | 3.65 km
- Tupelo - 1.92 miles | 3.09 km
- Village - 0.38 miles | 0.61 km

KEY MAP





Hiker crossing a bridge on the Sycamore/Cypress route.



It's easy to find your way at Camp Hall; bright, colorful trail signage.

ROAD CYCLING ROUTES

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On the multi-use path paralleling Volvo Car Drive, Ridgeville



Pineville-St. Stephen 25

5



Bikes & History! At historic Pineville Chapel, circa 1810.

Summary

Visit no less than three historical landmarks on this road cycling ride. You'll ride through the communities of Pineville and St. Stephen, visit the burial site of the Low Country's most prominent Revolutionary War hero, swing by an early 19th century chapel, and stop at an 18th century church that is still in use today! This ride features a wide shoulder/bike lane and offers beautiful views of the Berkeley County countryside. Bring your camera and sense of adventure for the best "Bikes & History" ride in the state!

Difficulty

Moderate.

Distance

25 miles, round-trip.

Time

Plan 2 - 3 hours for the ride and exploring.

Surface	Paved.
Trail Marker	None. Most of this ride is on HWY-45.
Bike Type	Road or hybrid style bike.
Crowds	Vehicle traffic. The traffic is significantly lighter on the weekends. This is a great ride for a Saturday or Sunday morning.
Fees/Permits	None.
Bike Type	Road or hybrid style bike.
Precautions:	Traffic on HWY-45, however, there is a nice shoulder/bike lane. Wear bright clothing, a reflective triangle and/or a rear flashing light.
Parking	Park and begin your ride at the Francis Marion Burial Site, Frances Marion Avenue, Pineville, SC 29468.

GPS: 33.453854, -80.086470
33°27'13.9"N, 80°05'11.3"W

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This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 8 on next page.

Route Directions	
1	<p>Park at the end of Frances Marion Avenue near the burial site. This is a good time to visit Francis Marion's grave and the rest of this incredible historical point of interest.</p> <p>Begin by riding back down Frances Marion Avenue towards HWY-45. At 1.0 mile, turn left on HWY-45.</p>
2	<p>Pass by a decommissioned fire tower on the left at 2.3 miles. This is directly across from the access road to the Sandy Beach Waterfowl Management Area.</p>
3	<p>At 4.6 miles, arrive in the Pineville area. Turn right on Matilda Circle. After 350 ft., the beautiful, historic Pineville Chapel will be on your left. This quaint house of worship dates to 1810.</p> <p>After visiting the chapel, return to HWY-45 and turn right on the HWY.</p>
4	<p>Pass over the Rediversion Canal at 8.8 miles.</p>
5	<p>At approximately 10 miles, you'll enter the St. Stephen area. At 10.9 miles, there is a large municipal complex (used to be a school) that houses a Berkeley County Library branch. This complex has covered picnic tables with seating for a break or lunch.</p>
6	<p>Pass over HWY-52 at 11.1 miles. Continue straight on HWY-45, which is now also called Church Rd.</p>
7	<p>At 11.4 miles, cross over railroad tracks. Immediately after the railroad tracks is the old St. Stephen "Main Street." These buildings are mostly abandoned, but interesting to ride by.</p>
8	<p>Back on HWY-45/Church Rd., at arrive at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 11.8 miles. This fascinating church dates to the 1760s, has impressive historic architecture, and a cemetery worth exploring!</p> <p>After your exploring, return the same way you came.</p>



Tomb of Revolutionary War hero Francis Marion.



You'll visit St. Stephen Episcopal Church that dates to the 1760s.



Volvo Camp Hall 12

6



At the entrance to Volvo at Volvo Car Drive, part of this cycling route.

Summary

Looking for a safe road bike loop? Look no further than the Volvo Camp Hall 12 mile route. Ride it once for an easy, quick workout, or do multiple loops to extend your mileage. This route rides through a new commerce park area with wide lanes and shoulders, and does not normally have heavy traffic. You'll pass by several preserved habitats, and there's even a multi-use path that you can ride. If you're feeling adventurous, and have wider tires, try one of the dirt tributary roads along Volvo Car Drive.

Difficulty

Easy.

Distance

12 mile route, loop.

An easy, safe, fast 12 mile road route!

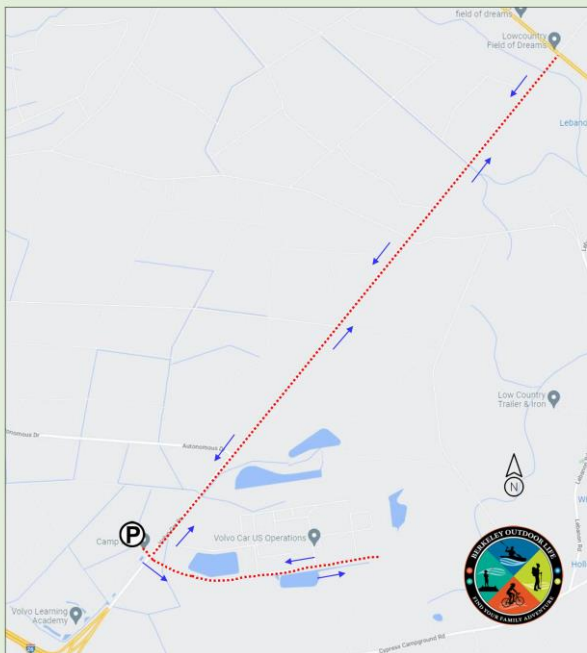
Time	45+ minutes.
Surface	Paved.
Crowds	Vehicle traffic only. Traffic is significantly lighter on weekends. This is a great ride for a Saturday or Sunday morning.
Fees/Permits	None.
Bike Type	Road or hybrid style bike.
Precautions	Wear bright clothing, a reflective triangle and/or a rear flashing light. There is no reprieve from the sun; sunscreen or a wide brim hat is recommended.
Parking	Camp Hall Information Center, 114 Three Point Drive, Ridgeville, SC 29472 GPS: 33.132486, -80.267084 33°07'57.0"N, 80°16'01.5"W
Contacts:	Camphall.com. 843-761-4070

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Volvo Camp Hall 12 Road Bike Ride





Corner of Volvo Car Drive and Fish Road.



Checking out the multi-use path paralleling Volvo Car Drive.

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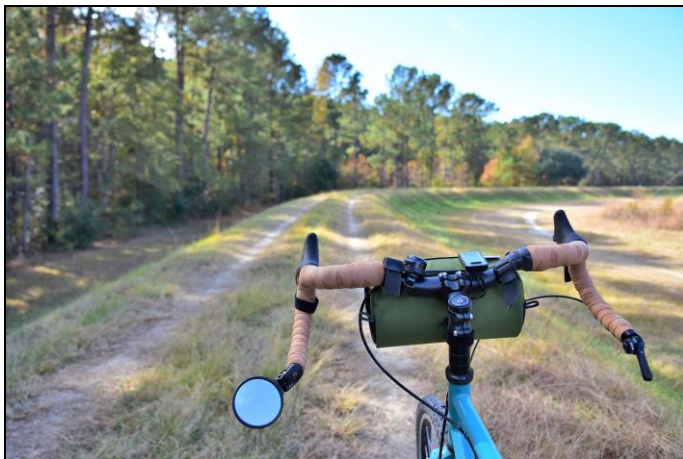


Bikeway # 9 - Ultimate Gravel 20 Miler



Lake Moultrie Passage

7



On the water impoundment near Sandy Beach WMA.

Summary

This passage of the Palmetto Trail follows the scenic and popular Lake Moultrie, one of the state's largest bodies of water. Lots of variety is guaranteed to keep things interesting: bottomland/swamp habitats, water impoundments, forest-service roads, hardwood and pine forests, and wildlife including herons, egrets, ibis, bald eagles, fox squirrels and alligators. This is a fantastic passage for *bikepackers* because it offers some of the best sunrises and sunsets in the Low Country.

Difficulty

Strenuous, if biking entire distance.

Distance

27 miles, total passage length.

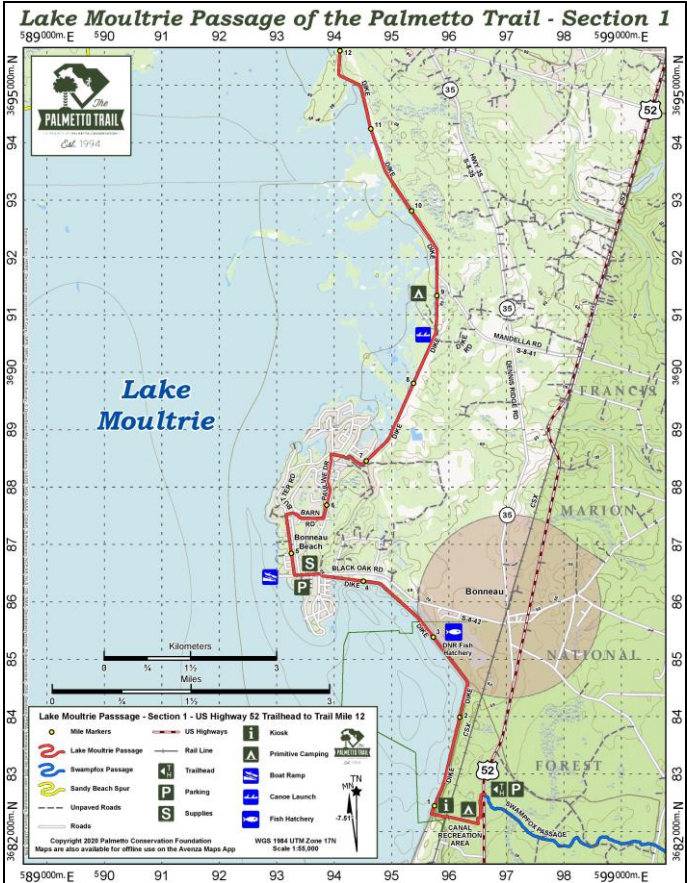
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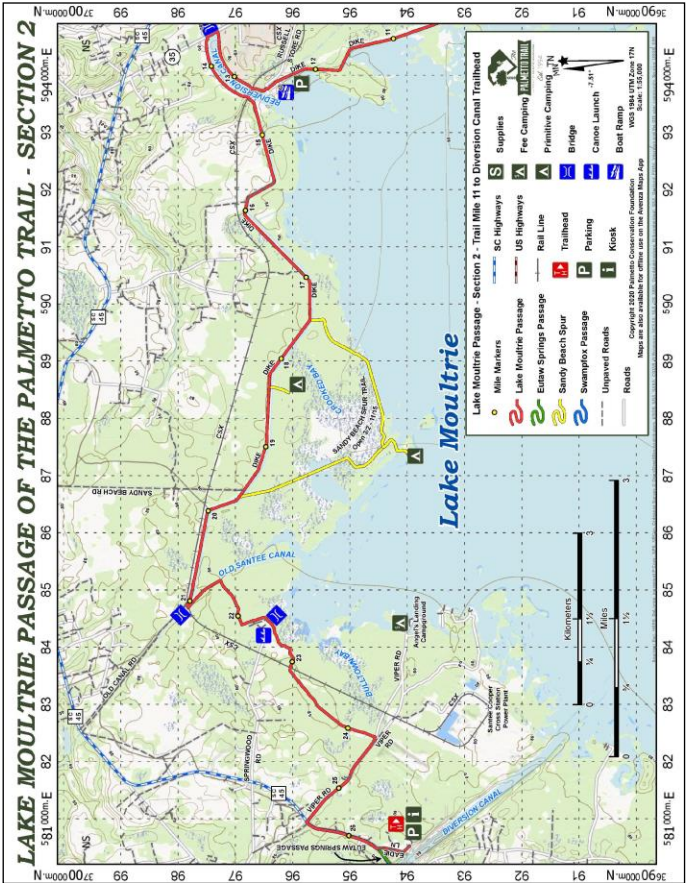
5 - 8 hours.

Trail Surface	Sand, pine covered, raised boardwalks, planks, bridges and bottomland/wet sections.
Crowds	Light.
Fees/Permits	None.
Bike Type	From the northern trailhead to the top of the canal, a mountain/trail bike with minimum 2.0" knobby tires. For the rest of the passage, nearly any bike type will work with tires over 28c.
Precautions	Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent. Many miles of this passage traverse the long water impoundments of Lake Moultrie. There is little reprieve from the sun. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended.
Eadie Lane Trailhead	Eadie Lane, Cross, SC 29436 <u>GPS</u> : 33.381806, -80.134250 33°22'54.5"N, 80°08'03.3"W
HWY-52 Trailhead	N. US HWY-52, Bonneau, SC 29431 <u>GPS</u> : 33.278472, -79.962444 33°16'42.5"N, 79°57'44.8"W
Contacts	SC Dept. Natural Resources, Bonneau, SC Office 843-825-3387. Santee Cooper 843-761-4068. Palmetto Trail 843-359-8775 or 803-771-0590.
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Map 1 – Lake Moultrie Passage







Great Blue Heron taking flight along Lake Moultrie.



Parts of the trail consist of wide, service roads.



Top of the Canal Ride

8



The Old Santee Canal. This is your cycling destination.

Summary

Bike to one of the earliest built canals in the United States. The Santee Canal dates to the 1790s, and it helped connect Columbia to the coast. This delightful hike takes you through a variety of habitats and trail types. You'll walk on wide forest service roads, visit beautiful bottomland floodplains, and cross many interesting, raised boardwalks and bridges. You are even likely to see great blue herons, egrets and deer if you're quiet. This trek is part of the Palmetto Trail's Lake Moultrie Passage.

Difficulty

Moderate (only due to distance).

Distance

7.1 miles, round-trip, out-and-back hike.

Time

2 hours.

Trail Surface

Dirt, gravel, forest service roads, raised boardwalks and bridges.

Trail Marker Yellow blazes on trees, and good signage on the trail.

Crowds Very light. You are almost guaranteed to be alone. You may see others on the weekend.

Fees/Permits None.

Precautions: Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. You may have to walk through shin-to-knee deep grass - ticks abound! Bring insect repellent.



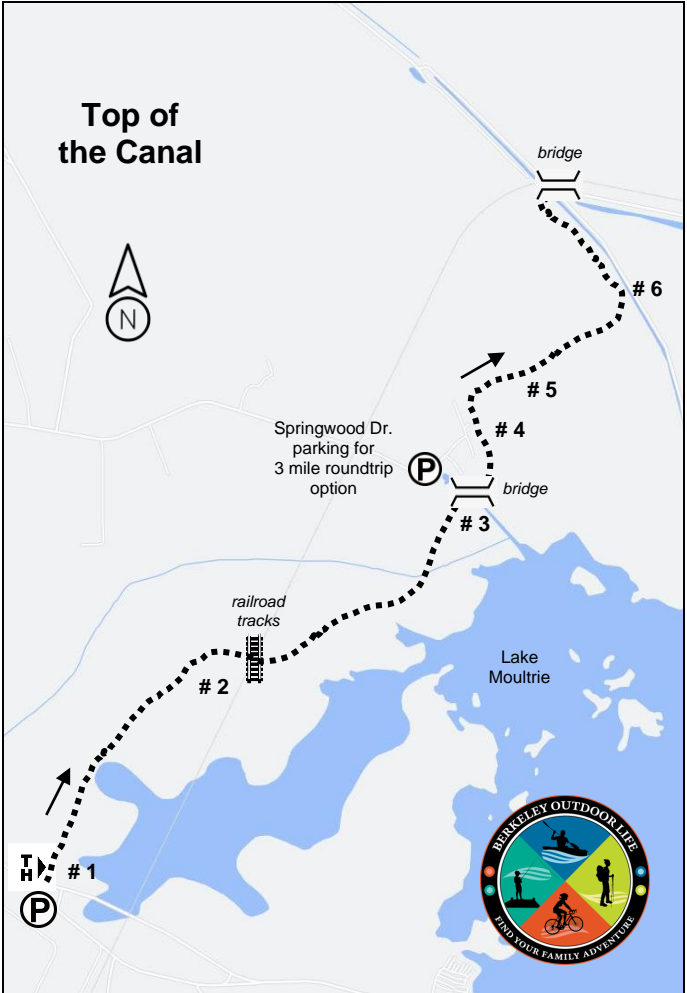
VERY IMPORTANT: If there is a train at the crossing, walk around it on the gravel. Never attempt to pass through in between the train cars. The train can start moving at any time without warning.

Parking 7.1 Mile Option - park off Viper Rd., Pineville, SC.
GPS: 33.387071, -80.113609
33°23'13.5"N, 80°06'49.0"W

3.0 Mile Option - park at end of Springwood Dr., Pineville, SC, at private boat launch.
\$4.00 parking fee (as of Summer 2021).
GPS: 33.403931, -80.093653
33°24'14.2"N, 80°05'37.2"W

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This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on the next page.

Route Directions	
1	Park in the grass/dirt off to the side of Viper Rd. near the trailhead. The trail is marked with Palmetto Trail signage. Begin your hike by walking north on the wide dirt forest service road.
2	At 1.25 miles, arrive at railroad tracks. IMPORTANT: these tracks frequently have coal train cars for the Cross Generating Power Station. If train cars are present, walk around the track in the gravel beside the tracks. After crossing tracks, trail reenters the woods and after 150-ft. bears left. Trail narrows to tight “singletrack” and enters bottomland floodplain over the 0.75 mile. You’ll cross several raised boardwalks.
3	Arrive at large, steep bridge over N. Lake Moultrie “wayditch” at nearly 2 miles. **This is close to the start of the shorter 3 mile roundtrip option. If choosing this option, from the parking area at the Springwood Dr. boat launch, walk southwest to the edge of the grass and begin a path into the woods. After 200 ft., this path joins the trail at the large, steep bridge.
4	For the next 2,000 ft., the trail parallels the RV/campground that’s on the left.
5	At 2.5 miles, trail opens to wide, grassy forest service road that is mowed.
6	Turn hard left at nearly 3.0 miles, continuing wide, grassy forest service road. After another 0.5 mile, arrive at railroad tracks and bridge over the historic Santee Canal. Return the same way you came.



Trail is blazed yellow. You'll cross many raised boardwalks on this trail.



Large, interesting bridge over the N. Lake Moultrie "wayditch."



Ultimate Gravel 20

9



Aerial view of the Rediversion Canal that you'll ride.

Summary

Bike Lake Moultrie's scenic Rediversion Canal, atop water impoundments and on a charming forest service road for the ultimate gravel/dirt 20-miler. You're likely to see osprey, egrets, herons and the occasional alligator. The panoramic vistas alone are worth the effort! The non-paved route is appropriate for nearly any bike and cyclist. In the warmer months, you can even visit the Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area. Pack a sense of adventure and ride the Low Country's ultimate 20 mile gravel trail.

Difficulty

Moderate, only due to distance.

Distance

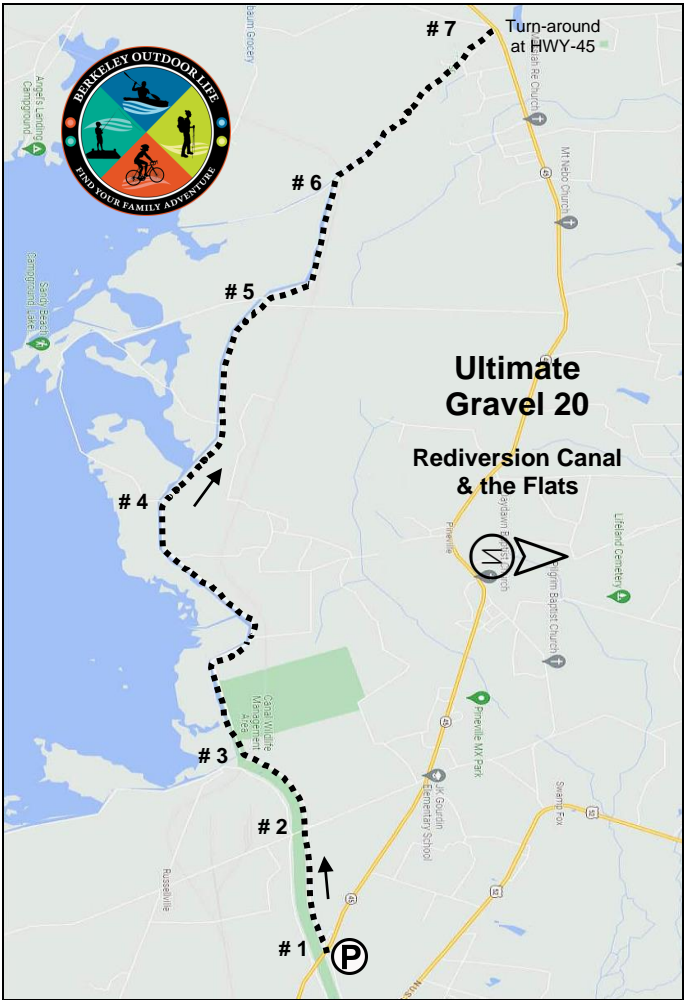
20.6 miles, round-trip.

Time

Plan 3 hours for the ride and looking around.

Surface	Gravel and dirt.
Trail Marker	Part of this route is shared with the Palmetto Trail's Lake Moultrie Passage.
Bike Type	Nearly any bike type will work; road bikes (with tires over 28c), hybrid, trail/mountain bikes, "gravel" style bikes and even kids' bikes.
Crowds	You're likely not to see anyone else on this side of the lake.
Fees/Permits	None.
Precautions:	There is no protection from the sun. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended. Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent.
Parking	The Rediversion Canal access on the west (Pineville) side of HWY-45, Berkeley County. Use GPS coordinates to find. GPS: 33.414762, -79.962389 33°24'53.1"N, 79°57'44.6"W
Weather on the Trail	Click HERE





This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 7 on next page.

Route Directions	
1	<p>From the Rediversion Canal / Canal WMA / Dove Hunt parking area, go through the gate and begin your ride on the gravel/dirt service road. Once you reach the road, turn right, heading west.</p> <p>This road is easy, flat and enjoyable with fantastic views of the Rediversion Canal.</p>
2	Pass under HWY-35 at 1.1 miles.
3	<p>Pass under train trestle at 2.0 miles.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: After another 500-ft. you'll begin paralleling the water impoundment ("dike") for Lake Moultrie. For the next 6 miles, you'll have the choice to either ride on the lower dirt road that you've been on so far, or ride on the higher water impoundment road. We recommend you ride on the higher road. You'll see more lake vistas and wildlife from this higher vantage point.</p>
4	At nearly 5 miles, come to one of the entrances (on the left) to the Sandy Beach Waterfowl Area. You'll pass two more entrances in the next 2 miles. This is a great area to explore. The area is CLOSED from November 1 st through February 8 th .
5	<p>Come to a set of railroad tracks and bridge at 8.5 miles. This bridge crosses the top of the original Santee Canal, which dates to 1790s and is one of the earliest canals built in the U.S.</p> <p>After exploring the canal, continue straight on the gravel/dirt road for another 700-ft, go around the metal gate and continue what is now "Old Canal Road."</p>
6	At 9.0 miles, the road curves to the left and merges with another road. After the curve, bear right , continuing west.
7	<p>At 10.3 miles, reach the end of the dirt road at HWY-45.</p> <p>Return the same way you came.</p>



Cycling the beautiful canopied Old Canal Road towards HWY-45.

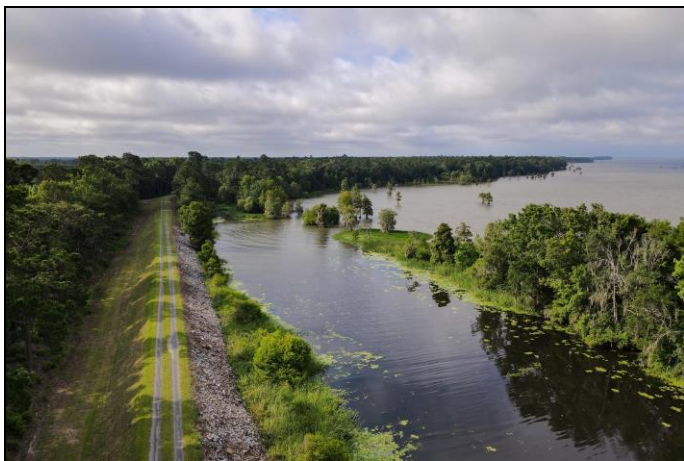


On the water impoundment near the Sandy Beach WMA.



Russellville Flats

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Aerial view of the Lake Moultrie dike you'll ride.

Summary

Ride atop a flat and fast, well-maintained water impoundment with gorgeous views of east Lake Moultrie. This adventure has miles of blooming aquatic plants in the warmer months, a guarantee to see large birds (egrets, herons, osprey and bald eagle are common sights!), and impressive panoramic views of the lake. Bonus: at the end / turn-around point, there are rare restrooms and shaded areas with picnic tables! This is 4 miles of the Palmetto Trail's Lake Moultrie Passage.

Difficulty

Moderate, but only due to distance.

Distance

8.4 miles, round-trip, out-and-back ride.

Time

1 hour.

Take an adventure on a Lake Moultrie water impoundment

Trail Surface	Service road; small gravel, dirt.
Trail Marker	Signs on vertical posts for the Palmetto Trail. This route is very easy to follow.
Bike Type	Nearly any bike type will work; road bikes (with tires over 28c), hybrid, trail/mountain bikes, “gravel” style bikes and even kids’ bikes.
Crowds	Light.
Fees/Permits	None.
Precautions:	Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. There is no protection from the sun on the dike. A wide brim hat and sunscreen are recommended.
Parking	Beginning of Ride: Dike Rd., Bonneau, SC 29431.



GPS: 33.353176, -79.971053
33°21'11.4"N, 79°58'15.8"W

End of Ride: Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp,
Russel Store Rd., St. Stephen, SC 29479

GPS: 33.401999, -79.992471
33°24'07.2"N, 79°59'32.9"W

Weather on the Trail

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This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 4 on the next page.

Route Directions	
1	<p>From the Dike Rd. Boat Ramp & Campground, ride back on road you drove in on approximately 600 ft. to the raised straight road running north-south. This is the dike. There are gates on both sides.</p> <p>Begin your bike ride by turning LEFT on the dike, going around the gate, and riding the long, flat and straight dirt/small gravel “road.”</p> <p>Almost immediately, you’ll begin paralleling the water to your left. This is sometimes called a “way ditch.” This area is beautiful with thousands of blooming water lilies in spring and summer, and many large wading birds.</p>
2	<p>At 0.9 mile, the road curves to the left (in a general northwest direction) and continues this direction for the remainder of the bike ride. The impressive views of the way ditch continue.</p>
3	<p>At 3.6 miles, the view to the left opens to a panoramic vista of the way ditch and lake. Stop here, take a few photos and enjoy the scenery!</p>
4	<p>Come to a gate and Russel Store Rd. at 4.1 miles. Walk your bike around the gate, turn left on the road and continue another 300 ft. until you reach the Amos Lee Gourdine Boat Ramp parking area. This is the end of the ride. Across the large parking lot are restrooms, covered picnic tables, and there are more picnic tables on the beach/swimming area to the left.</p> <p>Return the same way you came.</p>



This route shares part of the Lake Moultrie Passage of the Palmetto Trail.



Panoramic views of the lake at the end of the ride.



Swamp Fox Passage

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There are many wetlands on the Swamp Fox Passage.

Summary

Bike the longest section of the cross-state Palmetto Trail. This passage begins at HWY-52 in Bonneau and ends at HWY-17 near Awendaw. Nearly 40 miles of the Swamp Fox Passage is in Berkeley County! You'll pass through a variety of ecosystems in the Francis Marion National Forest, including bottomland/swamp habitats, long-leaf pine forests, and tall grass savannas. If you're quiet in the morning, you're almost guaranteed to see white tailed deer. Barred owls can be heard throughout the forest year round.

Difficulty

Easy, if section biked. Strenuous if biking entire distance.

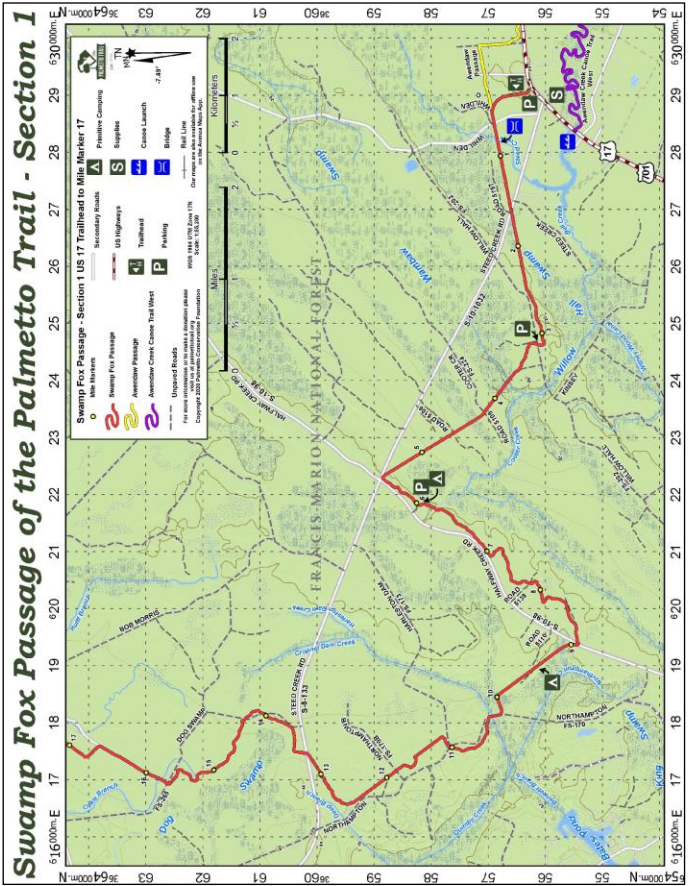
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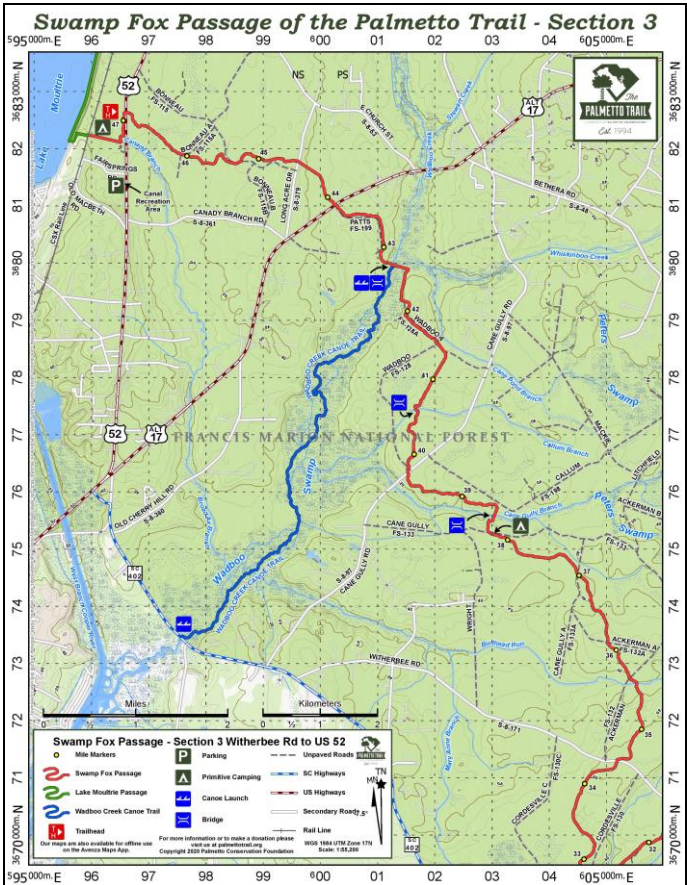
48 miles, total passage length.

Bike the longest section of the cross-state Palmetto Trail

Time	20 - 30 hours of riding for the entire passage.
Trail Surface	Dirt, pine covered, raised boardwalks, planks, bridges and bottomland/wet sections.
Crowds	Light during the week; you'll see others on the weekend.
Fees/Permits	None.
Bike Type	Mountain/trail bikes with minimum 2.0" knobby tires.
Precautions	Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent.
HWY-52 Trailhead	N. US HWY-52, Bonneau, SC 29431 <u>GPS</u> : 33.278472, -79.962444 33°16'42.5"N, 79°57'44.8"W
HWY-17 Trailhead	7476 US-17, McClellanville, SC 29458 <u>GPS</u> : 33.037361, -79.617472 33°02'14.5"N, 79°37'02.9"W
Contacts	Francis Marion National Forest 843-336-2200. Palmetto Trail 843-359-8775 or 803-771-0590.
Weather on the Trail	Click HERE









Camping at the Cane Gulley campsite in late Fall.



Trail signage is abundant and easy to follow in this passage.

FRANCIS MARION RIDES

Berkeley Bikeways



There are lots of swamp habitats in the FMNF.



Kids Gravel 6K Ride!

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Kid and parent bikes on Burned Cane Road. This is gravel riding at its best!

Summary

Ride the state's first (and only!) gravel and dirt bike route designed with kids and families in mind. You'll pass through a variety of Frances Marion National Forest habitats, including long leaf pine forests and tall grass savannas, cross over creeks, and see beautiful small swamps with always fun cypress knees! Take your time to look around; parents and kids will find this easy adventure intriguing and fun!

Difficulty

Easy and family friendly.

Distance

4 miles, roundtrip.

Time

Plan about an hour to enjoy this fun ride!

Trail Surface

Dirt, gravel, forest service roads.

Crowds None. You likely won't see anyone else or even a single vehicle

Fees/Permits None.

Bike Type Any kids bike will work. "Gravel," hybrid or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 40c.

Precautions: Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. **IMPORTANT:** Bikers must yield to horseback riders. Step off the trail and stop!

Where to Park: Park on the wide shoulder near the intersection of Conifer Rd. and Burned Cane Rd. A., Huger, SC 29450. It's probably best to use the GPS coordinates.

GPS: 33.129084, -79.756708
33°07'44.7"N, 79°45'24.2"W

Note: Google and other mapping programs recognize "Battery Warren Interpretive Trail" and will take you to the trailhead parking.

Weather on the Trail

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This route passes by cypress trees and their fun “knees.”



On Conifer Rd. between 167A and 167B, near the end of the ride.



The Triple “G”

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Otherworldly swamps await on this incredible bike ride!

Summary

Bike the finest gravel route in South Carolina! This is a bold statement, but we’re sure you’ll agree after this adventure. This trail takes the rider on pristine gravel forest roads lined with giant ferns, visits a Santee River oxbow lake, and has the option to explore otherworldly swamps. And we’re just getting started! This exciting trip is located entirely in the Francis Marion National Forest and is appropriate for all biker skill levels.

Difficulty


Easy.

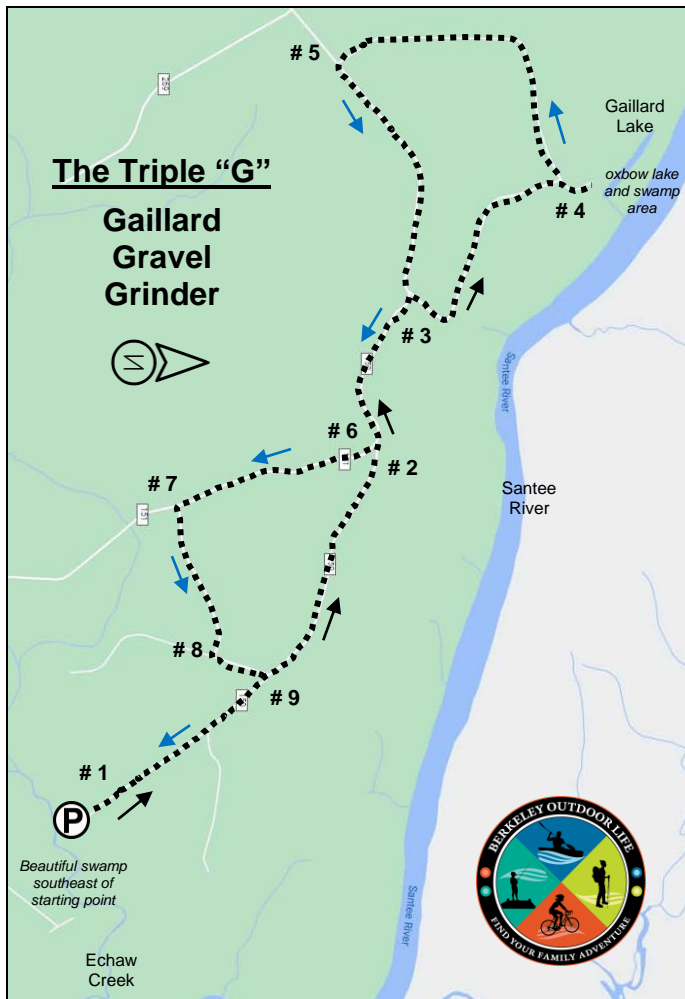
Distance

9.8 miles, round-trip, resembles a large figure-8 loop, with options for more mileage.

Time

Minimum of 1.5 hrs. to enjoy this exciting area.

Trail Surface	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads, visiting wet bottomland habitats.
Trail Marker	None. Some of the forest roads are numbered, but don't rely on this.
Bike Type	"Gravel" or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 40c. "Knobby" bike tires are recommended.
Crowds	Almost none. You might see the occasional vehicle on the weekend.
Fees/Permits	None.
Precautions:	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months; this area is known for ticks! Bring insect repellent.</p> <p>There are many forest service roads in this Echaw to Gaillard forest area. It is recommended that you print a map of the area or download off-line maps to your phone. Cell phone service is limited at best.</p>
Parking	<p>Park at the end of Forest Rd. 150, Jamestown, SC 29453.</p> <p>GPS: 33.254404, -79.573884 33°15'15.9"N, 79°34'26.0"W</p>
Weather on the Trail	<p>Click HERE</p> 



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on next page.

Route Directions	
1	<p>Park at the end of Forest Rd. 150. Use the GPS coordinates to find this exact location. Begin your ride cycling back up the road you just came down.</p> <p>As you ride on the forest service roads, look around. You'll discover giant ferns, micro swamps and other natural treasures!</p>
2	<p>Continue straight at 2.0 miles.</p>
3	<p>At 2.7 miles, take a sharp right. In 0.2 mile, the road takes a 90 degree turn to the left. For the next 0.7 mile, the road has many large holes. These can be filled with water and muddy after rains. If needed, simply walk your bike around large holes.</p>
4	<p>Take a right at 3.7 miles. Within 1,100 ft., you'll enter the oxbow Gaillard Lake area. This a fantastic place to have a look around. You'll find many large and interesting cypress and tupelo trees here.</p> <p>When you're done exploring Gaillard Lake, return the way you came except continue straight on the road that you are now on.</p>
5	<p>At 5.4 miles, turn left. Continue for 1 mile and bear right (you're now back at # 3 route directions).</p>
6	<p>Bear right at 7.1 miles (you're now back at # 2 route directions).</p>
7	<p>At 8.0 miles, turn left.</p>
8	<p>At 8.7 miles, turn left.</p>
9	<p>Turn right at 8.9 miles, continue the road that you began on for another 0.9 mile to end your ride.</p> <p>Just beyond where you parked is a large, beautiful swamp that is part of the Echaw floodplain. This is worth checking out!</p>



This route follows a large "figure-8."



This is gravel cycling at its BEST!



Huger & History Ride

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Bikes & History! At the historic Eccles United Methodist Church in Huger.

Summary

On this exciting family adventure, you'll ride miles of easy gravel roads (15% of the route is paved), visit an historic 140 year old church, pass by beautiful bottomlands and swamps, start and end at one of the best recreational areas in the Francis Marion National Forest, and see towering long leaf pine habitats. Bring your camera and plan to stop frequently; from history, to landscapes, to social media worthy pics of friends and family, there's something for everyone on the Huger & History Ride!

Difficulty

Easy.

Distance

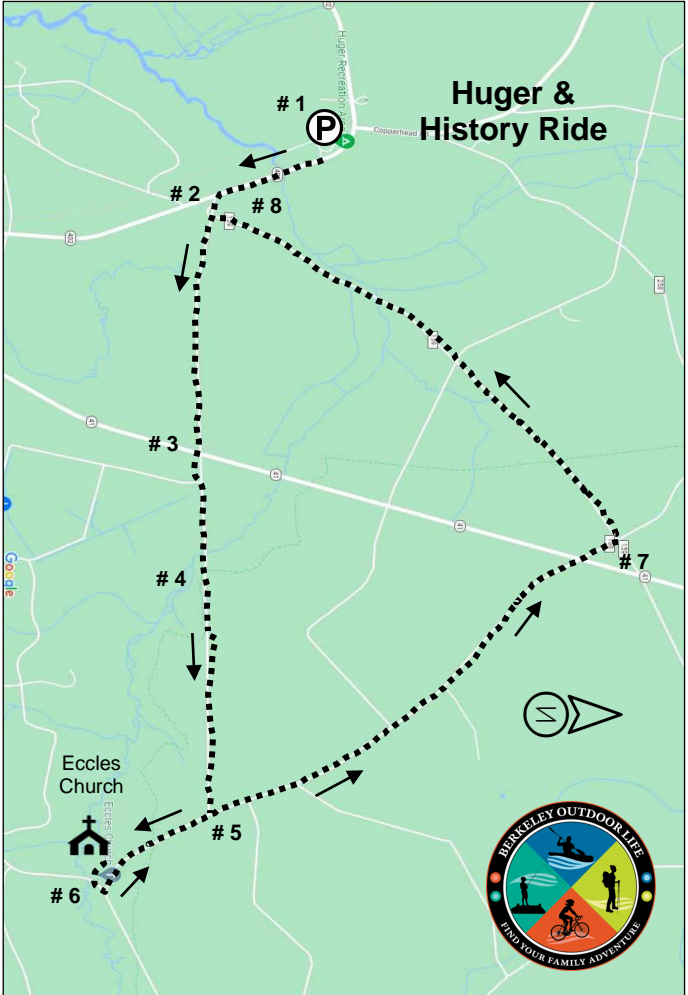
10.4 miles, round-trip.

Time

Minimum of 2 hours to enjoy the exploration of this ride.

Trail Surface	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads; approximately 15% of the ride is paved.
Trail Marker	None. Most of the forest service roads on this route are signed.
Bike Type	“Gravel,” hybrid or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 40c. “Knobby” bike tires are recommended, but not required for this ride.
Crowds	Almost none. You might see the occasional vehicle on the weekend.
Fees/Permits	None.
Precautions:	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. After rains, you may encounter muddy conditions and large holes with water/mud in them, but you shouldn't have a problem navigating around these.</p> <p>It's advised to wear “hunter's orange” or other bright clothing during hunting season.</p>
Parking	<p>Park at the Huger Recreation Area, HWY 402, Cordesville, SC 29434.</p> <p>GPS: 33.133774, -79.810600 33°08'01.6"N, 79°48'38.2"W</p>
Weather on the Trail	<p>Click HERE</p>





This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 8 on next page.

Route Directions	
1	Park at the Huger Recreation Area. Begin your ride by turning a right on HWY 402. Continue for nearly one-half mile.
2	At 0.5 mile, turn left on the dirt/gravel Irishtown Rd. The rest of the ride is now on forest roads. As you ride on the forest roads, look around. You'll discover giant ferns, micro swamps, long leaf pine habitats, and other natural treasures!
3	Cross over HWY 41 at 1.75 miles, continuing dirt Irishtown Rd.
4	At 2.25 miles, come to the Turkey Creek bridge. Stop and look around. There is a beautiful swamp with impressive cypress trees, "knees" and tupelos.
5	Turn right on dirt Conifer Rd. at 3.5 miles.
6	At 4.1 miles, arrive at stop sign at end of Conifer Rd. Turn right, and Eccles Church is 250-ft. further on the right. Spend some time exploring the historical church building dating to 1882. Bikes & History is fun! After your history adventure, bike back to Conifer Rd, and turn left (heading back the way you came). You're going to continue straight on Conifer Rd. for a total of 2.9 miles.
7	At approximately 7 miles, cross over HWY 41, continuing Conifer Rd. Bike another 1,000 ft. and turn left on Yellow Jacket Rd (FR-159).
8	Arrive back at Irishtown Rd. at 9.6 miles (you are now nearly back at route instruction # 2). Turn right on Irishtown Rd., bike 400 ft., and arrive back at HWY 402. Turn right on HWY 402, continue for 0.5 mile until you reach the Huger Recreation Area on the left.



Late fall, sunrise ride on the Huger & History Ride route. On Conifer Rd.



There are miles of easy dirt/gravel roads for the entire family.



Bikepacking Overnighter

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Entrance to Nicholson Creek Campsite, your destination on this ride!

Summary

Want to try bicycle camping (“bikepacking”) but don’t know where to go? Try Berkeley Outdoor Life’s beginner-friendly Bikepacking Overnighter route. Begin your ride at the best recreational area in the Francis Marion National Forest, ride on easy-going, pristine dirt/gravel roads, pass by beautiful bottomlands, and see towering long leaf pine habitats. Your camping destination is a large site with log benches/seating, fire rings, a table, with the beautiful Nicholson Creek swamp just a few feet away.

Difficulty

Easy.

Distance

11 miles, one-way.

Time

Take a couple hours to reach camp; this ride encourages exploration.

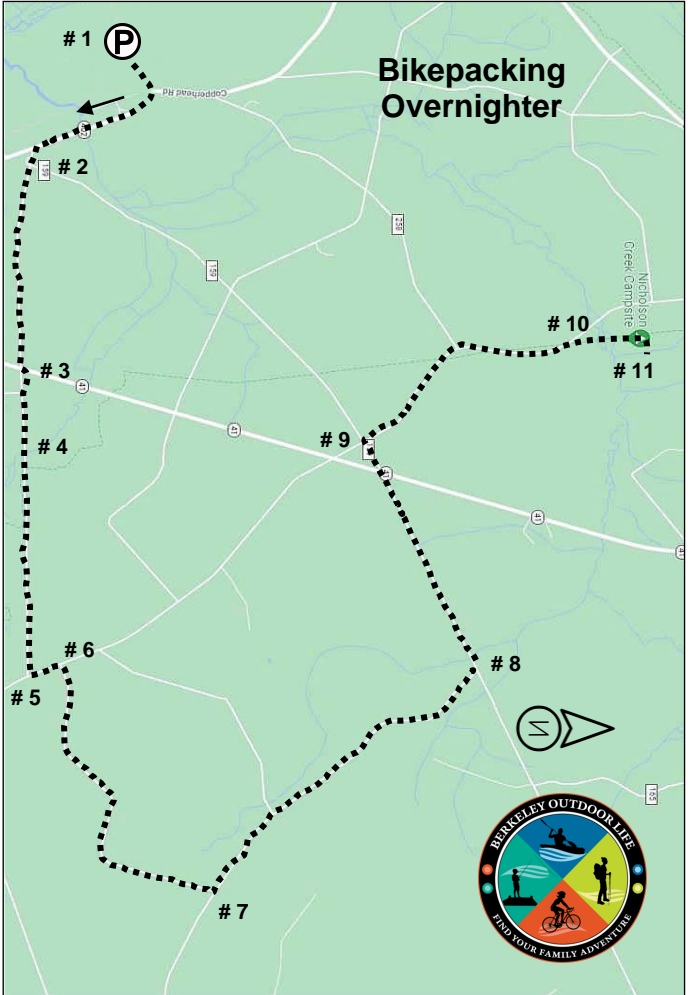
The best beginner-friendly bikepacking trip in the state!

Trail Surface	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads and quarter mile of the Palmetto Trail.
Trail Marker	Most of the forest service roads on this route are signed. The Palmetto Trail is blazed white.
Bike Type	“Gravel,” hybrid or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 45c. IMPORTANT: This overnight bike camping trip requires a bike with racks and/or the ability to attach panniers or other bags to the bike.
Crowds	Almost none. You might see the occasional vehicle on the forest roads.
Fees/Permits	No fees. Contact Francis Marion National Forest for free camping permit.
Precautions:	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. After rains, you may encounter muddy conditions.</p> <p>It’s advised to wear “hunter’s orange” or other bright clothing during hunting season.</p>
Parking	<p>Park at the Huger Recreation Area, HWY 402, Cordesville, SC 29434.</p> <p>GPS: 33.133774, -79.810600 33°08’01.6”N, 79°48’38.2”W</p>

Weather on the Trail

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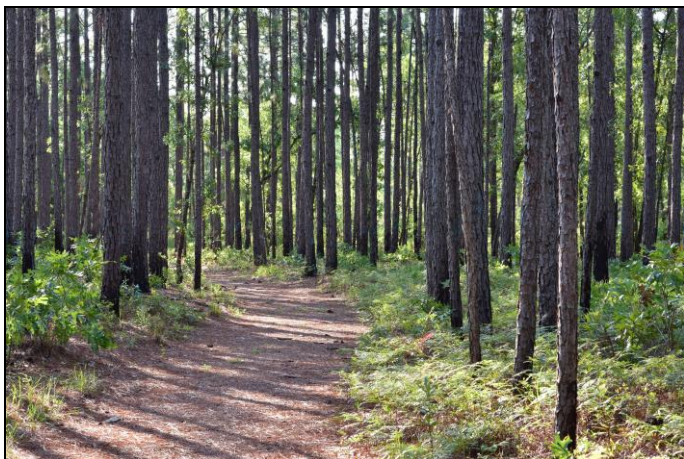


This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 11 on next page.

Route Directions	
1	Park at the Huger Recreation Area. Begin your ride by turning a right on HWY 402. Continue for nearly one-half mile.
2	At 0.5 mile, turn left on the dirt/gravel Irishtown Rd. The rest of the ride is now on forest roads. As you ride on the forest roads, look around. You'll discover giant ferns, micro swamps, long leaf pine habitats, and other natural treasures!
3	Cross over HWY 41 at 1.75 miles, continuing dirt Irishtown Rd.
4	At 2.6 miles, come to the Turkey Creek bridge. Stop and look around. There is a beautiful swamp with impressive cypress trees, "knees" and tupelos.
5	Turn left on dirt Conifer Rd. at 3.8 miles.
6	Continue 1,000 ft. and turn right on Burned Cane Rd. "A."
7	At 5.8 miles, turn left on Burned Cane Rd.
8	Turn left on Yellow Jacket Rd. at 7.8 miles.
9	Continue Yellow Jacket Rd. for 1.4 miles, crossing over HWY-41 at 9.0 miles into your ride. At 9.2 miles, turn right on Conifer Rd.
10	After continuing 1.3 miles further on Conifer Rd., at 10.6 miles total distance, bear right on the Palmetto Trail. IMPORTANT: This is the 3 rd crossing of the Palmetto Trail in this short distance on Conifer Rd. If you happen to mistake either of the first two Palmetto Trail access points, you can just ride the rest of the way to the Nicholson Creek campsite.
11	Continue the Palmetto Trail for 1,500 ft. until you reach the entrance to Nicholson Creek Campsite on the right.



Sunrise on the Best Bikepacking Ride. Conifer Road in late fall.



You'll see many Long Leaf Pine sections of forest.



Jericho Horse Trail

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On the Jericho Horse Trail near the trailhead off HWY-41.

Summary

Get ready for a challenge with the Francis Marion National Forest's Jericho Horse Trail! Hence its namesake, it was designed for equestrians, but is open and encouraged for hikers and bikers. You'll ride through many otherworldly looking swamps, see palm fronds, small ponds and long leaf pine forests. This trail switches things up nearly every mile. Bring your camera for some epic adventure photos! Read and study the important information below.

Difficulty

Strenuous.

Distance

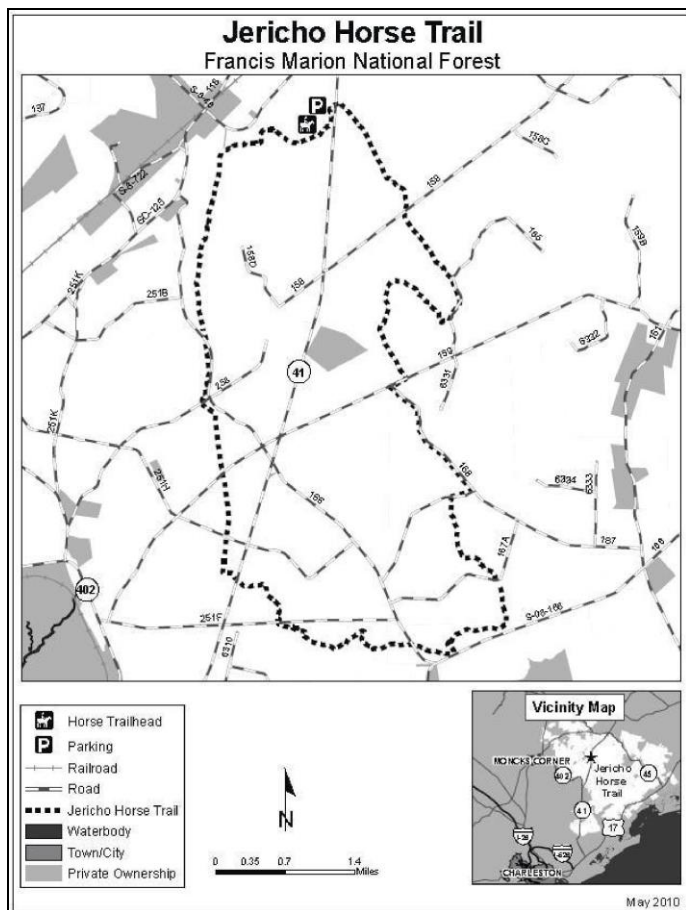
19 miles, round-trip.

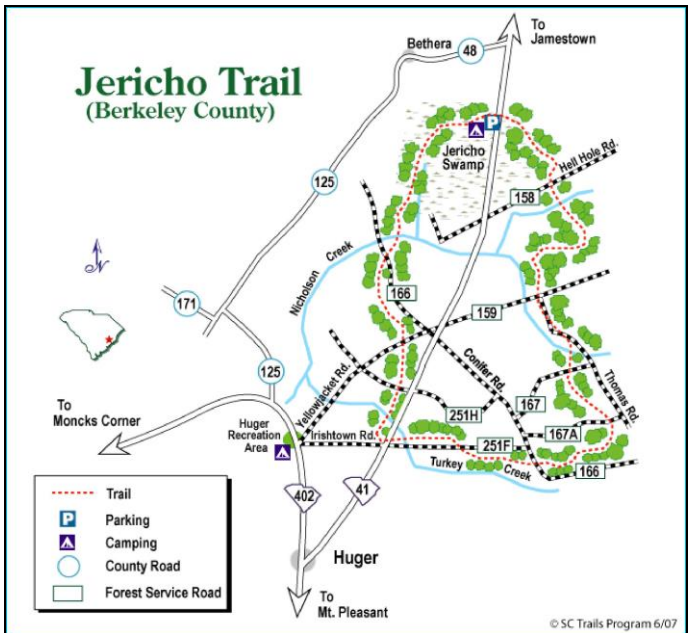
Time

3 - 5 hours.

Trail Surface	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads, almost always wet/muddy areas.
Trail Marker	Follow blue blazes. There is good signage on the trail. In some sections you'll see white blazes too. This trail shares part of the Palmetto Trail.
Bike Type	"Gravel," hybrid or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 45c.
Crowds	Light.
Fees/Permits	None.
Precautions:	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. After rains, you may encounter muddy conditions. IMPORTANT: Bikers must yield to horseback riders. Step off the trail and stop!</p> <p>It's advised to wear "hunter's orange" or other bright clothing during hunting season.</p>
Parking	<p>6369 SC-41, Cordesville, SC 29434. Google Maps recognizes "Jericho Horse Trail."</p> <p>GPS: 33.200822, -79.765446 33°12'03.0"N, 79°45'55.6"W</p>
Weather on the Trail	<p>Click HERE</p>









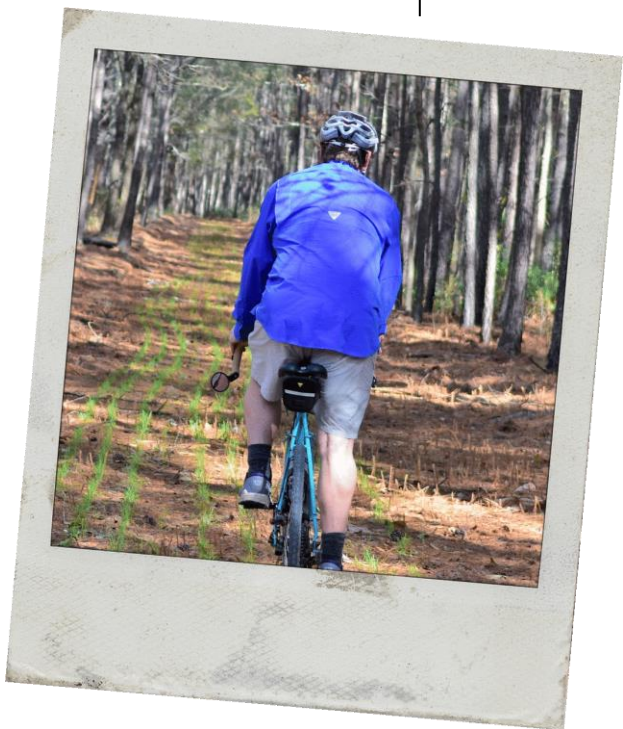
One of the many lush valleys on the trail.



Bridge over one of the Jericho Swamp tributary creeks.

OTHER EXCITING RIDES!

Berkeley Bikeways



Bikeway # 19 - Big Gravel Day



Biggin Creek Trail

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Mountain bike berms provide interesting entertainment even for hikers!

Summary

The Biggin Creek Trail was primarily developed for mountain bikers, but is open and encouraged for use by hikers and trail runners. This trail offers a lot for the family adventurer. It's one of the few trails in the area with lots of elevation change. You'll bike countless small, and sometimes steep hills with roots, stumps and other small obstacles. The hike stops by the namesake, beautiful Biggin Creek. You may see egrets, herons, turtles and alligators. The best part: this fun adventure is located in the heart of the town of Moncks Corner.

Difficulty

Moderate.

Distance

5.0 miles, round-trip, loop trail.

A world class mountain bike park trail with tough sections

Time	Minimum of 45 minutes to ride entire loop.
Trail Surface	Mostly narrow “single” track, dirt, lots of roots.
Crowds	Varies from light to heavy. Heavy use on the weekends.
Hours	Daylight hours.
Admission	None.
Bike Type	Trail or mountain style bikes with tires over 2.0” inches.
Precautions	Biting insects can be formidable in warmer months. Bring insect repellent. This trail was built for mountain bikers, but hikers and trail runners are encouraged to use it. Be on the lookout for (sometimes fast moving) hikers. Cyclists must yield to hikers.
Address	An exact address is not given, however, if you Google “Cannon Welding, Moncks Corner,” it is right across the street. Cannon Welding’s address is 591 Rembert C. Dennis Blvd., Moncks Corner, SC 29461. GPS: 33.204245, -79.982635 33°12’15.3”N, 79°58’57.5”W
Contact	Town of Moncks Corner Recreation Department. 843-719-7921
Moncks Corner Weather	Click HERE







This trail has hills! Yes, hills in Berkeley County!



Trail signage is abundant and easy to follow.



Bonneau Ferry

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There are beautiful roads and paths at every turn in Bonneau Ferry!

Summary

With more than 11,000 acres of preserved lands, nearly 30 miles of dirt, gravel and other roads, DNR's Bonneau Ferry Wildlife Management Area is the hidden gem of the Low Country for a variety of family outdoor recreation. For the bike rider, you'll traverse miles of picturesque, beautifully maintained roads, see bottomland/swamp habitats, and have the chance to visit history dating to the early 18th century. This is an area that you can return to again and again, and experience a unique family adventure each time you visit.

Difficulty

Easy.

Distance

26+ miles of roads, endless options for adventure!

Nearly 30 miles of dirt and gravel adventure in one place!

Time	At a minimum, plan to spend a couple hours here.
Trail Surface	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads, easy-going.
Crowds	Light.
Fees/Permits	No fees, but you must complete and display a Daily Visitation & Use Card found at the entrance kiosk.
Bike Type	“Gravel,” hybrid or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 40c.
Precautions:	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. After rains, you may encounter muddy conditions.</p> <p>It’s advised to wear “hunter’s orange” or other bright clothing during hunting season.</p>
Address	<p>HWY 402, Cordesville, SC 29434. Google Maps recognizes “Bonneau Ferry WMA.” Use GPS coordinates listed:</p> <p>GPS: 33.122654, -79.874581 33°07’21.6”N, 79°52’28.5”W</p>
Contact	Department of Natural Resources, 305 Black Oak Rd., Bonneau, SC 29431.



You'll ride through history in Bonneau Ferry!



Entrance to Bonneau Ferry off HWY-402.



Big Gravel Ride

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This big gravel riding at its best! Ready for the challenge?

Summary

Want a more challenging, epic half day of gravel grinding? Want to ride through history, bike down picturesque winding roads with little-to-no chance of encountering vehicles? Look no further than our “Big Gravel Ride” at DNR’s Bonneau Ferry Wildlife Management Area. This preserve promises to surprise you with its 300+ year old historical landmarks, tree-canopied roads, impressive vistas and wildlife including large waterfowl, birds of prey, deer, fox squirrels, and alligators. Don’t miss this unique adventure and SC’s only big route designed just for gravel riders!

Difficulty

Strenuous.

Distance

25 mile route, with options for even more mileage.

Big day of gravel riding with epic scenery and no cars!

Time	Minimum of 3 hours to enjoy everything this ride has to offer.
Trail Surface	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads, a few hills
Crowds	Light.
Fees/Permits	No fees, but you must complete and display a Daily Visitation & Use Card found at the entrance kiosk.
Bike Type	“Gravel,” hybrid or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 40c.
Precautions:	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. After rains, you may encounter muddy conditions.</p> <p>It’s advised to wear “hunter’s orange” or other bright clothing during hunting season.</p>
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Contact	Department of Natural Resources, 305 Black Oak Rd., Bonneau, SC 29431.



This area has excellent signage.



Crossing bridge over swamp on Bossis Rd.



Marrington Plantation

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There are many small water crossings and bridges at Marrington.

Summary

Ask any bike shop or mountain bike club what's the best trail biking in the Low Country, and the answer is always the same: Marrington Plantation. Located on the military's Naval Weapons Station base, this large complex of trails offers all levels of difficulty, world class jump boards and berms, riding through wetlands, views of beautiful Foster Creek, and a BMX track. There is truly something for every trail cyclist! So grab your fat tired bike, your helmet (they're mandatory!), and camera for some epic riding at Marrington!

Difficulty

Easy to strenuous.

Distance

17 miles of trails, loops.

Considered the BEST mountain biking in the Low Country!

Time	1 - 3+ hours.
Trail Surface	Dirt, natural surface, almost always some wet/muddy areas.
Crowds	Light. Can be more crowded on the weekends.
Fees/Permits	Yes! You must have a Department of Defense ID or Marrington Patron Pass issued by the base's Outdoor Adventure Center. 843-794-2120.
Bike Type	Mountain/trail bikes with minimum 2.0" knobby tires.
Precautions:	Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. After rains, you may encounter muddy conditions. Bikers must yield to horseback riders. Step off the trail and stop!
Address	Marrington Avenue, Goose Creek, SC 29445. Google Maps recognizes "Marrington Plantation Trailhead."
	GPS: 32.963127, -79.956772 32°57'47.3"N, 79°57'24.4"W
Contact	Outdoor Adventure Center 843-794-2120. Naval Weapons Station 843-963-1110.





Lots of fun mountain bike jumps and berms here.



There are many rules for biking Marrington. READ THEM!