

# Sumter National Forest--Andrew Pickens Ranger District

*South Carolina*

## Fishing

All waters on the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests are managed in cooperation with the SC Department of Natural Resources



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### Highlights

Recreational fishing is a high priority on the Sumter National Forest. Fisheries management helps meet the increasing demand for recreational fishing.

The Andrew Pickens Ranger District in the northwest corner of the state is best known for the **Chattooga Wild and Scenic River**. In addition to floating on the Chattooga, you can fish for rainbow and brown trout, and redeye bass. For trout, you'll have the best success above Highway 28 Bridge. For a really unique fishing experience, try fishing the Chattooga inside the Ellicott Rock Wilderness.

The **Chauga Scenic River** is also popular with anglers. Good access and parking are available adjacent to Cassidy Bridge on Highway 290. Trout can be caught in many of the smaller streams. Other species of choice include largemouth bass, redeye bass, bluegill, and catfish, usually found in the warmer water of both rivers.

**Presbyterian Lake** is a 4-acre pond managed for largemouth bass, bluegill, and shellcrackers. It is located on FS Road 2377, off the road to the Cedar Rifle Range.

### Surrounding Area

**Keowee, Jocassee, and Hartwell Reservoirs** are located nearby. These reservoirs offer good fishing for a number of species such as

**Requirements:** A SC fishing license is required. Creel limits are in effect unless otherwise posted.

Only electric motors may be operated on all ponds and lakes managed by the Forest Service.

**Safety:** Passage on many creeks can be dangerous due to the presence of fallen trees and very slick rocks.

Locked cars and trunks are not completely safe. Leave valuable and unnecessary equipment at home.

smallmouth and largemouth bass, brown and rainbow trout, and crappie.

Another spot favored by visitors is the Walhalla State Fish Hatchery on SC Highway 107. Operated by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the facility is used to rear trout for stocking area waters.

### For More Information

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