

Sumter National Forest

South Carolina



Enoree River Canoe Trail

Southern Region, USDA Forest Service

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Highlights

The Enoree River flows through the scenic piedmont section of the Sumter National Forest. Some know the Enoree River as "River of Muscadines." Visitors will see steep hardwood bluffs, bottomland forests and small marshy areas. The river ranges from 2 to 6 feet deep and from 40 to 70 feet wide.

Water levels fluctuate with rainfall. Paddlers may experience a variety of experiences depending on the time of year and the amount of rainfall. Early spring brings heavy rains that cause the river to swell. At this flood stage, the river is unsafe to paddle. Late spring river conditions provide nice fast-moving flatwater for experienced paddler to enjoy. The hot summer months coupled with a lack of rain bring the mighty Enoree down to a small creek that makes boating impossible. As fall draws near, the rains start again. River conditions once again provide nice fast-moving flat water.

Floaters have excellent opportunities to view many wildlife species and abundant plant life or to fish for catfish, bream, and redeye bass.

For More Information

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Boat size: Canoes and flat-bottom boats less than 14 feet long are recommended.

Camping: Primitive camping is allowed on National Forest land along the river by permit only. Group camping facilities are available upon request.

Difficulty level: Ranges from beginner to novice paddlers depending on the seasonal water levels.

Drinking water: Plan your water needs before trip. River water is not safe to drink.

Length: 36 miles

Safety: Watch for seasonal flooding and fallen trees. Check local weather forecast before your trip. Before your float, study maps of the area and learn the terrain. Know the access points as some are NOT visible from the river.

Season: Year-round, recommended—late spring, and fall. (Depends on rainfall. In summer months, water level is too low for floating.)

Trash: pack it in—pack it out

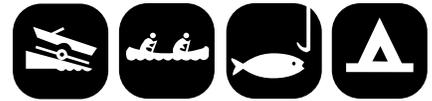
Travel time: Expect to go about 2 to 3 miles per hour. Time needed to complete a trip depends on water depth, how fast you paddle, how often you stop, and if logs must be portaged.



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Enoree River Access Points



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Access points are listed as the river flows, west to east.

Jones Bridge on State Highway 98—from Whitmire, take State Highway 72 west to State Highway 26, for about 11 miles. Turn right and go about 5 miles to the first stop sign. Turn right (north) onto State Highway 98 and continue about 2 miles until you come to the Enoree River. There is a small parking area on the right side of the road just before the bridge.

Forest Service Road 336A—from Whitmire, take State Highway 72 west to Forest Road 355, about 4 miles. Turn right and go about 1.75 miles to the first stop sign. Turn right onto road 333 and then the next left onto Forest Service 336. Travel about 1/2 mile and turn left onto Forest Service Road 336a and go to the end of the road.

Forest Service Road 339 boat ramp—from Whitmire, take US Route 176 north to State Highway 18. Turn left (northwest) and drive 0.8 mile to Lee Cemetery Road. Turn left (south) and drive 1 mile to Forest Service Road 339. Continue south another mile to the boat ramp.

Forest Service Road 390A—from Whitmire, travel south on Highway 121 about 4 miles to Forest Road 390. Turn left until you see the road sign for 390A. Stay to the left and take the road all the way to the end.

Brazzleman's bridge boat ramp—from Newberry, take State Highway 121 north for 9.5 miles to US 176. Turn right (southeast) and drive 0.5 mile to State Highway 81. Turn left (northeast) and drive for 4 miles. Cross over river and turn right (southeast) to the boat ramp.

Keitt's bridge boat ramp—from Whitmire, take State Highway 72/121 northeast for 3.2 miles to State Highway 45. Turn right (southeast) and drive for 9.2 miles. Cross over river and turn right (west). After the Enoree River empties into the Broad River, about 4 miles south is Strothers State Boat Ramp

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