

# Sumter National Forest

## South Carolina



# Long Cane Fishing Opportunities

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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 lower Long Cane Ranger District borders the **Savannah River**. This river offers good fishing for largemouth bass, catfish, crappie, striped bass, and bream. The Forest Service provides three boat ramps along the **Long Cane and Little River** arms of **J. Strom Thurmond** reservoir, a large impoundment on the Savannah River.

**Turkey Creek** offers a scenic area for fishing by boat or from the bank. Redeye bass and bream are the species of choice for local anglers. Other creeks in the area providing good fishing include **Steven's Creek, Beaverdam Creek, and Cuffytown Creek**.

The 12-acre **Lick Fork Lake** is managed primarily for catfish. A boat ramp, barrier-free fishing pier, and recreational area are available here.

**Parsons Mountain Lake** is a 28-acre impoundment that has both a boat ramp and developed recreational area. The lake is managed for largemouth bass, bluegill, and shellcrackers. Parsons Mountain Lake is 7 miles south of Abbeville on FS Road 514 off Highway 251 between Highways 28 and 33.

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

## Requirements

- A South Carolina 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 slow and dangerous due to the presence of hinged and dead trees that may fall unexpectedly.
- Locked cars and trucks are not completely safe. Leave valuable and unnecessary equipment at home.

## For More Information

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