

# Francis Marion National Forest

## South Carolina

## Fishing Opportunities

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 Francis Marion National Forest. Fisheries management helps meet the increasing demand for recreational fishing.

### Places to Explore

**Wambaw Creek** is best toured by canoe or small John boat. Other streams popular with local anglers include **Chicken and Echaw Creeks**. The **Santee River** borders the northeast edge of the forest and offers good fishing especially for those anglers with boats. Bream, bass, striped bass, crappie, catfish, and shad are the favored species.

The lower portion of the Santee River along with **Awendaw Creek** and the Intracoastal Waterway provide saltwater fishing for such species as red drum, spot, and catfish.

**Guilliard Lake**, an old oxbow off the Santee River, offers 10 acres of fishing for a variety of species, similar to those found in the river.

**Huger, Nicholson, and Turkey Creeks** are also worth a try. Local anglers try for some of the large shellcrackers found in these waters.

In addition, several small ponds provide good fishing for bass, bream, and catfish. For directions to these ponds, see page 2.

**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 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

*Wambaw Office*

*PO Box 788*

*McClellanville, SC 29458*

*Phone: (843) 887-3257, Fax (843) 887-3848*

*Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.*

*Witherbee Office*

*2421 Witherbee Road*

*Cordesville, SC 29434*

*Phone: (843) 336-3248, Fax (843) 336-4789*

*Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.*

*Sewee Visitor and Environmental  
Education Center*

*5821 Highway 17 North*

*Awendaw, SC 29429*

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*Hours: Tuesday–Sunday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.*

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### Wambaw

Pond	Acres	Location
Bellfield	2	2 miles northeast of Wambaw Ranger District office on FS Road 208
Windom Corner	4	6 miles northeast of Huger on FS Road 161 just south of Wisdom Center
Old Georgetown Road	2	3 miles west of McClellanville on Georgetown Road just north of its junction with Hwys 1335 and 1336
Twin Ponds	10	2 miles north of Awendaw on FS Road 202
Rhem's Church	1	3 miles north of McClellanville on FS Road 5084 off Hwy 45
Willow Hall	4	5 miles southwest of Awendaw on FS Road 202 just northeast of FS Road 202A
New Hope	4	1 mile north of Shulerville off Hwy 49 on FS Road 157
Upper Nebo*	1.5	5 miles south of Awendaw off Hwy 17 on FS Road 5138
Cane Swamp	1	1.2 miles west of Shulerville on FS Road 164
Middle Nebo*	4	5 miles south of Awendaw off Hwy 17 on FS Road 5158
Bluebird	3	4 miles south of Shulerville at junction of FS 169 & Hwy 654
Lower Nebo*	1.5	5 miles south of Awendaw off Hwy 17 on FS Road 5158

### Witherbee

Jackie Pond	2	4 miles southwest of Jamestown on FS Road 6364 off FS Road (SE of Hwy 41)
Co-op Pond	2	6 miles north of Huger on Hwy 41 just south of junction with FS Road 158
Asphalt Pond	2	7 miles south of Huger on Hwy 41 at junction with Hwy 48
Gator Pond	2	4 miles northeast of Wando on Hwy 100 just south of junction with Hwys 200 and 202

\*Access road is gated; so you will have to walk a short distance to the pond.