

Enoree River Canoe Trail



Sumter National Forest



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While floating the Enoree River, known also as “River of Muscadines,” visitors will see steep hardwood bluffs, bottomland forests and small marshy areas. The river ranges from two to six feet deep and 40 to 70 feet wide.

Paddlers may encounter a variety of water levels so experiences depend on the time of year and the amount of rainfall. Early spring brings heavy rains that cause the river to swell, making it unsafe to paddle. In late spring, river conditions provide fast-moving flatwater for experienced paddlers to enjoy. The summer months, coupled with a lack of rain, turn the river into a small creek that makes boating impossible. In the fall, the rains start again, and river conditions provide fast-moving, flat water.

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

Camping: Primitive camping is allowed on national forest land along river by permit only. Contact Tyger Office.

Difficulty Level: Ranges from beginner to novice paddlers, depending on water levels. A river brochure is available at the ranger station for more detail.

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

Length: 36 miles

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

Season: Year round; recommended in late spring and fall. Check water levels: <http://waterdate.usgs.gov/nwis>

Trash: Pack it in/Pack it out

Travel Time: At approximately two to three miles per hour, time needed to complete a trip depends on water depth, paddle speed, number of stops, and portage.

Access Points:

Jones Bridge (not on Forest Service land): From I-26 and Hwy. 56, drive north 0.5 miles. Turn right at Hwy. 56 and 30-98, Barrel Stave Rd, drive (second right); drive 6.2 miles to primitive parking area on right side, just before bridge over the Enoree.

Access Points (continued):

Jones Bridge (not on Forest Service land): At intersection of Hwy. 49 and County 44-22, Jones Ford Road, drive south on Jones Ford Road 0.3 miles. At intersection of Jones Ford Road and State Road 18, Old Buncombe, drive south 4.1 miles to Jones Bridge. Primitive parking on left after bridge. No vehicle access. Private access point, No ramp.

FS Road 336A: State Hwy 72 west from Whitmire about 4 miles to FS 355, turn right. Right at first stop sign onto road 333, next left onto FS336. Go 1/2 mile then left on 336A. Poor, steep access, no ramp.

FS Road 339 Boat Ramp: From Whitmire Junction of Hwy. 176 & Hwy. 72, drive east 1.5 miles to fork where Hwy. 176 and Hwy. 72 split. Turn left on Hwy. 176, drive 0.5 miles and turn left on Lee Cemetery Road. Go 1 mile and turn left on FS Road 339; 0.8 miles to boat ramp. Easy access concrete ramp, check water levels for accessibility.

Hwy. 176 & Hwy. 72 (Whitmire): Primitive grassy area on Hwy. 72 shoulder; ~100-yard portage downhill to the river.

Brazzelmans Bridge Boat Ramp: Take exit 72 off I-26 and drive 5.3 miles north on Hwy. 121. Turn right on Old Whitmire Hwy. (County Rd. 81) and drive 0.4 miles to stop sign. Continue north 3.1 miles, cross over the bridge. Brazzelmans Bridge Boat Ramp is on the right.

Keitts Bridge Access Point: From fork where Hwy. 176 forks north from Hwy. 72, drive east 2.5 miles. Turn right on Maybinton Rd., SR 45, drive 10.2 miles, south, cross over bridge. Turn right. dirt road leads to river access point. Access is primitive and steep, poor access.

For more information

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River Mileages

	Musgrove Mill	Jones Bridge	336A	339	Highway 72	Brazzlemans Bridge	Keitts Bridge	Broad River	Strothers	Broad River	Keitts Bridge	Brazzlemans Bridge	Highway 72	Jones Bridge	Musgrove Mill	Strothers
Musgrove Mill	5.9	5.9	17.4	21.8	22.8	33.2	38.8	42.8	45.8							
Jones Bridge		5.9	11.5	15.8	16.9	27.2	32.8	36.9	39.9							
336A			17.4	21.8	22.8	33.2	38.8	42.8	45.8							
339			4.4	8.8	9.9	19.6	25.2	29.1	32.0							
Highway 72			5.4	9.8	10.4	20.8	26.4	29.3	32.2							
Brazzlemans Bridge			11.4	15.8	16.9	27.2	32.8	36.9	39.9							
Keitts Bridge			15.8	20.2	21.3	31.7	37.3	41.2	44.1							
Broad River			21.3	25.7	26.8	37.2	42.8	46.7	49.6							
Strothers			28.4	32.8	33.9	44.3	50.0	53.9	56.8							

