

# Fork Mountain Trail



# Sumter National Forest



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This moderately difficult 6.4-mile trail starts in South Carolina at the Sloan Bridge Picnic Area and ends in North Carolina where it joins the Bad Creek Trail in the Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area. From here, the trail eventually becomes the Chattooga Trail and continues southwest to Burrells Ford. The hike plunges almost immediately into a dense canopy of mountain laurel and rhododendron, where you'll stay cool and shady most of the way. The trail also weaves along the northern flanks of Fork Mountain, ascending and descending through numerous coves and ravines. Rust blazes guide you from the trailhead at Sloan Bridge, but be aware that trail markers are some distance apart. Since the trail is lightly used, fallen trees and occasional undergrowth may present some problems. At the junction that includes the Bad Creek Trail, you can return or extend your hike approximately 1.3 miles to Ellicott Rock.

## Surrounding area

- Cherry Hill Recreation Area
- Oconee State Park (864) 638-5353

## For more information

Andrew Pickens Ranger District

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and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

On the Web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms>

**Directions:** From Walhalla, SC drive northwest on Highway 28 for 7.5 miles and bear right onto SC 107. Continue on SC 107 for 14.5 miles to the junction of Oconee County S-413. The Sloan Bridge Picnic Area is approximately 0.5 miles ahead on the left. From the parking lot, walk north across the highway culvert that crosses East Fork Creek.

**Camping:** Primitive camping is allowed, but campsites must be more than 50 feet from streams and trails, and more than .25 miles from roads.

**Difficulty Level:** Moderately difficult

**Length:** 6.4 miles

**Safety:** Fallen trees and occasional undergrowth may present some problems.

**Season:** Year-round

**Surface Type:** Dirt

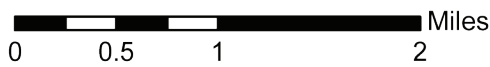
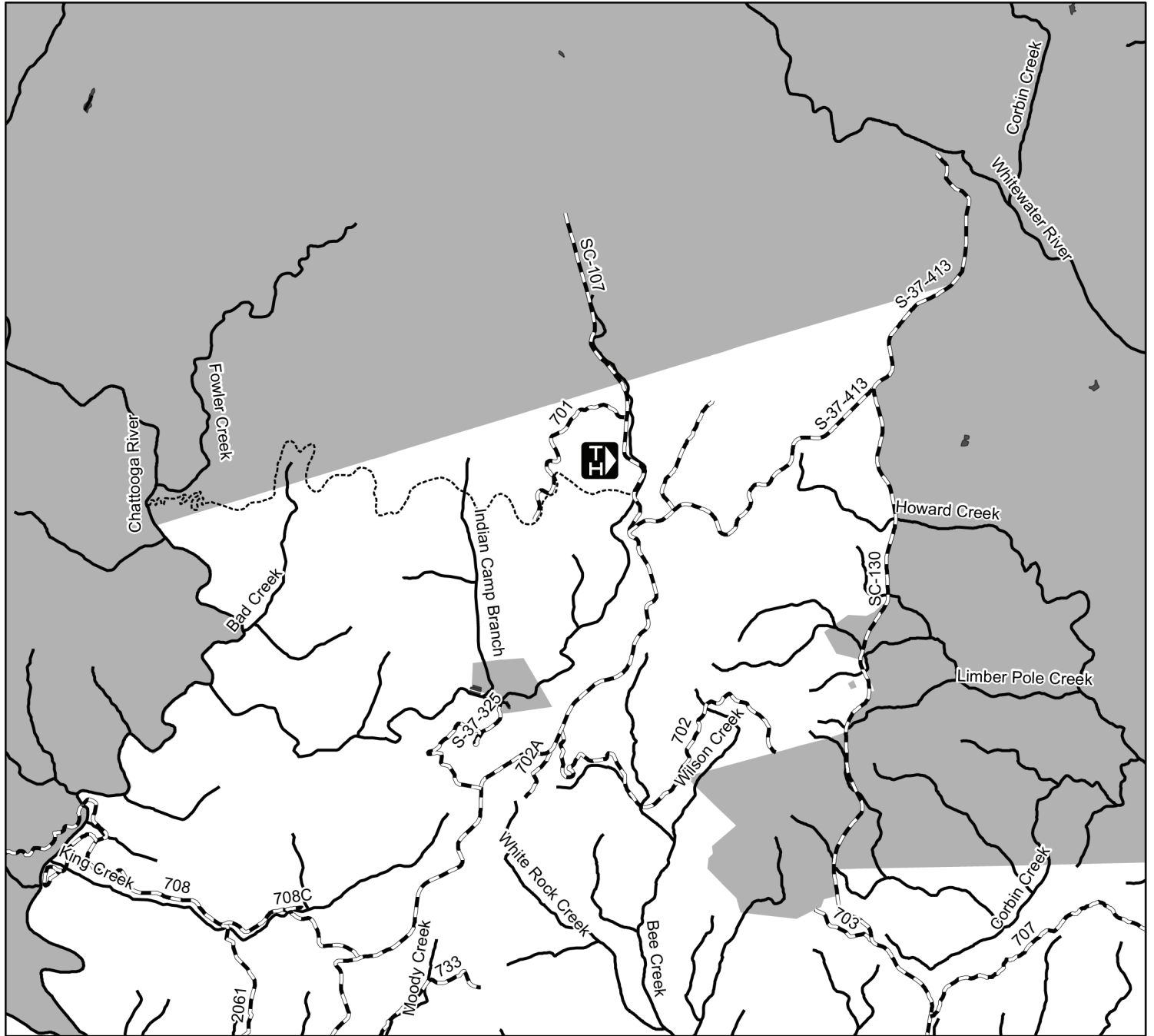
**Trail Blazes:** Rust

**Travel Time:** Three hours

**Volunteers for trail maintenance are  
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Contact the district office.**

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## Features

- Fork Mountain Trail
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- Streams
- Waterbody
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- Trailhead

