

Interpretive Trail

John de La Howe School

(McCormick, County)



Description: From the trailhead at the right of the barn building, this rolling 1.9-mile loop winds through the woods, along a beaver pond, and past a finger of Lake Thurmond. An interpretive brochure guides you to 14 identification stations for plants, wildlife, habitat, history, and natural features. Over 1,476 acres of mixed pine and hardwood forests have been preserved on this land, bequeathed to the State of South Carolina in 1797 by John de la Howe for a school for underprivileged children, and to preserve a natural, unspoiled area. When you hike, remember to wear insect repellent and watch for snakes. Water is available at The Barn. Pets are allowed on leashes.

Length: 1.9-mile loop.

Fees: None.

Directions: From McCormick, North of Augusta, drive northwest on SC 28 for approximately 8 miles. After you cross the Long Cane Bridge, turn left onto SC 81, and drive 3 miles to The Barn on the right. As you face The Barn, the trail begins on your right, at the far side of the field.

Hours: Dawn to dusk.

Camping: No camping.

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