

# Hiking/Mountain Biking Trail

## Turkey/Wine Creek (Sumter National Forest)



**Description:** There are longer backcountry trips in this part of Thoroughbred Country, but this moderately difficult, 12.5-mile trail is a spectacular hike or mountain bike ride through a lush hardwood forest in the Savannah River Valley. Though it's usually traveled in segments, you can easily do the entire trail in its loop along the Wine, Turkey, and Stevens creeks. The northern segment tends to be more rugged because it is less traveled, but it's also the section where you'll more commonly find solitude and scenic views. The lower segment sees a good bit of mountain bike traffic, so it is fairly clear, but you will still do well to wear long pants if you are hiking. The undulating terrain provides a workout and great views of the creeks from high ridges. Large oak and cypress trees growing along the creeks provide shade from the summer sun. There are no facilities along this trail.

**Length:** 12.5 miles one-way.

**Fees:** None.

**Directions:** *To the northern trailhead:* From Edgefield, drive northwest on US 25 for approximately three miles and turn left onto SC 283. The trailhead is on the left approximately 3.5 miles beyond the junction of SC 283 and Edgefield County S-19-51 at Brunson Crossroads.

*To the midpoint at Key Bridge:* From Edgefield, drive west on SC 23 to Miller's Crossroads and turn right onto Edgefield County S-19-68. Key Bridge is approximately five miles at the county line.

*To the southern trailhead:* From Edgefield, drive west on SC 23 to Miller's Crossroads and turn right onto Edgefield County S-19-68. Cross into McCormick County at Key Bridge and after 2.3 miles turn left onto McCormick County S-33-138. Drive approximately 1.5 miles and turn left onto FS 617. Turn at the first right (FS-617A) and continue to the trailhead.

**Hours:** Dawn to dusk.

**Camping:** Primitive camping is allowed at Key Bridge Hunt Camp. You can find camping with basic amenities at nearby Lick Fork Lake and Parson's Mountain Recreation Area, as well as several state, federal, and private facilities on Lake Thurmond.

**Information:** [Sumter National Forest](#), Long Cane Ranger District, Sumter National Forest, 810 Buncombe St., Edgefield, SC 29824, Telephone: 803-637-5396.

