



The Waccamaw River Blue Trail

A Guide for Paddlers



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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The riverside lands of the Waccamaw River are home to several Eastern Siouan tribes, including the Waccamaw, Winyah, Pee Dee, Chicora, Sampit and others. American Rivers acknowledges the painful history of colonization, enslavement, removal, genocide and segregation they endured, and the diversity of their descendants who are still present on this land. We are educating ourselves about the environmental movement's role in these atrocities and how to respect Native American peoples' relationships with the land. We are committed to continuous learning and meaningful engagement with the Waccamaw Indian People and other Native American descendants along the Waccamaw River.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to American Rivers' newly updated, waterproof Waccamaw River Blue Trail map! In this edition, you will find all of the essential information included in the previous version of the map with additional information that reflects the ever-evolving landscape of this beautiful region and the many ways that people connect with the Waccamaw River. We have updated information about boat landings and added points of interest to highlight the natural wonders, ethnic diversity and cultural history of the river. Lastly, we have included information about thousands of acres of newly protected land along the Waccamaw River Blue Trail, which is now open to the public. We hope that our map will help you explore the treasures of the Waccamaw River - old and new!



Photo: Staci Williams



THE WACCAMAW RIVER BLUE TRAIL

Considered one of the finest blackwater rivers in the Southeast, the Waccamaw River provides Carolinians and visitors with clean drinking water, flood protection, scenic landscapes, diverse plants and wildlife and outstanding recreation. As a federally-designated National Water Trail, the Waccamaw River Blue Trail is recognized as a national treasure that is vital to the health of natural and human communities in the Carolinas and beyond.

The Waccamaw River Blue Trail extends the entire length of the Waccamaw River. The Blue Trail begins in North Carolina near Lake Waccamaw, one of the world's largest Carolina Bays, and meanders through the Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve, the riverfront city of Conway, South Carolina and portions of the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge. The lower reaches of the river merge with the Intracoastal Waterway, then widens as it passes by Brookgreen Gardens and Sandy Island. The river ends its journey to the Atlantic Ocean at Winyah Bay near Georgetown, South Carolina.

With over 140 miles of stunning blackwater, the Waccamaw River beckons adventure-seeking outdoor enthusiasts. The natural, historical and cultural features located along the Waccamaw River provide ample opportunity for exploration, education and relaxation. Its cypress swamps and tidal marshes are home to many unique species of plants and animals such as the Venus fly trap and Red-cockaded woodpeckers. The river is intertwined with the histories of Native American and Gullah Geechee people, rice and indigo plantations and Civil War sites. It also showcases many historic homes, churches, shops and remnants of industries that were once served by steamships.

To protect this important natural resource American Rivers, Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® of Winyah Rivers Alliance and many local partners worked together to establish the Waccamaw River Blue Trail. A Blue Trail is a river adopted by a local community that is dedicated to improving family-friendly recreation and conserving riverside land and water resources. Just as hiking trails are designed to help people explore land, Blue Trails help people discover rivers. They promote recreation and tourism, support local businesses and inspire communities to protect river health for the benefit of wildlife, people and future generations.

STEWARDSHIP



The Waccamaw River Blue Trail asks visitors to follow the National Leave No Trace Code of Outdoor Ethics (www.lnt.org) that promotes the responsible use and enjoyment of the outdoors:

- Plan ahead and prepare.
- Obey all rules and regulations.
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
- Respect private property and wildlife.
- Dispose of waste properly (human and litter).
- Leave what you find.
- Minimize campfire impacts.
- Be considerate of others.

SAFETY / GEAR

- Avoid boating alone.
- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket.
- Review relevant water level and safety information before your trip. (<https://waterdata.usgs.gov/sc/nwis/rt>, www.ncwildlife.org or www.regulations.com/southcarolina/huntingandfishing/boating/).
- Review relevant water quality and safety information before your trip. Contact the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® at (843) 349-4007 for more information.
- Leave information about your route and return time with a relative or friend.
- Be aware of wildlife and river hazards such as strainers (fallen trees), large vessels on the Intracoastal Waterway and bridge piers.
- When in a group assign a lead and sweep boat operated by experienced paddlers.
- Stay in your boat if it becomes stuck and carefully shift your weight as you push off with your paddle or pole.
- Never paddle farther from shore than you are prepared to swim.
- Bring a spare paddle or pole, and in an emergency, stay with your boat.
- North Carolina and South Carolina state law requires each boat to carry a life jacket, noise making device and a flashlight.
- Bring a first-aid kit, plenty of drinking water, sunscreen, sunglasses and bug repellent.
- Bring a copy of the Waccamaw River Blue Trail Map.

PLANNING

- Review the Waccamaw River Blue Trail map.
- Know where your trip will take you, where to get out and emergency routes.
- Allow enough time to complete your trip within daylight hours.
- Check river conditions. A flooded river can be dangerous and should be avoided. A low river may expose logs or rocks and require carrying your boat, which may make your trip slower and more difficult.
- Check weather conditions before your trip. Do not go if the weather is beyond the ability of the least experienced person in your group.
- USGS maintains gages on the Waccamaw River with information useful to paddlers. Visit <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt> for more information.

CAMPING INFORMATION

For most rivers in North Carolina and South Carolina, the land that lies below the normal high water line is public property. This makes camping legal on the many sandbars found along the river. Be aware that the Waccamaw River is a tidal river. High tides and prolonged rainfall can cause the river to flood sandbars and low-lying areas. It is important to note private property boundaries. Access and overnight camping are not allowed on private property unless you have the permission of the landowner.

Overnight stays are allowed at some of the public boat landings. For more information, contact Columbus County Parks and Recreation at 910-640-6624, NC Wildlife Resources Commission at 910-253-6299 for the Lake Waccamaw and Pireway landings, Horry County Parks and Recreation at 843-915-5330 and Georgetown County Parks and Recreation Department at 843-545-3275.

Lake Waccamaw State Park - Camping is allowed in designated areas by permit only. In most cases, campers register online or with a ranger on site. You must check in at the visitor center or with a ranger even if you have reserved a campsite.

North Carolina Game Lands - It is unlawful to camp on game lands, except at specific areas designated by the landowner. Contact NC Wildlife Resources Commission for more information at 910-253-6299.

CAMPING (cont.)

Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve - Boaters and backpack campers may camp overnight on the riverbank within preserve boundaries. However, the preserve is not contiguous and numerous private inholdings occur along the river. Contact SC Department of Natural Resources at 843-546-3226 ext. 13 for more information.

Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge (Waccamaw NWR) - Waccamaw NWR does not allow camping on Refuge property. Exceptions to this policy will be made for individuals or groups who agree to pick up litter on designated sites along the Waccamaw & Pee Dee Rivers and will require a Special Use Permit issued by the Refuge. If you would like more information, please contact the Refuge office at 843-527-8069.

Samworth Wildlife Management Area - Temporary primitive camping is available to organized groups by permit. No camping will be allowed that may conflict with organized hunts. Contact SC Department of Natural Resources at 843-546-8665 for more information and to obtain a permit.

NATURAL, HISTORICAL & CULTURAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Lake Waccamaw State Park (www.ncparks.gov/lake-waccamaw-state-park/home)
- Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve (www2.dnr.sc.gov/ManagedLands/ManagedLand/Location)
- Waccamaw River Park
- City of Conway
- Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge (www.fws.gov/waccamaw/)
- Bucksville and Bucksport
- Gullah Geechee Heritage Corridor (www.gullahgeecheecorridor.org/)
- Sandy Island
- Brookgreen Gardens (www.brookgreen.org/)
- Samworth Management Area (www2.dnr.sc.gov/ManagedLands/ManagedLand/Location)
- Georgetown Waterfront
- Gullah Geechee Heritage Corridor
- Hobcaw Barony (www.hobcawbarony.org/)

NEARBY PLACES OF INTEREST



- Green Swamp (www.nature.org/greenswamp)
- Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve (www2.dnr.sc.gov/ManagedLands/ManagedLand/Location)
- Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center (www.fws.gov/waccamaw/)



HOW TO USE THIS MAP BOOKLET



The index map below can help you navigate to the appropriate map for the river reach of interest. Look on the bottom of each page for corresponding numbers. The top of each map is upstream regardless of the orientation and thus the bottom of each map is downstream.



WACCAMAW RIVER BLUE TRAIL MAP LEGEND



Public Access Sites



Camping



Fishing



Boating



Disc Golf



Hiking Trails



Mountain Biking



Picnic Areas



Dining Facilities



Cultural Tours



Bed & Breakfast



Kayak Rentals



Public Parking



Limited Parking



Not Accessible by Vehicle



Public Restrooms



US Highways



North Carolina State Highways



South Carolina State Highways



U.S. Geological Survey Gages

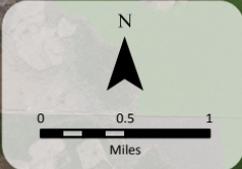


Important Information



Blue Heart Landings

Recommended for peak season kayakers who want to avoid the inconveniences caused by high volumes of traffic that occur at some boat launches. Due to their spacious parking, great launch conditions and limited use, these landings provide easy access to the Waccamaw River.



LAKE WACCAMAW
STATE PARK
NC State Parks



Lake Waccamaw Canal Cove Boating Ramp **P**  34.300584
-78.552121

Columbus County Boat Launch **P**   34.29052
-78.47211

LAKE WACCAMAW

River Access at Lake Waccamaw Dam **P**   34.26099
-78.52361

Waccamaw River

LAKE WACCAMAW
STATE PARK
NC State Parks

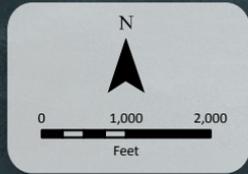


Lake Waccamaw at Sunset



Lake Waccamaw is one of the largest Carolina Bays. One origin story of the lake centers around a meteor that fell and burned deep into the earth. For this reason, the local Waccamaw-Siouan are known as "People of the Fallen Star".

Photo: Rick Squires



LAKE WACCAMAW

River Access at Lake Waccamaw Dam



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STATE PARK
NC State Parks



Waccamaw River

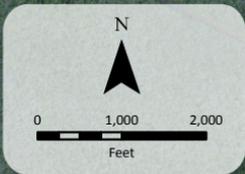
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River Access at Lake
Waccamaw Dam



A thick swamp greets the
paddler at the start of the
Waccamaw River.

Photo: Julie Stocks



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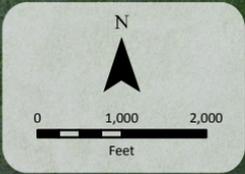
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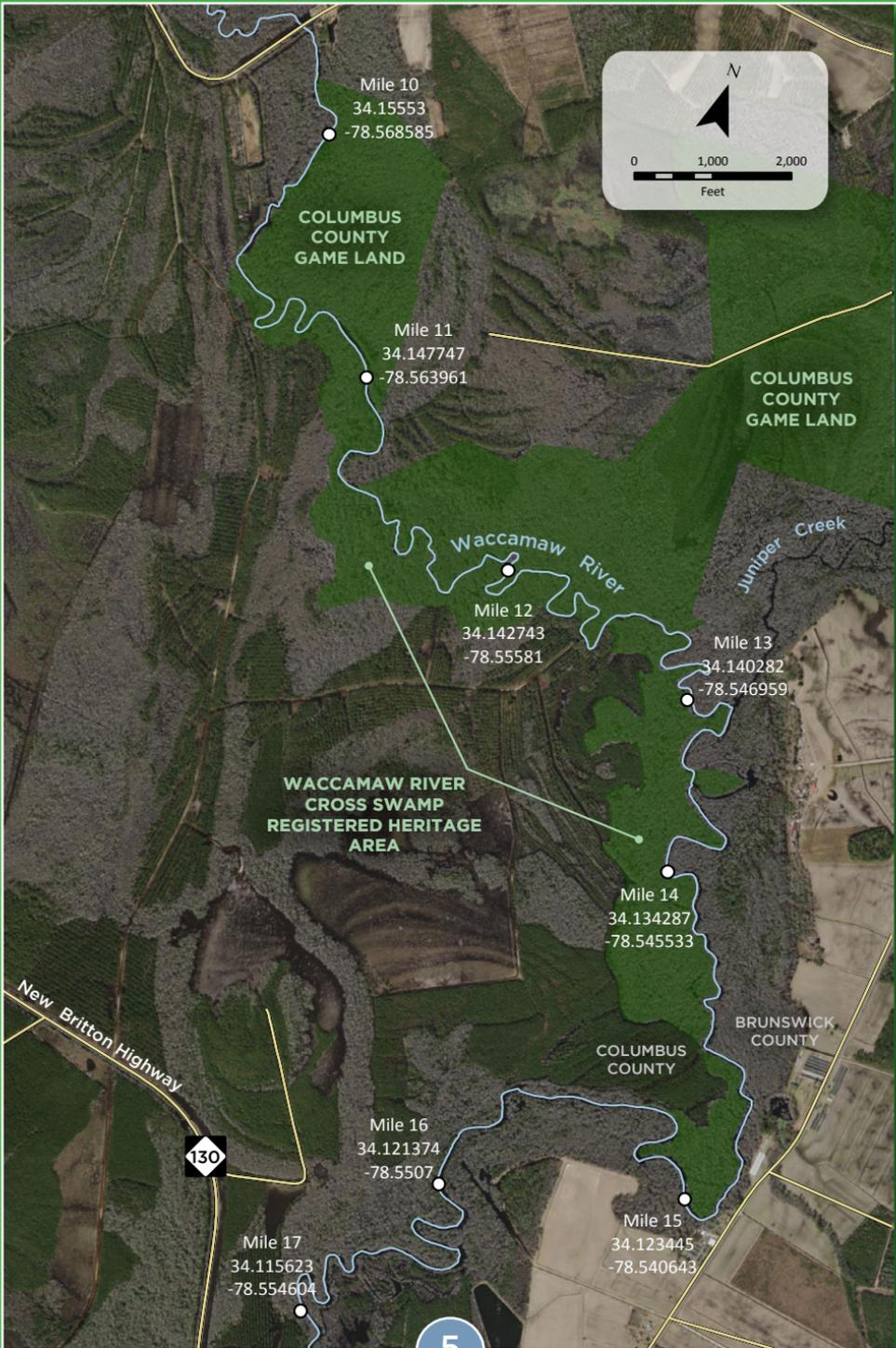
 This stretch of river can be difficult to navigate during times of low and high water levels.

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Waccamaw River









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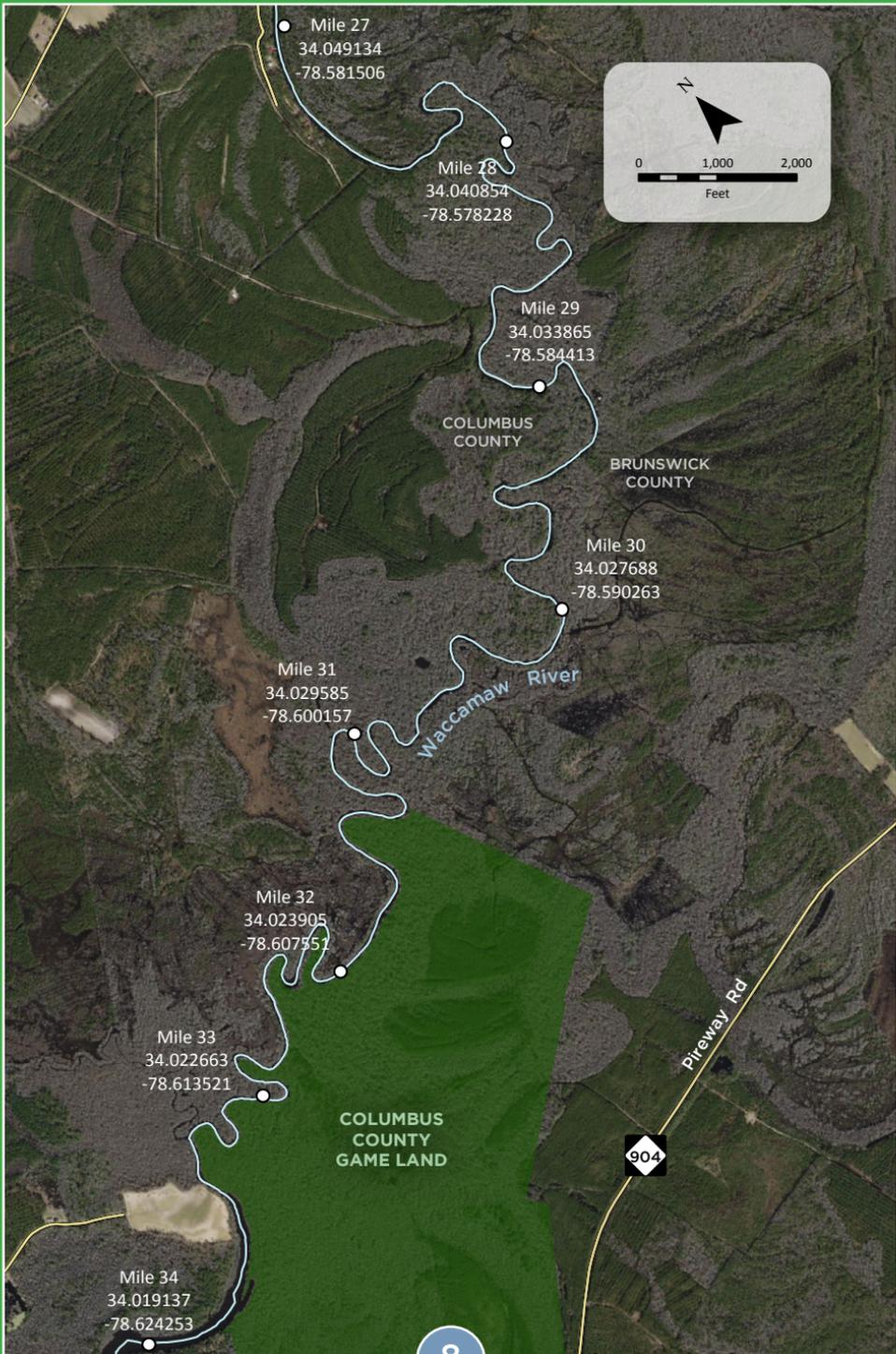
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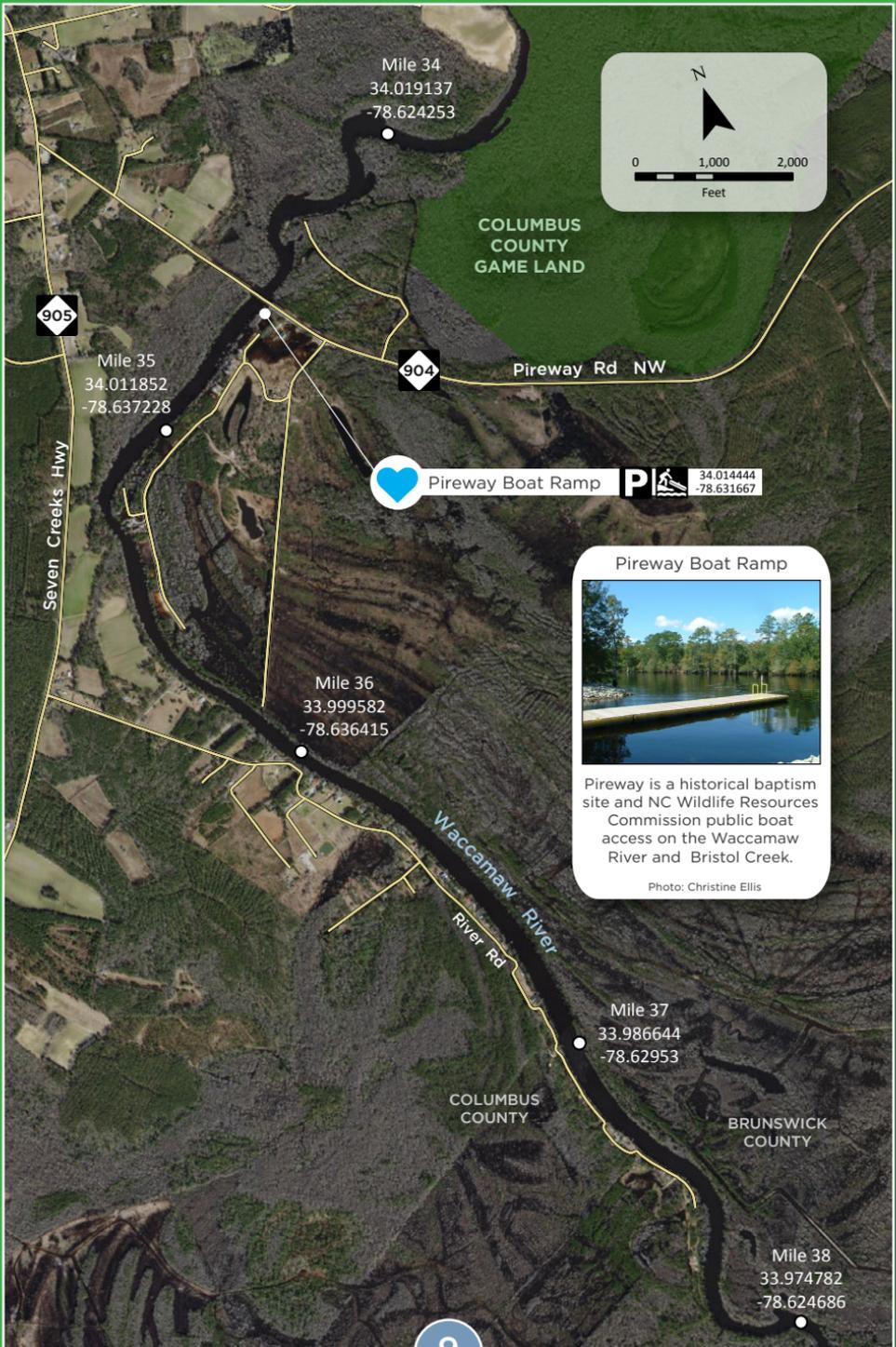
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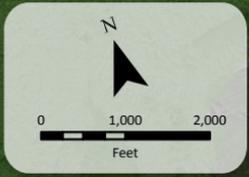
Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® Landing  34.05144
-78.58075

 Unimproved landing with limited parking.
Canoes and kayaks only. Contact the
Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® for access.





Mile 34
34.019137
-78.624253



COLUMBUS
COUNTY
GAME LAND

905

Mile 35
34.011852
-78.637228

904

Pireway Rd NW



Pireway Boat Ramp



34.014444
-78.631667

Seven Creeks Hwy

Mile 36
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Pireway Boat Ramp



Pireway is a historical baptism site and NC Wildlife Resources Commission public boat access on the Waccamaw River and Bristol Creek.

Photo: Christine Ellis

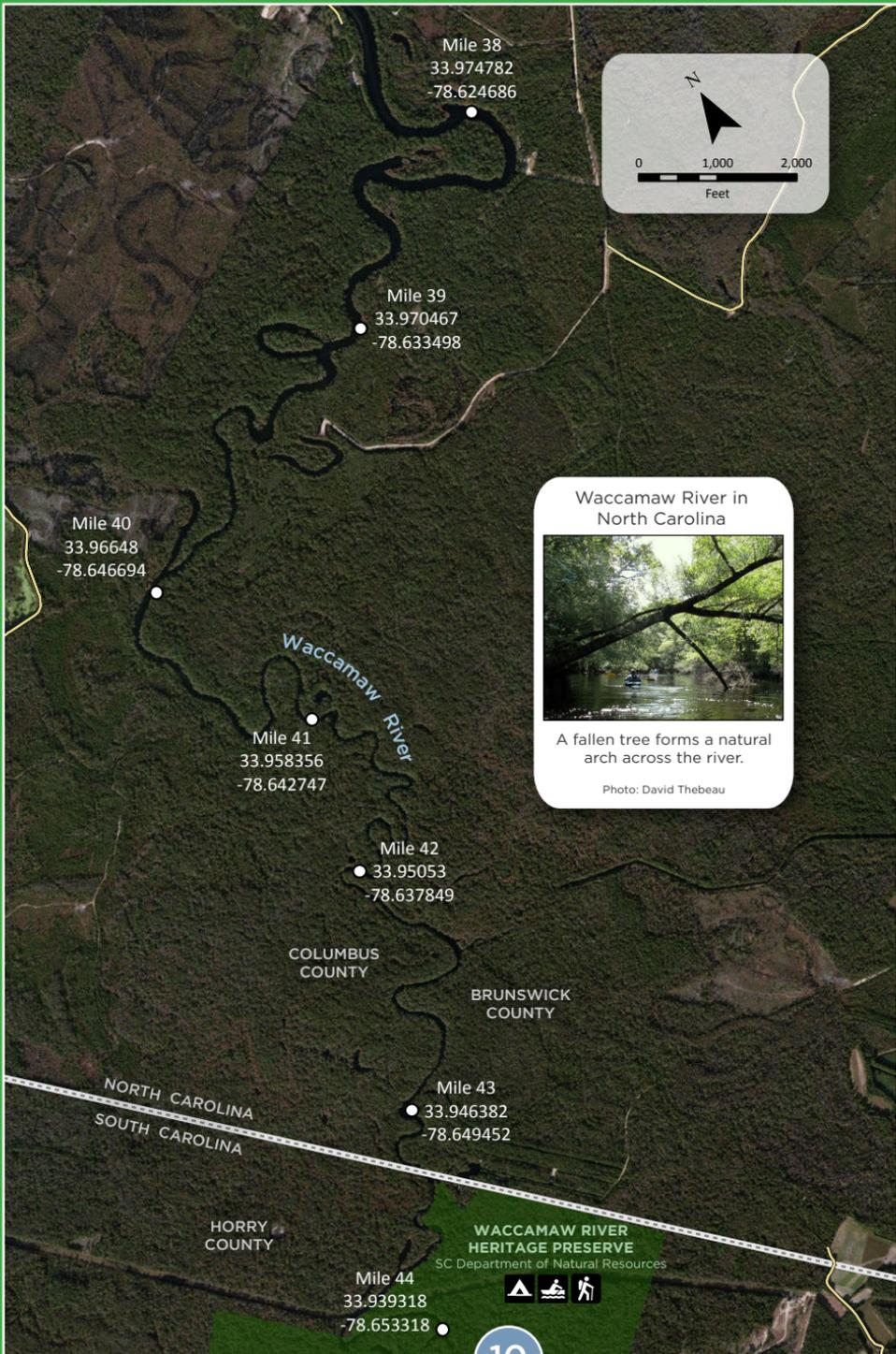
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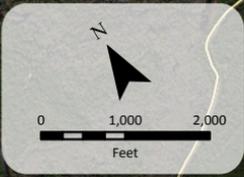
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COUNTY

BRUNSWICK
COUNTY

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Waccamaw River

Mile 41
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Waccamaw River in North Carolina

A fallen tree forms a natural arch across the river.

Photo: David Thebeau

Mile 42
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COLUMBUS COUNTY

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTH CAROLINA

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HORRY COUNTY

WACCAMAW RIVER HERITAGE PRESERVE
SC Department of Natural Resources

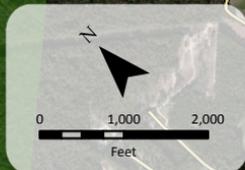
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NORTH CAROLINA
SOUTH CAROLINA

HORRY COUNTY

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WACCAMAW RIVER
HERITAGE PRESERVE
SC Department of Natural Resources



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WACCAMAW RIVER
HERITAGE PRESERVE
SC Department of Natural Resources

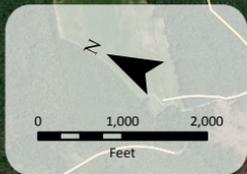


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WACCAMAW RIVER
HERITAGE PRESERVE
SC Department of Natural Resources



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HERITAGE PRESERVE
SC Department of Natural Resources



Mile 59
33.878628
-78.751942

Wood Duck



These brightly colored ducks can be found nesting along the river in natural tree cavities and in duck boxes maintained by local groups.

Photo: Frank Perrotta

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Big Savannah Lake Landing

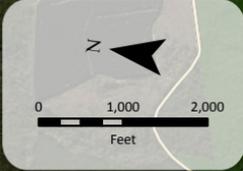


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Steep boat launch

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East Beat Grass Rd

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Big Savannah Lake Landing



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Steep boat launch

WACCAMAW RIVER
HERITAGE PRESERVE
SC Department of Natural Resources



Mile 62
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Waccamaw River

Waccamaw Ln

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WACCAMAW RIVER
HERITAGE PRESERVE
SC Department of Natural Resources



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Mile 66
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Mile 67
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WACCAMAW RIVER
HERITAGE PRESERVE
SC Department of Natural Resources





Mile 67
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WACCAMAW RIVER
HERITAGE PRESERVE
SC Department of Natural Resources



Mile 68
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s.c.
905

Red Bluff Rd

HAMMOND



Red Bluff Landing **P** 33.898844
-78.839798
(also known as Danny Knight Landing)

Mile 69
33.897811
-78.84762

Waccamaw River

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Mile 70
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Alligator on the Waccamaw

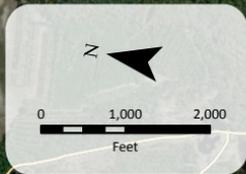


The best time to see an alligator on the Waccamaw is during the spring mating season. It is illegal to feed or harass them.

Photo: Gator Bait Adventure Tours







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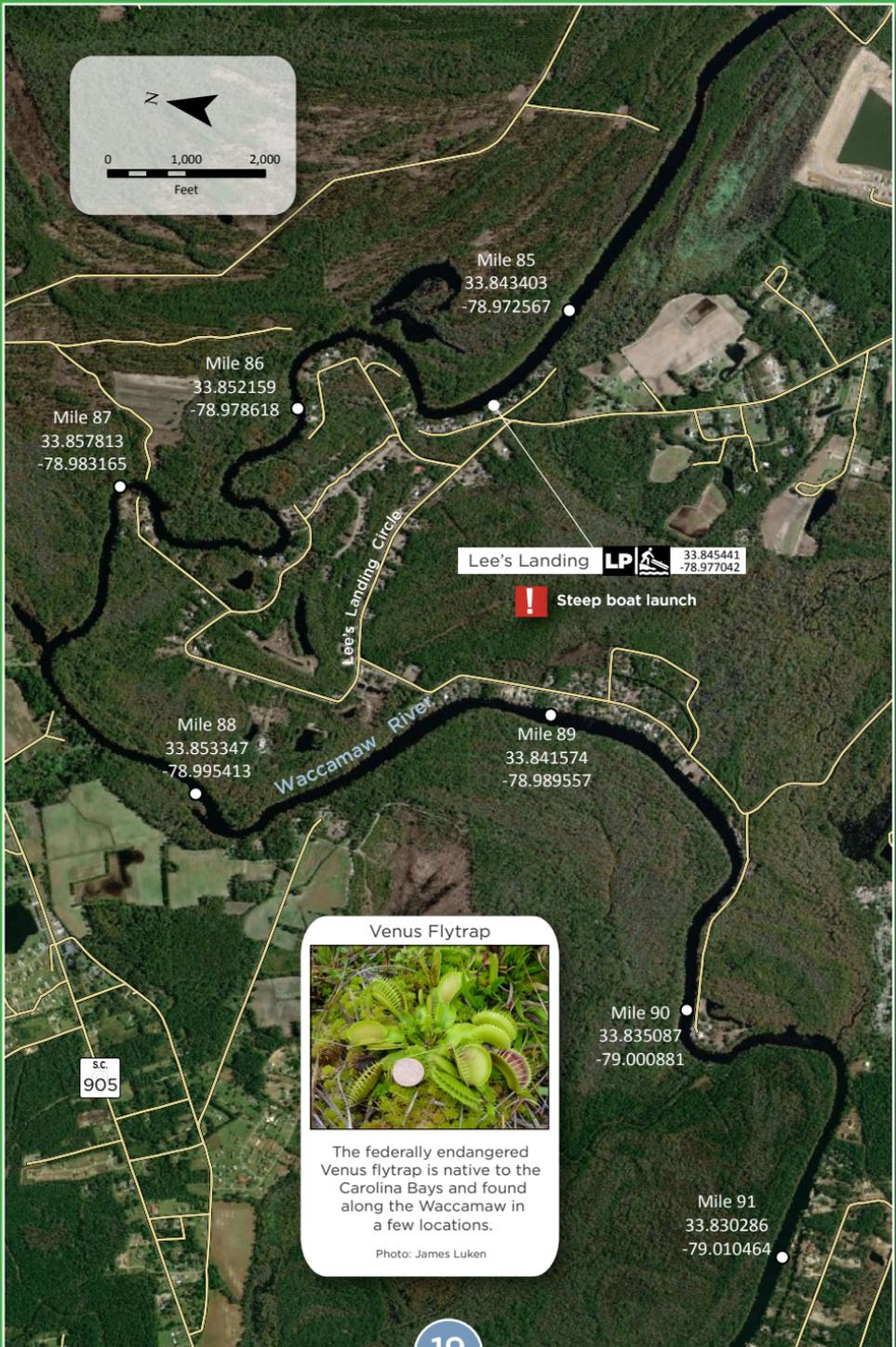
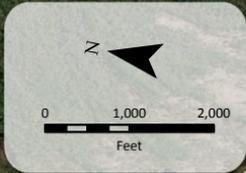
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Waccamaw River
Steep Landing Rd



Mile 85
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Mile 86
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Mile 87
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Lee's Landing LP  33.845441
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 Steep boat launch

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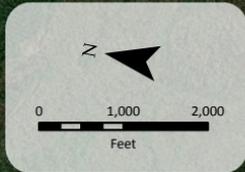
Venus Flytrap



The federally endangered Venus flytrap is native to the Carolina Bays and found along the Waccamaw in a few locations.

Photo: James Luken

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Mile 91
33.830286
-79.010464

Conway Riverwalk



Downtown Conway boasts several historical sites, shopping and dining opportunities, and the city's riverwalk and Riverfront Park.

Photo: Cara Schildtnecht
Waccamaw Riverkeeper

Mile 92
33.832938
-79.024181

Riverwalk **P** 33.833171
-79.044283

Blackwater Recreation Area **P** 33.826415
-79.035131

Mile 93
33.838171
-79.03487

USGS Stream Gage
33.832776, -79.043889

BUS
501

501

(also known as Billy Witherspoon
Boat Landing)

Savannah Bluff **P** 33.816627
-79.041947

Mile 94
33.829093
-79.043261

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Savannah Bluff **P** 33.816627
-79.041947

← Upstream on Crabtree Canal 3.0 & 3.6 River Miles

Crabtree Canal
Boat Launches **P** 33.858914
-79.054903
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CONWAY

Riverfront Park **P** 33.827836
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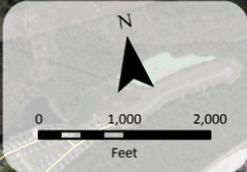
Conway Marina 33.82770
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! Launching from the Marina requires a small fee, but can launch from end of gravel parking lot for free

501

378

701



Mile 96
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! Great access to Pitch Lodge Lake

Pitch Landing **P** 33.800517
-79.055141

Pitch Lodge
Lake

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Pitch Landing Rd

Mile 97
33.793669
-79.05104



Cox Ferry
Recreation Area



33.791855
-79.050034

! Requires portage to launch

701

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Waccamaw
River

Waccamaw National
Wildlife Refuge Cox Ferry
Lake Recreation Area



This 325-acre area inside
the Waccamaw National
Wildlife Refuge features
nature and mountain biking
trails, a boardwalk and
weather shelter with picnic
tables.

Photo: Staci Williams

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Jackson Bluff Rd

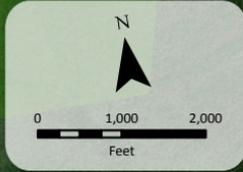
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J. Todd Landing **LP** 33.772737
-79.053799

(also known as Jackson Bluff Landing)

Mile 99
33.770455
-79.061246

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Mile 100
33.758026
-79.066596

Toddville Access
(Saw Mill Chimney at Upper
Mill, private property)



From the river you can see the remnants of this saw mill chimney at Upper Mill, located on private property. There were also a middle and lower mill along the river that no longer exist.

Photo: Ben Burroughs

Toddville Boat Ramp **LP** 33.752533
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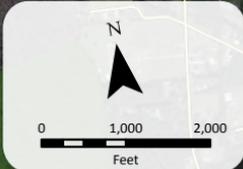
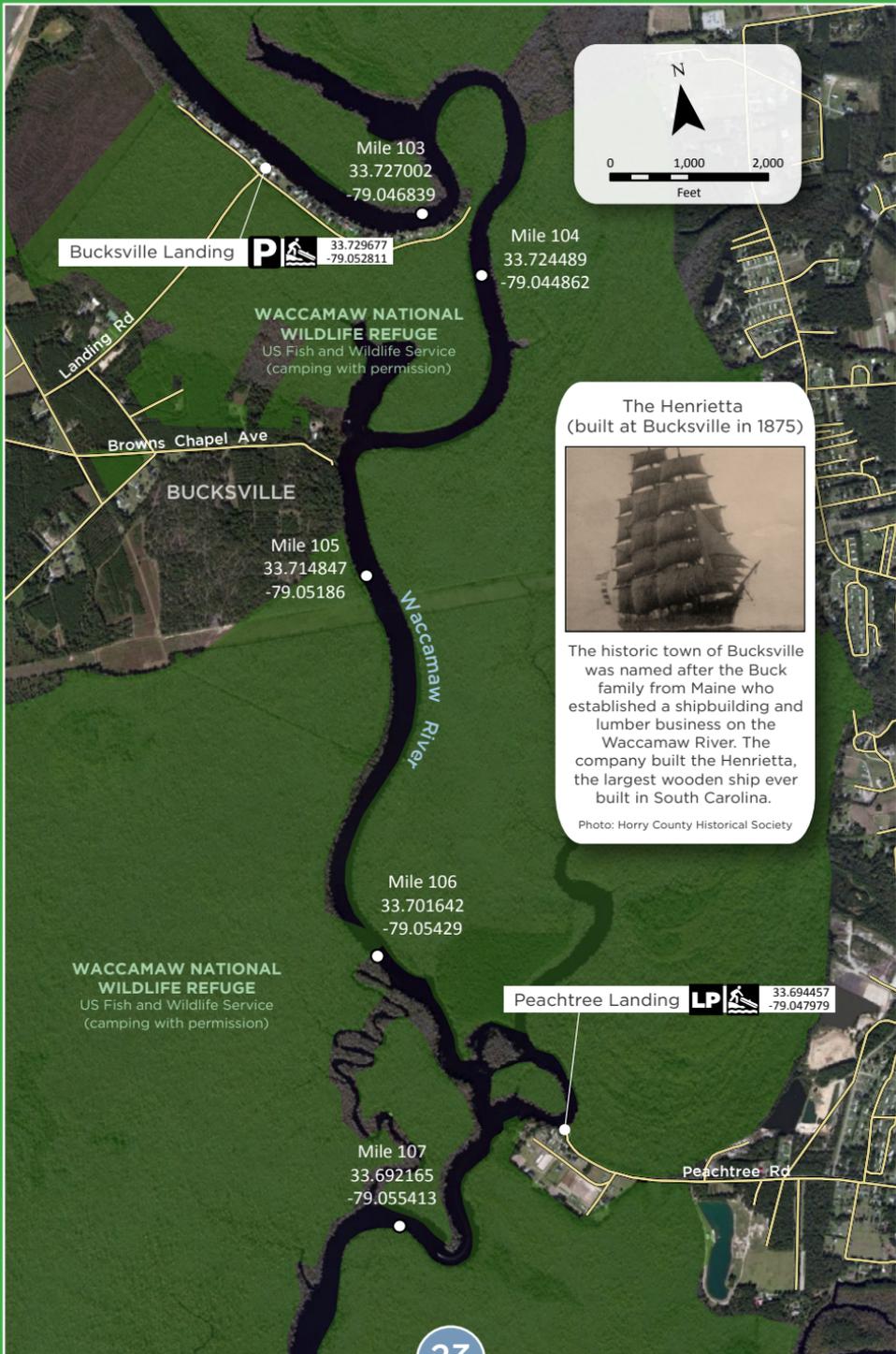
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Bucksville Landing **P** 33.729677
-79.052811

Mile 102
33.737255
-79.058194

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Mile 103
33.727002
-79.046839

Bucksville Landing **P**  33.729677
-79.052811

Mile 104
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-79.044862

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Landing Rd

Brown's Chapel Ave

BUCKSVILLE

Mile 105
33.714847
-79.05186

Waccamaw River

The Henrietta
(built at Bucksville in 1875)



The historic town of Bucksville was named after the Buck family from Maine who established a shipbuilding and lumber business on the Waccamaw River. The company built the Henrietta, the largest wooden ship ever built in South Carolina.

Photo: Horry County Historical Society

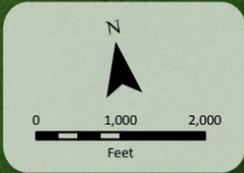
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Peachtree Landing **LP**  33.694457
-79.047979

Mile 107
33.692165
-79.055413

Peachtree Rd



Mile 107
33.692165
-79.055413

Swallow-tailed Kite



Protected lands within the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge provide important habitat for the endangered swallow-tailed kite.

Photo: Craig Sasser

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Mile 108
33.682894
-79.063159

Mile 109
33.67283
-79.0679

Enterprise Boat Landing



Enterprise once served as a ferry location for travelers who needed to cross the Waccamaw River.

Photo: Horry County Historical Society



Enterprise Boat Landing



33.668033
-79.060979

Mile 110
33.664085
-79.071224

Mile 111
33.657157
-79.085647

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Bucksport Marina



33.651576
-79.095569



Pay per use access point



Bucksport Marina



33.651576
79.095569

Pay per use access point

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Feet

USGS Stream Gage
33.648889, -79.043889

Mile 112
33.647848
-79.09323

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Paddlers at Bucksport Marina



Paddlers at Bucksport Marina get ready to explore the Waccamaw River Blue Trail at the Wake Up Paddle Series hosted by the Waccamaw Riverkeeper.

Photo: Cara Schildtknecht, Waccamaw Riverkeeper

Mile 113
33.633514
-79.094711

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Bald Eagle

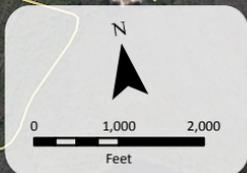


The Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge provides important habitat for several species that are classified as endangered in South Carolina including the bald eagle.

Photo: US Fish & Wildlife Service

Mile 114
33.620308
-79.09987

Mile 115
● 33.612732
-79.089815



Mile 115
33.612732
-79.089815

Bull Creek

Mile 116
33.601602
-79.094561

Upstream on Bull Creek 2.3 River Miles

Sandy Island Access #1   33.602664
-79.118322

 Island river access only
Not accessible by vehicle

Red-Cockaded
Woodpecker Trail 

Waccamaw River

Mile 117
33.588544
-79.098182

Sandy Island



Sandy Island was once home to slaves who worked in rice fields along the Waccamaw and Pee Dee Rivers. Today, some of their descendants still reside on the island and maintain the rich heritage of the Gullah Geechee people.

Photo: Brookgreen Gardens Collection

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GEORGETOWN COUNTY

Mile 118
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-79.101668

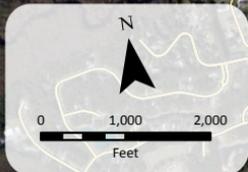
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Mile 119
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-79.089786

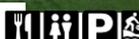
Sandy Island Access #2



33.567375
-79.105764

! Island river access only
Not accessible by vehicle

**Wachesaw Landing &
Wacca Wache Marina**



33.562056
-79.085587

! Limited parking at marina
with additional parking nearby

Mile 120
33.553451
-79.086778

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**Southern Lubber
Grasshopper at Sandy
Island Preserve**



Most of Sandy Island is protected by Sandy Island Preserve. This 9,165-acre preserve is owned by The Nature Conservancy and managed in partnership with the Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge.

Photo: Gerrit Jobsis

Mile 121
33.542248
-79.095511

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**Statue at
Brookgreen Gardens**



A National Historic Landmark, this botanical sculpture garden is a unique blend of art, culture and history.

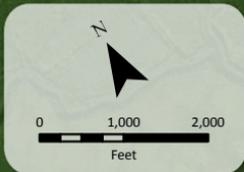
Photo: Tony Morano

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Mile 122
33.531983 ●
-79.10602



Sandy Island School Bus Boat



The children of Sandy Island are ferried to the mainland to catch a school bus each day. This vessel is only school boat in South Carolina.

Photo: Janae Davis

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Red-cockaded Woodpecker at Sandy Island Preserve



The long-leaf pine forests on Sandy Island Preserve provide critical habitat for the federally-endangered red-cockaded woodpecker.

Photo: Courtesy of TNC,
Credit © John Moore"

Mile 123
● 33.521186
-79.117335

Larry Paul Trail

Mile 124
33.510689 ●
-79.126221

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Sandy Island Rd

← Upstream on Thoroughfare Creek 1.0 River Miles

Sandy Island Access #3 LP 33.515077
-79.142782

Island river access only
Not accessible by vehicle

Sandy Island Boat Landing LP 33.506095
-79.120380

Thoroughfare Creek

● Mile 125
33.504216
-79.139937

Thoroughfare Creek

Upstream on Thoroughfare Creek 1.0 River Miles

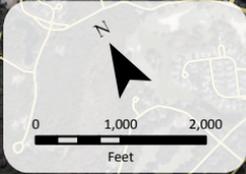
Sandy Island Access #3



LP

33.515077
-79.142782

! Island river access only
Not accessible by vehicle



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Mile 126
33.491433
-79.14602

Waccamaw River

Mile 127
33.479269
-79.154153

**SAMWORTH WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT AREA**
SC Department of Natural Resources

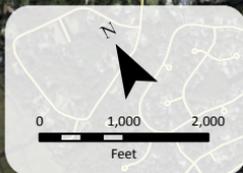


Mile 128
33.465323
-79.157441

SAMWORTH WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT AREA
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Mile 128
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-79.157441



Rice Cultivation



Enslaved African Americans and Native Americans constructed and cultivated rice fields along the Waccamaw River. Slave labor produced much of the region's wealth.

Photo: Georgetown County Library
Photograph Collection

Mile 129
33.453564
-79.167353

Waccamaw River

USGS Stream Gage
33.444444, -79.174167

Mile 130
33.442747
-79.17841

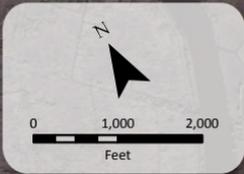
Hagley Landing **LP** 33.436326
-79.182200

! Soft beach for kayak/canoe launch dependent on tide; very limited parking

Mile 131
33.43203
-79.189834

Hagley Rd

Kings River Rd



Hagley Landing LP    33.436326
-79.182200

 Soft beach for kayak/canoe launch dependent on tide; very limited parking

Mile 131
33.43203
-79.189834

Mile 132
33.427068
-79.205429

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Mile 133
33.415732
-79.212037

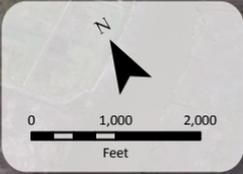
Historic Rice Fields



Many of the historic rice fields that were cultivated by enslaved people are still visible today.

Photo: Janae Davis

Mile 134
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-79.222073



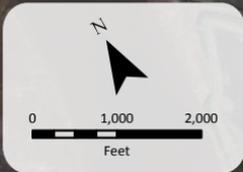
Great Pee Dee River

Mile 134
33.404207
-79.222073

Mile 135
33.392149
-79.231569

Mile 136
33.380645
-79.241801

Waccamaw River



Waccamaw River

Great Pee Dee River

Mile 137
● 33.369071
-79.251287



HOBCAW BARRONY

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GEORGETOWN

Sunset on Front Street



Dine, shop, catch a few fish, take a tour or see a concert on Georgetown's beautiful waterfront.

Photo: Charles Slate

Slave Church at Hobcaw Barony



The native Waccamaw people called this peninsula "hobcaw," meaning "between the waters." Native peoples were enslaved with Africans on 14 plantations that comprised Hobcaw. Today, the 16,000-acre site is internationally known for education, research and conservation. Tours of this historic landscape are available to the public for a fee.

Photo: Brandon Coffey Photography

Front St

EAST BAY PARK

Sampit River

Winyah Bay

HOBCAW BARRONY



East Bay Street Landing



33.356550
-79.280030

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