



Guides & Maps

for *South Carolina Rivers & Waterways*

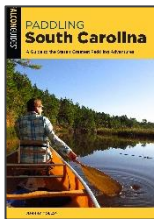
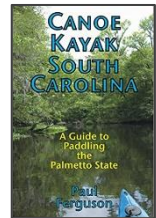
A listing of information sources with Internet links provided by S.C. Department of Natural Resources - Scenic Rivers Program
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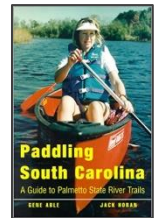
[Paddle SC](http://gopaddlesc.com) at gopaddlesc.com – This website presents information and maps introducing hundreds of boating opportunities on waterways throughout South Carolina.

[Canoe Kayak South Carolina - A Guide to Paddling the Palmetto State](#) - 2014 book by Paul Ferguson features ~30 rivers of S.C. in 376 pages of information published by Pocasin Press.



[Paddling South Carolina: Guide to the State's Greatest Paddling Adventures](#) – 2nd edition, 2020 book by Johnny Malloy features 40 paddling adventures on S.C. waterways in 232 pages from Falcon Guides.

[Paddling South Carolina - Guide to Palmetto State River Trails](#) - The revised 2001 book by Gene Able and Jack Horan features ~30 rivers of S.C. in 160 pages of information from Sandlapper Publishing



[South Carolina Trails](http://sctrails.net) at sctrails.net – This online guide to all types of trails provides a search filter that displays information for over 60 [paddle trails](#).

[Upstate Forever- Blueway Mapping](#) – UF is mapping rivers to promote safe, enjoyable use. River [maps](#) include the **Chauga, Pacolet, Lawson’s Fork, Tyger, upper Saluda, upper Broad, Twelve Mile, Enoree, and Reedy**. Similar map info may be viewed at [Paddle SC](#).



[US Forest Service - River Access and Trails](#) - **Chattooga, Broad, Tyger, Enoree, Turkey, Wambaw**, and other rivers flow through National Forests of South Carolina. See Francis Marion & Sumter National Forest [recreation water activities](#) to include boating maps and related info. Telephone: (803) 561-4000.

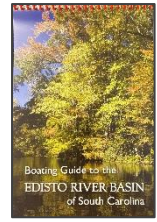
[Berkeley County Blueways](#) - **Santee River, Wadboo Creek, Wambaw Creek, Lake Moultrie, Goose Creek Reservoir** and other water trails are described in the online guide to paddling Berkeley County waterways.



[South Carolina Scenic Rivers](#) - Water Trail Guides by SCDNR are available for two State Scenic Rivers, the **Lynches** and **Little Pee Dee** (Dillon Cnty). View or download guides at the [Publications](#) webpage. Hardcopies for Lynches are available upon request; call (803) 734-9096.



[Edisto River Basin Boating Guide](#) - Hardcopies of this guide are available for purchase from SCDNR and a PDF may be viewed or downloaded from the SCDNR webpage.



[Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail](#) – Provides an online guide to the 62-mile trail on the Edisto’s main stem.

[American Rivers Blue Trails](#) – AR and local partners develop maps, guides, and plans for Blue Trails. South Carolina Blue Trails include: [Ashley](#), [Congaree](#), [Waccamaw](#) (a [National Water Trail](#)), and [Wateree](#).



Other Rivers --

- **Catawba River** - Duke Energy provides a [Catawba River Canoe Trail Map](#) and online guide.
- **Congaree River** - [Congaree National Park](#) provides [trip ideas](#) for paddling the river within the park.
- **Lynches to Great Pee Dee** – [S.C. Revolutionary Rivers Water Trail](#) (a [National Water Trail](#)).



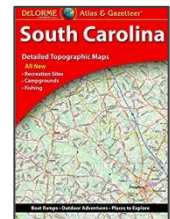
[Santee-Cooper Lakes and boat passage - Columbia to Charleston](#) - Passage though **Lake Marion** and **Lake Moultrie** and the locks at Pinopolis Dam is described at the Santee Cooper website under the heading of Lakes, Maps & Navigation, and Pinopolis Lock.



[Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail](#) – This is a website describing an 800-mile coastal water trail connecting South Carolina with Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia. An interactive map presents alternative routes and mileage. SCDNR provides a related website featuring route maps and places of interest along the [South Carolina section of the Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail](#).



[South Carolina Atlas and Gazetteer \(by DeLorme\)](#) - This large-format (11x16 inches), 60+-page atlas provides detailed topo maps covering the whole state. It’s available at bookstores, newsstands, and the Internet.



[Topographic Maps by the US Geological Survey](#) - For detailed maps of rivers, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic (topo) maps are a good choice. The 7.5 Minute (1:24,000-scale) map series offers greater detail. To capture larger areas, a 1:100,000-scale topo is a good choice. Check the [USGS Store](#) and [Map Locator](#) to see maps for purchase or downloads. Call USGS to order maps at 1-888-275-8747.



[Nautical Charts by NOAA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) - Nautical Charts are useful for navigating rivers at the coast or traveling the Intracoastal Waterway. For chart sources, viewing, or downloads check [Chart Locator](#).



Boat Ramps



[***Boat Ramps - SCDNR website***](#) - The SCDNR website presents public lands and access areas statewide. Boat Ramps are listed at the website by water body or county. Note, the listing does not include all public boat ramps.

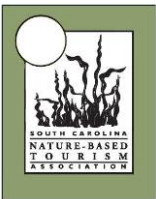
Fishing: Places to Fish in South Carolina



[***SCDNR websites for Fishing***](#) – Where to fish? Several lists describe places where the public can find access to waterways for fishing --

- [***South Carolina Public Fishing Access website***](#) – latest interactive website
- [***Lakes and Reservoirs***](#) -
- [***Coastal fishing***](#)

Outfitters, Guides, Canoe/Kayak Equipment



[***South Carolina Nature-Based Tourism Association***](#) --

Members of this organization include outfitters, retailers, clubs, and non-profits involved in paddle-sport recreation; and some members provide equipment, instruction, and/or guided tours.

Other outfitters, some not affiliated with this association, may also be available in your area.