



## Guides & Maps for South Carolina Rivers & Waterways

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### Guides and Maps

#### ***Paddling South Carolina - A Guide to Palmetto State River Trails –***

The revised 2001 book by Gene Able and Jack Horan, published by Sandlapper Publishing, Inc. is a comprehensive guide to paddling most of the state's rivers. It is available at many bookstores, outfitter stores, and local libraries.

#### ***Canoe Kayak South Carolina - A Guide to Paddling the Palmetto State --***

The 2014 book by Paul Ferguson, published by Pocasin Press is another comprehensive guide to rivers of South Carolina. See more information and useful online map features (Google Earth Placemarks) at the website - [www.pocasinpress.com/indexSC.htm](http://www.pocasinpress.com/indexSC.htm)

#### ***South Carolina Atlas and Gazetteer (by DeLorme) --***

This handy atlas has shaded relief maps for the whole state, with major and minor roads, lakes and waterways, boat ramps (not all ramps are shown), and more. A large-format (11x17), 60+-page atlas; it features 48 quad maps in a grid system covering the entire state. Available at many bookstores, newsstands, and on the Internet.

#### ***Topographic Maps by the US Geological Survey --***

For detailed maps of rivers, the standard U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic (topo) maps are a good choice. The 7.5 Minute (1:24,000-scale) map series offers the most detail. River travelers piece the maps together to get full coverage for areas of interest. To capture a larger area, a 1:100,000-scale topo is a good choice. Sources: check **USGS online** for map purchase or downloads at <http://www.usgs.gov/pubprod/> View maps at <http://nationalmap.gov/viewer.html>. Call USGS to order maps at 1-888-275-8747.

#### ***Nautical Charts by NOAA, the 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 **NOAA online** at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/chartspubs.html> or <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/index.html>

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### Online Guides and Information

#### ***SCTrails.net --***

**Water trails** are presented on the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism (SCPRT) website - [www.sctrails.net/](http://www.sctrails.net/). Look for the trail maps and descriptions. Contact SCPRT at 1205 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC 29201 or call (803) 734-0173.

#### ***South Carolina Scenic Rivers - Water Trail Guides --***

Ten designated State Scenic Rivers are described at DNR's website. *Scenic River Water Trail Guides* are available for two Scenic Rivers: **Lynches** and **Little Pee Dee** (of Dillon). Scenic River website: [www.dnr.sc.gov/water/river](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/water/river). Telephone: (803) 734-9096.

#### ***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. See the website: <http://www.berkeleyblueways.com>

#### ***US Forest Service – River Access and Trails --***

**Chattooga, Broad, Tyger, Enoree, Turkey, Wambaw**, and other rivers flow through the National Forests of South Carolina. The US Forest Service has recreational boating maps and information at its website: [www.fs.usda.gov/scnfs](http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnfs). Telephone: (803) 561-4000.

#### ***American Rivers Blue Trails –***

American Rivers and local partners develop maps and guides under their Blue Trails Program. Contact the South Carolina office at (803) 771-7114 for information on South Carolina Blue Trails, which include:

- **Ashley River Blue Trail** - <http://www.bluetrailsguide.org/resources/ashley-river-blue-trail-maps/>
- **Congaree River Blue Trail** – <http://www.americanrivers.org/initiative/blue-trails/projects/congaree-river-blue-trail/>
- **Wateree River Blue Trail** – <http://www.americanrivers.org/initiative/blue-trails/projects/wateree-river-blue-trail/>
- **Waccamaw River Blue Trail** – <http://www.americanrivers.org/initiative/blue-trails/projects/waccamaw-river-blue-trail/>

### **Other Rivers --**

- **Edisto River** -- Friends of the Edisto - <http://edistofriends.org/> - provides a list of most Edisto River Access Sites and a map of the Edisto River system. The list of access sites provides river mileage for trip planning.
- **ACE Basin -- Ashepoo, Combahee, and Edisto** (lower): See information on paddling the rivers here - <http://www.acebasin.net/canoe.html>
- **Catawba River** -- Duke Energy provides a Catawba River Canoe Trail Map and online guide: <http://www.duke-energy.com/lakes/catawba-river-canoe-trail-map.asp>
- **Congaree River and Congaree National Park** - <https://www.nps.gov/cong/planyourvisit/trip-ideas.htm>

### **Santee-Cooper Lakes and boat passage - Columbia to Charleston --**

Passage though **Lake Marion** and **Lake Moultrie** including the locks at Pinopolis Dam is described at the Santee Cooper website, [www.santeecooper.com](http://www.santeecooper.com) under the heading of Lakes. Target websites are...

Maps & Navigation - <https://www.santeecooper.com/committed-to-south-carolina/lakes/maps-navigation.aspx>

Pinopolis Lock - <https://www.santeecooper.com/committed-to-south-carolina/lakes/pinopolis-lock.aspx>

### **Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail --**

A coastal water trail for South Carolina is presented at the DNR website- <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/saltpaddling.html>. See the related interactive map with many points of interest and access presented here <http://www.secoastpaddlingtrail.com/>

### **Boat Ramps - SCDNR Managed Lands --**

The DNR website - [www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/lookup/](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/lookup/) - presents public lands and access areas statewide. **Boat Ramps** are listed at this website - [www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/boatramp/](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/boatramp/) - by water body or county. Note: the listing does not include all public boat ramps.

### **Lake Maps by Kingfisher -- for navigating lakes --**

Kingfisher produces lake maps for boating, fishing and recreation. Maps feature information on access areas, facilities, water hazards, and most will show contour information. Kingfisher Maps are available at -- [kfmaps.com](http://kfmaps.com)

### **Outfitters, Guides, Canoe/Kayak Equipment**

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#### **South Carolina Paddlesports Industry Association --**

Members of this organization include outfitters, retailers, clubs and non-profits involved in paddlesports business and recreation; and most members provide equipment, instruction, and/or guided tours. Their website - <http://www.paddlesouthcarolina.org/>. Other outfitters, some not affiliated with this association, may also be available in your area.

### **Fishing and Places to Fish in South Carolina**

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#### **DNR websites for Fishing --** <http://dnr.sc.gov/fishing.html>

- Lakes and waterways -- <http://dnr.sc.gov/lakes/search.html>
- Bank and Pier fishing sites -- <http://dnr.sc.gov/lakes/access.html>
- Coastal fishing -- <http://dnr.sc.gov/coastal.html>
- Trout fishing -- <http://dnr.sc.gov/fish/pdf/TroutBook.pdf>