



Bikeway # 14

Huger & History

Gravel Ride

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Map 1 of 2 - Santee Canal N. Moultrie



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 5, and 8.

On Map Pages:

Using your phone (or touch-screen enabled device), tap any of the route numbers to bring up a map of the exact location!



Route - Santee Canal N. Moultrie

Route Directions

1	From the boat ramp at Angel's Landing Marina, turn left, heading in a northeast direction.
	LOOK →  Click on individual route directions to bring up map of exact location!
2	At 0.1 mile, pass by island of tall grass. It's best to pass on the left side, closest to the mainland. Continue in slight northeast direction.
3	Pass by tip of island at 0.6 miles. Begin to even more northeastern direction towards another large island 0.3 mile away.
4	At 0.9 mile, paddle around southern tip of island, head into center of bay, paddling towards upper right corner of bay. This is where the canal opening is located.
5	Enter Santee Canal at 1.4 miles. This is a narrow, shallow waterway (no more than 20 yards wide and maintains a depth of 4-5 feet). Enjoy the calm waters of the Santee Canal. Keep an eye out for wildlife, including alligators, deer, wild boar and a variety of waterfowl.
6	Come to railroad crossing over the canal at 2.8 miles. The canal will begin to narrow shortly after the railroad crossing.
7	At 3.2 miles, come to the obvious end of the canal. Return the same way you came.
8	Option. Turn a hard left when leaving the canal and head into a field of lilies. This is picturesque and worth the extra 20-30 minutes, particularly when everything is in bloom!

On Route Direction Pages:

Tap anywhere in the individual direction boxes to bring up a map of the exact location!



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Bikes & History! At the historic Eccles United Methodist Church in Huger.

Summary

On this exciting family adventure, you'll ride miles of easy gravel roads (15% of the route is paved), visit an historic 140 year old church, pass by beautiful bottomlands and swamps, start and end at one of the best recreational areas in the Francis Marion National Forest, and see towering long leaf pine habitats. Bring your camera and plan to stop frequently; from history, to landscapes, to social media worthy pics of friends and family, there's something for everyone on the Huger & History Ride!

Difficulty

Easy.

Distance

10.4 miles, round-trip.

Time

Minimum of 2 hours to enjoy the exploration of this ride.

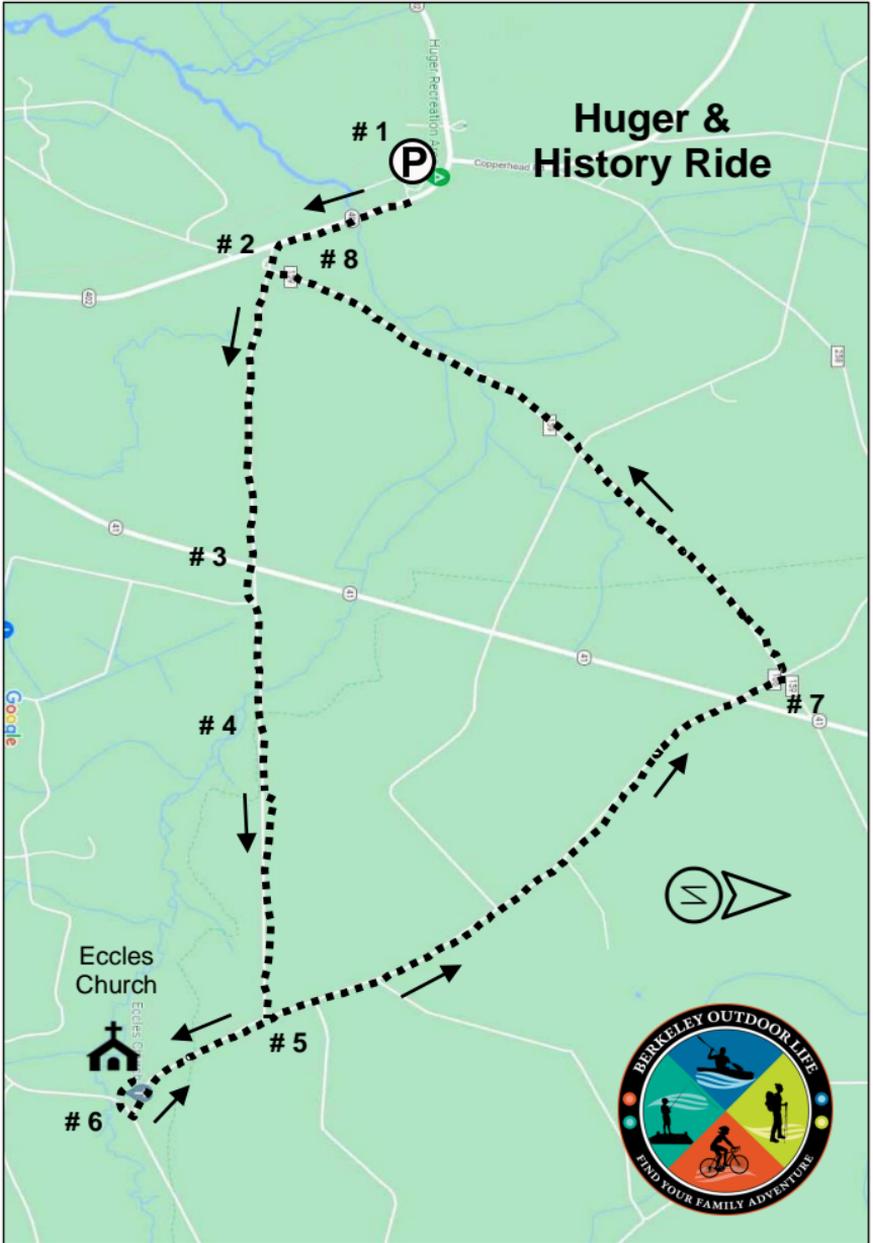
Trail Surface	Dirt, gravel, forest service roads; approximately 15% of the ride is paved.
Trail Marker	None. Most of the forest service roads on this route are signed.
Bike Type	“Gravel,” hybrid or trail/mountain style bikes with tires over 40c. “Knobby” bike tires are recommended, but not required for this ride.
Crowds	Almost none. You might see the occasional vehicle on the weekend.
Fees/Permits	None.
Precautions:	<p>Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent. After rains, you may encounter muddy conditions and large holes with water/mud in them, but you shouldn't have a problem navigating around these.</p> <p>It's advised to wear “hunter's orange” or other bright clothing during hunting season.</p>
Parking	Park at the Huger Recreation Area, HWY 402, Cordesville, SC 29434.

GPS: 33.133774, -79.810600
33°08'01.6"N, 79°48'38.2"W

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the Trail**

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This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 8 on next page.

Route Directions	
1	Park at the Huger Recreation Area. Begin your ride by turning a right on HWY 402. Continue for nearly one-half mile.
2	At 0.5 mile, turn left on the dirt/gravel Irishtown Rd. The rest of the ride is now on forest roads. As you ride on the forest roads, look around. You'll discover giant ferns, micro swamps, long leaf pine habitats, and other natural treasures!
3	Cross over HWY 41 at 1.75 miles, continuing dirt Irishtown Rd.
4	At 2.25 miles, come to the Turkey Creek bridge. Stop and look around. There is a beautiful swamp with impressive cypress trees, "knees" and tupelos.
5	Turn right on dirt Conifer Rd. at 3.5 miles.
6	At 4.1 miles, arrive at stop sign at end of Conifer Rd. Turn right, and Eccles Church is 250-ft. further on the right. Spend some time exploring the historical church building dating to 1882. Bikes & History is fun! After your history adventure, bike back to Conifer Rd, and turn left (heading back the way you came). You're going to continue straight on Conifer Rd. for a total of 2.9 miles.
7	At approximately 7 miles, cross over HWY 41, continuing Conifer Rd. Bike another 1,000 ft. and turn left on Yellow Jacket Rd (FR-159).
8	Arrive back at Irishtown Rd. at 9.6 miles (you are now nearly back at route instruction # 2). Turn right on Irishtown Rd., bike 400 ft., and arrive back at HWY 402. Turn right on HWY 402, continue for 0.5 mile until you reach the Huger Recreation Area on the left.



Late fall, sunrise ride on the Huger & History Ride route. On Conifer Rd.



There are miles of easy dirt/gravel roads for the entire family.