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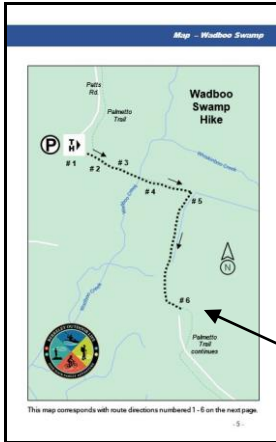
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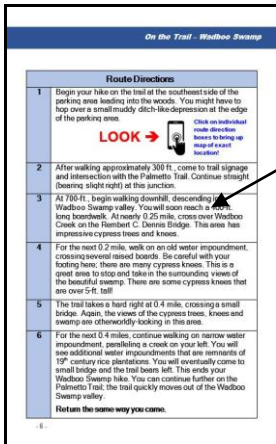


Convenient Functionality Built into This Guide



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!



On Route Direction Pages:

Tap anywhere in the individual *On the Trail* route boxes to bring up a map of the exact location!



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Little Hellhole Swamp is an important bottomland habitat.

Summary

Take a quiet hike through a longleaf pine forest, traverse the namesake bottomland/swamp habitat, visit a retired ranger station with fire tower, all while hiking the state's most famous trail - the Palmetto Trail. Part of the Swamp Fox Passage, and in the Francis Marion National Forest, this easy walk guarantees a good bit of solitude. If you hike early in the morning, you might see a family of deer or a red shouldered hawk.

Difficulty

Easy or Moderate (only due to distance).

Distance

2.2 - 6.6 miles, round-trip, out-and-back hike.

Time

2 - 3 hours.

Trail Surface

Dirt and pine covered.

Saunter in the Francis Marion National Forest

Trail Marker White blazes on trees, and good signage on the trail.

Crowds Very light. You are almost guaranteed to be alone. You may see others on the weekend.

Fees/Permits None.

Precautions: Biting insects can be formidable in the warmer months. Bring insect repellent.

Parking Witherbee Ranger Station. Witherbee Rd., Cordesville, SC 29434. Google Maps recognizes "Witherbee Ranger Station" and will take you to the trailhead parking.



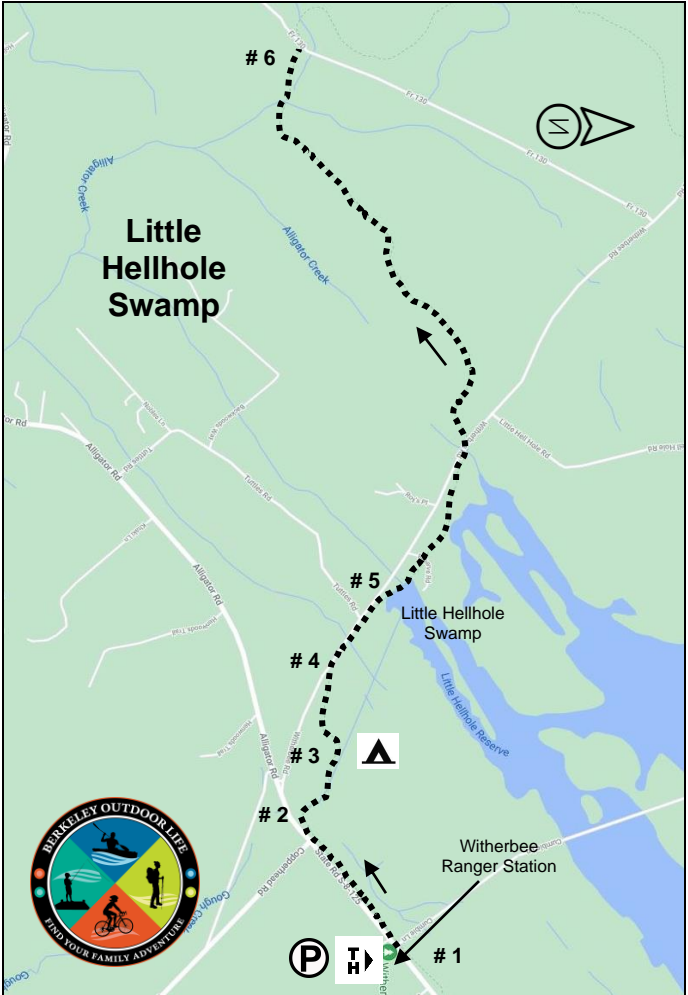
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**Weather on
the trail**


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Map - Little Hellhole Swamp



This map corresponds with route directions numbered 1 - 6 on the next page.

Route Directions	
1	<p>From the parking area at the Witherbee Ranger Station, cross Witherbee Road towards (dirt road) Cumbie Lane. Approximately 30 ft. into this dirt road, the Palmetto Trail crosses over it. Begin your hike by turning left (southwest) on the Palmetto Trail. For the first 0.5 mile, the trail parallels Witherbee Road, never more than 75 ft. from road.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>LOOK →</p>  </div> <p style="text-align: right; color: blue; font-size: small;">Click on individual route direction boxes to bring up map of exact location!</p>
2	At 0.5 mile, trail bears right (northwest).
3	Arrive at the official Witherbee campsite at 0.75 mile. This moderately sized campsite has enough room for 2-3 tents or 5-6 backpacking-style campers. It is FREE to camp here.
4	At 1.0 mile, arrive at Witherbee Road. Walk down road for 1000-ft and trail resumes into the woods on the right.
5	<p>400-ft. after leaving the road, arrive at Little Hellhole Swamp (to your right). In cooler months, you should have good views of this impressive bottomland area. There is official signage “Little Hellhole Reserve Enhancement Area.”</p> <p>After visiting the swamp, you can turn around to return the way you came. Your total hike will be 2.2 miles. Recommended: continue hiking on the Palmetto Trail until you reach Forest Service Rd. 130.</p>
6	<p>Hike another 2 miles until you reach the dirt FR130. You’ll walk through a variety of beautiful longleaf pine forests and more bottomland/swamp habitats.</p> <p>Return the same way you came.</p>



Strange trees abound on the Little Hellhole Swamp hike.



This is part of the Swamp Fox Passage of the Palmetto Trail.