



Walkway # 20

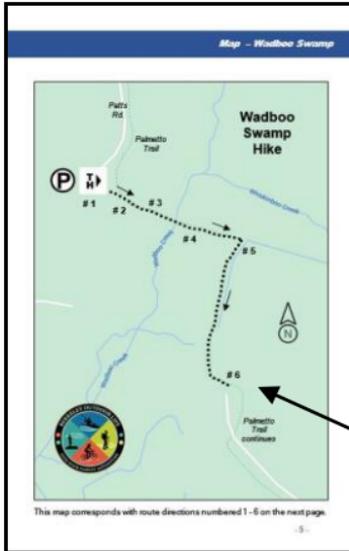
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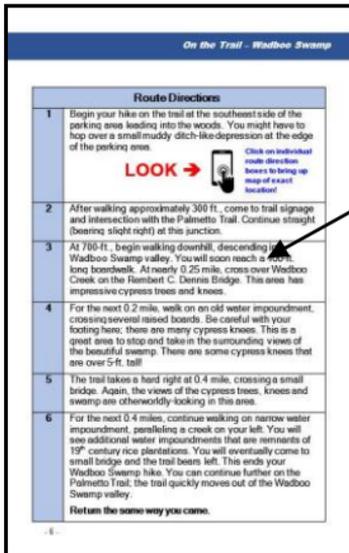


Convenient Functionality Built into This Guide



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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There are cypress knees throughout the Turkey Creek valley.

Summary

Step into a dark, lush, green valley with a swamp, picturesque cypress knees, and mysterious sites around every new corner. This family adventure follows the Turkey Creek valley with its countless twists and turns through the forest. Slow down and look around. This area is home to barred owls, deer and prothonotary warblers. The path through this bottomland is well marked and easy to follow. It is part of the Swamp Fox Passage of the Palmetto Trail.

Difficulty

Easy.

Distance

4.2 miles, round-trip, out-and-back hike.

Time

1.5 - 2 hours.

Step into a dark, lush green valley with mystery all around!

Trail Surface Dirt and pine covered, boardwalk bridge and raised boards over wet/muddy areas.

Crowds Light.

Fees/Permits None.

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

This area is wet nearly year-round. Even though there are raised boards over some of the muddier sections, you might still get your shoes wet/muddy.

Parking Beginning of Hike: Irishtown Rd., Huger, SC 29450.



GPS: 33.126473, -79.775923
 33°07'35.3"N, 79°46'33.3"W

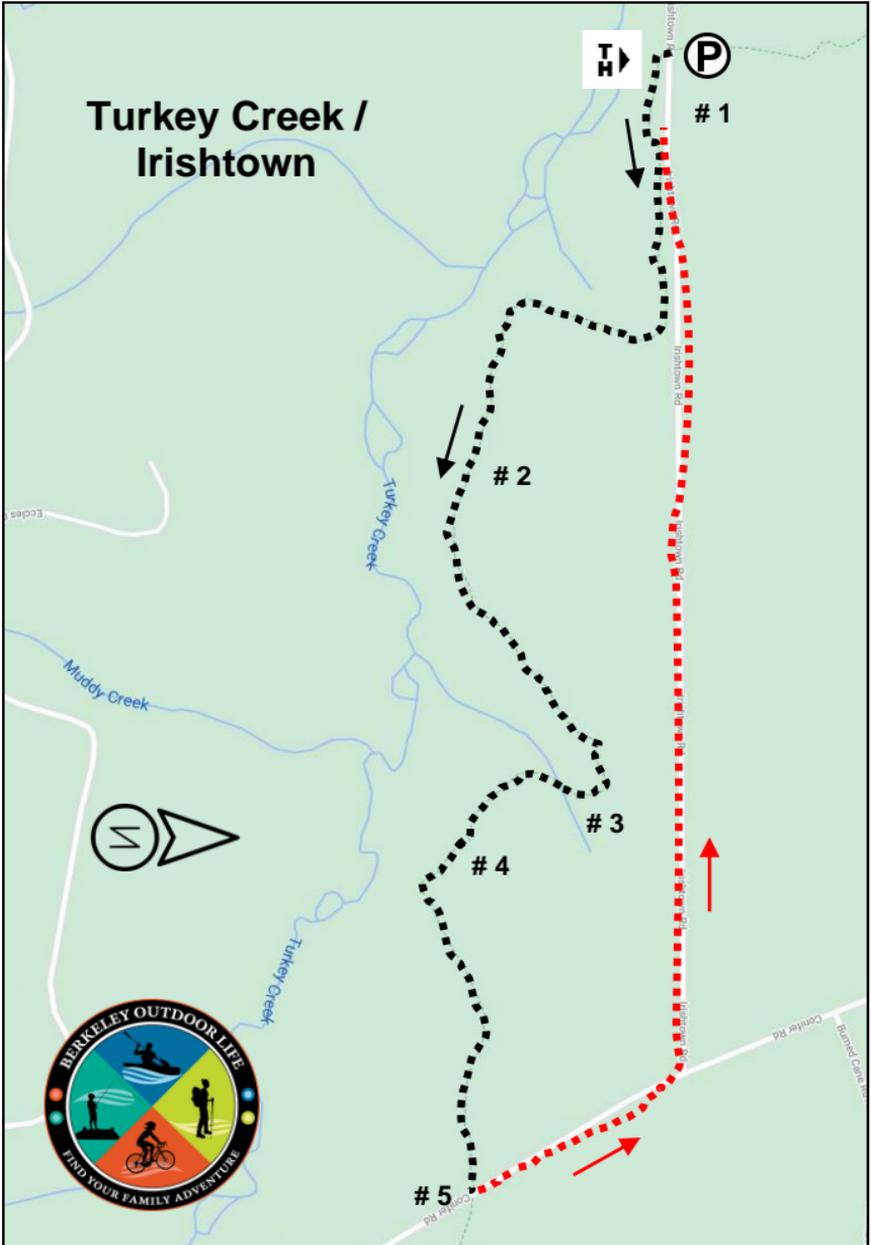
End of Hike: Conifer Rd., Huger, SC 29450

GPS: 33.123263, -79.753084
 33°07'23.8"N, 79°45'11.1"W

Weather on the Trail

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

Route Directions	
1	<p>The trailhead for this hike is located 0.6 miles east of HWY 41 down the forest service road “Irishtown Rd.” There is parking for a couple vehicles on the left/north side of the road. The hike begins on the obvious trail on the right/south side of the road.</p> <p>Begin your hike by descending into the Turkey Creek valley. Within a couple hundred feet, you’ll see the lush, wet valley off to the right. The trail continues to follow narrow Turkey Creek and its wide valley for nearly 1.7 miles.</p>
2	<p>At around 0.7 mile, you come to a series of raised walking board sections to keep you out of the mud/wet. You’ll encounter these over the next 0.2 mile.</p>
3	<p>Cross small bridge over Turkey Creek at 1.2 miles.</p>
4	<p>Shortly after crossing small bridge, the trail moves away from the Turkey Creek valley and the surrounding area makes a dramatic turn to a dryer, pine forest. It continues like this until the end of the route.</p>
5	<p>Arrive at the forest service road “Conifer Rd.” This ends the trail route.</p> <p>Return the same way you came.</p>
6	<p>Optional: You can return to your vehicle by taking a left on Conifer Rd., walking 0.25 mile, turning left on Irishtown Rd., and continuing another 1.2 miles. This is a shorter and faster route back. See dotted red route and arrows on map.</p>



This trail is uniquely dual "blazed" white and blue.



This is a beautiful, lush and green valley year-round.