

Sumter National Forest

South Carolina

Bull Sluice Trail



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Highlights

This Chattooga River access trail provides a moderately steep .2-mile paved route to flat water, or a moderately difficult .2-mile graveled path to the Bull Sluice rapids rushing over jutting boulders. Begin the trail at the left of the stone pavilion near the parking lot. You will walk beneath a cool canopy of mixed pine and hardwood trees. At 290 feet, you may turn left and descend on the paved trail to the sandy, rocky riverbank. Or, you may turn right and follow the rugged graveled trail along the mountain-side to a wooden railing overlooking the rapids. The trail is not maintained beyond this point.

For More Information

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Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Directions: From Westminster, follow Route 76 northwest. The trail is on the right just before the Chattooga River on the Georgia border.

Difficulty level: easy

Length: .2 mile

Safety: Bull Sluice is a dangerous rapid. Since 1970, 11 people have drowned there. Please use caution.

Season: year round

Surface type: gravel

Volunteers for trail maintenance are always needed and welcome. Contact the District Office.

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