

Sumter National Forest

South Carolina

Sandy Ford Trail



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Highlights

From the sign at the parking area, descend on this moderately steep .3-mile trail to reach the gentle rapids of the scenic Chattooga River. Walk across several footbridges over cool mountain streams amid hardwood, pine, and hemlock interspersed with rhododendron and fern. Watch for deer, snakes, and other wildlife.

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Volunteers for trail maintenance are always needed and welcome. Contact the district office.

Directions: From Walhalla, drive northwest on SC 28, turn left onto Whetstone Road (193). Drive 5 miles and cross Chattooga Ridge Road (196) where Whetstone becomes Earls Ford Road. Drive 3 miles and turn left onto FS road 721A. Drive another 1.5 miles. The trail is on the left in the parking area at the end of the road. (This narrow and winding dirt road may be especially challenging in wet weather.)

Camping: Primitive camping is allowed, but campsites must be greater than 50 feet from streams and trails, and greater than ¼ mile from roads.

Difficulty level: easy

Length: .3 mile

Safety: This is an isolated area, so remember to take water and first aid supplies.

Season: year-round

Surface type: gravel

Travel time: 20 minutes (one way)

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