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SC Revolutionary Rivers Excursion will embark Saturday after Venters Landing ribbon cutting

From staff reports

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FLORENCE, S.C. – The Friends of Revolutionary Rivers (FOREVR) is hosting a S.C. Revolutionary Rivers Excursion on Saturday immediately following the much-anticipated 10 a.m. ribbon cutting for Venters Landing in Johnsonville.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will complete a \$450,000 project that includes a new ramp and floating dock. The paddle trip from Venters Landing should last from about 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with equipment, snacks and refreshments included.

The paddling excursion will follow the S.C. Revolutionary Rivers Trail on the beautiful Lynches Scenic River. Participants can spend time kayaking through history as they spot the cypress swamplands where Gen. Francis Marion and his Revolutionary War militia cleverly hid from the British, earning the general the “Swamp Fox” nickname.

All proceeds from the excursion will go toward the construction of platform camping by FOREVR along the river. Spots are limited, and the trip is weather permitting. To sign up for \$75, patrons can contact Jade Perkins at 843-664-0330 or **jade.perkins@visitflo.com**.

FOREVR is coordinated with help from the National Park Service through the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program. It is a special account of the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation.

As a National Recreation Trail, the S.C. Revolutionary Rivers Trail is a component of the National Park Service. FOREVR includes the Florence Convention and Visitors Bureau, Florence County, town of Johnsonville, Department of Natural Resources, S.C.

Forestry Commission, Pee Dee Land Trust, Eastern S.C. Heritage Region, S.C. National Heritage Corridor, local outfitters and landowners.