

# Swamp Fox Passage/Palmetto Trail



Named for Francis Marion, a famous Revolutionary War general known as "Swamp Fox," this hiking and mountain biking trail travels along old railroad logging trams for much of its length. It traverses a wide array of habitat types from mature longleaf pine stands to bottomland hardwood drains and evergreen shrub bogs offering great scenery for visitors.

The Swamp Fox Trail is part of the cross-state Palmetto Trail. There are three trailheads on this mile stretch of trail: Swamp Fox Trailhead in the east on Highway 17; the central trailhead on Witherbee road in Cordesville; and the western trailhead on SC Hwy. 52 N just south of FS115 (Bonneau).

## For More Information:

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# Francis Marion National Forest



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**Directions: Eastern Trailhead:** From Charleston, take U.S. Hwy. 17 N to Steed Creek Rd. (SC 133-S) in Awendaw. Just beyond Steed Creek Rd., the trailhead will be on the left.

**Center Trailhead:** From Charleston, take U.S. Hwy. 17 N to SC 41. Turn left. At Huger, bear left on SC 402 and travel 3.0 miles to Copperhead Rd. Turn right and travel 2.0 miles to Witherbee Rd. Turn right and travel 2.0 miles to the old district office. Parking on the right. From Moncks Corner, take US Hwy. 52 N to SC 402. Turn right and go 3.0 miles to Witherbee Road. Turn left and go 7.0 miles to the old district office. Parking on the right.

**Western Trailhead:** From Moncks Corner, take SC Hwy. 52 N. Trailhead is one mile north of Canady Branch Rd. or .25 miles south of FS115 (Bonneau).

**Camping:** Halfway Creek Trail Campground, off Halfway Creek Rd. (SC Route 98-S). Other primitive campsites along the trail are Harleston Dam, Nicholson Creek, Witherbee and Cane Gully.

**Difficulty level:** Easy

**Length:** 51 miles

**Restrictions:** Hikers and mountain bikers only.

**Safety:** During temperate months, be prepared for biting insects and high temperatures. Be advised of big-game hunting seasons. Avoid using the trail during excessively wet periods.

**Season:** Year round

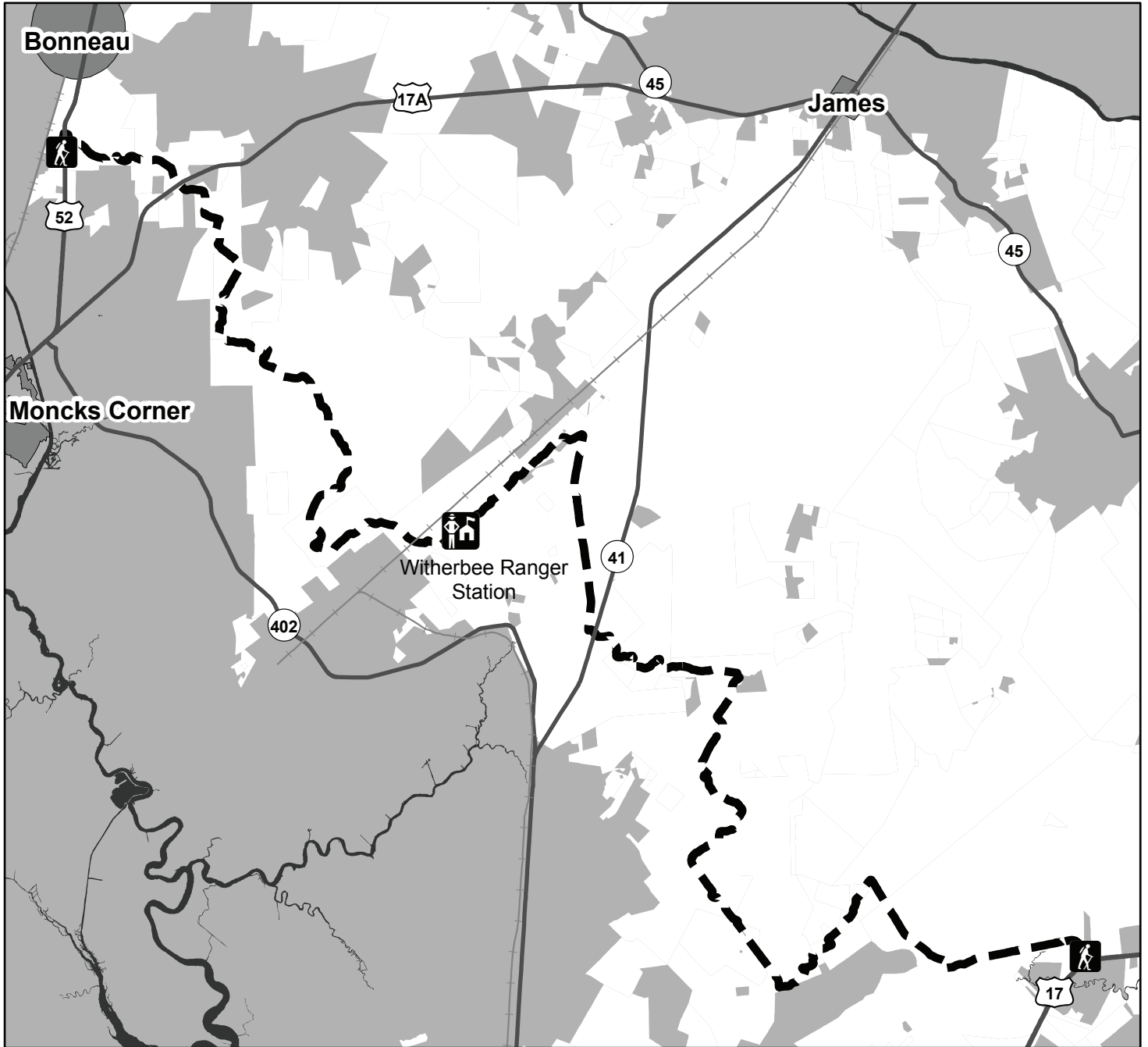
**Surface type:** Unsurfaced; grassy, old railroad logging trams, boardwalks, and bridges.

**Travel time:** 21 hours walking; 10 hours biking

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