

Wateree River Blue Trail Dedication

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Please join us on National Trails Day for the dedication of the Wateree River Blue Trail. Bring your boat and take part in the inaugural 5 ½ mile paddle down the Wateree River to the US 1/601 landing immediately following the dedication ceremony held at the landing below the Wateree Dam. Limited boats and shuttle service will be available.

The Wateree River Blue Trail, starting near the historic city of Camden offers one of the best opportunities for multiple overnight river camping east of the Mississippi. The goal of the project is to reconnect communities in Kershaw, Richland, and Sumter counties to the Wateree River's recreational, cultural, and economic values and to inspire them to protect the river for future generations.

The Wateree River Blue Trail is supported by a broad coalition of partners including American Rivers, City of Camden, Congaree Land Trust, SCDNR, Central Midlands Council of Governments, Congaree National Park, Kershaw County, Kershaw County Historical Society, Kershaw Conservation District, Richland County Conservation Commission, Friends of Congaree Swamp and Sumter County.

Directions: Take I-20 to exit 92, follow U.S. 601 toward Camden; turn left on Longtown Road. Follow Longtown Road about 5 miles before veering right onto Wateree Dam Road at the Wateree tackle store; turn right at the sign for the public boat landing, but **keep going past** Buck Hill Landing and turn right on the dirt road just before the hydro plant. The launch site is at the end.

