THE AMERICAN HERITAGE
SWAMP FOX
HISTORICAL TRAIL
FRANCIS MARION NATIONAL FOREST

CHARLESTON, S.C.
History and Information on The American Heritage Swamp Fox
Historical Trail, Francis Marion National Forest, Charleston, S.C.

The purpose of The Swamp Fox Trail is to stimulate interest in Hiking and Camping; to encourage study of nature and natural resources; to instill a greater interest in our American Heritage through research and visiting Historical Areas; and to keep in better physical condition through the Outdoor Life.

The Trail is on land owned by the National Forest Service and Administered by The Trail Committee, UNALI'YI LODGE No. 236, Order of The Arrow, Coastal Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America, 207 East Bay Street, Charleston, S. C. 29401. The Swamp Fox Trail was conceived by two Scoutmasters of Charleston, S. C. in 1965 and adopted as a project of UNALI'YI Lodge, O.A., in 1966. Application was made to the National Forest Service in 1966. Approval to construct the first 14 mile leg of this Trail was granted in February 1967. Scout Troops in the Council have accepted sections of the Trail for construction and maintenance.

The Trail is located in The Francis Marion National Forest approximately 30 miles from Charleston. The Trail begins at Huger (Pronounced "HEW-GER") Recreation Area on S.C. 402. The first 14 mile leg ends at the intersection of Halfway Creek Road and Turp Road (US Forest Road No. 223). This terminus is approximately 3/4 miles north on Halfway Creek Road from the intersection of Halfway Creek Road and S.C. 133.

Huger Recreation Area is reached from Charleston by going approximately 10 miles north on U.S. Highway 17 to S.C. 41 thence to Huger, S. C. At Huger bear left on SC 402 approximately 3 miles. If you are coming south on U.S. 17 turn right on SC 133 near Awendaw, S.C. to Huger then on SC 402 to Huger Recreation Area. Huger Recreation Area may be reached from Monks Corner, S. C. and U.S. Highway 52 by taking SC 402 from its intersection with US 52 near Monks Corner, S. C. The Trail may be hiked in either direction.

There is a permanent Campsite at Huger Recreation Area with a shelter, grills, picnic tables, rest rooms and good water. There are no other sources of water along the trail. We plan to develop a campsite at Halfway Creek Road but at present this is a primitive area with no water or other facilities. The second leg of the S.T.F.T. will terminate at Buckhall, a well developed camping area on U.S. Highway 17, approximately 5 miles north of Awendaw.

The nearest Hospital and Medical center is at Charleston, S.C. The Emergency Room is located at Charleston County Hospital, 326 Calhoun Street. There are Doctors at Monks Corner and Mc Clellanville, S. C. For assistance call 899-2704, Witherbee Ranger Station, RFD3, Monks Corner, S. C. 29461 ZIP.

The Forest abounds in wildlife, deer, wild turkey, rabbit, raccoon; quail, opossum and squirrel are common. An occasional alligator may be seen along the creeks and swamps. 250 different species of birds have been counted in the Forest. Cypress, Gum, Oak, Cedar, Dogwood along with several species of
pine are typical of the trees of the Forest.

We welcome you to the Low Country and trust you will enjoy your visit and hike.

Trail Committee
UNALI'YI Lodge 236, O.A.
207 East Bay Street
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E.F. Holcombe  884-9993 - Home
                722-8851 - Business
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Approved reading list for Trail Award(s)

1. "Swamp Fox" by Robert Bass
2. "Swamp Fox, Francis Marion by Noel Gerson
3. "Francis Marion" by Peter Horry
4. "Francis Marion" by William James
5. "Francis Marion" by W. G. Simms

Related articles:

"Sycmore Men" by David Taylor
"Battle of Cowpens" by Kenneth Roberts
"Game Cocks" by Robert Bass
"GreenDragoons" by Robert Bass
"Revolution" by American Heritage
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SOUTH CAROLINA

REQUIREMENTS FOR SWAMP FOX TRAIL MEDAL & PATCH

1. Hiker must hike a 14 mile leg of the Trail on foot. If time
or fatigue necessitates two days may be taken to hike the Trail.

2. There is a twenty-five (25¢) service charge to cover cost of mailing
and printing of literature - this is payable at time application to hike
trail is submitted to Trail Committee. If hiker does not want to be
eligible for Trail Awards we will furnish without charge a map of the
trail but hiker will not be eligible for Trail Medal or Trail Patch.

3. Be 13 years old or a Star Scout or a Registered Adult Scouter.

4. Complete a 2 hour project on trail as set forth by the National
Forest Service or the Swamp Fox Trail Committee. Projects may include
but are not limited to policing the Trail, Trail maintenance such as
cutting grass, underbrush, overhanging limbs and dead trees, filling
uneven sections etc.

5. Read a book from the approved list on the life of General Francis
Marion and write an essay of 600 to 1000 words on his life.

6. On completion of above requirements hiker is eligible for a Trail
Medal at a cost of $2.00 each and a Trail Parch at a cost of $1.00 each.
HIKER DOES NOT HAVE TO PURCHASE THIS MEDAL AND PATCH. Fee for medal and
patch covers cost of administration of the Trail.

7. All hikers under 15 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
All hikers register at start of trail before beginning hike. Each
time they enter the Forest and Check-Out at conclusion of hike (whether
finished or not).

8. All Scouts must hike trail in uniform, if one is owned by them. In
summer, a white "T" shirt may be substituted for the Scout shirt.

9. Mutilation of trees, or defacing National Forest or Private property
will automatically disqualify hiker from eligibility of Trail Award.
Respect public, private and Forest property. Do not write on, mark
or deface any monument, marker, plaque, structure etc., anywhere in the
forest.

10. Any smoking must be done on hike break, not while hiking. Cigarette
butts must be completely buried. Be extremely careful not to start forest
fires.

11. Keep the Trail Clean and Attractive by not throwing paper or trash
down anywhere in the forest, place trash in the containers provided for
it or bring it out with you.
12. Practice hike safety. Obey warning signs. When Trail is on road walk single file facing traffic. Beware of snakes during warm weather. INSECT REPELLENT IS A MUST during hot seasons.

13. Live up to the Scout Oath & Law. Conduct yourself at all times, on Trail in recreation area, Ranger station, camping area, stores, roads etc., so as to be a credit to Scouting and/or to your Unit.

14. Follow common sense and good conservation practices in all that you do. You may set up temporary camp anywhere along the Trail. Leave sites so that no one could tell you had camped there. Use extreme care with your campfire.

The Trail Committee will welcome comments & suggestions.

Sincerely,

Swamp Fox Trail Committee
Unaliyi Lodge 236
Coastal Carolina Council
207 East Bay Street
Charleston, S. C. 29401
Near Trail

Quemby Bridge - Site of Revolutionary War battle between American Troops commanded by Marion, Sumter and Lee. Bones of hastily buried dead are still unearthed here and ghost riders galloping across the bridge can be heard on dark moonless nights.

Secwew Indian shell mounds near Awendaw.

A well preserved civil war fort on Santee river.

Little Wambaw Swamp scenic area.

Tar Pits - Pre-revolutionary War Tar Kilns.

Hampton Plantation - Built in 1735, present home of Archibald Rutledge, Poet Laureate of S.C. George Washington & General Francis Marion were guests here.

Silk Hope Plantation - Site of silkworm venture.

Belle Isle Plantation - Burial Site of General Francis Marion

St James Santee Church and others.

Near Charleston

Fort Sumter - Beginning of Civil War

Fort Moultrie - General Francis Marion commanded troops here.

Fort Dorchester - Built around 1760 - General Francis Marion commanded troops here.

Charleston Museum - Oldest Museum in United States.

Plus the many more Historical and interesting places of Charleston.
Hiking in Francis Marion Nat’l Forest

The National Forest through which you will be hiking is rich in natural beauty and national heritage. In order that you and other hikers may best enjoy your hike and visit here we offer the following suggestions for the protection of both yourself and the National Forest.

**DO'S**

- **DO** respect public and private property.
- **DO** keep all areas you use clean and attractive.
- **DO** use safe hiking practices. Be careful where you put your hands and feet. There are snakes in this area especially in warmer weather.
- **DO** bring insect repellent. Mosquitoes, gnats, chiggers and ticks are usually to be found in warm weather.
- **DO** wear proper foot wear. Some water may be encountered during wet seasons.
- **DO** stay on trail. The Forest covers 245,000 acres, much of it is so dense and primitive that it is almost impassable. It is easy to become lost. Hunters have wandered around lost for days in the Forest.
- **DO** let the Ranger know if you plan to hike alone and where you plan to go, thus if you get lost or need assistance we can reach you quickly.
- **DO** exercise extreme caution with all fires matches and cigarettes.
- **DO** plan your trip if possible to visit near by points of interest and historical significance.
- **DO** conduct yourself at all times so that you will be a credit to Scouting and your Unit.
- **DO** fill canteens before you start hike.

**DON'TS**

- **DON'T** cut living trees & shrubs. Such damage will destroy the scenic natural beauty for others.
- **DON'T** mark or deface any man-made or natural features of the Trail, Campsites or Forest.
APPLICATION FOR SWAMP FOX TRAIL MEDAL, PATCH OR CRESCENT

Name: ___________________________ Age: ___ Rank: ___
Street: ___________________________ Troop Office: ______
City: ___________________________ State: ____ Zip: ___
Council: ___________________________ Unit Type & No.: __

REQUIREMENTS

Age & Rank meets requirements (initial) _____, Unit Leader
Project Completed ______, " or " Ranger
*Hiked Trail ______ one day ______ 2 days ______ Unit Leader

I hereby apply for Medal ______ Patch ______ Crescent ______.
I have completed all requirements as set forth by S.F.T. Committee for the
Award(s) for which I am applying, I enclose $______.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ______
(Unit Leader)-Approved Address Unit Leader

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Fees: (Must accompany application) Medal $2.00
Patch $1.00
Crescent $1.00

*Leg of Trail must be hiked on one outing but not necessarily in one day.
Suggestions and comments for improving Trail. ___________________________

For Committee use:
Essay received ______
Award mailed: Medal_____ Patch______ Crescent _____