

Fish in the Tyger River Blueway

Channel Catfish	Largemouth Bass	Striped Bass	Bullhead
Crappie	Bluegill	Bream	Sunfish
Smallmouth Bass			

River Levels and Flow Data

River flow is essential to paddling. If levels are too low or too high, paddling may not be possible. Please check the following United States Geological Survey's (USGS) stream gages for real-time flow data to determine if conditions are suitable for paddling. Flow is measured either in cubic feet per second (discharge) or feet (height of river).

South Tyger River USGS Site No. 02158408; South Tyger below Duncan, SC Ideal Conditions: above 125 cfs Water takes 12 hours to reach the Price House Road river access from the stream gage, so be sure to check the water levels well in advance before a paddle trip. www.upstateforever.org/southtyger	Middle Tyger River USGS Site No. 02157510; Middle Tyger River near Lyman, SC Ideal Conditions: 170 cfs (barely runnable) to 1,500 cfs (high runnable) www.upstateforever.org/middletyger	North Tyger River www.upstateforever.org/northtyger
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S. Spencer Street River Access and Parking Area

521 S. Spencer Street, Duncan, SC 29334

The parking area and river access is located north-west of the road, or river-right, before S. Spencer Street turns to Duncan Reidville Road. Pull cars completely off the road and follow the grassy path down to the river. The bank is steep at this river access, so paddlers should use caution when entering the river. Please do not climb on the fence or enter the pasture lands to the right of the parking area, as this is private property with livestock.

Berry Shoals Pond and Dam

404 Berry Shoals Road, Duncan, SC 29334

The Berry Shoals Pond is a flatwater reservoir located along the South Tyger River. Because of mild currents, boaters can paddle upstream nearly 2 miles or stay nearby and explore the pond. Brown's Bait and Tackle shop located on Berry Shoals Road offers parking, boat ramp/launch site, and fishing from the banks. The store is open 7 days a week from 7 AM to 6 PM. There is a \$3 boat launch/parking fee applicable to both fishers and paddlers. Fishers are required to have a fishing license which can be purchased at the shop. Tygerberry Landing, an official river access and parking area, is a coordinated effort of the Tyger River Foundation, SJWD Water District, and Spartanburg County Parks. It is scheduled to open in Fall, 2015.

Caution! Berry Shoals Pond Dam

Be advised that this dam is large and poses hazards to paddlers. Please avoid the dam entirely or use caution at all times when paddling nearby. Berry Shoals Road is the last road crossing before the dam. Please either take out at this location or portage around the dam on the right side of the river/pond (facing downstream).

Brown's Bait and Tackle Shop

The Tyger River Blueway

A Map and Guide to the Tyger River Scenic Corridor

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This map was printed on 100% waterproof paper. Pictures kindly provided by Upstate Forever staff, unless otherwise noted.

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Welcome to the Tyger River Blueway

The Tyger River Paddle Trail provides over 15 miles of beginner-friendly and 12 miles of more advanced paddling opportunities. The Tyger River is easily accessible, just off of Interstate-85 and Highway 29 near the Towns of Lyman, Duncan, and Wellford. The Tyger River is the largest river system running through Spartanburg County and dense wooded areas flourishing with pines, cedars, hemlocks, birch, oaks, and elms border much of it. The area has a high population of birds, including blue herons, ospreys, bald eagles and several species of waterfowl. The diverse plant life even includes the rare plant species *Rhododendron eastmanii* (Santee azalea). The land surrounding the Tyger River is rich in history as well. With historic landmarks such as Anderson Mill, the Price House, and Weaver's Cotton Factory, and a variety of parks and walking trails; recreation for all skill levels and interests are available.

A mere ten years ago, such recreational opportunities would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the Tyger River Foundation and the Startex-Jackson-Wellford Duncan Water District (SJWD). With visions to promote and restore the Tyger River Basin for public use and enjoyment, protect and conserve land, and boost Spartanburg's economic engine through tourism, the Tyger River Foundation has acquired and restored historic properties such as the Anderson Mill, organized a number of river sweeps and cleanup projects, and opened the County's first public park and river access point on the Tyger River, the Tyger-10 Nature Park. SJWD has also been a leader in land acquisition as well as protecting water quality for both drinking and recreation. Through these efforts, the Tyger River has been transformed into an asset for both water and land recreation, providing new and exciting recreation opportunities to residents and visitors.

Though in its initial phase, the Tyger River Paddle Trail is a fantastic treasure. Learn how you can protect this and other hometown rivers by visiting www.UpstateForever.org. For more information on the Tyger River please visit the Tyger River Foundation's website at www.tygerriver.org. This and other blueway maps from across South Carolina are available at www.gopaddlesc.com.

Highway 417 River Access and Parking Area

1464 Highway 417, Woodruff, SC 29388

The river access on Highway 417 should be used as a take-out only. Paddling past this road crossing is difficult due to shallow waters and numerous wood and debris strainers. Paddlers should take-out river-left before the bridge. Limited roadside parking is available.

North Tyger and Highway 221: River Access

6304 U.S. 221
Roebuck, SC 29376

The river access at Highway 221, near the intersection of Highway 221 and Interstate 26, can be used as a take-out (from Anderson Mill) or a put-in (trip to Morris Bridge Road). There is no parking available at this river access.

The Historic Anderson Mill

5255 Anderson Mill Road Moore, SC 29369

Located about 8 miles south-west of Spartanburg along the North Tyger River (river-left), the historic Anderson Mill is the oldest standing mill in South Carolina and is the location of the official founding of Spartanburg County in 1785. The Tyger River Foundation is leading the charge to fully restore this property to an operating mill. While the building itself is not yet open to the public, the surrounding areas boast beautiful scenery and shallow waters, perfect for families to visit. Limited parking is available. Paddling from here to the Highway 221 road crossing of the North Tyger is scenic flatwater and very family friendly. The river access and parking area are located south of the road, or river-left. For more information on the Historic Anderson Mill, please visit: www.tygerriverfoundation.org

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81°58'0"W

81°56'0"W

81°54'0"W

81°52'0"W

34°50'0"N

34°48'0"N

34°46'0"N

34°48'0"N

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Tame the Tyger Annual Race and Festival

Tame the Tyger Race and Festival is an annual spring-time event in southern Spartanburg County. The race is open to canoes or kayaks and extends 7.75 miles through Class I and II rapids. The race begins at Morris Bridge Road and continues down to Old Hills Bridge Road where paddlers take-out at a campground to a festival of food, music, and fun. For more information, visit Spartanburg County's Parks and Recreation website: www.spartanburgparks.org

River Rapids Classification

Class I Rapids: Easy/Beginner
Fast-moving water with riffles and small waves.

Class II Rapids: Novice
Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels.

Class III Rapids: Intermediate
Moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to maneuver.

Class IV Rapids: Advanced
Intense, powerful but predictable rapids requiring precise boat handling in turbulent water.

River Safety

- 1) Always wear a life jacket.
- 2) Never boat alone.
- 3) Plan your route based on your skill level.
- 4) Leave a float plan with family or friends.
- 5) Bring water and safety equipment.
- 6) Stay away from river hazards and avoid the tailrace of dams along the Tyger River.
- 7) Be aware of other boaters and carry a sound producing signal device.
- 8) Dress appropriately and be prepared for inclement weather. Even in temperatures of 50-60d F, wet and windy weather can still cause hypothermia. Avoid wearing cotton clothing.
- 9) Water levels can significantly and drastically change as the result of the operation of upstream dams and/or heavy rains.
- 10) Carry a cellular telephone and emergency numbers.

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Morris Bridge Road River Access and Parking Area

1760 Morris Bridge Road, Roebuck, SC 29376

Limited parking and river access is available where Hobbysville Road curves left and turns into Morris Bridge Road, before the bridge. Park north-west of the road, river-right, on the road's shoulder and follow the worn path on upstream right, which leads down the hill to the river. Please pull cars completely off the road and be aware of other vehicles.

Disclaimer

There is some risk involved in water paddling. The ultimate responsibility for safety lies solely with the individual. Upstate Forever and its partners disclaim all warranties, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy, completeness, or reliability of the information provided in this map and shall not be held liable to any user of this map.

Leave No Trace

- 1) Plan ahead and prepare.
- 2) Travel on durable surfaces.
- 3) Dispose of waste properly.
- 4) Leave what you find.
- 5) Respect wildlife.
- 6) Respect private property and the privacy of others.

For more information, please visit: Leave No Trace (www.lnt.org)

River Terminology

PORTAGE:
Portage, or portaging, is the practice of carrying a canoe or kayak over land, either around an obstacle (like dams or fallen trees) or between two bodies of water.

PUT-IN & TAKE-OUT
A put-in is where a canoe/kayak is placed in the water, or the launching site. A take-out is where you end your trip, and take your boat out of the water. Sites that are labeled as both a put-in and take-out can be used to either begin or end a trip.

RIVER-LEFT/RIVER-RIGHT:
When referring to which side of the river a landmark, put-in/take-out, or obstacle is located, river-left/river-right is determined by facing downstream. A take-out located on river-left would indicate that it is on the left side of the river as you are looking (or paddling) downstream.

RIVER MILES:
Measure of distance in miles along a river or creek from its headwaters, beginning at zero and increasing further downstream.

The Historic Price House and Property

Originally owned by Thomas Price, one of Spartanburg County's first entrepreneurs, the Historic Price House has a rich history of use beginning in the late 1700's. In a store next to the house, Mr. Price sold general merchandise, food staples, wine, rum, and whiskey in addition to serving as the area's postmaster. In 1968, the Price House and its surrounding acreage were given to the Spartanburg Historical Association. Tours of the house are given from May to October and are open to the public. \$6/Ages 18+ \$3/Ages 5-17. Free to SCHA Members. For more information, visit: www.spartanburghistory.org/historic-price-house/

1200 Oakview Farms Rd.
Woodruff, SC 29388

Price House Road River Access

1300 Price House Road
Roebuck, SC 29376 (river-right)

Tyger 10 Nature Park

3100 Walnut Grove Road, Roebuck, SC 29376

Owned by the Tyger River Foundation, the Tyger 10 Nature Park is the first public river access along the Tyger River, located just a few minutes off of I-26 (Exit 35). With amenities such as a walking trail, river access, and a parking area, there are recreational opportunities for visitors of all interests: swimming, kayaking, fishing, and hiking along the river can be enjoyed at the Tyger 10 Park. Kayakers and canoeists be aware that Old Hills Bridge Road 3.5 miles downstream from the Tyger-10 Park is the last official take-out on the Tyger River Blueway Map. Paddlers should plan on taking out there.

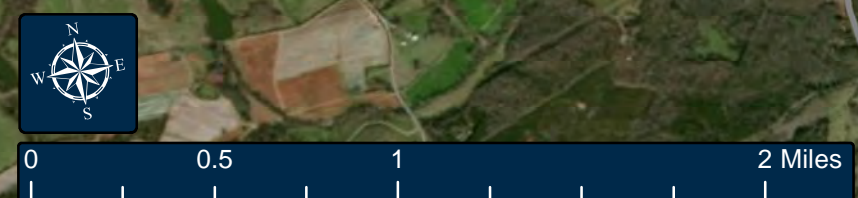
Old Hills Bridge Road River Access and Parking Area

2080 Old Hills Bridge Road Enoree, SC 29335

At the Old Hills Road bridge, park east of the road, river-left on the shoulder of an old roadbed. A drive leads to a gate on private property. The old roadbed is to the left before the gate. A trail leads downhill to the river. Paddlers should note that this is the last official take-out on the Tyger River Blueway.

Legend

- Parking
- Paddle Access
- Hiking Trail
- Roads
- Tyger River
- Tributaries and Streams
- Impounded Water
- Parks and Preserves
- Municipalities
- Dams
- County Boundary
- Cities and Towns



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