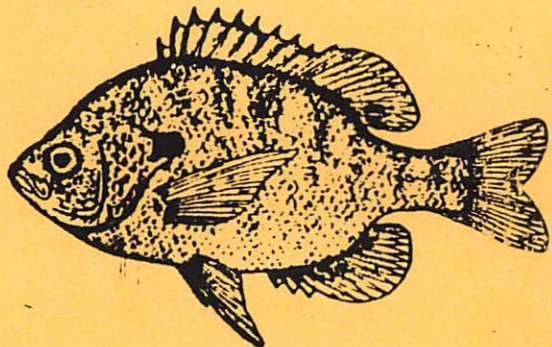


# Congaree Swamp National Monument



**HIKING-** You are encouraged to walk or hike the last significant tract of mature bottomland hardwoods in the southeast. Twenty-five miles of trails have been cleared for your enjoyment. Length of trails vary from 1 mile to 8 miles. A 3/4 mile long boardwalk is also available to walk even during flood season.

**FISHING-** Fishing is allowed in the park. You must have a current state fishing license and no live minnows are allowed as bait. Bass, catfish and bream are the most popular types of fishing.



**CANOEING-** Canoeing opens a unique access into the park. The canoe trail is Cedar Creek which runs approximately 20 miles through the monument. Bring along a canoe and life preserver and you will be on your way.

**CAMPING-** Primitive camping is allowed by permit only. Permits may be picked up at the Ranger Station in the park. Fires are not allowed—so bring along a small cook stove. For special group camping please call Park Headquarters to make prior arrangements.

**SAFETY-** Poison ivy is abundant in the swamp. A vine with three leaves in groups, and with numerous hairs is an indicator of this plant.

Pets should be leashed to protect wildlife and your pet. Pets are not allowed on the boardwalk or trails.

Snakes are seen in the swamp. Most are nonpoisonous. The best defense against snakebite is to avoid snakes.

Once off the marked trails it is easy to get lost. We encourage people to follow the marked trails.

These suggestions will help make your trip more enjoyable: wear sneakers, long pants and long sleeved shirts both in summer and winter. This clothing will help protect you against insects and briars. Bring insect repellent. If you are alone or leading a group a compass will help.

Several times during the winter the park floods. If you are planning a visit please call in advance about changing water levels.

**GUIDED TOURS-** Guided tours are offered Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Saturday's tour is a walk (2 1/2 hours). Sunday's tour is a canoe trip, bring your own canoes and life preservers (2 1/2 hours). Tours begin at the ranger station. Special group tours are available, please call the park to make arrangements.

The Congaree is a protected natural sanctuary not only for wildlife and plants but for each one of us. Please do not disturb any plants or animals.

The National Park Service and our visitors are holding the area in trust for our future generations. Help us protect that trust.

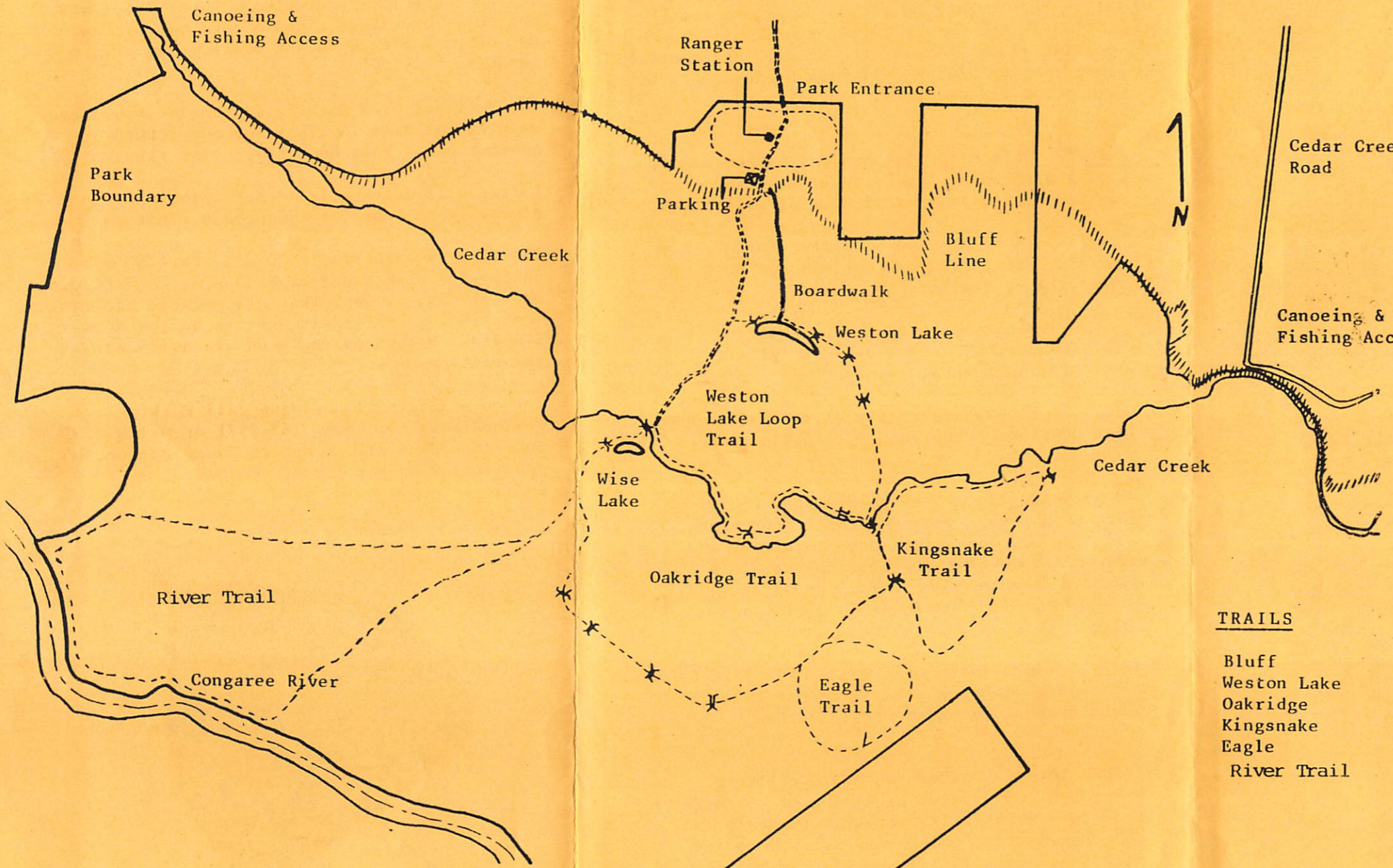
Litter will detract from your enjoyment---- please leave none for tomorrow's visitors.

The park is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the week and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekends. We ask that all persons entering the park register their vehicle at the Ranger Station. Brochures and maps are available at the station.








For more information please call Park Headquarters at: 803/ 765-5571 or write the Superintendent at: Congaree Swamp National Monument, P.O. Box 11938, Columbia, S.C. 29211.



# TRAIL MAP



## Legend

- Park Boundary 
- Bluff Line 
- Boardwalk 
- Trails 
- Bridges 
- Service Road 
- Paved Road 

## TRAILS

- Bluff
- Weston Lake
- Oakridge
- Kingsnake
- Eagle
- River Trail

## DISTANCE

- 1.1 mi.
- 3.0 mi.
- 4.6 mi.
- 3.3 mi.
- 1.4 mi.
- 8.5 mi.

## MARKER COLOR

- Blue
- Yellow
- Red
- Blue
- Silver
- White