



August 2010

Hello Everyone,

Last month we made an attempt to escape the July heat by traveling to the Sumter National Forest in Oconee County, however our efforts were in vain as it was almost as hot and humid in the upstate as it was at lower elevations of the state. We had a great turn out for the trip and hiked the Opossum Creek Falls Trail through cove forest habitat along Camp Branch down to the confluence with Opossum Creek, and on to the Chattooga River. Overall we descended approximately 800 feet in altitude below our starting point on Turkey Ridge Road and walked a total of approximately five miles. Of course this meant that we had to climb that same 800 feet to get back to our cars! The Opossum Creek Falls Trail is a very nice trail winding through the rich forest. We saw lots of lush vegetation and quite a bit of healthy, beautiful rattlesnake plantain, many with bloom stalks in excess of one-foot tall, as well as many interesting fungi along the trail. None of us were adventurous enough to make the final one-half mile hike along Opossum Creek to see the waterfalls, but if you go to [www.sctrails.net](http://www.sctrails.net) and navigate to the waterfalls section you can see a picture of the waterfall. It was a strenuous hike and some of us took advantage of the cool waters of the Chattooga River and went for a refreshing swim before beginning our hike back to our cars. Many of us agreed that we would like to make a return trip to explore the trail, but during a cooler time of year next time.

Thanks go to Jan Ciegler for scouting and leading the trip.

Once again I would like to remind everyone to look through your photographs and slides to find shots to be used in the upcoming third SCAN book. The book committee is looking for shots taken between January 1996 and December 2005, and is particularly interested in shots of members participating in SCAN events. If you can get the photographs to Jerry Bright, he will scan them (no pun intended!) for use in the book and we will be sure to return them to you. If you cannot get them to Jerry, please let me know and I will make arrangements to pick them up. I can be reached at (803) 530-2395 or [agmurphy@hughes.net](mailto:agmurphy@hughes.net).

This month we will be exploring Landsford Canal State Park in Chester County. I encourage you all to come out and join us.

Take care and I hope to see you all soon!

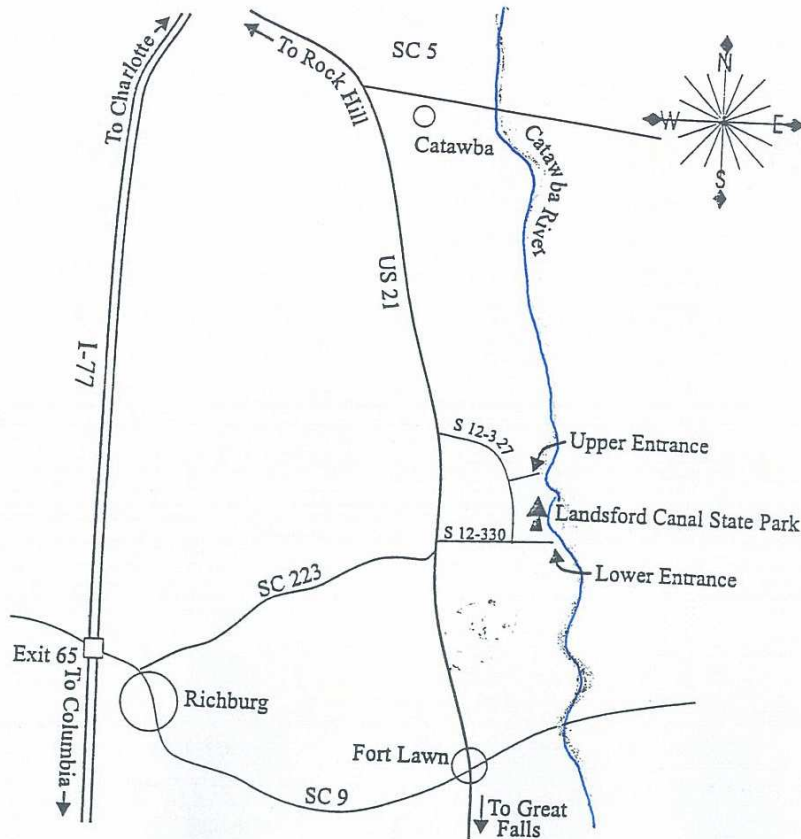
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**Landsford Canal State Park**  
**Chester County, August 28, 2010, 10:30AM**

Our August fieldtrip will take us to Landsford Canal State Park in Chester County. We will meet at the parking area at the northernmost park entrance at 10:30 and hike on the Canal Trail along the western bank of the Catawba River. The trail is an easy 1.5 miles long (one way) with a 0.5-mile paved Nature Trail spur near the northern end of the Canal Trail. A viewing deck overlooking the river is located just over halfway down Canal Trail. Eagle Point Trail is another short hiking trail (0.2 miles) leading north from the lock keepers house to a bluff over the river. In addition to various flora and fauna, including bald eagles with a little luck, there are remains of historic canal locks, a mill site, and the lock keepers home to explore. The lock keepers home also serves as an interpretive center.

There is a \$2.00 entrance fee (\$1.25 for seniors). Restrooms are available at the picnic area. You should plan on packing a lunch and plenty of water for our hike as we may not get back to the vehicles until after lunch.

Directions: Take Exit 65 from I-77 and head east on S.C. Route 9 for 1.2 miles. Turn left onto S.C Route 223 (Wylies Mill Road) and travel 6.5 miles to the junction with U.S. Highway 21. Turn left onto U.S. Highway 21 and go 1.6 miles to S-12-327 (Landsford Road). Turn right and go 1.5 miles and turn left onto Park Road (S-12-690) to the Park northern entrance.



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Charles Nicholson's email address is correct as it appears on the SCAN membership list.

The Flora/Fauna list for The Sumter National Forest in Oconee County will be in SCAN's September Newsletter.