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A Map and Guide to the Reedy River Scenic Corridor
Greenville, SC to Lake Greenwood
Bluesday
The Reedy River

Welcome to the Reedy River Bluesday

The Reedy River offers nearly 60 miles of beginner-friendly paddling opportunities and includes a few intermediate and expert stretches. Beginning in northern Greenville County near Travelers Rest, the Reedy River flows through the heart of the City of Greenville's downtown, through Lake Conestee and Boyd Mill Pond, and into Lake Greenwood. With a rich history of manufacturing and textile production, the Reedy River has been at the center of economic growth since the early 1800's and continues to be a vibrant part of downtown Greenville.

With an abundance of parks, points of interest, and river and lake recreation opportunities, the Reedy River offers outdoor activities for many interests including boating and fishing at Boyd Mill Pond and Lake Greenwood, birdwatching and nature trails at Lake Conestee, and flat water and swift water paddling from downtown Greenville to Lake Greenwood. Visitors to this area will enjoy extensive bird populations including numerous species of waterfowl, blue herons, and ospreys among many others.

Recreation opportunities throughout the Reedy River corridor would not be possible without the considerable work completed to clean up the remnants of its textile history. Organizations such as Upstate Forever, Friends of the Reedy River, Lake Conestee Foundation, the Reedy River Water Quality Group, and Preserving Lake Greenwood, in partnership with the Cities and Counties of Greenville, Laurens, and Greenwood have been essential in making improvements to this valuable river.

Recreational opportunities along the Reedy River have significantly increased during the last few years. Unofficial river accesses are ones that are widely used, however, are not officially constructed river accesses. While the Reedy River can be accessed under any SCDOT-maintained road, the accesses included on this bluesday map are ones that are most often used and family-friendly. There are many great options at all skill levels for a fantastic day on the Reedy River. Learn how you can protect this and other local rivers by visiting www.UpstateForever.org. This and other bluesday maps from across South Carolina are available at www.gopaddless.com.

Planning and Safety

- 1) Review the map carefully.
- 2) Plan your start and end points according to your skill level.
- 3) Check current river conditions before paddling. A flooded river can be dangerous, and a low river may expose logs, rocks, or other debris, slowing your trip down significantly.
- 4) Always wear a life jacket with a whistle.
- 5) Avoid boating alone. Let someone know your plan and when to expect you to return.
- 6) Minimize your impact on the river by properly disposing of waste, respecting wildlife, and leaving what you find.
- 7) Do not trespass on private property. Stay in the river until your take out.
- 8) If you fall out in a rapid, assume the whitewater "swimming" position - with your feet up and pointing downstream (like you're in a recliner) until you reach flatwater and can get back in your boat.
- 9) Roadside river accesses with listed addresses are approximate locations of bridges and should not direct you to private homes. Do not access the river on private property.

Suggested Trips

REEDY RIVER Cleveland Park to Mauldin Road Trip Length: 3.75 miles Trip Level: Beginner Trip Duration: 1-2 hours	REEDY RIVER Jenkins Bridge Road to Cedar Falls Park Trip Length: 4.25 miles Trip Level: Beginner Trip Duration: ~3 hours
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River Rapids Classification

Class I Rapids: Easy
Fast-moving water with ripples and small waves. Little or no prior paddling experience necessary.

Class II Rapids: Moderate
Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels. Some prior paddling experience is suggested.

Class III Rapids: Difficult
Moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to maneuver. Prior experience required.

Class IV Rapids and Above: Advanced
Intense, powerful, or extremely long rapids requiring precise boat handling in turbulent water. Drops may contain large, unavoidable waves and holes or constricted passages. Extensive experience is essential.

River Levels

Adequate river flow is essential to paddling. If levels are too low or too high, paddling may not be possible. Please check the following stream gauges for real-time information to determine if flow levels are suitable for paddling. Flow is measured in either cubic feet per second (volume) or feet (height of river).

USGS Site No. 02164000;
Reedy River near Greenville, SC (front of map)
Ideal Conditions: 200 - 2,000 cfs

USGS Site No. 02164110;
Reedy River above Fork Shoals, SC (back of map)
Ideal Conditions: 5 feet - 12 feet

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Log Shoals Park River Access and Roadside Parking
208 Log Shoals Road Greenville, SC 29605

Construction has not yet begun, but the site may still be used for river access during the day. Limited roadside parking is available. The river can be accessed downstream of the bridge, river right. To avoid the Class III Rapid "Big S-Slide", follow the stream bank to a point downstream of the rapid.

Spanco Drive Parking Area
48 Spanco Drive, Greenville, SC 29605

This parking area provides access to the Lake Conestee Nature Park and the GHS Swamp Rabbit Trail and may be used by paddlers using the 282 Conestee Road river access.

Cleveland Park
160 Lakehurst Street, Greenville, SC 29607

Open from 8 AM to 9 PM, this 124.3-acre park featuring the Reedy River offers a myriad of recreation opportunities, including access to the GHS Swamp Rabbit Trail, fitness features, picnic shelters, playgrounds, tennis courts, and sports fields. Limited parking is available at the Lakehurst Street lot. River access is located across the grassy clearing, river left. For more information, visit: www.greenvilleesc.gov

Lake Conestee Nature Park
Main Entrance: 840 Mauldin Road, Greenville, SC 29605

This 400-acre forested park features an abundance of wildlife, birds, and trails. Fishing, swimming and boating are prohibited within the park; paddlers should take out upstream at the Mauldin Road Bridge. For more information, visit: www.lakeconesteenaturepark.com

Caution! Lake Conestee Dam

This large dam poses significant hazards to paddlers. Avoid the dam entirely. Portage is not available.

UNOFFICIAL: Conestee Road River Access
282 Conestee Road, Greenville SC 29607

Paddlers may briefly stop vehicles here to drop off boats, but vehicles should be parked at the 48 Spanco Drive parking lot. River access is downstream of the bridge, on river left.

UNOFFICIAL: Greenville Technical College Nature Trail River Access and Roadside Parking
1916 W Georgia Road, Simpsonville, SC 29680

Limited roadside parking is available north of the bridge; do not block the road or the entrance to Open Arms Hospice facility. Carry boats 600 feet along the Greenville Technical College Nature Trail to the access on river left.

Jenkins Bridge Road River Access and Roadside Parking
984 Jenkins Bridge Road Simpsonville, SC 29680

River access is located off of Highway 418 on Jenkins Bridge Road; access the river downstream of the bridge on river-right (400 feet upstream of Highway 418).

Cedar Falls Park
South Entrance: 201 Cedar Falls Road Fountain Inn, SC 29644

Hours for the park are 9:00 AM to dusk. River access is located river right, with a very short trail leading from the south entrance of the park down to the river. For more information and a detailed park map, visit: www.greenvilleesc.com/parks/cedar-falls

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UNOFFICIAL: Parkins Mill Road / Mauldin Road River Access and Roadside Parking
1829 Parkins Mill Road, Greenville, SC 29607

This is the last take out before the Lake Conestee Dam (no portage). After crossing under the I-85 bridge, take out river left under the Mauldin Rd. bridge and portage boats 650 feet up the Swamp Rabbit Trail (parallel to Parkins Mill Road) to the roadside pull-off area next to the power line. Though unofficial, this access is widely used. Use at your own risk. Access to the Swamp Rabbit Trail is also available.

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GHS Swamp Rabbit Trail

The Greenville Health System Swamp Rabbit Trail is a 22-mile, multi-use greenway trail running along the Reedy River. Accessible at many locations, it connects schools, parks, businesses, and communities from north of Travelers Rest to south of Lake Conestee. For more information, visit: www.greenvilleesc.com/swamprabbit

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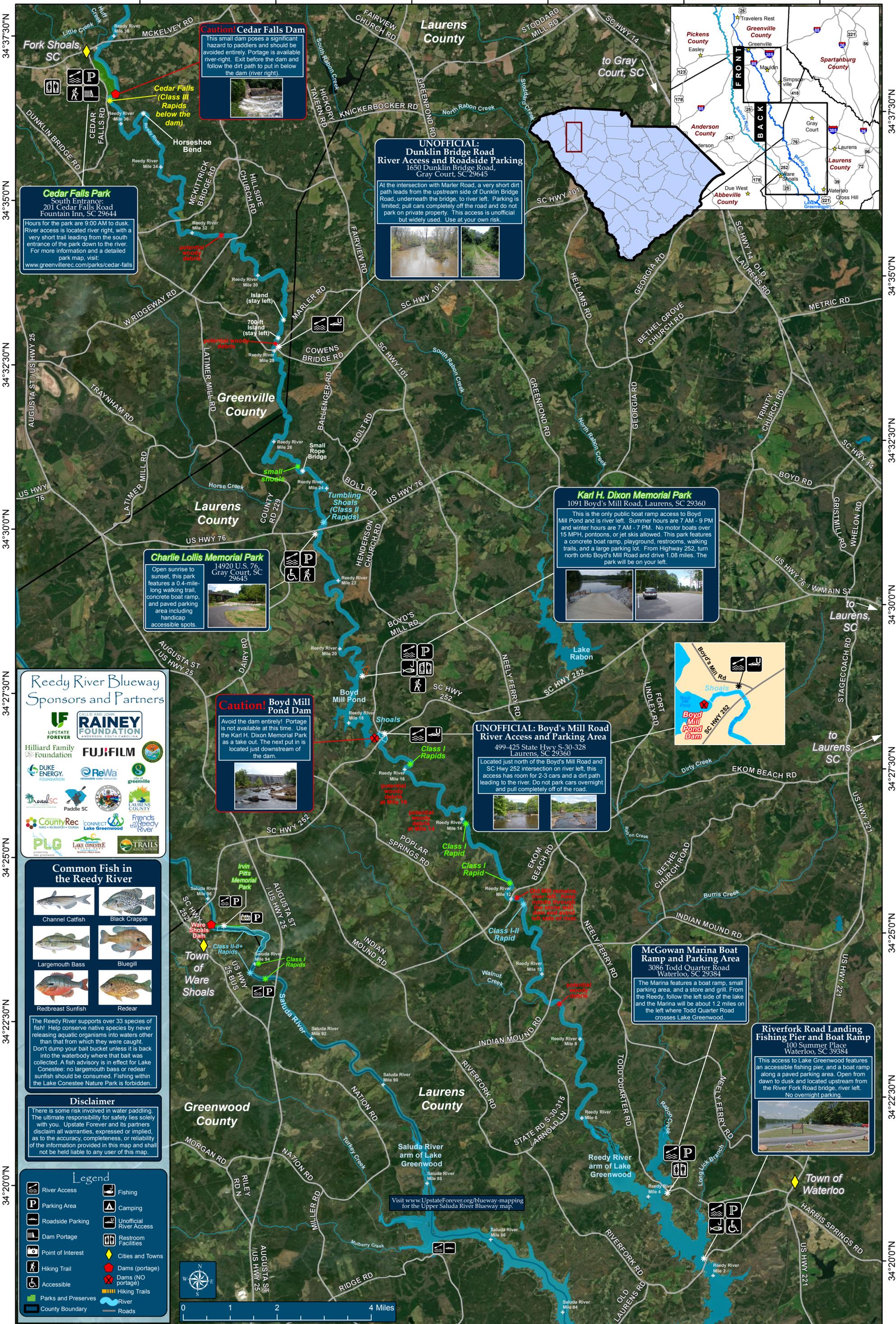
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UNOFFICIAL: Dunklin Bridge Road River Access and Roadside Parking
 1650 Dunklin Bridge Road, Gray Court, SC 29645

At the intersection with Marler Road, a very short dirt path leads from the upstream side of Dunklin Bridge Road, underneath the bridge, to river left. Parking is limited; pull cars completely off the road and do not park on private property. This access is unofficial but widely used. Use at your own risk.



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Karl H. Dixon Memorial Park
 1091 Boyd's Mill Road, Laurens, SC 29360

This is the only public boat ramp access to Boyd Mill Pond and is river left. Summer hours are 7 AM - 9 PM and winter hours are 7 AM - 7 PM. No motor boats over 15 MPH, pontoons, or jet skis allowed. This park features a concrete boat ramp, playground, restrooms, walking trails, and a large parking lot. From Highway 252, turn north onto Boyd's Mill Road and drive 1.08 miles. The park will be on your left.



Charlie Lollis Memorial Park
 14920 U.S. 76, Gray Court, SC 29645

Open sunrise to sunset, this park features a 0.4-mile-long walking trail, concrete boat ramp, and paved parking area including handicap accessible spots.



Caution! Boyd Mill Pond Dam

Avoid the dam entirely! Portage is not available at this time. Use the Karl H. Dixon Memorial Park as a take out. The next put in is located just downstream of the dam.



UNOFFICIAL: Boyd's Mill Road River Access and Parking Area
 499-425 State Hwy S-30-328, Laurens, SC 29360

Located just north of the Boyd's Mill Road and SC Hwy 252 intersection on river left, this access has room for 2-3 cars and a dirt path leading to the river. Do not park cars overnight and pull completely off of the road.



McGowan Marina Boat Ramp and Parking Area
 3086 Todd Quarter Road, Waterloo, SC 29384

The Marina features a boat ramp, small parking area, and a store and grill. From the Reedy, follow the left side of the lake and the Marina will be about 1.2 miles on the left where Todd Quarter Road crosses Lake Greenwood.

Riverfork Road Landing Fishing Pier and Boat Ramp
 100 Summer Place, Waterloo, SC 29384

This access to Lake Greenwood features an accessible fishing pier, and a boat ramp along a paved parking area. Open from dawn to dusk and located upstream from the River Fork Road bridge, river left. No overnight parking.



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Common Fish in the Reedy River

The Reedy River supports over 33 species of fish! Help conserve native species by never releasing aquatic organisms into waters other than that from which they were caught. Don't dump your bait bucket unless it is back into the waterbody where that bait was collected. A fish advisory is in effect for Lake Conestee: no largemouth bass or redear sunfish should be consumed. Fishing within the Lake Conestee Nature Park is forbidden.

Disclaimer
 There is some risk involved in water paddling. The ultimate responsibility for safety lies solely with you. 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.

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