A photograph of a forest stream. In the foreground, a large, weathered log lies on the ground, partially submerged in the water. The stream flows through a dense forest of tall, thin trees with light-colored bark. The water is calm, reflecting the surrounding trees and sky. The ground is covered with fallen leaves and some green grass. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

“Forests, lakes, and rivers, clouds and winds, stars and flowers, stupendous glaciers and crystal snowflakes - every form of animate or inanimate existence, leaves its impress upon the soul of man.”
Orison Swett Marden

A bald eagle is perched on a thick, dark tree branch. The eagle has a white head and neck, a dark brown body, and a white tail. It is facing left. The tree has many green leaves, and the background is a clear, light blue sky. The text "Lake Greenwood" is overlaid on the lower part of the image, underlined.

Lake Greenwood

Canoe Trail

In the 1870s, issues involving the environment and natural resources began to surface. In 1872, Yellowstone National Park was created and protected. Then in 1897, the Forest Management Act established a policy of sustained yield. The concepts of preservation and conservation were emergent within society. Since their birth, these concepts have now matured to what society holds now.



As times have changed and public perceptions have evolved, our environment and natural resources now play a more integral part in our community. Lake Greenwood is an important asset to our region, for both residents and visitors alike. We are becoming more aware of the fragility and sensitivity of our natural resources, and ecosystems they encompass.

Within our FERC license, two of Greenwood County's mandates often conflict with each other. The first requires Greenwood County to provide for recreation access and use of Lake Greenwood. Greenwood County does this by providing public access and allowing residents and guests to use the lake.



The second mandates that some shoreline and habitat areas are protected from impact. The areas that have been determined are known as Critical Habitat Areas. These areas are along the shoreline, and are protected by Federal and County law. In these areas, certain regulations and prohibitions apply.

Greenwood County allows some low impact recreation in these areas. One form of this type of recreation is canoeing. Many people enjoy visiting canoe trails. There are numerous renowned examples across the Southeast. The Suwannee River in Florida, Edisto River in SC, Chattooga River and Hiawassee River in GA, and many others boast of the recreational role of canoeing.



Recreation access is one of the mandates in our Federal License. Our Lake Greenwood Blueway canoe trail which begins in the northern part of our lake and continues down to Hydro and around allows for paddle-sport enthusiasts. Maps and information is available to visitors and guests and the trailheads or by contacting Lake Management.



Lake Greenwood
Critical Habitat



Legend
Critical Habitat
Roads

1 inch equals 1,007 feet

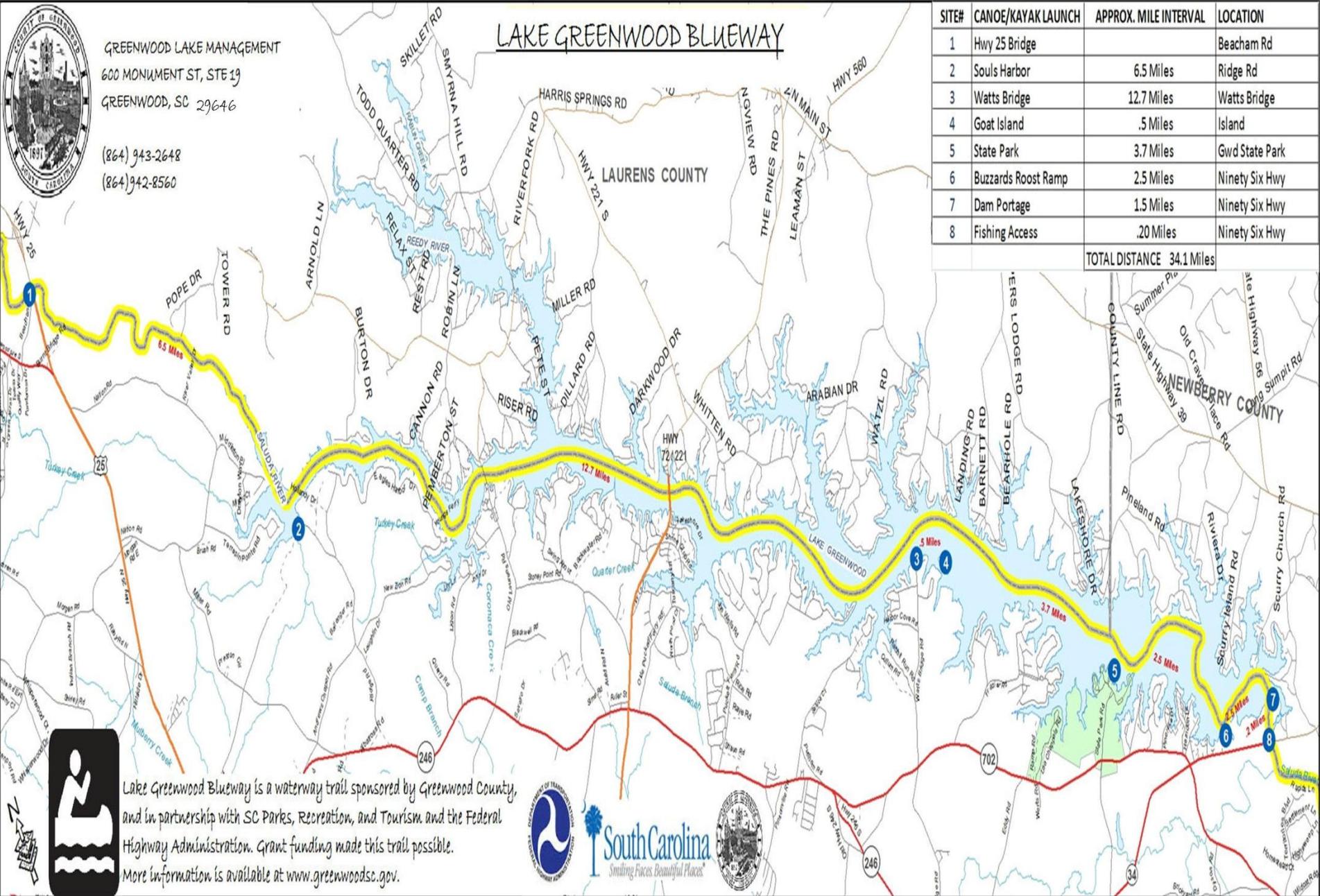


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LAKE GREENWOOD BLUEWAY

SITE#	CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH	APPROX. MILE INTERVAL	LOCATION
1	Hwy 25 Bridge		Beacham Rd
2	Souls Harbor	6.5 Miles	Ridge Rd
3	Watts Bridge	12.7 Miles	Watts Bridge
4	Goat Island	.5 Miles	Island
5	State Park	3.7 Miles	Gwd State Park
6	Buzzards Roost Ramp	2.5 Miles	Ninety Six Hwy
7	Dam Portage	1.5 Miles	Ninety Six Hwy
8	Fishing Access	.20 Miles	Ninety Six Hwy
		TOTAL DISTANCE	34.1 Miles



Lake Greenwood Blueway is a waterway trail sponsored by Greenwood County, and in partnership with SC Parks, Recreation, and Tourism and the Federal Highway Administration. Grant funding made this trail possible. More information is available at www.greenwoodsc.gov.



A scenic view of a lake with a large, leafy tree in the foreground and several birds flying in the sky. The tree is partially submerged in the water. The sky is clear and blue. In the background, there is a line of trees and a small structure on the right side of the lake.

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