Yadkin River Section: Bean Shoals, Ivy Bluff, Corridor.

Accesses:

Mountain Section: Pilot Creek, Corridor.

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Established: 1968

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2 paddle-in campsites

0.75 mile downstream from paddle launch on Shoals Road

Pit toilet available

Reservation required

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TRACK Trail

Easy 0.1 mile

Little Pinnacle Overlook

Easy 0.1 mile

Jomeokee Trail

Moderate 0.8 mile

Ledge Spring Trail

Strenuous 1.0 mile

Yadkin River Section Trails

Bean Shoals Canal Trail

Easy 0.5 mile

Grindstone Trail

Strenuous 3.0 miles

This trail weaves along a railroad trestle, as well as along the ruins of the unfinished Bean Shoals Canal. Note: The railroad track is still active. Use extreme caution when crossing.

Corridor Trail

Strenuous 6.6 miles

This trail connects the mountain and river sections of the park. It then links into the Yadkin Islands Trail, which continues to the river parking lot. No horses may cross the Yadkin Valley Railroad.

Horne Creek Trail

Moderate 2.5 miles

This trail begins at the picnic area and meanders along Horne Creek and meets the Bean Shoals Canal Trail along the river. You can make a loop by returning to the picnic area on the park road.

Ivy Bluff Trail

Moderate 1.3 miles

This trail, beginning at the Ivy Bluff parking lot, has moderate to steep slopes covered with mountain laurel and rhododendron along the south edge of the Yadkin River.

Yadkin Island Trail

Moderate 1.5 miles

This trail begins at the Hauser Road parking lot and ends at the Yadkin River. Cross the river at your own risk to explore the islands which are not blazed. Do not attempt to the cross river if you cannot see the bottom.