



BENNETTS CREEK TRAIL

WEEKEND CANOE

MERCHANTS MILLPOND STATE PARK

Office Number 252-357-1191 Ranger After Hours Contact Number 252-331-9220 Medical Emergency Dial 911

HIKING TRAILS		PADDLE TRAILS	
Bennetts Creek Trail	easy 2.0 miles blue	Visitor Center	Blue
Coleman Trail	easy 2.0 miles orange	Millpond	Yellow 1.25 miles Orange 0.75 mile
Cypress Point Trail	easy 0.33 mile red	Bennetts Creek	4.5 miles
Lassiter Trail	easy 6.0 miles white	Camping Gatesville	5.7 miles
Bicycle Trail	red		

LEGEND

Accessible	Hospital - Albemarle Emergency 911
Backpack Camping	Park Boundary
Bicycle Trail	Park Gate
Boat Ramp	Park Office/Canoe Rental
Canoe Access	Parking Area
Canoe Trail	Picnic Area
Family Camping	Ranger Residence
Family Canoe-In Campground	Restrooms
Fishing	Roads
Group Camping	Paved
Group Canoe-In Campground	Gravel
Hiking Trail	

25 Miles To Elizabeth City

To Elizabeth City

To Gatesville

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Millpond Road (S.R. 1403)

To Bennetts Creek Camping

Bennetts Creek

Silver Springs Road (S.R. 1404)

Merchants Millpond

North Carolina State Parks

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BASIC INFORMATION



Location

> GPS Address: Merchant's Millpond State Park, NC - 167 Millpond Rd. Gatesville, NC 27938



Cost

> Camping Fee: \$15



Skill Level

> Easy



Trail Length

> 9 Miles



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TRIP DESCRIPTION

Southern Swamp and hardwood forest mingle at Merchants Millpond State Park, adorning the landscape with massive bald cypress trees, beech groves, Spanish moss and exotic wildlife. Canoes can be rented or visitors can bring their own for a unique paddling experience. Three types of camping are available at family and group campgrounds, primitive backpacking sites and three remote canoe-in campgrounds reached by paddling trails.



BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the weather
- Rent any equipment you may need from WGO
- Pack for the length of the trip
- Get familiar with the place of the trip



PRO TIPS

- Never go hiking alone
- Test drive your backpack & shoes
- Let your cell help you not harm you
- Always pack extra food
- Keep it light
- Leave no trace



ITINERARY

- Spend the day paddling around the park, enjoying the otherworldly atmosphere of Merchants Millpond State Park. Save up to three hours or so for paddling over to the Bennett's Creek Platform. Aim to set up camp and begin dinner before dark.
- Go to bed but don't forget to enjoy what the night sky has to offer.
- Wake up, have breakfast, and break down camp. Return the same way at your own pace, and enjoy your adventure.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Incase of an emergency | **911**

Nearest Hospital | **501 Main St, Gatesville, NC 27938**