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BENNETTS CREEK TRAIL
WEEKEND CANOE

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
In case of an emergency | 911
Nearest Hospital | 501 Main St, Gatesville, NC 27938