

## The BLUE WALL PASSAGE of the PALMETTO TRAIL

Length: 14 miles

Use: Hiking, Biking

### Difficulty:

Mile 0 - 6 Easy Mile 6 - 12 Moderate Mile 12 - 14 **Strenuous** 

### Passage Restrictions:

No motor vehicles on off road sections
No Equestrians
No Camping
No Fires

Restrictions with in the Boundaries of the Blue Wall Preserve:

Hiking Only! No Biking

### Trail Marking:

Trail Signs – Entire Passage Yellow Blazes – Blue Wall Preserve

### **Driving directions:**

SC Nature Conservancy's Blue Wall Preserve: From I-26 take Exit #1, State Highway 14 west toward Landrum. Turn right (north on US Highway 176), just after the railroad tracks. Go about 2 miles and look left for the entrance to Lake Lanier on Lakeshore Drive. Go over the bridge and follow West Lakeshore Drive around the lake until you come to Dug Hill Road. The parking lot trailhead to the Blue Wall Preserve will be on your left.

Foothills Equestrian Nature Center (F.E.N.C.E.): From I-26 take Exit #1, State Highway 14 west towards Landrum. Follow the directional signs to F.E.N.C.E. located along Highway 14, directing you to turn right onto Bomar Avenue.

**Downtown Landrum Trailhead:** From I-26 take Exit #1, State Highway 14 west towards Landrum. Right before the railroad tracks at the signal, turn right onto North Trade Street. Parking and a trail kiosk map is located on the left side of North Trade Street.

### **RULES & PRECAUTIONS**

Minimum impact use is in everybody's best interest. To achieve this, we recommend the following practices:

- Please practice "Leave No Trace" philosophy, Pack out what you pack in.
- Stay on designated trails
- Leave what you find
- Respect private property
- Be considerate of fellow trail users
- Camping is not allowed on the Blue Wall Passage, the F.E.N.C.E. property and the Blue Wall Preserve
- The last two miles of the passage, from mile 12 to mile 14, are very steep; average grade is 15%. The last ¼ mile before Vaughns Gap has a grade of 26%. **Be Carefull!**
- The Vaughns Gap trailhead, where the Blue Wall Passage connects to the Poinsett Reservoir Passage, can only be accessed by foot.



# FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### The SC Nature Conservancy

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