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Boardwalk  
Loop**  
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The trail surface is a wooden boardwalk, which makes it easy to navigate, and it is wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs and strollers. There are several benches along the trail where you can take a break and enjoy the tranquil surroundings. Interpretive signs are posted throughout the trail, providing information about the flora, fauna, and history of the park.

The trailhead is located near the Harry Hampton Visitor Center, where you can find parking, restrooms, and drinking fountains. The trail is open year-round, but the park's hours of operation may vary depending on the season, so it's best to check the [park's website](#) for current information.

From the visitor center, the trail takes you through a lush forest filled with a variety of trees, including towering bald cypress trees and massive tupelo trees, draped in Spanish moss. The boardwalk is elevated above the ground, giving hikers an up-close look at the rich flora and fauna of the area without disturbing the ecosystem.

One of the highlights of the Congaree Boardwalk Loop is the stunning views of Cedar Creek, a winding waterway that meanders through the park. You'll cross several small footbridges that offer panoramic views of the creek and its surrounding wetlands. The trail includes several short side pathways that lead to scenic overlooks of Cedar Creek, which is the heart of the park.

The Congaree Boardwalk Loop is a great trail to take any time of the year, but the best time to visit is during the spring and fall when the weather is mild, and the foliage is at its most vibrant. The park also offers ranger-led tours and educational programs throughout the year, which can enhance your experience and deepen your understanding of this unique ecosystem.



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**States:** South Carolina

**Counties:** Richland

Length: 2.4miles

**Trail end points:** Harry Hampton Visitor Center (100 National Park Rd, Hopkins) to Harry Hampton Visitor Center (100 National Park Rd, Hopkins)

**Trail surfaces:** Boardwalk,Dirt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Wheelchair Accessible,Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

Parking is available at the Harry Hampton Visitor Center (100 National Park Rd, Hopkins).



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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