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Prestwood Lake



Prestwood Lake is a picturesque lake not far from downtown Hartsville, and easily accessible from Lawton Park on Prestwood Drive in Hartsville, SC. There are many lovely homes on Prestwood Lake, and residents A cypress swamp that leads to Black Creek is towards the left of Lawton Park, and a bridge crossing over the lake has a view of the Sonoco plant headquarters. Cypress knees grow near the edge of the lake, and white water lilies bloom in late spring through the summer months.

Black Creek is about 20 feet wide, very deep, and shady with lots of twists and turns. Paddlers of canoes and kayaks enjoy this lake since there is very little current (1-2 mph) and it's easy to put in. The lake is best used for smaller, short boats; a larger put-in is across the other side of the bridge, accessible from Sonovista Drive- just up from the turn onto Society Avenue at the base of the bridge. Paddlers can continue on Black Creek for about 11 miles, passing Kalmia Gardens on one side and Segars-McKinnon Heritage Preserve on the other. Wild Mountain Laurel grows along and up the bluffs of the creek. You may want to bring a set of binoculars along to find wildlife including snakes, owls, Canada geese, ducks, beaver, Purple Grackles, Prothonotary Warblers, Osprey, Great Blue Herons and more.

Directions: Hwy 15 / N. 5th Street. Just before the bridge over Prestwood Lake, there is a stop light. Take the last turn to the left (Prestwood Drive) before the bridge. Go about 1 block and you will see tennis courts on the right and then an

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