

CANE CREEK and Falls in Pickens County

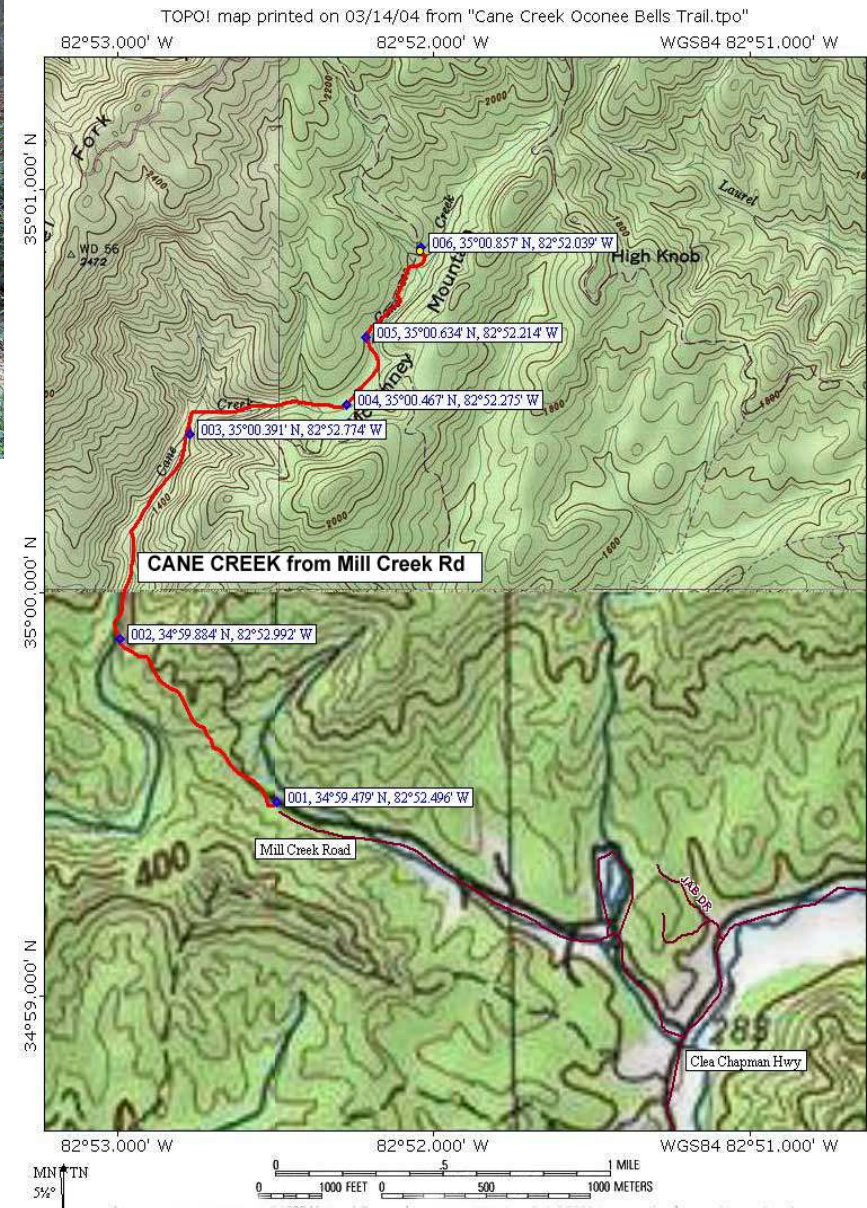


DESCRIPTION: Little referenced and little used, the trail along Cane Creek provides multiple encounters with this pristine stream. It is a haven for Oconee Bells and other spring wild flowers. It also features a passage along a rock sluice where the trail is below the level of the creek. Parts of the trail follow an old railroad bed with remnant, twisted rails. The pleasant falls are of modest size, but surrounded by rock walls with splash pool beneath..a rewarding destination, turn around, and venue for lunch. The 4.3 mile hike, with only 500 ft of elevation gain, is mostly easy. However, it is not maintained and can become seriously overgrown. This may require short detours or scrambles.

From the parking area, head north along the gated dirt road about a half mile, then turn east (right) at the junction. Continue another half mile and cross Cane Creek with some nimble rock hopping. Less than a hundred yards beyond, look for indistinct pathways winding uphill to the right then follow the most worn and open that parallel the stream. Note this turn for the return leg! The hike can be extended by heading north (right on the return at the junction) to explore along Mill Creek. High water may limit Mill Creek taccess about 1/4 mile in..

DIRECTIONS: (GPS: 34.9915, -82.8754) All depart from KKEPA at 845A OR go directly to the trail head...10 miles E on SC11 from the SC130 intersect, then 2 mi W on Roy Jones/Eastatoe Creek, then 1.5 mi N on Cleo Chapman and 2.5 mi NW to the end of Mill Creek Rd.

Parking is limited, so pool as possible. There are no fees or facilities. Expect to return around 2PM.



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