

CHAU RAM on the Chauga River



Accessed on the left (toward camping area) before the first bridge, the 0.4 mile *Upper Trail* (blue-blazes), descends to the Chauga River. The 0.3 mile *River Trail* (red blazes) is hard-to-follow, crossing boulders in mid-stream. The 0.3 mile *Middle Loop Trail* (white-blazes) is out-and-back through woods.

THE PARK IS CLOSED MID NOV THRU FEB

DIRECTIONS: (GPS: 34.6814, -83.1445) Meet, pool as usual: 830A at KKEPA and/or Walhalla at 9A. Go SW on SC 183 to Westminster then NW on US 76. Keep right at the fork with US 123 and go another 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Chau Ram Park Road and continue to the park entrance at the end of the road. Park on the right, or follow the park road loop to the lower parking area. There is a \$2/vehicle fee; free to SC Park Pass holders. The park has facilities.

Expect to return about 130PM.

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DESCRIPTION: Chau Ram park features a nice waterfall and large swinging bridge. It includes eight trails totaling about four miles. They traverse the hillsides, ridges, and rocky banks of the Chauga River. Most are hilly with some steep, short sections, but well developed, not rough, and clearly marked with frequent blazes. Accessed from the parking area, the 1.2 mile *Upper Loop Trail* (blue-blazes), winds along the river, ascends wooden stairs and climbs a dirt slope. The 0.9 mile *Lower Loop Trail* (orange-blazes) loops along scenic river shoals. The 0.4 mile *Lower Loop Spur Trail* (white-blazes) loops through pine and hardwood forest. The 0.3 mile *Old Scout Cabin Trail* (red-blazes), is a mostly-level, spur trail with a loop at the end. The 0.2 mile *Upper Connector* (double red-blazes), is a short, steep, connector.

