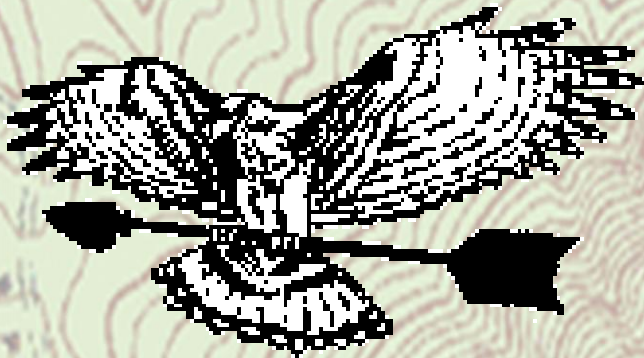


# Where To Go Camping



**Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge  
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Atlanta Area Council  
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# Forward

## THE ORDER OF THE ARROW “Where To Go Camping Guide”

One of the purposes of the Order of the Arrow is “to promote Scout camping and to help strengthen the District and Council camping program.

Toward this purpose Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge presents the current “Where To Go Camping Guide”.

The Guide has been prepared to help unit leaders of the Atlanta Area Council find quality camping opportunities for their Scouts.

The Lodge assembled the information contained herein from the websites of the Atlanta Area Council, Georgia Parks and Recreation Department, National Park Service, and U.S. National Forest Service. Most of the sites listed in the Guide have a current Website address. The sites have been grouped according to the agency that operates them. All photos are the property of the appropriate park service.

The information in the Guide is subject to change without prior notice. Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge has no control over fees and/or camp availability. All agencies have the right to refuse admission to their facilities. While every effort has been made to provide the most current information, we urge the reader to contact the proper agency before you leave for fees, reservations, required documents and/or latest information. Always remember to call ahead and “Be Prepared”!

The Guide was provided to encourage you to explore new and wonderful places in nature. Suggestions are welcomed, including new sites that should be included, corrections to site data or additional information. Please send comments to the Lodge. We acknowledge and thank the many dedicated Scouters whose tireless efforts made the Guide possible.

Happy Camping!  
Egwa Tawa Dee Lodge  
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# ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL CAMPS



**WOODRUFF**



# Woodruff Scout Reservation



Nestled in the pristine North Georgia mountains, Robert W. Woodruff Scout Reservation is the perfect spot for camping all year round. Thousands of Scouts and their adult leaders from all around the world have made Woodruff their preferred camping environment. Few camps can match the experience that you will enjoy at Woodruff.

Located near the Chattahoochee National Forest, Woodruff contains 1575 acres of beautiful mountainous trails, water, and sights and is known as one of the finest summer camp experiences in the country. Scouts have come from as close a Blairsville to as far away as Japan to breath the fresh air that “Lady Woodruff” provides. Woodruff is about 90 miles from Atlanta, making it a great getaway from the hustle and bustle of life off-reservation.

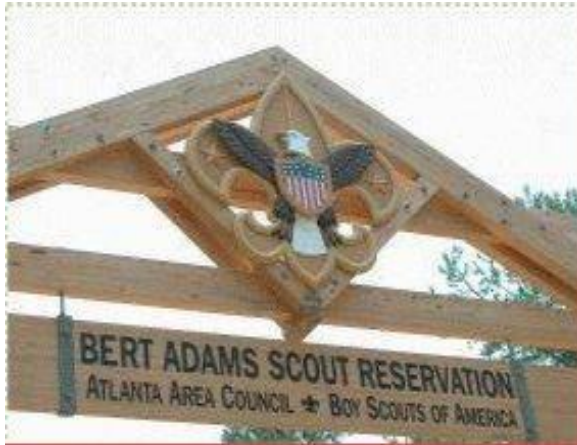
The Atlanta Area Council recently completed an 8 million dollar capital improvement on the camp, and its facilities, representing a major commitment to the worldwide Scouting movement. More than 150 highly qualified and experienced older Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Professionals comprise the Woodruff Summer Camp Staff. The Atlanta Area Council is proud of its 6:1 Scout to staff ratio, noting that the council’s professionals have you and your Scout’s safety on their minds.

Woodruff has a spectacular 86-acre private lake, on and in which they offer motor boating, swimming, and small boating, all in separated areas. The lake is complete with a small island in front of its state-of-the-art Pirrung Amphitheater, on which the staff erects 3 teepees every summer.

## Significant Facilities

- Larry & Mae Chase Gateway (pictured above)
- Rizor “Heart of Camp” Building, which houses:
  - Trading Post
  - Snack Bar (renowned for its slushies)
- General John H. Stembler Bridge (400 ft.)
- Shotgun, Rifle, and Archery Ranges - zip line
- Gilbert R. Pirrung Amphitheater
- Buck & Winnie Waterfront
  - Swimming docks (2 out-docks)
  - Small boating area - Motor boating
- COPE/climbing area
  - 62-foot climbing tower
  - 2 climbing chimneys
  - 6 rappelling lanes
  - COPE course

For more information, visit <http://wsr.atlantabsacamp.org> or the Camping section of <http://www.atlantabsa.org>



Since 1960, Bert Adams Scout Reservation has been an Atlanta Scouting favorite for camping and other Scouting activities. Bert Adams offers 1250 acres of long-term resident camping, weekend camping, and tons of outdoor Scouting fun. BASR includes Camp Gorman, Camp Emerson, Camp Jamison, Cub World, and the new Adventure Camp. Thousands of Scouts

come to Bert Adams each year for Boy Scout, Webelos, and JROTC Summer Camp, Order of the Arrow events, Venturing and Explorer outings, Cub Family Camping, Cub World Events Cub Pack Picnics, District Camporees, ScoutReach Outings, Wood Badge Training, Junior Leadership Training, and many other Scouting events.

When the decision was made to close and sell the old Camp Bert Adams Property in Vinings, Georgia, the Council Executive board immediately began raising funds for a new Scout reservation. The initial purchase was for 1490 acres. Summer Camp was initially conducted at Camp Gorman, and later in Camps Emerson and Jamison. On July 2, 1961, the camp was officially dedicated to Albert S. "Bert" Adams, an early pioneer Scouter and successful Atlanta businessman.

## Significant Facilities

- Love Dining Hall
- Main Gate Way (pictured above)
- 62' Climbing Tower
- Ellis Amphitheatre (lakefront, 2000 seats)
- Morcock Training Center
- Langford Nature Center
- Jimmy Williams Aquatic Center
- Camp Jamison Weekend Use Area
- Central Shower Buildings
- Health Lodge
- Fort Brumley
- Ashley Leaders Training Center

Additional Facilities include archery and rifle ranges, program pavilions, Wood Badge Training Area, Gorman Dining Hall, Observatory, Foot Bridges, Maintenance/Storage facility, and numerous cabins.

For more information, visit <http://basr.atlantabsacamp.org> or the Camping section of <http://www.atlantabsa.org>

# Camp Allatoona Aquatics Base



Camp Allatoona Aquatics Base The Camp Allatoona Aquatics Base is 600 acres (242 hectare) of lakefront property leased from the Army Corps of Engineers by the Atlanta Area Council. The camp is on Lake Allatoona just north of Metro Atlanta. This nearby camp is used throughout the year for weekend camping, day trips, and other Scout outings. The main emphasis at Camp Allatoona is aquatics. At the Camp Allatoona Aquatics Base Scouts can enjoy aquatic activities including canoeing, rowing, sailing, skiing, swimming, motor boating, and lifesaving. CAAB is one of the few aquatics bases in the United States that offers expert training in ALL the aquatics Merit Badge skills plus training for the aquatics High Adventure Camps! CAAB is also a wonderful development facility for adult leadership in aquatics skills and much more...

Canoes and rowboats are available for checkout following Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat Guidelines if they are available. Powerboats and sailboats are dedicated to program use. "Fun" days are scheduled - see the AAC Program Schedule for more information.

## Activities

- Swimming
- Boating (canoe, kayak, row, sail & motor)
- Currently maintained:
  - 5 motor boats
  - Campsites & Campfire Arena
  - 4- 22ft to 25ft Cabin Sailboats
  - Over 20 group and individual sailboats
  - More than 10 kayaks
  - More than 20 canoes
  - Waterskiing
- Fishing (age 16 with fishing license)
- Camping

## Facilities

- Swimming Dock
- Boat Launching Ramp & Dock
- Pavilion (reservation required)
- Picnic Area (reservation required)
- Latrines at each site
- Hiking Trails
- Water (year round)
- Emergency Phone
- AED

For More Information, visit <http://www.campallatoona.org/>



## Atlanta Area Council Camping Policies

- Register 4 weeks in advance through the AAC Program Center.
- Follow the current policies and procedures in the Guide to Safe Scouting.
- Abide by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Follow the General Practices and Procedures for use of facilities.
- Leave all animals and pets at home (seeing eye dogs exempted).
- Do not dig garbage pits or ditches around tents.
- If cancellation is necessary, do so through the camp ranger or AAC Program Center prior to the arrival date.
- Fill out a complete roster and give to the ranger or campmaster upon arrival (including all youth, adults, and guests).
- Build fires only in established areas.

### Lakefront Use

- Do not bring your own watercrafts or gasoline motors, except at Allatoona.
- Swim only in the designated areas with permission from the Camp Ranger.
- Notify the Campmaster or Camp Ranger before conducting any water activities.
- Follow the Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat plans.

### Vehicle Use

- Observe posted speed limits. Drive only on roads.
- Motor bikes, trail motor bikes, and motorized go-carts are not allowed for use at camp.
- Please park only in the designated area (The camping committee courteously requests your cooperation for safety, for the protection of campers, for the conservation for your council camp's property, and for the execution of the AAC Camping Practices).

### Policy to Request Use

In order to use any AAC property, request in writing must be made at least 2 weeks in advance to the Program Center Director, including the unit number, district, unit leader information, and a list of participants. Normal arrival time at camp is 4:30pm until 10:00pm on Friday for weekend camping. If you must arrive early, special permission must be approved through the Program Center. Upon arrival at camp, immediately check in with the Campmaster or Camp Ranger and provide a list of all participants - youth, adults, and guests.

Camping Forms

Unit Guide for Camping and Activities Request

Send AAC Camping Requests to:  
Program Center Director  
Atlanta Area Council, BSA  
1800 Circle 75 Parkway  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
Telephone: 770-989-8820

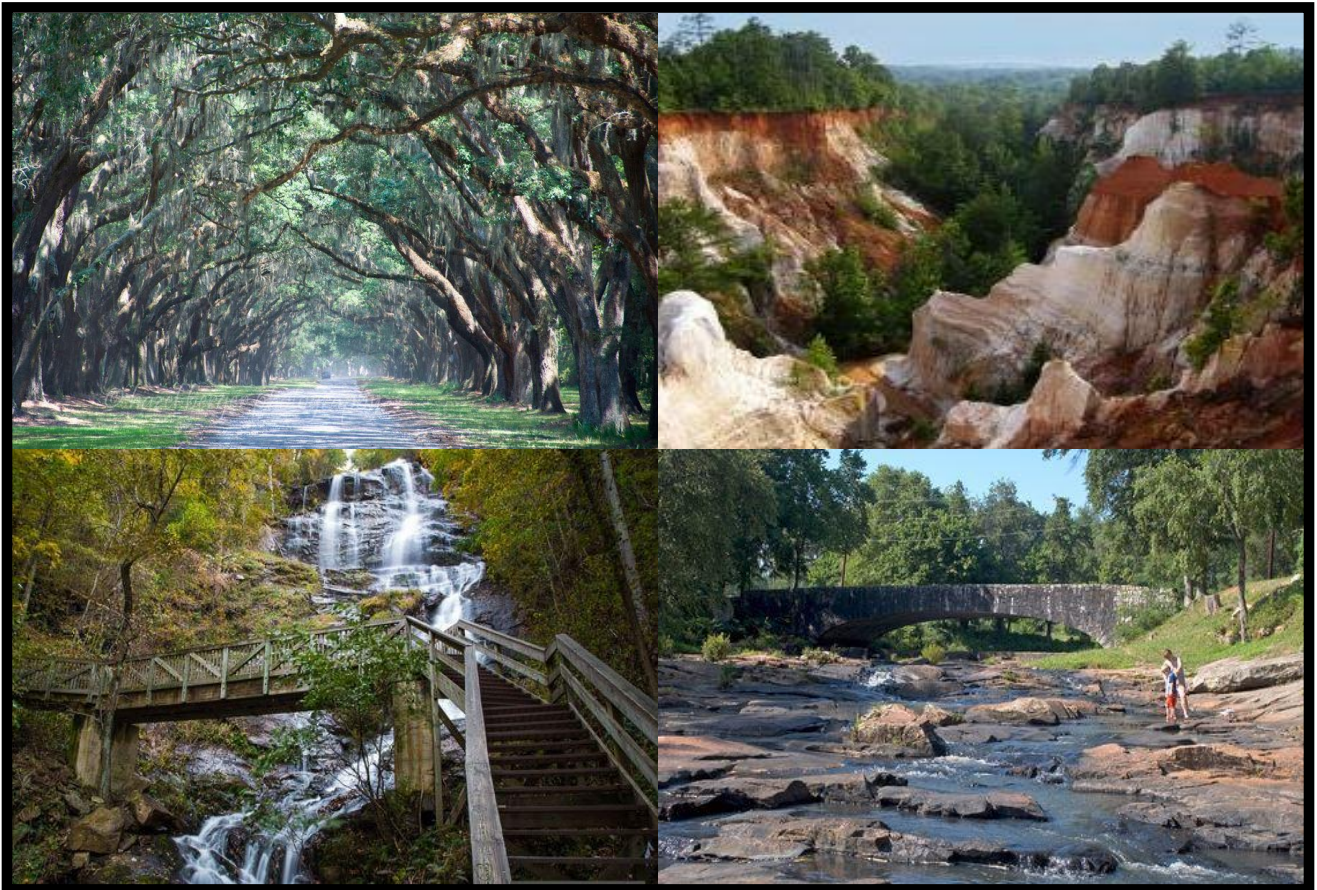


# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## STATE PARKS & HISTORIC SITES



# A.H. Stephens State Park



- 22 Campsites
- 4 Cottages
- 3 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Group Shelter
- 1 Group Camp
- 1 Pioneer Camp
- 18 Horse Campground Sites
- 10 Horse Stables

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 706-456-2606

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/AHStephens>

## Description:

This park east of Atlanta is best known for its beautiful campground, cottages, lakeside group camp and Confederate museum. Visitors flock to A. H. Stephens for its fishing, geocaching, camping, trail and educational opportunities.

## Geography:

A H. Stephens State Park is located in a beautiful loblolly pine forest planted in the early 1930's by the CCC. These loblolly pines provide plenty of shade for campers without interrupting satellite signals.

## Recreation:

A H. Stephens State Park offers excellent equestrian, fishing, hiking, pedal boating, geocaching, bike rental, volleyball, and horseshoe opportunities.

One of the most popular activities is touring the Confederate museum and Liberty Hall, Home of Alexander H. Stephens, Vice President of the Confederacy.

## Facilities:

This park offers a variety of camping opportunities. RV/Tent, equestrian and pioneer campgrounds are available for use by individuals or groups. Camp Stephens (a lakeside group camp) is perfect for large overnight gatherings. The group shelter offers AC/Heat, kitchen, grill and ADA accessibility. Covered picnic shelters are also available.

## Nearby Attractions:

Georgia's Classic South

Lake Oconee

Hamburg State Outdoor Recreation Area

Hard Labor Creek State Park and Golf Course

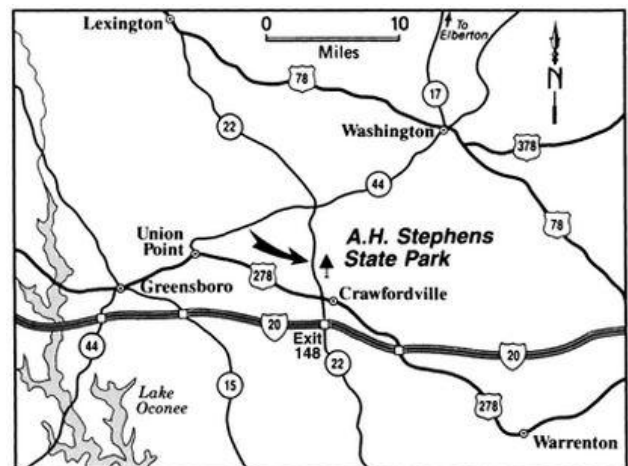
Mistletoe State Park

Robert Toombs House Historic Site

## Address/Directions

A.H. Stephens State Park  
456 Alexander St. NW  
Crawfordville, GA 30631

Take I-20 exit #148. Go 2 miles and cross the junction of Hwy. 22 and Hwy. 278. Turn right onto MLK Jr. Dr. Go 1 mile then turn left onto Alexander St. Follow signs to Park Office.





# Amicalola Falls State Park



- 56 Lodge Rooms
- 20 Hike Inn Rooms
- 25 Campsites
- 14 Cottages
- 4 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Group Shelter
- Group Reservations

Reservations: 800-573-9656

Park: 706-265-4703

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/AmicalolaFalls>

## Description

Spectacular mountain scenery and hiking trails make this one of Georgia's most popular state parks. At 729 feet, Amicalola Falls is the tallest cascading waterfall in the Southeast. Those who tackle the 604 step staircase can join the park's Canyon Climbers Club. An 8.5-mile trail leads from the park to Springer Mountain, the southern terminus of the 2,175-mile Appalachian Trail. A mountain-top lodge is popular with guests who prefer hotel comforts, while cottages and a campground offer more rustic accommodations. For those seeking a unique overnight adventure, a five-mile trail begins in the park and leads to the Len Foote Hike Inn, Georgia's only backcountry lodge. Advanced reservations for accommodations are highly recommended. Check-in for lodge and cottage accommodations are at the lodge front desk. Check-in for campground and Hike-Inn accommodations are at the Visitors Center. Note there is a 25% grade on the mountain road.

## Recreation:

Hiking - 12 miles of trails for all skill levels  
Picnicking  
Trout Fishing (seasonal)  
Playgrounds  
Waterfall Photography  
GeoCaching  
Access to the Chattahoochee National Forest  
Ropes Course (advanced reservations required)

## Facilities:

829 Acres  
56-Room Lodge & Conference Center (\$55-\$180)  
14 Cottages (\$85-\$166)  
24 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$25-\$28).  
20-Room Hike Inn. Contact Hike Inn directly  
4 Picnic Shelters (\$45)  
Group Shelter (seats 75, \$75)

## Nearby Attractions:

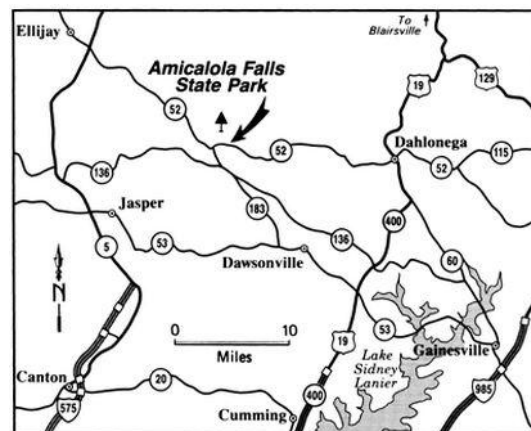
Alpine Village of Helen  
Blue Ridge Mountains  
Burt's Farm  
Cabbage Patch Kids / Babyland General  
Cartersville, Georgia  
Chattahoochee National Forest  
Dahlonega Gold Museum State Historic Site  
Dawson County, Georgia  
Ellijay Apple Country  
Funk Heritage Center  
New Echota State Historic Site

## Address

Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge  
280 Amicalola Falls State Park Road  
Dawsonville, GA 30534  
Dawson County

## GPS Coordinates:

N 34.562652 | W -84.247627





# Black Rock Mountain State Park



- 44 Campsites
- 10 Cottages
- 2 Picnic Shelters
- Pioneer Group Site

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 706-746-2141

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/BlackRockMountain>

## Description

Georgia's highest state park encompasses some of the most outstanding scenery in Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Roadside overlooks provide spectacular 80-mile vistas, and four hiking trails lead visitors past wildflowers, streams, small waterfalls and lush forests. Visitors enjoy the summit visitor center for its views, gift shop and picnic tables.

Mountaintop cottages surround a small playground, while campsites are nestled under rhododendron and gnarled oaks. Tent campers will appreciate the walk-in sites that allow extra privacy. The park's small lake is popular with anglers and circled by an easy walking trail. At an altitude of 3,640 feet, Black Rock Mountain is often cooler than other Georgia parks and may close during icy weather. RVers should be comfortable driving on steep, winding roads.

## Recreation

Hiking and Backpacking – 11 miles of trails  
Picnicking  
Photography  
Lake Fishing – bass, bream, catfish, perch, trout  
Lake Canoeing & Kayaking -- no rentals  
Geocaching  
Playground

## Facilities

10 Cottages (\$160–\$210)  
44 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$27-\$30)  
12 Walk-in Campsites (\$20)  
4 Backcountry Campsites (\$15)  
Pioneer Group Campground (\$130)  
2 Picnic Shelters (\$35)  
Summit Visitor Center and Gift Shop

## Address

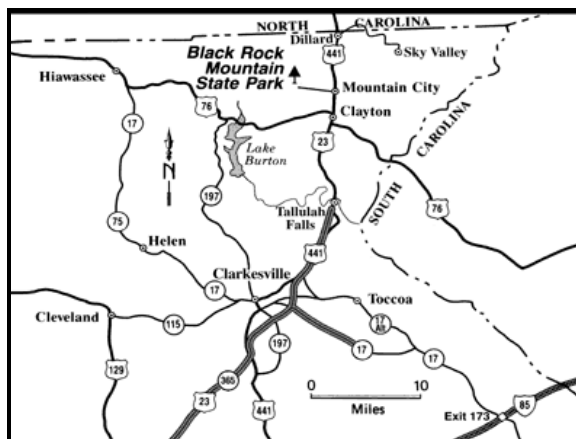
Black Rock Mountain State Park  
3085 Black Rock Mountain Parkway  
Mountain City, GA 30562

GPS Coordinates:

N 34.9069220 | W -83.4083750

## Nearby Attractions:

Blue Ridge Mountains  
Blue Ridge Parkway  
Chattahoochee and Nantahala National Forests  
Chattooga River (rafting)  
Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center  
Great Smoky Mountains National Park  
Highlands, Georgia (antiques and arts)  
Lake Burton Fish Hatchery  
Mountain Top, Georgia  
Southern Highroads Trail



# Chattahoochee Bend State Park



- 51 Campsites
- 1 Adirondack Camping Area
- 2 Picnic Shelters

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 770-254-7271

Website:

<http://gastateparks.org/info/chattahoocheebend/default.aspx?s=34.0.0.5>

## Description

Chattahoochee Bend State Park, located in a graceful bend of the Chattahoochee River in northwest Coweta County, is a haven for paddlers, campers and anglers. At 2,910 acres, Chattahoochee Bend is one of Georgia's largest state parks, protecting seven miles of river frontage. A boat ramp provides easy access to the water, while more than four miles of wooded trails are open for hiking, biking and nature photography. An observation platform provides nice views of the river and forest.

Although most of the park has been left in its natural state, campers have many options for staying overnight within park boundaries. RV owners have their own camping section with spacious pull-through and back-in sites. Tent campers can choose from riverfront platform sites, walk-in sites and traditional developed campsites. Bathhouses with hot showers are a short walk from all campsites. Covered picnic shelters may be rented for birthday parties, reunions and other gatherings.

## Recreation

Hiking - 6 miles of trails

Canoeing/Kayaking - rentals

Picnicking

Playground

Fishing

Geocaching

## Facilities

25 RV Campsites (\$26)

10 Tent Drive-In campsites (\$23)

12 Tent Walk-In campsites (\$15)

16 Riverside campsites (\$9-\$15)

Adirondack Camping (\$75)

2 Picnic Shelters

Boat Ramp

## Address

Chattahoochee Bend State Park  
425 Bobwhite Way  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Nearby Attractions:

Roosevelt's Little White House Historical Site

Calloway Gardens

Historic Newnan

Historic Banning Mills

Pine Mountain, Ga

## Directions:

Take I-85 to exit 47 Hwy. 34. Go west .8 miles. Turn right onto Hwy. 34 bypass and go 6 miles. Turn right on Hwy. 34 at a 4 way stop and go 8.2 miles. Turn right onto Thomas Powers Rd. and go 2.7 miles to a 4 way stop. The road name changes to Hewlett South Rd. Continue straight .9 miles. Continue straight onto Bud Davis Rd. and go 1.9 miles. Turn right onto Flat Rock Rd. The Road name changes to Bobwhite Way. Continue straight to gated entrance of park.

GPS Coordinates:

N 33.4297220, W -84.9895480

# Cloudland Canyon State Park



- 72 Campsites
- 10 Yurts
- 16 Cottages
- 1 Group Lodge
- 3 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Group Shelter
- 4 Pioneer Camps
- 13 Backcountry Campsites

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 706-657-4050

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/CloudlandCanyon>

## Description

Located on the western edge of Lookout Mountain, this is one of the most scenic parks in the state, offering rugged geology and exceptional hiking. The park straddles a deep gorge cut into the mountain by Sitton Gulch Creek, and elevation differs from 800 to 1,980 feet. Overnight guests can choose from quirky yurts, cottages near the canyon edge, a modern campground or spacious, walk-in tent sites. Backpackers can enjoy camping in a hemlock grove on the 2-mile Backcountry Loop.

The most spectacular view into the canyon is an easy walk from the picnic area; however, hikers can also explore a rim trail or journey to the canyon floor by a series of staircases. Two waterfalls cascade over layers of sandstone and shale into pools below, with their flow depending on recent rains. This Waterfalls Trail is part of the popular Canyon Climbers Club. Backpackers, mountain bikers and equestrians can explore several miles on the Cloudland Connector Trail.

## Recreation

Hiking - 32 Miles  
Canyon Climbers Club  
Hiking, Caving & Camping with Georgia Girl Guides  
Mountain Biking -- 30 miles of trails  
Horseback Riding -- 12 miles of trails, no horse rentals  
Disc Golf (\$4, annual pass available)  
Picnicking  
Geocaching  
Tennis  
Fishing

## Facilities

15 Cottages (\$125-\$210)  
72 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$27-\$33)  
30 Walk-in Campsites (\$20-\$25)  
10 Yurts (\$100)  
13 Backcountry Campsites (\$6-\$8/person)  
5 Picnic Shelters (\$30)  
Pioneer Campground (\$55)  
• Group Lodge (sleeps 40, \$225-\$275)

## Nearby Attractions:

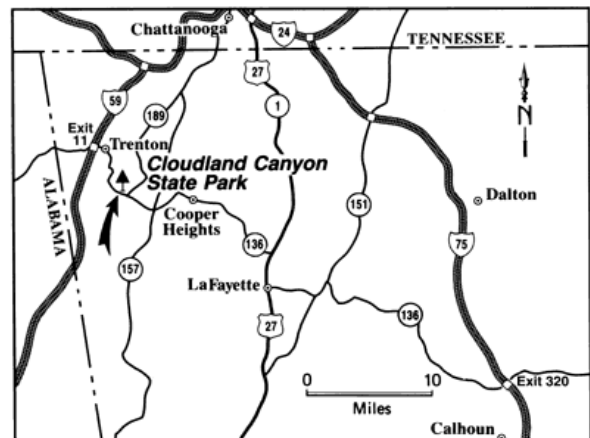
Canyon Ridge Golf Club, Rising Fawn  
Chickamauga National Battlefield  
Chief Vann House State Historic Site  
Incline Railway  
Lookout Mountain Hangliding  
New Echota State Historic Site  
Rock City  
Ruby Falls  
Tennessee Aquarium  
Point Park

## Address

Cloudland Canyon State Park  
122 Cloudland Canyon Park Rd.  
Rising Fawn, GA 30738

GPS Coordinates:

N 34.8402630 | W -85.4828810



# F.D. Roosevelt State Park



- 109 Campsites
- 22 Cottages
- 2 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Group Shelter
- 1 Pioneer Camp
- 16 Backcountry Campsites

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 706-663-4858

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/FDRoosevelt>

## Description

At 9,049 acres, Georgia's largest state park is a hiker's and backpacker's haven. More than 40 miles of trails, including the popular 23-mile Pine Mountain Trail, wind through hardwood and pines, over creeks and past small waterfalls. Many visitors are surprised to find rolling mountains 80 miles southwest of Atlanta. Above King's Gap is Dowdell's Knob where President Franklin D. Roosevelt sometimes picnicked and pondered world affairs.

Several park amenities were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression, including cottages and the Liberty Bell Swimming Pool fed by cool springs. A wooded campground sits near the edge of a small fishing lake, and privately operated stables offer guided horseback rides. In 1924, FDR came to this part of Georgia to swim in naturally warm springs that offered relief from polio. Today, nearby Roosevelt's Little White House Historic Site invites visitors to see his modest home, a museum and the pools that first drew him here.

## Recreation

Hiking and Backpacking – 42 miles of trails  
Fishing – boat rental  
Canoe and Kayak Rental  
Playground  
Pool Swimming (seasonal)  
Horseback Riding – stables, trail rides, 28 miles of trails  
Geocaching  
Ranger Programs -- guided hikes, crafts and more  
Roosevelt's Little White House Historic Site

## Facilities

21 Cottages (\$110–\$175)  
140 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$26–\$30)  
16 Backcountry Campsites (\$10/person)  
7 Picnic Shelters (\$50)  
1 Group Camp (capacity 75, \$450)  
Pioneer Campground (\$55)  
Liberty Bell Swimming Pool

## Nearby Attractions:

Callaway Gardens  
Columbus, Georgia  
Roosevelt's Little White House State Historic Site  
Warm Springs Village  
West Point Lake  
Wild Animal Safari



## Address

F.D. Roosevelt State Park  
2970 Ga. Highway 190  
Pine Mountain, GA 31822

GPS Coordinates:

N 32.837533 | W -084.815616



# Fort McAllister State Park



- 65 Campsites
- 7 Cottages
- 2 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Group Shelter
- 1 Pioneer Camps
- 1 Backcountry Campsite

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 912-727-2339

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/FortMcAllister>

## Description

Located south of Savannah on the banks of the Ogeechee River, this scenic park showcases the best-preserved earthwork fortification of the Confederacy. The earthworks were attacked seven times by Union ironclads but did not fall until 1864 -- ending Gen. William T. Sherman's "March to the Sea." Visitors can explore the grounds with cannons, a furnace, bombproof, barracks, palisades and more, while a Civil War museum contains artifacts, a video and gift shop.

Nestled among giant live oaks, Spanish moss and salt marsh, this park is a beautiful location for camping, fishing, boating and picnicking. Seven cabins sit on stilts near the marsh, surrounded by palm trees and palmettos. The shaded campground is bordered by tidal Redbird Creek, a boat ramp, fishing dock and nature trail. A large picnic area offers river views and playgrounds, while another boat ramp provides access to the Ogeechee River.

## Recreation

Civil War Programs.

Fort Tours

Fishing Charter Packages and Tours

Saltwater Fishing

Boating

Kayak Rental

Hiking and Biking – 4.3 miles of trails

GeoCaching

Playgrounds

Birding - Colonial Coast Birding Trail

## Facilities

7 Cottages (\$195-\$225)

65 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$27-\$32)

Backcountry Campsites (\$10)

2 Picnic Shelters (\$30)

Group Shelter (seats 150 - \$95 - \$220)

Pioneer Campground (\$50)

Civil War Museum and Gift Shop (\$3.50-\$5)

## Nearby Attractions:

Skidaway Island State Park

Wormsloe State Historic Site

Brunswick & The Golden Isles of Georgia

Fort Jackson

Fort Morris State Historic Site

Historic Downtown Savannah

Richmond Hill, Georgia



## Address

Fort McAllister State Park  
3894 Fort McAllister Road  
Richmond Hill, GA 31324

GPS Coordinates:

N 31.888583 | W -081.200883

# Fort Mountain State Park



- 70 Campsites
- 15 Cottages
- 7 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Group Shelter
- 3 Pioneer Camps
- 4 Backcountry Campsites

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 706-422-1932

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/FortMountain>

## Description

A scenic drive on Hwy. 52 near the Cohutta Wilderness leads visitors to this mountain getaway. Hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders will find some of the most beautiful trails in Georgia, winding through hardwood forest and blueberry thickets, crossing streams and circling a pretty lake. Hikers can also explore a stone fire tower built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and an ancient rock wall which stand on the highest point of the mountain. The mysterious 855-foot-long wall is thought to have been built by early Indians as fortification against more hostile Indians or for ancient ceremonies.

## Recreation

First Time Camper Program  
Hiking and Backpacking – 14 miles of trails  
Mountain Biking – 27 miles of trails, trail fee  
Lake Swimming (seasonal)  
Fishing Boat, Canoe, Kayak, Stand-up Paddleboard  
Miniature Golf (fee, seasonal)  
Old CCC Stone Fire Tower  
Geocaching  
Field Trips and Scout Programs  
Weddings (park approval required)

## Facilities

15 Cottages (\$145-\$250)  
80 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$27-\$32)  
10 Walk-in Campsites (\$18)  
6 Platform Campsites (\$12)  
Group Shelter (seats 80, \$75 - \$100, seasonal)  
3 Pioneer Camps (\$50)  
4 Backcountry Campsites (\$10/person)  
17-Acre Lake with Swimming Beach  
7 Picnic Shelters (\$30-\$55)

## Nearby Attractions:

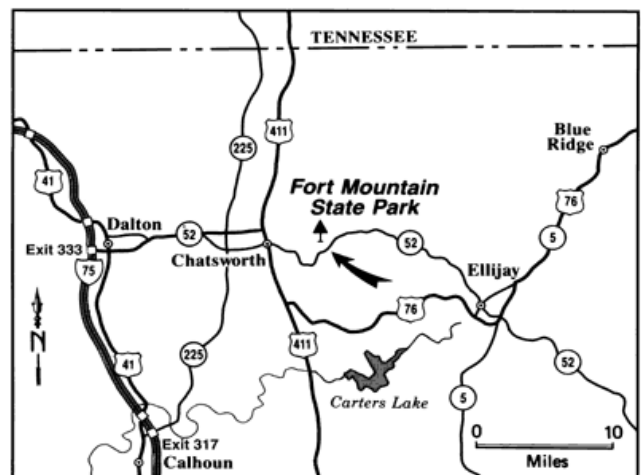
Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge  
Blue Ridge Mountains  
Calhoun / Gordon County  
Chief Vann House State Historic Site  
Chieftans Trail  
Cohutta Wilderness Area  
Dalton, Georgia  
Funk Heritage Center  
New Echota State Historic Site  
Southern Highroads Trail

## Address

Fort Mountain State Park  
181 Fort Mountain Park Rd  
Chatsworth, GA 30705

GPS Coordinates:

N 34.7613010 | W -84.702702



# Fort Yargo State Park



- 52 Campsites
- 13 Camper Cabins
- 6 Yurts
- 3 Cottages
- 5 Picnic Shelters
- 2 Group Shelters
- 1 Pioneer Camp

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 706-867-3489

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/FortYargo>

## Description

Located between Atlanta and Athens, this popular park features a 1792 log fort built by settlers for protection against Creek and Cherokee Indians. Today, visitors come to Fort Yargo for its wide variety of outdoor recreation and scenery. Mountain bikers and hikers can test their endurance on 18 miles of trails. A 260-acre lake offers a large swimming beach, fishing and boat ramps. The park's wooded disc golf course is exceptionally challenging.

Fort Yargo State Park is a beautiful location for outdoor weddings, reunions and other celebrations. Visitors have a choice of numerous facilities for all budgets, ranging from group shelters to lake-view pavilions. Overnight guests can choose from fully equipped cottages or cozy campsites.

## Recreation

- Geocaching
- Hiking and Mountain Biking - 20.5 miles of trails
- Disc Golf (fee) - bring your own discs
- Lake Swimming
- Fishing – jon boat rental (seasonal)
- Boating – 10 HP limit.
- Canoe, Kayak and Pedal Boat Rental (seasonal)
- Miniature Golf (fee)
- 2 Tennis Courts
- Basketball

## Facilities

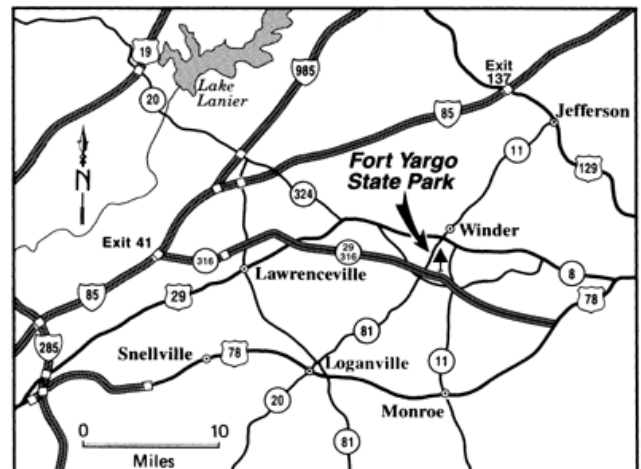
- 3 Cottages (\$165)
- 13 Camper Cabins (\$135)
- 6 Yurts (\$85)
- 52 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$28-\$32)
- 12 Walk-in Campsites (\$25)
- 5 Picnic Shelters (\$60)
- 2 Group Shelters (seat 80 and 100, \$75-\$160)
- Pioneer Campground (\$75)

## Nearby Attractions:

- Camp Twin Lakes/Will-A-Way
- Fort Yargo Living History Society
- Highland Walk Golf Course at Victoria Bryant
- The Creek Golf Course at Hard Labor Creek
- Yargo Area Biking Association
- Stone Mountain Park
- Road Atlanta Racetrack
- Lake Lanier
- Athens, Ga. and University of Georgia
- Chateau Elan
- State Botanical Gardens

**Address**  
Fort Yargo State Park  
210 S. Broad Street  
Winder, GA 30680

GPS Coordinates:  
N 33.969621 | W -83.729612





# Georgia Veterans State Park



- 78 Lodge Rooms
- 77 Campsites
- 10 Cottages
- 4 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Lakeview Pavilion
- 1 Beach Pavilion
- 1 Group Shelter
- 2 Pioneer Camps

Lodge/Cottage/Golf Packages 800-459-1230  
Camping/Park Office 855-330-4300  
Golf Pro Shop/Tee Times 877-736-8897  
SAM Shoreline Excursion Train 229-276-0755  
Website: <http://gastateparks.org/GeorgiaVeterans>

## Description

Established as a memorial to U.S. veterans, this park features a museum with aircraft (including a Boeing B-29A), armored vehicles, uniforms, weapons, medals and other items from the Revolutionary War through the Gulf War. An 18-hole golf course and pro shop, along with 8,700-acre Lake Blackshear and proximity to I-75, make this one of Georgia's most popular state parks.

A sandy swimming beach is the perfect place to cool off during Georgia summers. The Lake Blackshear Resort and Golf Club is a professionally operated conference center with 78 lodge rooms, 10 cottages and 2 restaurants. The SAM Shortline Excursion Train runs through the park on its way from Cordele to Plains.

## Recreation

Championship Golf  
Boating, Swimming and Waterskiing  
Fishing - bass, crappie, catfish, bream  
Disc Golf (fee)  
Bicycle Rental  
Model Airplane Flying  
Ranger Programs  
Hiking - 3 miles of trails  
Geocaching  
SAM Shortline Excursion Train -- daytrips from the park

## Facilities

10 Cottages  
The Lake Blackshear Resort and Golf Club  
77 Campsites  
Georgia Veterans Memorial Golf Course  
The Marina at Lake Blackshear Resort  
Military Museum and Aircraft  
3 Boat Ramps, 1 four-lane Mega-Ramp  
Courtesy Docks

## Nearby Attractions:

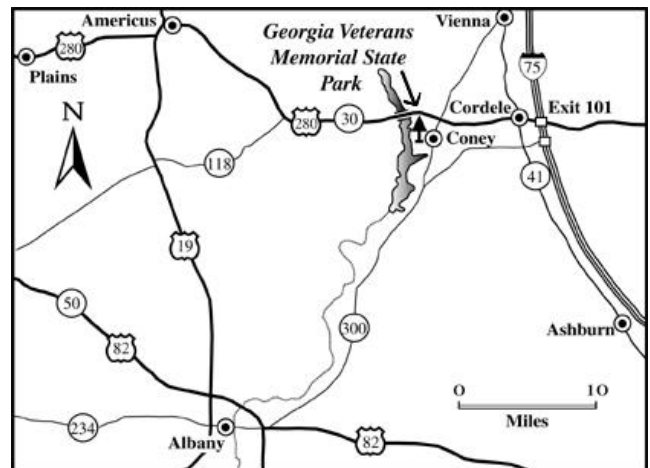
Flint River Aquarium, Albany  
Albany, Georgia  
Andersonville National Historic Site  
Americus-Sumter County, Georgia  
Chehaw Wild Animal Park  
Georgia Rural Telephone Museum  
Jefferson Davis Memorial State Historic Site  
Jimmy Carter National Historic Site  
SAM Shortline Excursion Train  
Warner Robins Air Museum

## Address

Georgia Veterans State Park  
2459 U.S. Highway 280 W  
Cordele, GA 31015

GPS Coordinates:

N 31.968020 | W -083.912300





# High Falls State Park



- 100 Campsites
- 6 Yurts
- 5 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Group Shelter
- 1 Pioneer Camp
- 1 Paddle In Primitive Campsite

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 478-993-3053

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/HighFalls>

## Description

Located northwest of Macon, High Falls State Park is named for tumbling cascades on the Towaliga River. Boat rental, ramps and fishing docks provide easy access to the park's lake, known as one of Georgia's top fishing spots for hybrid and white bass. Overnight visitors can choose from a spacious campground or lakeside yurts, which are like canvas and wood tents. Each yurt features a small deck, picnic table and grill outside, plus furniture, electrical outlets and a ceiling fan inside. During summer, guests may cool off in the park's swimming pool. In the early 1800s, this area was a prosperous industrial town with several stores, a grist mill, cotton gin, blacksmith shop, shoe factory and hotel.

## Recreation

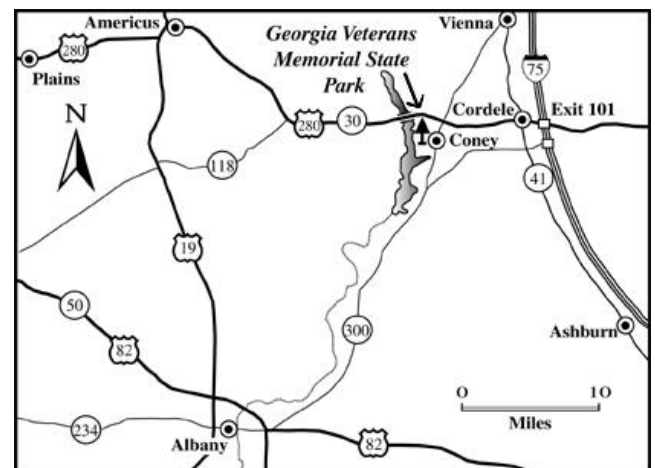
Hiking – 4.5 miles of trails  
Fishing -- jon boat rental  
Boating - 2 ramps, 10 horsepower limit  
Kayak and Canoe Rental  
Pedal Boat Rental (seasonal)  
Swimming - fee, pool only, no river or lake swimming  
Geocaching  
Playground  
Miniature Golf (fee)

## Facilities

6 Yurts (\$75)  
107 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$27-\$35)  
Pioneer Campground (\$55)  
Paddle-In Primitive Campsite (25 people / \$75 includes 5 canoes)  
650-Acre Lake  
Group Shelter (seats 125, \$100 - \$300)  
5 Picnic Shelters (\$35)  
Pavilion (\$65)  
Swimming Pool (seasonal, fee, privately operated)

## Nearby Attractions:

Dauset Trails  
Indian Springs State Park  
Jarrell Plantation State Historic Site  
Macon, Georgia  
Oconee National Forest  
Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge  
The Indian Springs Hotel/Museum  
The Village at Indian Springs



## Address

High Falls State Park  
76 High Falls Park Dr  
Jackson, GA 30233

GPS Coordinates:

N 33.178333 | W -084.020533

# James H. (Sloppy) Floyd State Park



- 25 Campsites
- 4 Cottages
- 4 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Pioneer Camp

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 706-857-0826

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/JamesHFloyd>

## Description

Surrounded by rural countryside and the Chattahoochee National Forest, this quiet park in northwest Georgia offers outstanding fishing on two stocked lakes. Visitors can hike along three miles of lake loop trails and relax in swings while watching for the many bluebirds that live in the park. The trailhead to the scenic 60-mile Pinhoti Trail is only a 1.6-mile hike away.

Children especially enjoy the playground, feeding ducks from the lake's boardwalk and renting pedal boats. A small campground and four cottages are nestled on tree-covered hillsides. This park was named for Rep. James H. "Sloppy" Floyd who served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1953 until 1974.

## Recreation

First Time Camper Program

Boating – 2 ramps, electric motors only

Fishing – boardwalk, boat rental, handicapped pier

Pedal Boat Rental

Canoe and Kayak Rental

Hiking – 5 miles of trails, 60-mile Pinhoti Trail nearby

2 Playgrounds

Geocaching

## Facilities

4 Cottages (\$165-\$185) - #1 is dog friendly (\$45 per dog, max 2)

25 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$26-\$30)

2 Lakes (51 acres) and Boardwalk

4 Picnic Shelters (\$35)

Pioneer Campground (\$50)

## Nearby Attractions:

Berry College

Chattahoochee National Forest Trails

Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park

Chieftains Trail

Cloudland Canyon State Park

Etowah Indian Mounds Historic Site

New Echota Cherokee Capital

Rocky Mountain Public Fishing Area

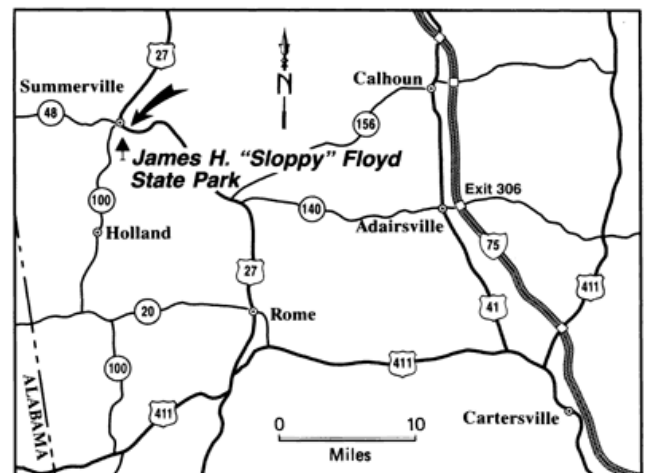
Rome, Georgia

Summerville Fish Hatchery

**Address**  
James H. (Sloppy) Floyd State Park  
2800 Sloppy Floyd Lake Rd  
Summerville, GA 30747

GPS Coordinates:

N 34.439933 | W -085.337250



# Red Top Mountain State Park



- 92 Campsites
- 18 Cottages
- 7 Picnic Shelters
- 2 Group Shelters
- 1 Pioneer Camp
- 1 Yurt

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 770-975-0055

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/RedTopMountain>

## Description

This popular park on Lake Allatoona is ideal for swimming, water skiing and fishing. Visitors can bring their own boats or rent from nearby marinas. A sand swimming beach is nestled in a cove and surrounded by trees, providing a great place to cool off during summer. Picnic shelters and group shelters may be rented for meetings, parties, reunions and other celebrations. Guests often stay overnight in rental cottages, a spacious campground, or the park's lakeside yurt.

While best known for the 12,000-acre lake, Red Top Mountain is also a hiker's haven. More than 15 miles of trails wind through the forested park, providing opportunities for exercise and nature photography. A short, paved trail behind the park office is suitable for wheelchairs and strollers, welcoming guests to explore a reconstructed 1860s homestead.

## Recreation

- 18 Cottages (\$150-\$190)
- 92 Tent, Trailer, RV Sites (\$20-\$35)
- 1 Yurt (\$80)
- Pioneer Campground (\$45 and up)
- 7 Picnic Shelters (\$55)
- 2 Group Shelters (seat 150 and 200, \$150-\$300)
- Swimming Beach (seasonal)
- Mountain Cove Discovery Room

## Facilities

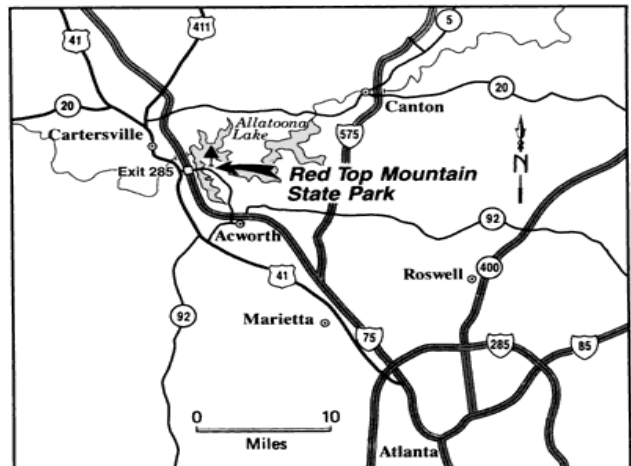
- Boating and Skiing – no horsepower limit
- Fishing
- Hiking – 15 miles of wooded trails, 3/4-mile paved accessible trail
- Biking
- Swimming
- Mountain Cove Discovery Room
- Miniature Golf (fee)
- Pickleball
- Geocaching
- Tennis

## Nearby Attractions:

- Booth Western Art Museum
- Chieftans Trail
- Etowah Indian Mounds State Historic Site
- Funk Heritage Center
- Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
- New Echota State Historic Site
- Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site
- Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History
- Bartow History Museum
- Tellus Science Museum

**Address**  
Red Top Mountain State Park  
50 Lodge Rd SE  
Acworth, GA 30102

GPS Coordinates:  
N 34.142950, W -084.706700





# Richard B. Russell State Park



- 28 Campsites
- 20 Cottages
- 3 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Group Shelter

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 770-213-2045

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/RichardBRussell>

## Description

Located on a 26,650-acre lake, Richard B. Russell State Park offers some of the state's finest fishing and boating. The park's campground and fully equipped cottages are located on or near the water's edge for a relaxing getaway. Most park facilities are designed for wheelchair accessibility, including the swimming beach. A nature trail follows the shoreline to one of the oldest steel pin bridges in the area, loops through the adjoining woods and returns to the beach.

This park is known for its well-kept disc golf course, where Frisbee-style discs are thrown into metal baskets. This sport is easy to learn and can be enjoyed by all ages. For traditional golfers, the park's 18-hole Arrowhead Pointe Golf Course offers a pro shop and annual passes. Several Indian sites were excavated near the park in 1980 before the lake was filled, indicating that Paleo-Indians lived in the area more than 10,000 years ago.

## Recreation

Fishing and Boating -- ramps, boat rental  
Pontoon Boat Rental  
Waterskiing  
Rowing  
Canoe and Pedal Boat Rental (seasonal)  
Golf  
Bike Rental  
Lake Swimming (seasonal)  
Geocaching  
Hiking and Bicycling – 6 miles of trails

## Facilities

20 Cottages (\$155-\$175, higher during Masters Week)  
28 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$27-\$32)  
3 Picnic Shelters (\$35)  
Group Shelter (seats 175, \$125 - \$225)  
Arrowhead Pointe Golf (18-Holes) (\$44-\$49 with cart)  
26,650-acre Lake with Swimming Beach (seasonal)

## Address

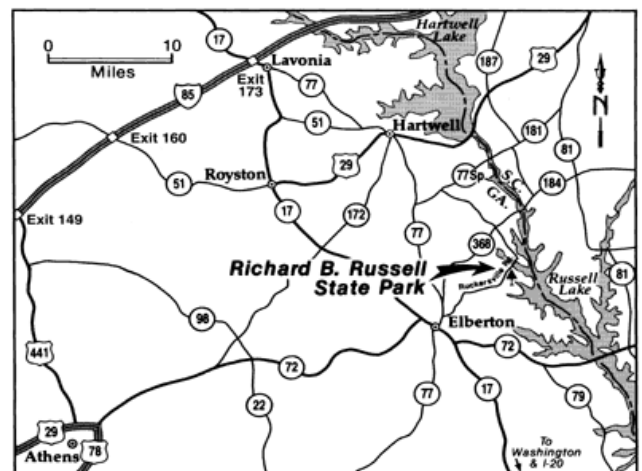
Richard B. Russell State Park  
2650 Russell State Park Drive  
Elberton, GA 30635

GPS Coordinates:

N 34.1672220 | W -82.7503970

## Nearby Attractions:

Bobby Brown State Outdoor Recreation Area  
Highland Walk Golf Course at Victoria Bryant  
Elberton Granite Museum  
Georgia's Classic South  
Georgia Guidestones  
Hart State Outdoor Recreation Area  
Richard B. Russell Dam and Lake  
Victoria Bryant State Park  
Watson Mill Bridge State Park





# Skidaway Island State Park



- 87 Campsites
- 3 Camper Cabins
- 5 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Group Shelter
- 3 Pioneer Sites

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 770-213-2045

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/RichardBRussell>

## Description

Located near historic Savannah, this park borders Skidaway narrows, a part of Georgia's intracoastal waterway. Trails wind through maritime forest and past salt marsh, leading to a boardwalk and observation tower. Visitors can watch for deer, fiddler crabs, raccoon, egrets and other wildlife. Inside the park's interpretive center, birders will find binoculars, reference books and a window where they can look for migrating species such as Painted Buntings. Children will especially enjoy seeing the towering, 20-foot Giant Ground Sloth replica and reptile room.

A scenic campground is nestled under live oaks and Spanish moss, and some RV sites have sewer hookups. Leashed pets are allowed. Groups can enjoy privacy in their own pioneer campgrounds. Open-air picnic shelters and an enclosed group shelter are popular spots for parties, reunions and other celebrations. For cooling off during summer, Tybee Island's beaches are less than an hour away.

## Recreation

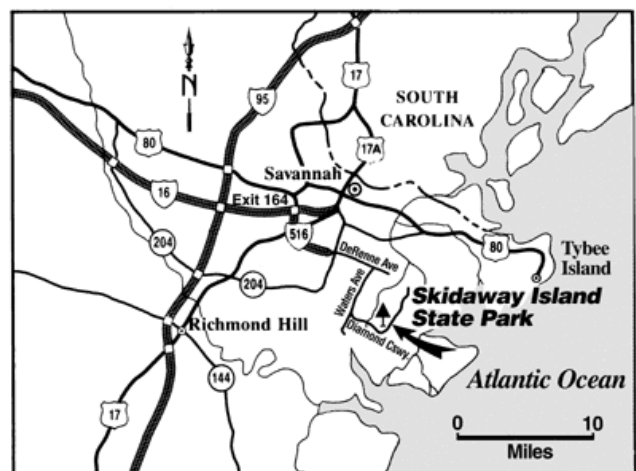
First Time Camper Program  
Hiking – 6 miles of trails  
Birding – Colonial Coast Birding Trail  
Bicycle and Street Strider Rental  
Ranger Programs  
3 Playgrounds  
Volleyball  
Geocaching  
Visit Tybee Island Beaches  
Tour Historic Savannah in Old Town Trolleys

## Facilities

3 Camper Cabins (\$135) -- Sleeps 4-5  
87 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$26-\$45)  
3 Pioneer Campgrounds (\$40 - groups of 10 + only)  
5 Picnic Shelters (\$35)  
Group Shelter (seats 150, \$150 - \$300)  
Interpretive Center

## Nearby Attractions:

Fort McAllister State Park (camping/cottages)  
Fort Morris State Historic Site  
Golden Isles  
Historic Savannah, Georgia  
Richmond Hill, Georgia  
UGA Aquarium  
Tybee Island Beaches  
Wormsloe State Historic Site



## Address

Skidaway Island State Park  
52 Diamond Cswy  
Savannah, GA 31411

GPS Coordinates:

N 31.9493100 | W -81.053710

# Stephen C. Foster State Park



- 64 Campsites
- 9 Cottages
- 3 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Pioneer Sites

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 912-637-5274

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/StephenCFoster>

## Description

This remote park is a primary entrance to the legendary Okefenokee Swamp -- one of Georgia's seven natural wonders. Spanish moss-laced trees reflect off the black swamp waters, while cypress knees rise upward from the glass-like surface. Here, paddlers and photographers will enjoy breathtaking scenery and abundant wildlife. Alligators, turtles, raccoons, black bears, deer, ibis, herons, wood storks, red-cockaded woodpeckers and numerous other creatures make their homes in the 402,000-acre refuge. Stargazers will appreciate the particularly dark sky. Astronomy programs with an 18" telescope are sometimes offered.

Perhaps the most famous inhabitant of the Okefenokee Swamp is the American Alligator. Officials estimate that 12,000 of the country's largest reptile live within the 402,000-acre refuge. To safely view these creatures, visitors should admire them from a distance and keep hands and feet inside boats. Pets are not allowed in boats, even privately owned vessels. Children should not play near the water's edge. Feeding any wildlife is prohibited. Following these guidelines will help visitors have a safe and entertaining experience in one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Georgia.

## Recreation

Canoeing  
Kayaking  
Motor boats  
Fishing  
Hiking  
Bicycling  
Educational programming

## Facilities

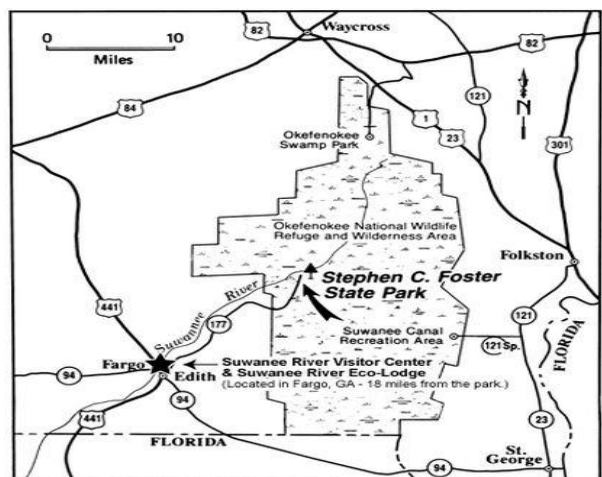
9 Cottages (\$150)  
64 Tent, RV, Trailer sites(\$28-\$35)  
Pioneer Campground (\$55)  
3 Picnic Shelter (\$40-\$50)

## Nearby Attractions:

Okefenokee Swamp National Wildlife Refuge  
Laura Walker State Park  
Fargo Golf Course  
Crooked River State Park  
Suwannee River Eco Lodge  
Suwannee River Visitor Center

**Address**  
Stephen C. Foster State Park  
17515 Hwy. 177  
Fargo, GA. 31631

GPS Coordinates:  
N 30.8269500 | W -082.3621000



# Tallulah Gorge State Park



- 50 Campsites
- 3 Backcountry Campsites
- 2 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Pioneer Site

Park: 706-754-7981

Camping: 706-754-7979

Picnic Shelters: 706-782-4041

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/TallulahGorge>

## Description

One of the most spectacular canyons in the eastern U.S., Tallulah Gorge is two miles long and nearly 1,000 feet deep. Visitors can hike rim trails to several overlooks, or they can obtain a permit to hike to the gorge floor (100 per day, not available during water releases). A 200 foot long suspension bridge sways 80 feet above the rocky bottom, providing spectacular views of the river and waterfalls. Tightrope walkers have twice crossed the gorge, and visitors can still see towers used by Karl Wallenda. A paved path follows a 1 1/2 mile old railroad bed, perfect for strollers and bicycles, while mountain bikers can test their skills on a challenging 10-mile trail.

Exhibits in the park's Jane Hurt Yarn Interpretive Center highlight the rich history of this Victorian resort town, as well as the rugged terrain and fragile ecosystem of the area. The persistent trillium, monkey-face orchid and green salamander are protected species found within the gorge. An award-winning film takes viewers on a dramatic journey through the gorge, including footage of rock climbers and kayakers.

## Recreation

Whitewater & Aesthetic Water Releases  
Hiking and Mountain Biking – 20 Miles  
Free Permit required for gorge floor access  
Swimming  
Fishing  
Archery  
Geocaching

## Facilities

50 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites\*  
Pioneer Campground (\$40)  
3 Backcountry Adirondack Shelters (\$20)  
63-Acre Lake with Beach\*  
Suspension Bridge  
\* Operated by Georgia Power

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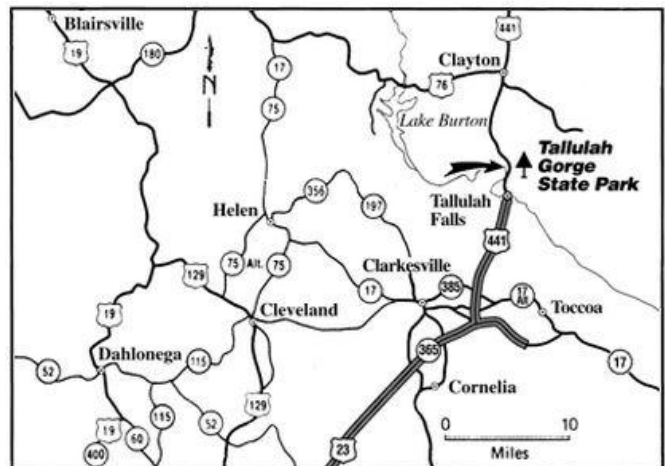
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338 Jane Hurt Yam Dr.  
Tallulah Falls, GA. 30573

GPS Coordinates:

N 34.739750 | W -083.395233

## Nearby Attractions:

Alpine Village of Helen  
Blue Ridge Mountains  
Chattahoochee National Forest  
Chattooga River (Rafting)  
Dahlonega Gold Museum  
Southern Highroads Trail





# Unicoi State Park and Lodge



- 100 Lodge Rooms
- 105 Campsites
- 30 Cottages
- 7 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Group Shelter
- 1 Squirrels Nest

Reservations: 800-573-9659

Park: 706-878-4726

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/Unicoi>

## Description

Nestled in the north Georgia mountains just outside Helen, Unicoi is one of Georgia's most beloved state parks. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy hiking and mountain biking on scenic mountain trails, including an easy lake loop, challenging trek to Anna Ruby Falls, pretty three-mile trail to downtown Helen and rugged 8-mile singletrack for bikers. The cool mountain lake offers a swimming beach and canoe rental during summer.

Throughout the year, park staff host outstanding programs ranging from craft festivals and concerts, to animal programs and educational hikes. Overnight guests can choose from a hotel-style lodge, fully equipped cottages and modern campground.

## Recreation

Hiking – 12 miles of trails

Mountain Biking – 8 miles of trails, Muddy Spokes Club

There is a \$2 Daily Bike Permit or an Annual Bike Permit for \$25 required.

Fishing – accessible docks

Lake Swimming

Canoe and Kayak Rental (seasonal)

Geocaching

Visit nearby Anna Ruby Falls

## Facilities

100-Room Lodge & Conference Center

30 Cottages

49 Campsites

16 Squirrel's Nest Camping Shelters

53-Acre Lake with Beach

Beach House/Group Shelter (seats 100)

7 Picnic Shelters

Restaurant

## Nearby Attractions:

Alpine Village of Helen

Anna Ruby Falls

Appalachian Trail

Blue Ridge Mountains

Brasstown Bald (highest point in Georgia)

Cabbage Patch Kids / Babyland

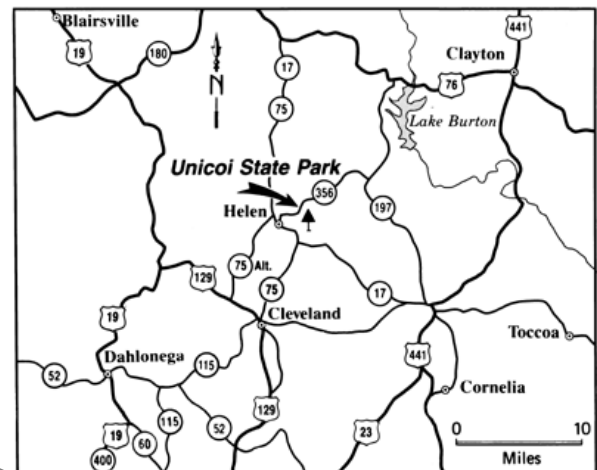
General Hospital

Dahlonega Gold Museum

Folk Pottery Museum of Northeast

Georgia Wineries

Southern Highroads Trail



## Address

Unicoi State Park and Lodge  
1788 Highway 356  
Helen, GA 30545

GPS Coordinates:

N 34.723033 | W -083.722300



# Vogel State Park



- 103 Campsites
- 35 Cottages
- 4 Picnic Shelters
- 1 Lakeview Pavilion
- 1 Group Shelter
- 1 Pioneer Camp

Reservations: 800-864-7275

Park: 706-745-2628

Website: <http://gastateparks.org/Vogel>

## Description

One of Georgia's oldest and most beloved state parks, Vogel is located at the base of Blood Mountain in the Chattahoochee National Forest. Driving from the south, visitors pass through Neel Gap, a beautiful mountain pass near Brasstown Bald, the highest point in Georgia. Vogel is particularly popular during the fall when the Blue Ridge Mountains transform into a rolling blanket of red, yellow and gold leaves. Hikers can choose from a variety of trails, including the popular 4-mile Bear Hair Gap loop, an easy lake loop that leads to Trahlyta Falls, and the challenging 13-mile Coosa Backcountry Trail.

## Recreation

Hiking and Backpacking

17 miles of trails, Appalachian Trail nearby

Fishing

Lake Swimming (seasonal)

Aquacycle, Stand-up Paddleboard and Kayak Rental

Miniature Golf (fee)

Bike Rental (seasonal)

Geocaching

Playground

## Facilities

35 Cottages (\$100–\$250)

85 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites (\$27-\$33)

18 Walk-in Campsites (\$25)

Pioneer Campground (\$55)

22-Acre Lake with Beach

5 Picnic Shelters (\$35)

Group Shelter (seats 90, \$100 - \$175)

Lake Pavilion (seats 100, \$350)

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Museum (seasonal)

## Nearby Attractions:

[Alpine Village of Helen](#)

Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge

Blue Ridge Mountains

Brasstown Valley Resort

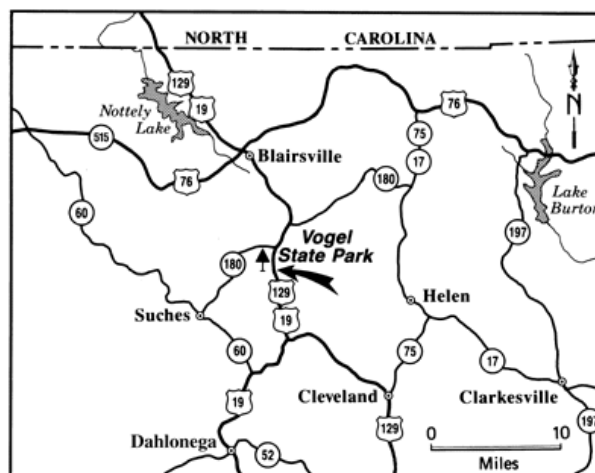
Cabbage Patch Kids / Babyland General

Dahlonega Gold Museum

Many Waterfalls

Southern Highroads Trails

Byron Herbert Reece Farm & Heritage Center



## Address

Vogel State Park  
405 Vogel State Park Road  
Blairsville, GA 30512

GPS Coordinates:

N 34.765883 | W -083.925416

# US National Forest Service Areas



# Cooper Creek Recreation Area



**USDA Forest Service, Blue Ridge Ranger District -**

**Phone:** 706-745-6928

**Address:** 2042 Highway 515 West, Blairsville, GA 30512

**Office hours:** Monday - Friday at 8-12 & 1-4:30 pm

**Chatahoochee-Oconee National Forests - Phone:** 770 297-3000

**Address:** 1755 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501

**Office hours:** Tuesday - Friday at 9 - 12 & 1-4 - Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

## Description

Located along the banks of Cooper Creek and far from civilization, this area offers camping, hiking and trout fishing. There are 17 camp sites. Four of the sites are waterfront. Hikers can enjoy the Yellow Mountain Trail, Mill Shoals Trail, and the Cooper Creek Trail. Fishing in Cooper Creek and in Mulky Creek for stocked and wild trout is popular. Cooper Creek Scenic Area joins the recreation area and features 1,240 acres with hiking trails and fishing more tributaries of Cooper Creek.

## Campground Amenities

15 camping sites. Four of the sites are waterfront. There are no water or electric hook-ups or dump station available in the campground. All of the sites are within easy walking distance of the creek. Each campsite has standard amenities: a tent pad, picnic table, lantern pole, and grill. Good, hard surface roads until you reach Forest Service Road 4; this road is a gravel road and is crooked and steep in parts. Restrooms have railings to assist people with disabilities; path to restrooms is not paved and there is a hill and a step to enter.



## Reservations

Not required. Campsites are on a first come, first serve basis.

## Camping

Camping Full Services: Mid-March - early November with a small cost per site per night

November 1 through early March with no water. Free of charge.

Georgia fishing license and trout stamp required for fishing.

Yearlong - Open 24 hours a day. Quiet hours 10pm to 6am.

There is a 14 day stay limit with a maximum of 2 vehicles per campsite. Dogs must be leashed at all times.

Restroom Facilities: 2 Vault facilities

Water: Drinking water is provided by faucets centrally located in the campground

## Directions

**From Blue Ridge, GA** take US 515 north for 4 miles to GA Hwy 60; turn right and go 2 miles to Morganton, GA. In Morganton, turn right on GA Hwy. 60 south for 15.5 miles. Turn left on Forest Service Road 4, go 6 miles.

**From Blairsville, GA** take US 515 south 2.5 miles to Kiutuestia Creek Road. Turn left, go 1.3 miles. Turn left on Old 76 for 100 feet and then turn right on Mulky Gap Road. Go 9 miles to Cooper Creek Campground

**GPS Location:** Latitude is 34.762800 and Longitude is -84.068330.

# Desoto Falls Recreation Area



**USDA Forest Service, Blue Ridge Ranger District -**

**Phone:** 706-745-6928

**Address:** 2042 Highway 515 West, Blairsville, GA 30512 -

**Office hours:** Monday - Friday at 8-12 & 1-4:30 pm

**Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests -**

**Phone:** 770 297-3000

**Address:** 1755 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501

**Office hours:** Tuesday - Friday at 9 - 12 & 1-4 - Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

## Description

The DeSoto Falls Recreation Area is located off Highway 129 just inside the National Forest boundary. The campground is a scenic spot with easy access for either a weekend of camping or a quick hike to the falls. There are two waterfalls which can be easily viewed along the DeSoto Falls trails. Trout fishing is popular along Frogtown Creek which flows adjacent to the campground. A mature forest provides the perfect setting for a family recreation.

## Campground Amenities

There are no water or electric hook-ups or dump station available in the campground. Several campsites are located along Frogtown Creek. 24 camping sites neatly arranged in two loops (upper and lower). Drinking water is provided by faucets centrally located in the campground. The lower camping loop has a warm water outdoor shower complex connected to a flush facility. The upper camping loop has four chemical flush facilities. Standard amenities (i.e. grill, picnic tables, lantern post, etc)

## Reservations

Not required. Campsites are on a first come, first serve basis.

## Camping

Fees: Call for fees.

Open: Yearlong 24 hours a day. Quiet hours 10pm – 6am.

Restrictions: 14 day stay limit. Maximum 2 vehicles per campsite. Dogs must be leashed at all times.

Water: Drinking water is provided by faucets centrally located in the campground.

Restroom Facilities: One flush facility with warm water shower and 4 chemical flush facilities.



## Directions

**From Blairsville, GA** take U.S. Highway 19/129 south for 17.0 miles to campground entrance on right.

**From Dahlonega, GA** take Highway 19 north for 18.0 miles to campground entrance on left.

**GPS Location:** Latitude is 34.705706 and Longitude is -83.914975



# Hickory Gap Campground



USDA Forest Service, Conasauga Ranger District office -  
Phone: 706-695-6736 Address: 3941 Highway 76, Chatsworth,  
GA 30705

Office hours: Monday - Friday at 8 am - 12 Noon & 1 pm -  
4:30 pm. Closed noon to 1 pm.

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests - Phone: 770 297-3000  
Address: 1755 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501  
Office hours: Tuesday - Friday at 9 - 12 & 1-4 - Closed  
Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

## Description

Seated alongside the sparkling Mill Creek trout stream, and just east of the community of Crandall, GA, is a beautiful gem of a campground named after the Hickey family who once lived there.

## Campground Amenities

Located along Mill Creek, a stocked trout stream. 5 campsites with parking for two vehicles. 1 ADA accessible vault restroom. Gravel driving loop through camping area. Used as a stop-over for Cohutta Wilderness adventures. Standard amenities are grill, picnic tables, lantern post etc.

## Reservations

Not required. Occupancy of sites are on a first come, first serve basis.

## Camping

Camping Fee: Free

Open Season: Open year-round. Quiet hours observed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Restrictions: Limited to two-vehicles per campsite. Not appropriate for large groups. Road and campground access limited to recreational vehicles less than 24 feet.

Water: No Drinking water

Restroom: 1 Vault facility



## Directions

**From Chatsworth, GA:** Travel North on hwy. 411 for 6 miles, then turn Rt. on Grassy Street (4 lane will narrow down to 2 lanes). Travel to "T" intersection and turn Rt., go 100 ft. and then turn Lt on Mill Creek Rd. (FS 630). Continue straight on FS 630 for approx. 6.5 miles then turn right to enter campground at portal sign.

**GPS Location:** Latitude is 34.894130 and Longitude is -84.672463

# Lake Russell Recreation Area



**USDA Forest Service, Chattooga River Ranger District office -**

**Phone:** 706-754-6221

**Address:** 9975 Highway 441 S, Lakemont, GA 30552

**Office hours:** Monday - Friday at 8 am - 12 Noon and 1-4:30 pm. Closed 12 Noon - 1 pm.

**Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests -**

**Phone:** 770 297-3000

**Address:** 1755 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501

**Office hours:** Tuesday - Friday at 9 - 12 & 1-4 - Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

## Description

On the peaceful shore of the 100-acre Lake Russell, this fun recreation area offers 42 campsites that accommodate both tent and RV camping. A picnic shelter for 30 is available on a first come first serve basis. It has a large grass-covered beach and swimming area. 2 paved campground loop roads offer easy access to all that this outdoor mecca has to offer. Other fun activities include hiking, biking, fishing, horseback riding, and boating, this scenic getaway is sure to become an outdoor destination for the entire family.

## Campground Amenities

Loop A - 16 camping sites with 1 Chemical flush restroom. Standard amenities include a grill, picnic tables, lantern post.

Loop B - 24 camping sites with 3 Chemical flush restrooms, all with hot showers and 1 Dump station. Standard amenities include a grill, picnic tables, lantern post, etc.

## Reservations

Not required. Campsites are on a first come, first serve basis.

## Camping

Fees: \$12 per site per night single and \$14 per site per night double. Picnic and Swim Site fee is \$5 per non-commercial vehicle up to 4 people, and \$1 per person over 4 people in non-commercial vehicle. Boat launch cost \$3 per vehicle per day.

Restrictions: The length of stay is limited to 21 days. No gasoline powered motorboats allowed. Only electric trolling motors are permitted.

Open: Season starts in April. Call for dates. Open 24 hours a day, Quiet hours are 10pm-7am

Water: Drinking water (municipal source) provided



## Directions

Take GA 365/U.S. 23 North from Gainesville past Cornelia to Hwy 197. Turn right for approximately 3 miles until dead-end. Right on Dicks Hill Parkway for approx. 3/4 mile. Turn left onto the paved Lake Russell Road.

**GPS Location:** Latitude is 34.493150 and Longitude is -83.494960

# Lake Winfield Scott Campground



**USDA Forest Service, Blue Ridge Ranger District -**

**Phone:** 706-745-6928

**Address:** 2042 Highway 515 West, Blairsville, GA 30512 -

**Office hours:** Monday - Friday at 8-12 & 1-4:30 pm

**Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests -**

**Phone:** 770 297-3000

**Address:** 1755 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501

**Office hours:** Tuesday - Friday at 9 - 12 & 1-4 - Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

## Description

Overlooking beautiful 18-acre Lake Winfield Scott in the north Georgia mountains, this recreation area offers camping, picnicking, boating, fishing and hiking. Hikers can enjoy numerous trails near this area, including the Lake Winfield Scott Trail, the Jarrard Gap Trail, the Slaughter Creek Trail, and the Appalachian Trail. Fishing, swimming and boating (electric motors only) in the clear 18-acre lake are popular also. Loop through recreation area is paved. The area has a few campsites that are accessible to disabled visitors, and has an accessible fishing deck.

## Campground Amenities

The Lake Winfield Scott Recreation Area consists of 31 camping sites neatly arranged in two loops (north and south). There are no water or electric hook-ups or dump station available in the both loops.

Beach area - Provides carry down access at boat ramp. Showers with Flush and vault facilities are available. Standard amenities such as a grill, picnic tables, lantern post. The north loop is available for tent and RV camping. The south loop offers 14 campsites available for tent and RV camping and is available by reservation only.

Group Camping - There are 4 campsites which can accommodate up to 25 people and 8 vehicles. The group campsite shares the same sanitary facilities as the south camp loop.



## Reservations

Are Required - South Loop, Cabin and Group site Only. Call 1-877-444-6777 or go to [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) to make reservations.

## Camping

Fees: Camping Full Service: 4/22/15 - 11/12/15 Single site: \$12 - Double site: \$24. Group Campsite: \$40/night + reservation fee. Cabin Fees: \$80/night + reservation fee.

Camping-Limited Service (18 sites in north loop, no water or flush toilet; vault facility open): 1/1/15 - 4/21/15 and 11/13/15 - 12/31/15. Single site: \$6 - Double site: \$12..

## Directions

Take GA 365/U.S. 23 North from Gainesville past Cornelia to Hwy 197. Turn right for approximately 3 miles until dead-end. Right on Dicks Hill Parkway for approx. 3/4 mile. Turn left onto the paved Lake Russell Road.

**GPS Location:** Latitude is 34.493150 and Longitude is -83.494960



# Low Gap Campground



**USDA Forest Service, Chattooga River Ranger District office -**  
**Phone:** 706-754-6221  
**Address:** 9975 Highway 441 S, Lakemont, GA 30552  
**Office hours:** Monday - Friday at 8 am - 12 Noon and 1-4:30 pm. Closed 12 Noon - 1 pm.

**Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests -**  
**Phone:** 770 297-3000  
**Address:** 1755 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501  
**Office hours:** Tuesday - Friday at 9 - 12 & 1-4 - Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

## Description

Located within the Chattahoochee Wildlife Management Area and veiled by the Mark Trail Wilderness, this 13-site developed campground is as close as it gets to a dispersed camping experience with amenities. This clandestine campground is best known for its plethora of opportunities in camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, and simply basking in the light of the natural world. Low Gap is another one of our campgrounds located only a few miles from Georgia's much loved vacation destination, the alpine village of Helen, Georgia.

## Campground Amenities

13 camping sites. Bear-proof food lockers are at some sites. Campsites have standard amenities such as a grill, picnic tables, lantern post, etc. There is an site camp host.

## Reservations

Not required. Campsites are on a first come, first serve basis.

## Camping

Fees: Camping is \$12 per site per night.

Restrictions: The maximum stay is 21 days. Due to narrow, curving, and steep roads to and from this area, recommended size of RV is 28 ft.

Open: Season starts in third week in March. Campsite is closed for now. Call for specific open date. Open 24 hours a day, Quite hours are 10pm-7am

Water: A hand-pump well provides drinking water.

Restroom Facilities: 1 chemical restroom facility



## Directions

From Helen, GA, head north on GA-17 N/GA-75 N/N Main St/Unicoi for 1.3 miles. Turn left onto GA-75 Alt N and go 0.1 mile. Take the first right onto Chattahoochee River Road and go 4.4 miles to the Low Gap Campground on the left.

**GPS Location:** Latitude is 34.750923 and Longitude is -83.782909



# Oconee River Campground



**USDA Forest Service, Oconee National Forest District -**  
**Phone:** 706-485-7110  
**Address:** 1199 Madison Rd. (US 441/129) Eatonton GA 31024  
**Office hours:** Monday - Friday at 8 am - 4:30 pm.

**Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**  
**Phone:** 770 297-3000  
**Address:** 1755 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501  
**Office hours:** Tuesday - Friday at 9 - 12 & 1-4 - Closed  
Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

## Decription

Located along the bank of the Oconee river, this recreation area offers camping, picnicking, hiking, boating and fishing. Hikers can enjoy the Scull Shoals Trail, which is 1 mile and originates at this area. The picnic area is located near the area entrance and has six picnic tables. The boat launch is located at the end of the main area road. Fishing for bass, crappie, bream and catfish is popular among visitors. Check State fishing regulations before fishing. Main road through campground is paved. Some of the campsites are accessible to people with disabilities, as are the restrooms. Drinking water is available.

## Campground Amenities

Lake Oconee Recreation Area consists of one loop with five tent sites. There are no hook ups available. There is a boat ramp, picnic area in this campground.

Standard amenities include a grill, picnic tables, lantern post, etc. Tent pads and picnic tables are all new.

## Reservations

Not required. Occupancy of sites are on a first come, first serve basis.

## Camping

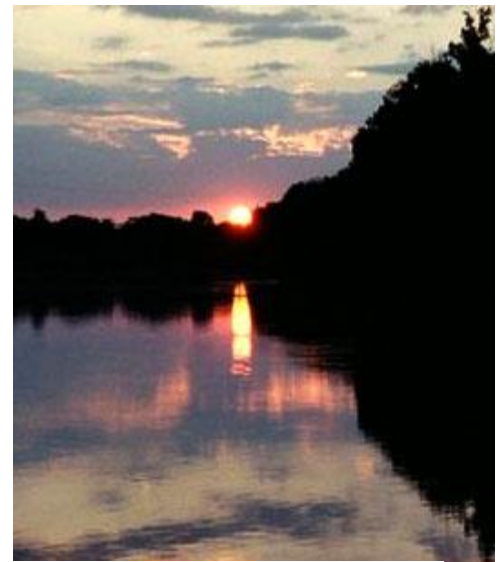
Fees: \$5 per site site night.

Day use for boat ramp parking and picnic area is \$3 per vehicle

Open: Yearlong. Open 24 hours a day. Quiet hours 10pm – 7am.

Water: Not available at this time

Restroom Facilities: Vault toilets for men and women separately are available.



## Directions

Directions From I-20 exit 130 - Drive north on GA-44 into downtown Greensboro Ga. Turn left onto US-278 west travel approximately one third of a mile and turn right onto GA-15 north for 11.8 miles, entrance is on right.

**GPS Location:** Latitude is 33.721390 and Longitude is -83.290920

# The Pocket Campground



**USDA Forest Service, Conasauga Ranger District office**

**Phone:** 706-695-6736

**Address:** 3941 Highway 76, Chatsworth, GA 30705

**Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests**

**Phone:** 770 297-3000

**Address:** 1755 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501

**Office hours:** Tuesday - Friday at 9 - 12 & 1-4 - Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

## Description

Located in woods and along a spring-fed creek, this area offers camping, picnicking and hiking. Most of the 27 campsites are along the creek and offer tent pads, picnic tables and grills. Visitors who wish to picnic have 17 picnic tables to choose from, and a large picnic shelter may be reserved. Hikers can enjoy the 2.5-mile Pocket Loop Trail or the 0.5-mile Pocket Nature Trail. The loop through recreation area is gravel. Picnic shelter and one camping spur are wheelchair accessible.

## Campground Amenities

Each site has a parking spur, tent pad, fire ring & picnic table. There is no showers or electricity. Most of the campsites are along the creek. Families camping here can enjoy the vibrant spring colors of mountain laurel as well as the brilliant fall color mix provided by mixed hardwoods. Located back in the woods and along a spring-fed creek, this area offers camping, picnicking and hiking. Visitors who wish to picnic have 17 picnic tables to choose from. A large picnic shelter that will accommodate up to 80 people may be reserved.

## Reservations

Not required. Campsites are on a first come, first serve basis

## Camping

Fees: \$10 per site per night.

Open: April through October 24 hours. Quiet hours are 10 pm to 6 am. Call for specific open dates. Closed rest of year.

Restrictions: Campsites are for 1 family or 5 adults. Site must be occupied first night of stay. Maximum two vehicles per campsite. 14-day limit. Dogs must be leashed at all times.

Water: Drinking water available at hydrants located throughout the campground.

Restroom Facilities: Flush Toilets



## Directions

Take U.S. 411 north from Chatsworth for 4 miles; turn right (east) at traffic light in Eton; Follow Forest Service Road 18 east for 10 miles; turn left (northeast) on Forest Service Road 68 for 10 miles.

**GPS Location:** Latitude is 34.584750 and Longitude is -85.085300

# Upper Chattahoochee River Campground



**USDA Forest Service, Chattooga River Ranger District office -**

**Phone:** 706-754-6221

**Address:** 9975 Highway 441 S, Lakemont, GA 30552

**Office hours:** Monday - Friday at 8 am - 12 Noon and 1-4:30 pm. Closed 12 Noon - 1 pm.

**Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests -**

**Phone:** 770 297-3000

**Address:** 1755 Cleveland Highway, Gainesville, GA 30501

**Office hours:** Tuesday - Friday at 9 - 12 & 1-4 - Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

## Description

High in the north Georgia mountains and far from civilization, this recreation area offers camping, picnicking, hiking, and fishing along the headwaters of the Chattahoochee River. The Chattahoochee River Recreation Area has toilets accessible to people with disabilities. Drinking water is available. Accessible campsites are available at this area. A campground host resides here during a portion of the season. The Appalachian Trail is nearby, as well as Horse Trough Falls and the Mark Trail Wilderness Area.

## Campground Amenities

The drive up through the winding misty roads of North Georgia leading to this 34-site, developed campground is almost as breathtaking as the site itself. Although the drive leaves one feeling as if civilization has been left far, far behind, the ever popular and beloved alpine village of Helen, Georgia is less than a half hour away. Horse Trough Falls is only a short walk from the main campground. Camping here, visitors can enjoy the pleasure of Georgia's number one vacation spot with shopping, dining, and entertainment in the city of Helen and recreational activities such as camping, hiking, biking, and fishing in the campground.

## Reservations

Not required. Campsites are on a first come, first serve basis

## Camping

**Camping Fees:** Camping is \$12 per site per night. Group Camping is \$35 per night.

**Open:** Mid-March through October 31. Open 24 hours a day and quiet hours are 10pm-7am.

**Restrictions:** The maximum stay is 21 days. Group Campsite is 30 persons maximum on site.

**Water:** Drinking water is provided from two, centralized hand pump.

**Restroom Facilities:** 1 Chemical flush vault facility on site.



## Directions

Take Georgia 75 north from Helen for approx. 8 miles. Just beyond mile marker 15 turn left onto the graveled Chattahoochee River Road and follow for 5 miles.



# Other Scout Camps of Georgia



# Camp Benjamin Hawkins

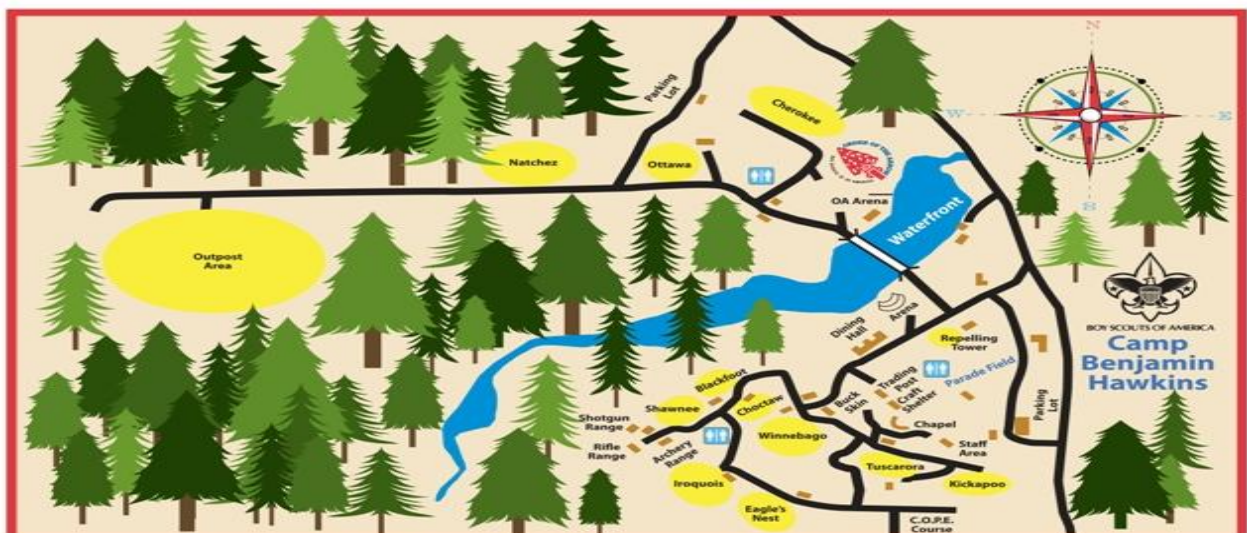


Camp Benjamin Hawkins is named in honor of a respected U. S. Army officer and U. S. Senator who played a significant role in the settlement of the City of Macon. Camp Benjamin Hawkins, a 500-acre camp located just 20 minutes from downtown Macon near Byron, Georgia offers a wide variety of exciting programs for new and advanced campers.

Used year-round by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers, Camp Benjamin Hawkins is a popular retreat for Cub Scout family campouts, camporees, training courses, day camps and other events. When you visit, you'll see why.

Thanks to a successful capital campaign, over \$1.0 million in capital improvements have been completed over the past decade or so. New facilities include an expanded 300 seat chow hall with two new decks and a Scouters' lounge, new freezers, water system and electrical enhancements, 14 new program shelters, and a renovated trading post with bathroom facilities. Also, we purchased a nearly new camp truck and new lawn maintenance equipment, and we built an archery deck, shotgun and black powder range. A 1,200 square foot multi-purpose shelter, a 300 seat amphitheater, renovated A-frame showers with adult male, female and youth privacy, and a pedestrian bridge across Juniper Creek have also been completed. Did we mention new shooting sports equipment, whitewater canoes, climbing gear, tents and platforms and three new handicapped accessible Adirondack shelters?

For more information go to <http://www.centralgeorgiacouncil.org/camps/camp-benjamin-hawkins/about-camp-benjamin-hawkins/40755>



# Camp Frank G. Lumpkin



## Contact Information

**Website:** <http://campfgl.com>

**Phone:** 706-327-2634

**Address:** 2818 Antioch Rd  
LaGrange, GA 30240



## CAMP LOCATION

Camp FGL is located on a 900-acre peninsula on beautiful West Point Lake in LaGrange, Georgia. West Point Lake is a 25,900 acre reservoir of the Chattahoochee River, with over 525 miles of shoreline.

Camp FGL is located on the boarder of West Georgia and East Alabama about halfway between Birmingham and Atlanta. We are just a short drive to many attractions such as Wild Animal Safari Park, Pine Mountain Trail, Callaway Gardens, Coca-Cola Space Science Center, The National Civil War Naval Museum, FDR State Park, Little White House, National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Westville, and much more

## CAMPING OPTIONS

There are 7 campsites to choose from, each with their own unique views. Each of the 7 campsites comes complete with a permanent pavilion with picnic tables, electrical outlets, ceiling fans and holds 40 campers. Campers will also enjoy our lighted private bathhouse facilities with individual hot showers and flush toilets.



## CAMP FACILITIES

One of the major advantages of Camp FGL is that we are one of the newest camps in the Southern Region. Our facilities are new and well maintained.

Facilities at Camp FGL include:  
350-seat air-conditioned dining hall  
Air-conditioned Trading Post  
24-hour Health Lodge  
Rifle Range & Archery Range  
Brand New Shotgun Range

600-seat Chapel and Amphitheatre  
Junior-Olympic sized salt-water  
filtrated Swimming Pool. No irritated eyes or bleaching of clothes. Our pool decking consists of “cool decking”, a special surface that does not get hot  
Waterfront for motor boating, sailing, kayaking, canoeing, and more  
50-foot Climbing and Rappelling Tower  
C.O.P.E. course with over 20 different elements and an exciting zip line  
Scoutmaster’s Lounge for adult leaders complete with air-conditioning, free coffee and free wi-fi  
100-seat air-conditioned training  
facility located at Fort Bradshaw  
Mountain Biking & Mountain Boarding trails



# Camp Sidney Dew



## Contact Information

### Website:

<http://www.campsidneydew.org/>

**Phone:** 706-235-5545

**Address:** 3624 Everett Springs Rd  
Armuchee, GA 30105



## Camp Location

Located in the northwest corner of Georgia and approximately 20 miles north of Rome, Camp Sidney Dew offers the natural beauty of the Appalachian foothills. Founded in the late 1930's, the camp is a unique blend of old and new, with several of the early structures still in use and many new structures in place or soon to be built. Located in the "pocket area" between John's Mountain and Horn Mountain, the camp's 650+ acres are bordered on the north by the Chattahoochee National Forest and on the south by John's Creek. The camp's rolling terrain offers an abundance of deer, wild turkey, and other wildlife,



including a trout stream open annually to fishing from March 1st through October 31st. Several points of interest are within a couple hours' drive from camp. Visiting units can explore the Etowah Indian Mounds, Chickamauga Battlefield, New Echota Historic Site, museums and historic sites of Rome and Atlanta, and more. In short, Camp Sidney Dew is the crown jewel of a council which, though small, is committed to offering the best possible program for Scouts and Scouters of all ages.

## Camping Options

Camp Sidney Dew of Armuchee, Georgia rests on 550 acres and 10 campsites. Private Lake Goodyear serves swimming and boating in addition to rolling trout streams. A pool is also obtainable on site. Our Summer Camp weeks start in mid-June where we offer 29 merit badges. Spike Buck First Year program offers an opportunity in the morning or afternoon where first year campers are encouraged to earn First Aid, Swimming, and one other merit badge. Campactivities

include fishing and casting clinic, Chuck Wagon, and visits to the Mountain Man area. Older boys may participate in Project C.O.P.E. or earn the climbing merit badge. Boys 15 and older are given a high adventure opportunity, which combines one day of C.O.P.E., a 3-day, 26 mile backpacking trek on the Appalachian Trail, and a one-day Whitewater rafting trip.

## CAMP FACILITIES

Dining Hall  
Health Lodge  
Shooting Ranges (Archery, Rifle, Shotgun)  
Handicraft/OA Lodge  
Pool  
Chapel  
Family Cabins  
Trading Post  
Cope/Climbing Tower



# Gerald I. Lawhorn Scouting Base



## Contact Information

### Website:

<http://www.flintrivercouncil.org/camp>

**Phone:** (770) 227-4556

**Address:** 1166 Dripping Rock Rd  
Molena, GA



## Camp Location

Located on the edge of the Pine Mountain Trail along the Flint River has a 8.2 mile looping mountain bike trail to satisfy the beginner mountain biker to expert. 1106 feet of climbing trails. 15 miles of hiking trails open to the public. Check in at billboard at the Canoe Base.

## Camping Options

In addition to frequent year-round use by Scouts, the Lawhorn Scouting Base is a hotspot for non-Scout groups that include colleges, churches, sports teams, and businesses. Groups come to Lawhorn for training, team-building, conferences, and just to have fun! We offer everything from high adventures in climbing and rappelling to more relaxed hiking and canoe trips. The Lawhorn Scouting Base is a leader in camping, outdoor education, and adventure programming.

## Facilities

Over 2400 acres

21 tent sites with program / picnic pavilions

1 camp site (Lakota) with six Adirondack shelters and a Yert

1 camp site (Kiowa) with five - 8x man cabins  
primitive style camping along the Flint River  
Wilderness campsites in the Pine Mountain area (Back country)

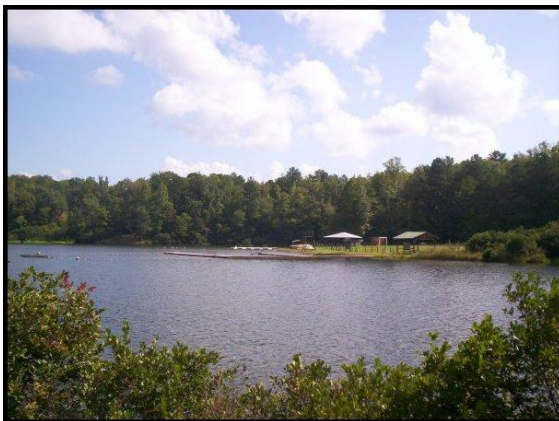
Family Camping Site

Dining Hall Facilities are available

COPE / COPE challenge course

Climbing/Rappelling facilities include Cub Scout indoor climbing wall.

24' Webelos wall, 36' climbing rappelling tower, Mount Eagle our 60'



tower with a 400' zip line attached to the top of the tower, 55' Carolina tower for Climbing and Giant Swing, and a 35' rock face to climb on Dripping Rock Mountain.

Shooting Sport Ranges: Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Skeet, Black Powder

Ini-To Lake, stocked fishing lake, and Flint River

Canoeing Outpost

21 miles of hiking and mountain bike trails



# Camp Rainey Mountain



## Contact Information

### Website:

<http://nega-bsa.org/camps/rainey-mountain/>

**Phone:** (706) 693-2446

**Address:** 1494 Rainey Mountain Rd  
Clayton, Georgia



## Camp Location

Located east of Clayton, Georgia, Camp Rainey Mountain provides year round camping and high adventure activities. Camp Rainey Mountain is home to one of Northeast Georgia Council's two Summer Camps. Camp Rainey Mountain is available for unit camping mid-August through mid-May. A full time camp ranger is on duty to assist the volunteer's needs.

## Camping Options

Camp Rainey Mountain is available for unit camping late-August through mid May. Scoutland is the site of one of Northeast Georgia's two summer camp programs June through August and is not available for weekend activities.



To make a reservation for Camp Rainey Mountain download the Council-Property-Reservation-Form-v4 1 - Editable and submit to the camping department at the Jefferson service center (form is also available at the service center).

10 Campsites featuring adirondack shelters

12 Campsites featuring tent platforms

4 Centrally located hot showers

Family camping area

3 Town house cabins

Pioneer Village – 1800's style

## Facilities

2 Waterfront areas

Rifle and shotgun range

Archery range

Air Conditioned dining hall

2 Chapels

11 Program shelters

Climbing and rappelling tower

C.O.P.E. course





# BSA National High Adventure Bases



# Florida National High Adventure Sea Base



## Contact Information

### Address:

P.O. Box 858, Islamorada, FL 33036

Phone: (305) 664-4173

### Website:

<http://www.bsaseabase.org/>



## About

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is owned and operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to offer unique educational aquatic programs to our members. Located in Islamorada and on Summerland Key in the beautiful Florida Keys, as well as Marsh Harbour, Great Abaco Island,



Bahamas, the heart of the Florida Keys, the near shore reefs and crystal clear waters offer unparalleled opportunities for long term and short term programs year round. Florida Sea Base operates nine different adventures out of three different locations: two in the Florida Keys, and one in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. Coral Reef Sailing, Sea Exploring Adventure, Scuba Adventure, Scuba Certification, and Live aboard Scuba Adventure operate in the Florida Keys at Mile Marker 73.8 at

Sea Base on Lower Matecumbe Key located 75 miles south of Miami (Lower Matecumbe Key - MAP). Out Island Adventure and Keys Adventure programs operate in the Florida Keys on Summerland Key at Mile Marker 23.8, and at the Brinton Environmental Center located 125 miles south of Miami. Bahamas Adventure and Bahamas Tall Ship Adventures operate out of the Bahamas Sea Base in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas, located about 100 miles east of Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit [www.bsaseabase.org](http://www.bsaseabase.org).

## Adventures

Bahamas Tall Ship Adventure  
Bahamas Adventure  
Out Island Adventure  
Sea Exploring (Keys Tall Ship)  
Coral Reef Sailing  
Florida Keys Adventure Program  
Divemaster Training Academy

Eco-Adventure  
Florida Fishing  
Scuba Certification  
Scuba Adventure  
Scuba Live Aboard  
Sea Base St. Thomas

Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure (OAOA)



# Northern Tier National High Adventure Program



## Contact Information

### Address:

14790 Moose Lake Rd  
Ely, MN 55731

**Phone:** (218) 365-4811

### Website:

<http://www.ntier.org/>



## About

Northern Tier is the BSA's oldest national High Adventure program, outfitting scouting groups for canoe trips since the summer of 1923. The Charles L Sommers Base has been home to the program since 1941.



North America's Canoe Country, a vast series of navigable lakes and rivers spanning thousands of square miles, is one of the last great wildernesses on the continent. This boreal forest of waterfalls and bogs, bears and wolves, granite crags and waist-deep mud remains nearly as much of a wilderness as it was for the first fur traders who explored the area in the 1600s. Two centuries after the fur trade's peak in the early 1800s, our participants still follow in the footsteps of the French-Canadian voyageurs, paddling the same waters and straining over the same portage trails.

Northern Tier is the Boy Scouts of America's gateway to adventure in the Great Northwoods. In the Summer, scouts from Northern Tier's three wilderness canoe bases explore millions of acres of pristine lakes, meandering rivers, dense forests and wetlands in Northern Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Northeast Manitoba. In the winter, Northern Tier is home to the OKPIK Cold-Weather Camping program, the BSA's premier winter high adventure program. Fall programming is also available. For more information, visit <http://www.ntier.org/>.

## Adventures

Summer / Ely, MN - Charles L Sommers Canoe Base

Summer / Bissett, MB - Northern Expeditions Canoe Base

Winter / OKPIK Weekend Samplers

Winter / Dogsled Trips

Summer / Atikokan, ON - Donald Rogert Canoe Base

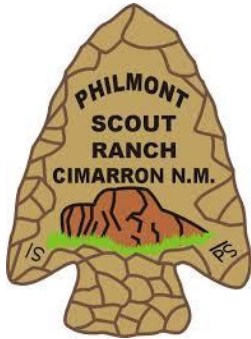
Winter / Cabin Stays

Winter / OKPIK Treks





# Philmont Scout Ranch



## Contact Information

### Address:

17 Deer Run Road  
Cimarron, NM 87714

Phone: (575) 376-2281

### Website:

<http://philmontscoutranch.org/>



## About

Born in 1938 as Philturn Rocky Mountain Scoutcamp, today's Philmont Scout Ranch is a bustling center for high adventure and training. Youth and adults take advantage of the Ranch's camping, training and work programs. Most activity takes place during the summer, but Philmont also offers Autumn Adventure and Winter Adventure programs.

More than 1 million Scouts, Venturers, and leaders have experienced the adventure of Philmont since the first camping season in 1939. Throughout its existence, conscientious attention to low-impact camping techniques has helped maintain the Ranch's wilderness.



The area surrounding the Ranch is rich with history, from the Native Americans who made this arid land their home to the land barons of the 19th century. The town of Cimarron boasts a number of historical buildings, including the St. James Hotel: the site of at least 26 killings during Cimarron's wilder days.

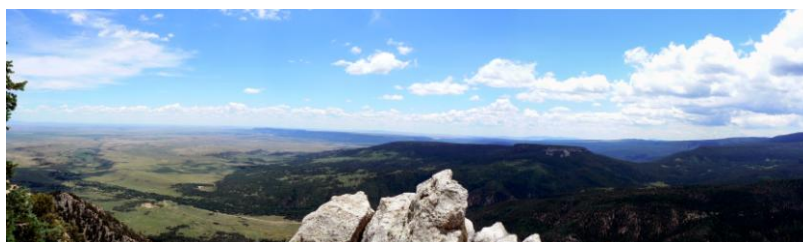
Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's largest national High Adventure Base. Its 34 staffed camps and 55 trail camps provide an unforgettable adventure in the high country along hundreds of miles of

rugged, rocky trails. For more Information, visit <http://philmontscoutranch.org/>.

## Adventures

12 - Day Trek  
Cavalcade  
Mountain Trek  
Rayado Trek  
Roving Outdoor Conservation School Trek  
Stem Trek  
Autumn Adventure  
Winter Adventure

7 - Day Trek  
Training Center  
NAYLE  
OA Trail Crew Trek  
Ranch Hands Trek  
Trail Crew Trek  
Leave no Trace Master Educator course  
Sportsman Adventure



# Summit Bechtel Reserve



## Contact Information

### Address:

2550 Jack Furst Drive  
Glen Jean, WV 25846

Phone: (304) 465-2800

### Website:

<http://www.summitbsa.org/>



## About

Situated in the wilds of West Virginia, The Summit is a training, Scouting, and adventure center for the millions of youth and adults involved in the Boy Scouts of America. And anyone who loves the outdoors. And home to the National Scout Jamboree. And the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base which complements the three existing bases: Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier and Florida Sea Base.

Get ready for the next century of Scouting. With incredible facilities and amazing outdoor programs, The Summit is a place that takes Scouts and Venturers to the limits of what they think they can do, and then pushes them further. The Summit is more than just a place for Scouts; it's where future leaders are shaped. For more information visit <http://www.summitbsa.org/>

## Main Program - Summit Experience



This is a seven-day/six night program running Sunday to Saturday. It consists of half-day introductory level experiences at each of the nine Summit high adventure venues.



In addition, each group will perform a half-day service project and have the chance to ride The Big Zip – our 3/4 mile zip line. In addition, each night (Monday-Friday), we will open the Scott Summit Center for activities, fun and socializing. The Scout Summit Center incorporates

small versions of our adventure sports venues.

## Other Adventures

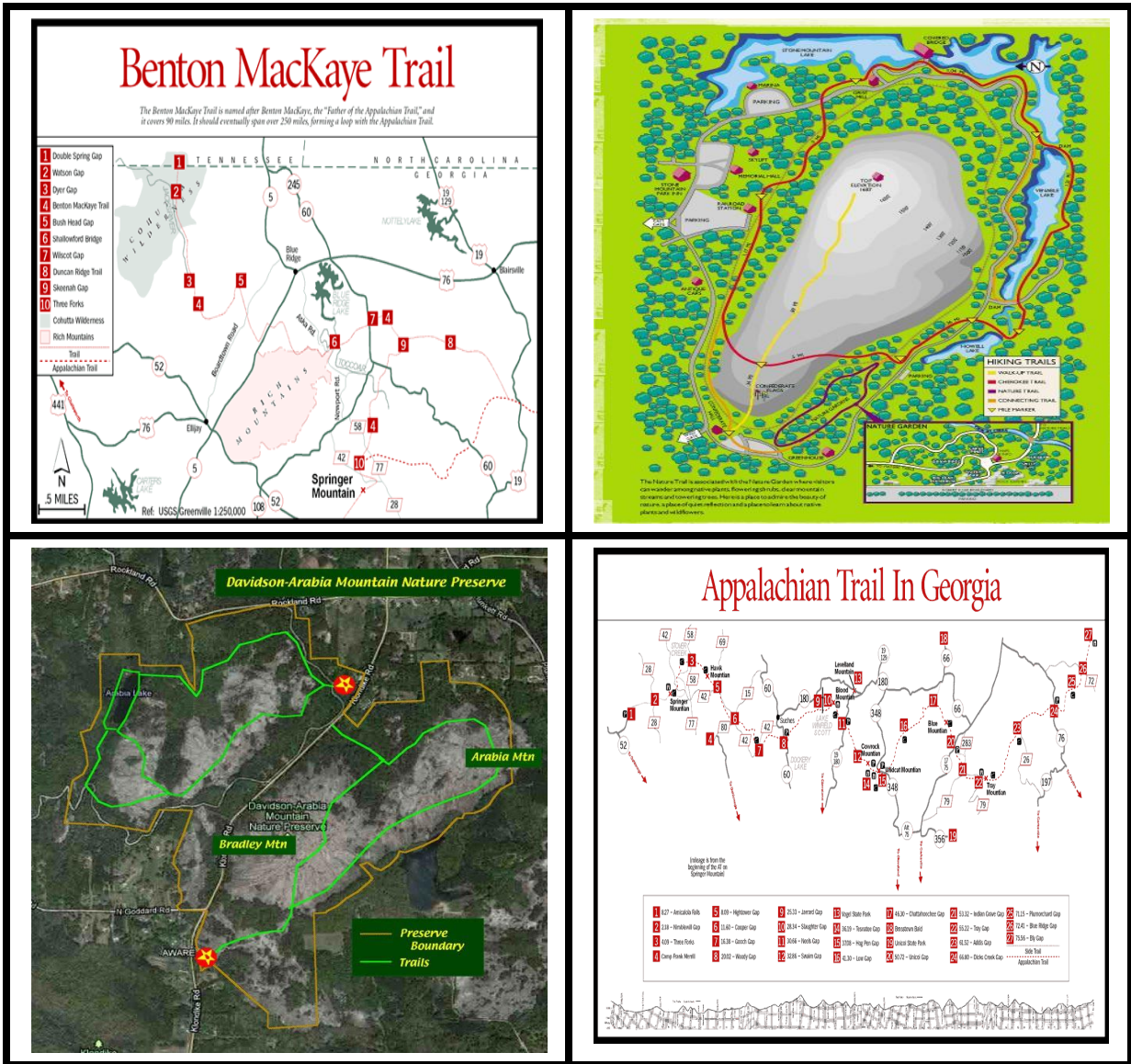
**Summit Trail Corps**  
**The River**  
**The Marksman**  
**Berms & Bars**  
**Advanced Climbing**  
**Advanced Mountain Biking**

**Extended Trail Corps**  
**Helmets and Harnesses**  
**Tires and Trails**  
**Ramps & Rails**  
**Advanced Kayaking**  
**Adventure Photography**





# Georgia Hiking Trails







# Anna Ruby Falls Trail

## About

Anna Ruby Falls features a pair of beautiful waterfalls, cascading in tandem through a gorgeous slice of North Georgia forest. The twin waterfalls spill from a towering cliff in wispy white tendrils before splashing, spilling and pooling over mossy boulders. Anna Ruby Falls is a great North Georgia outdoor destination in any season – and its close proximity to Alpine Helen and Unicoi State Park make it one of North Georgia’s most popular waterfall hikes.

The Anna Ruby Falls Trail departs the park’s visitor’s center, located just outside Unicoi State Park. The paved trail climbs a ridge above Smith Creek under the canopy of tall trees, framed by shorter, twisted, gnarly-branched rhododendron. Angled rock outcrops, covered in green moss, frame the trail’s left side as Smith Creek loudly tumbles through the forest to the right.

The hike is a relatively easy one, and though the outbound trek is mostly uphill, the trail is paved and just under a half mile. The trail is kid-friendly, stroller-friendly and dog-friendly (but dogs must be leashed on a 6’ leash). And while the twin Anna Ruby Falls waterfalls are clearly the main attraction, the trail itself is a beautiful one.

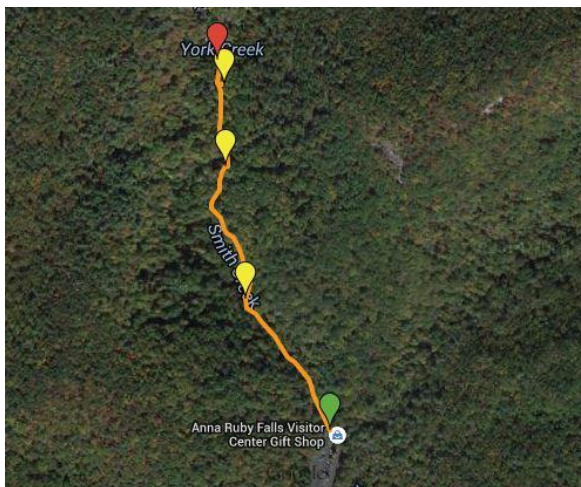


## Parking & Admission

\$3 per person. Leashed dogs are allowed.

## GPS Coordinates

34.757967, -83.710150 (N34 45.478 W83 42.609)



## Post-Hike: More Outdoor Adventure near Helen

After completing the Anna Ruby Falls Trail, extend your outdoor adventure in the Helen area. Explore creek-filled forest and a glassy lake on hiking trails at the nearby Unicoi State Park – it’s the park you drove through on the way to Anna Ruby Falls. (You’ll need to pay a separate parking fee to visit Unicoi, though – it’s a Georgia State Park, unlike Anna Ruby, which is run by the US Forest Service).

In the mood to chase more waterfalls? Hike the nearby trails at Raven Cliff Falls, Desoto Falls, Helton Creek Falls, or Dukes Creek Falls to catch some more waterfall-filled adventure.

# Appalachian Trail in GA



The Appalachian Trail begins in Georgia at Springer Mountain and leaves the Peach State 79 miles later at Bly Gap. The rugged, often rocky terrain reaches a height of more than 4400 feet and never dips below 2500 feet. The high point of the trail is at Blood Mountain (4,461 ft.) while the low point is Dicks Creek Gap (2,675 ft.) Access to the beginning of the Appalachian Trail is by foot from Amicalola Falls State Park.

## At a Glance

Best Season	April-May & September-October
Busiest Season	March
Restrictions	Only foot traffic is allowed on the Appalachian Trail.  <b>SPECIAL NOTICE:</b> Between March 1 and June 1 each year, anyone camping overnight along the five miles of the Appalachian Trail from Jarrard Gap to Neels Gap on the Chattahoochee National Forest is required to use bear resistant canisters.

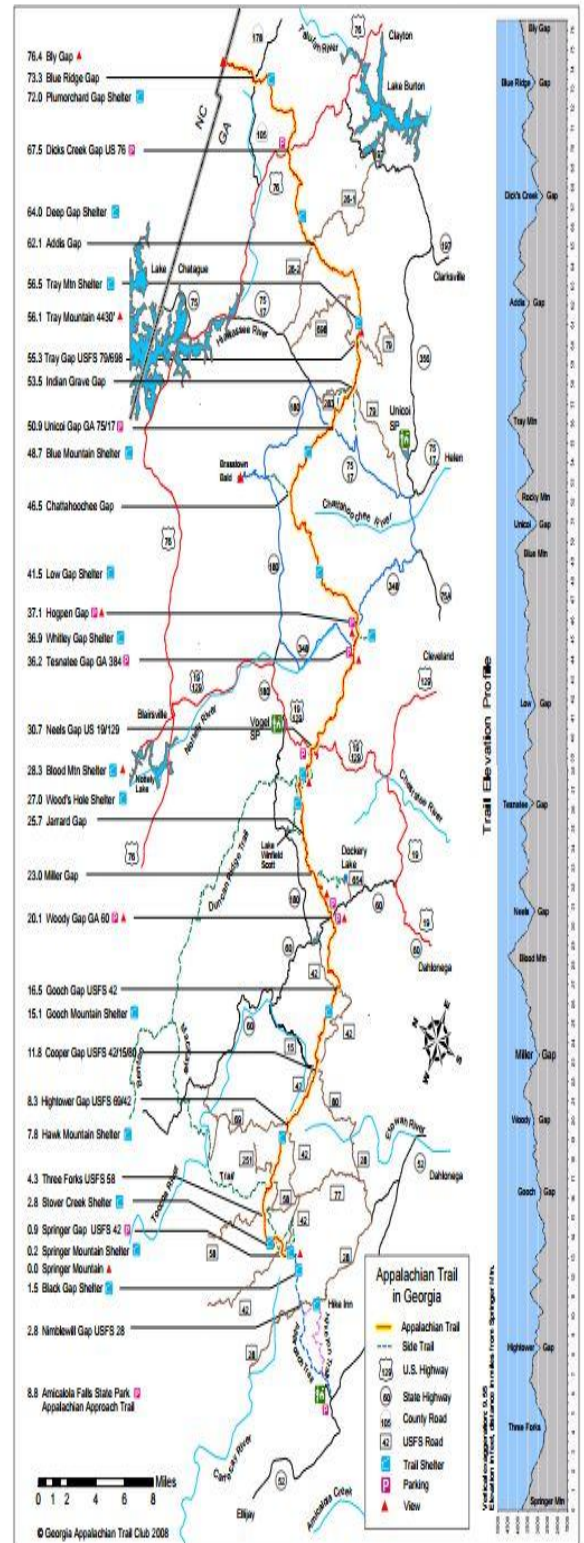
## General Information



The southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail begins on the expansive rock outcrop overlook at the top of Springer Mountain at 3,782 feet above sea level. A plaque reading "Georgia to Maine--a footpath for those who seek fellowship with the wilderness" is

embedded in the mountain to commemorate the Appalachian Trail. The 76.4 miles of the AT passing through Georgia are protected by a one mile boundary secured by an agreement between the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service.

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/conf/recarea/?recid=62815>







# Arabia Mountain Trails

## About

The Arabia Mountain Trail winds its way through giant rock outcroppings, past rushing streams plunging in woodland waterfalls and among farmland and fields of wildflowers undulating in the breeze. In addition, Klondike Park and the Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve provide beautiful vistas and quiet splendors.

There are several side trails, which are all part of the main trail complex and which link the town of Lithonia as well as Evans Mill Road and Panola Mountain State Park. At its southern end, the trail connects to both the South River Trail and the Rockdale River Trail.

## Parking and Trail Access

Lithonia is just north of I-20 and US 278. Parking is available in town (the north end of the trail) as well as at the following: Stonecrest Square/Mall Ring Road; Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve off Klondike Road (north and south parking areas); along Evans Mill Road between Rockland Road and Salem Road; along Brown's Mill Road (Rt 212) southeast of Evans Mill Road; and at Alexanders Lake on Flat Bridge Road SW.

## Learn and Explore

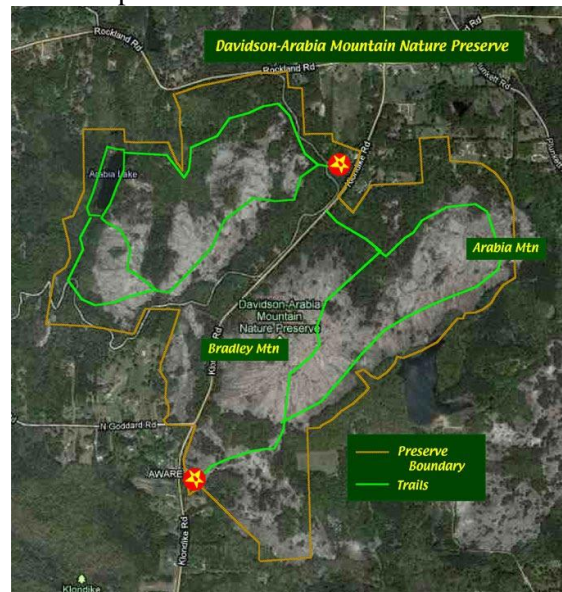
Hikers can discover rare plants and fascinating geology at The Davidson-Arabia Nature Preserve and Panola Mountain State Park, a National Natural Landmark. Get

lost above the trees at the peak of Arabia Mountain and see the city of Atlanta in the distance. Find the remnants of the quarrying industry that once prospered here and shipped the stone that built monumental buildings across the U.S.

Also Learn about two cultures that form the modern fabric of the heritage area. At the Flat Rock Archives, see how a group of slaves formed a community that thrived through enslavement, emancipation and segregation. At the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, meet a society of Trappist monks who moved to Georgia during a war and built a place of peace. Extraordinary architecture, an unparalleled bonsai exhibit and gift shop selling tasty treats and crafts prepared by the monks themselves.

For more information visit

<http://arabiaalliance.org/explore/>







# Benton MacKaye Trail

## About

Named for Benton MacKaye, the Massachusetts forester/regional planner who proposed the Appalachian Trail, this trail features remarkable changes in terrain and too many modern intrusions. While the Appalachian Trail follows the eastern crest of the Appalachian Mountains, the Benton MacKaye follows the western crest.

The origin of this challenging trail, which can be steep at times, is Springer Mountain at the Appalachian Trail sign. For the first few miles the trail winds down Springer, occasionally rejoining and sharing the same path as the First Trail. The BMK follows a portion of the original AT, which was extensively rerouted after it was shortened in 1957. Looping further west, the BMT crosses Chester Creek a couple of times before Three Forks (Chester is one of the creeks that make up Three Forks).

Almost exactly 1 mile past the footbridge over Chester at Three Forks the Benton MacKaye turns left (and the Duncan Ridge Trail begins, leaving the Appalachian Trail for the last time until it rejoins America's Footpath 250 miles further north. The Duncan Ridge Trail shares the footpath with the Benton MacKaye until shortly after crossing Route 60.



## More Information

Total Length:	288 Miles
Type of Trail:	Backcountry hiking trail
Elevations:	Lowest: 765 ft at crossing of the Hiwassee River in Reliance, TN. Highest: 5843 ft at summit of Mt. Sterling in the Smokies.
Trailhead and Access Point	16 in Georgia, 24 in Tennessee/North Carolina, and 5 in the Smokies.
Shelters	Two on trail: one at mile 50.3 and the other at mile 273.8, northbound.



# Panther Creek Trail

## About

The popular Panther Creek Trail spans 3.5 miles one way along a series of beautiful waterfalls on North Georgia's Panther Creek. This hike's final destination, Panther Creek Falls, is a series of wide, multi-tiered waterfalls that spill into a serene, deep blue pool of water.

The level, sandy flat surrounding Panther Creek Falls is perfect for camping, offering dreams under the stars with a soundtrack of rushing water. And the Panther Creek Trail is studded with campsites along its journey to the falls, making the hike a popular Georgia backpacking destination. All sites are first-come, first-camp. Hint: arrive very early on fair-weather weekends for a good campsite. And please preserve Panther Creek's beauty: pack out everything you pack in and leave no trace.

## Other Information

HIKE INFO	
Difficulty	9.2 (easy)
Length	6.6 mi. (medium)
Duration	2 - 4 hours
Elevation Gain	860 ft.
State	Georgia
Park/Forest	Panther Creek Recreation Area
Parking Fee	\$3
Blaze	Lime Green
Nearby City	Tallulah Falls, GA
Trailhead Coord.	34.698856, -83.419356



## Further Directions

Travelling north on 441, look for the sign on the right of the highway for Panther Creek Recreation Area indicating a left turn onto Glen Hardman Rd. Make a right on Old Hwy 441 for 1 mile. Parking is on both sides of the road.

Ranger District Information  
 Chattooga River District  
 9975 Highway 441 S Lakemont, GA 30552  
 706-754-6221





# Stone Mountain Walk up & Cherokee Trail

## About

Minutes from downtown Atlanta, the massive gray Stone Mountain monolith towers over the city's gently rolling urban landscape. Stone Mountain Park, the 3200 acres of land surrounding the massive, nearly-bald mountain and its surrounding preserve, offers many miles of hiking on both popular and more serene trails.

While natural beauty abounds at Stone Mountain, the park is also filled with Disney-esque attractions and concessions. The attractions drive the park's single-day entrance fee to \$15 – fairly steep for hikers only interested in the trails. But the entrance fee aside, the Stone Mountain hiking trails travel beautiful landscape and offer stunning views from Stone Mountain's summit.

## Trails

The Cherokee Trail is a 5 mile historic and National Recreation Trail which explores much of the Natural District around the base of Stone Mountain. It is an easy to moderate trail that traverses wooded areas, lakeshores, and granite slopes of the mountain. Visit [http://www.stonemountainpark.com/~media/ParkContent/SMP\\_COM/Documents/Stone-Mountain-Park--Cherokee-Trail.ashx?la=en](http://www.stonemountainpark.com/~media/ParkContent/SMP_COM/Documents/Stone-Mountain-Park--Cherokee-Trail.ashx?la=en) for more information on the Cherokee Trail including hikes for Scout groups, Scout badges, the orienteering trail and a detailed topographic map.



Also, the Muscogee Trail offers a moderate, 1.5 mile loop within the park. The trailhead begins in the parking lot located on Jefferson Davis Drive, ¼ mile from the East Gate entrance. The parking lot turn in is just before the first bridge.

At the Nature Garden Trail you can walk among native plants, flowering shrubs, clear mountain streams and towering trees. It is a place to admire the beauty of nature, a place of quiet reflection and to learn about native plants and wildflowers. The Nature Garden

located on Robert E. Lee Boulevard connects to the Nature Trail and hosts traditional Southern foliage such as Dogwood, Magnolia, and Sweet Gum Trees.

Finally after all these trails be sure to take a hike up the mountain on the 1 mile trail to the top of the mountain which starts at the Confederate Hall Historical & Environmental Education Center.

Go to:

[http://www.stonemountainpark.com/~media/ParkContent/SMP\\_COM/Maps/PDFs/Stone-Mountain-Park-Complete-Trail-Map.ashx?la=en](http://www.stonemountainpark.com/~media/ParkContent/SMP_COM/Maps/PDFs/Stone-Mountain-Park-Complete-Trail-Map.ashx?la=en)

For all a map of all the trails





# Mount Yonah Mountain Trail

## About

Yonah Mountain, known for its many rock climbing routes, is the perfect weekend hike for those looking for a little challenge. Although the trail isn't very long, it makes up for it with a steady incline of over 1400 feet in less than 2.5 miles. This is definitely not a beginner's hike, but the view at the top of the main rock face can't be missed. The trail is also primarily used for hiking, road biking, & climbing access and is accessible year-round. Dogs are also able to use this trail.

## Trail Info

HIKE INFO	
Difficulty	  11.4 (moderate)
Length	  4.6 mi. (short)
Duration	2 - 3 hours
Elevation Gain	1604 ft.
State	Georgia
Park/Forest	Chattahoochee National Forest
Parking Fee	None
Blaze	Green
Nearby City	Cleveland, GA
Trailhead Coord.	34.637322, -83.725648



## Directions:

From downtown Cleveland, Georgia, go north 0.3 mile on Highway 129. Turn right onto Georgia Highway 74 and go 2.2 miles. Turn right on Tom Bell Road and go 0.9 mile and take the 2nd right turn onto Chambers Road. Go 0.7 mile and turn right on Forest Service Road 323. Go 0.3 mile to the trailhead parking lot.



# Rafting



**Ocoee River**



**Nantahala River**



**Chattooga River**



**Chattahoochee River**





# Chattahoochee River

## About

Come raft on the Chattahoochee River in Columbus, Ga./Phenix City, Ala., the longest urban whitewater rafting in the world! The course has been described to be “Wild as Colorado and Warm as Costa Rica.” USA Today picked the Chattahoochee Whitewater Park as one of the Top 12 man-made Adventures in the World! The course consists of class II-V whitewater and is one of the most exciting sections of whitewater in the US! We are able to run two types of trips (Classic and Challenge) on the same 2.5 mile stretch of river due to the dam-controlled release which occurs daily! During the day, the river will run at approx. 900cfs with Class I-III+(IV) rapids which is a perfect combination of fun and adventure for the whole family! In the afternoon, the water cranks up to 9,000-13,000cfs (10x the morning flow!) with Class III-V rapids, which are some of the biggest on the east coast and provide for a wild and exciting trip that is unlike any other on the east coast! Come join in the excitement and experience some of the biggest rapids east of the Colorado, right here on the whitewater section of the Chattahoochee!

## Pricing

Pricing runs from \$34 to \$65 depending on what trip you would like to take.



## Trips

Classic “Low-Water” Trips: M-F (10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00), Sat & Sun (9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00 & 3:00)

Waverunner “High-Water” Trips: 4:00 everyday

Challenge “High-Water” Trips: 5:00 everyday

Carnage “High-Water” Trips: 5:00 everyday

For more information visit:

<http://www.whitewaterexpress.com/chattahoochee-rafting/>





# Chattooga River

The Chattooga River (also spelled Chatooga, Chatuga, and Chautaga, variant name Guinekelokee River) is the main tributary of the Tugaloo River. Its headwaters are located southwest of Cashiers, North Carolina, and it stretches 57 miles (92 km) to where it has its confluence with the Tallulah River within Lake Tugalo, held back by the Tugalo Dam. The Chattooga and the Tallulah combine to make the Tugaloo River starting at the outlet of Lake Tugalo. The Chattooga begins in southern Jackson County, North Carolina, then flows southwestward between northwestern Oconee County, South Carolina, and eastern Rabun County, Georgia. The "Chattooga" spelling was approved by the US Board on Geographic Names in 1897. The river was used as a setting for the fictional Cahulawassee River in the book and film Deliverance.

The Chattooga River flows into Tugalo Lake where it joins the Tallulah River. After flowing through Tugalo Dam the combined rivers become the Tugaloo River which, along with the Seneca River, becomes the Savannah River below Lake Hartwell. Downstream from that point, the water flows into the Atlantic Ocean near Savannah, Georgia.

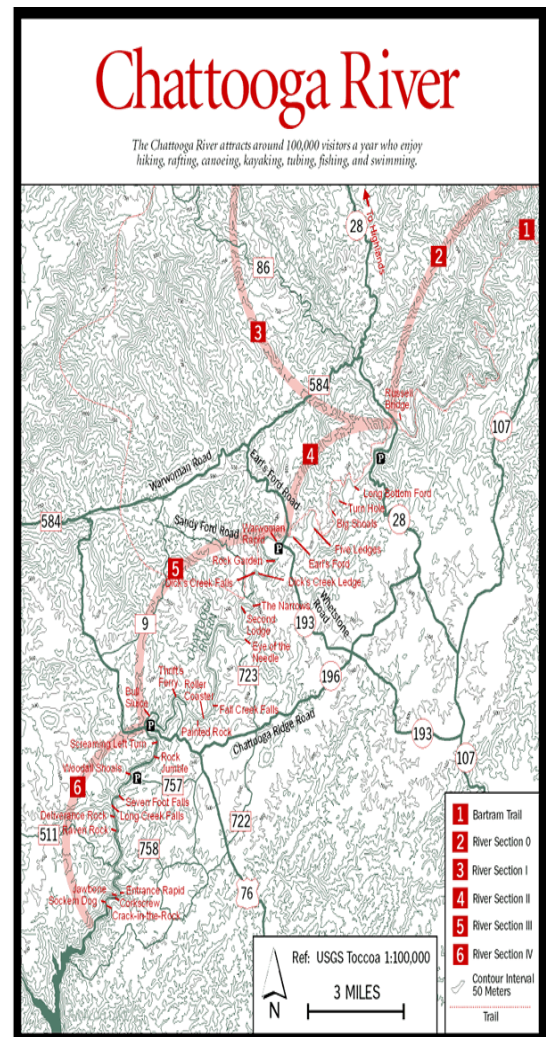
## Rafting Locations:

### Whitewater Express

1549 Clairmont Road  
Suite 201  
Decatur, GA 30033  
Phone: 800-676-7238  
<http://www.whitewaterexpress.com/>

### Southeastern Expeditions

7350 Hwy 76 East  
Clayton, GA 30525  
1-800-868-7238  
<http://www.southeasternexpeditions.com/>





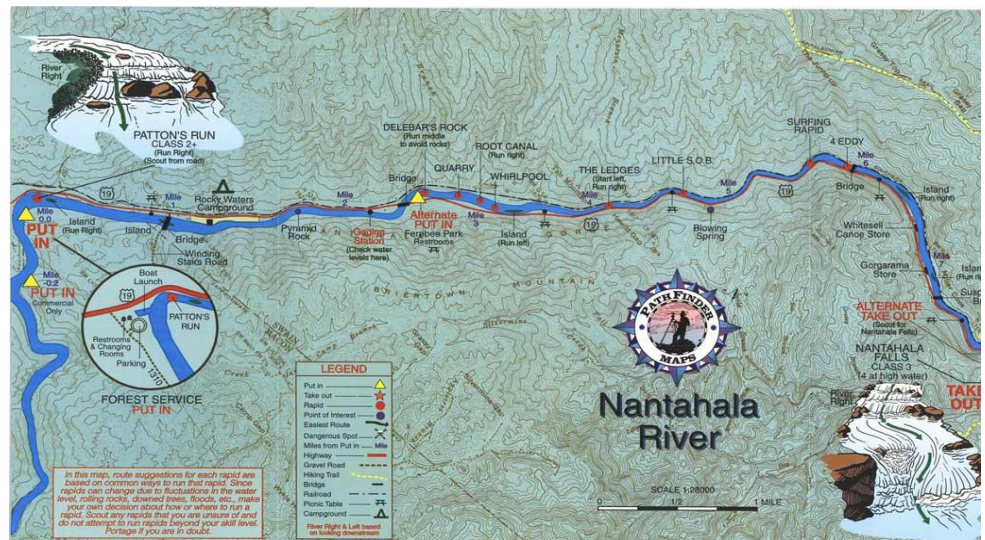
# Nantahala River

The Nantahala River is a river in western North Carolina in the United States, within the Nantahala National Forest, and near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Two-lane U.S. Highway 19/74, once part of the Trail of Tears, runs along the river, picnic areas dotting the route.

The River rises near the border of Georgia and North Carolina, close to the Southern Nantahala Wilderness and the Appalachian Trail. It empties into the Little Tennessee River at Fontana Lake.

The word "Nantahala" comes from the Cherokee language and means "Land of the Noonday Sun". The river runs through a narrow and steep gorge where in some areas the sun only reaches the ground when it is directly overhead during the middle of the day.

The Nantahala River is a very popular trout fishing destination. North Carolina Game and Fish has named the Nantahala River one of North Carolina's ten best trout streams. It has also been included in America's 100 Best Trout Streams by Trout Unlimited.



## Rafting Locations:

### Whitewater Express

1549 Clairmont Road  
Suite 201  
Decatur, GA 30033  
Phone: 800-676-7238  
<http://www.whitewaterexpress.com/>

### Paddle Inn Rafting

14611 Highway 19 West,  
Bryson City, NC. Zip 28713  
Phone: 800-711-RAFT  
<http://www.paddleinnrafting.com/>





# Ocoee River

The Toccoa River and Ocoee River are the names in use for a single 93-mile-long (150 km) river that flows northwestward through the southern Appalachian Mountains of the southeastern United States. It is a tributary of the Hiwassee River, which it joins in Polk County, Tennessee, near the town of Benton. Three power generating dams are operated along it.

The river is called the Toccoa for its 56 miles (90 km) through Georgia, until it reaches the twin cities of McCaysville, Georgia and Copperhill, Tennessee, at the truss bridge which connects Georgia 5 (Blue Ridge Street) with Tennessee 68 and Georgia 60 (Ocoee Street and Toccoa Street). The remainder is called the Ocoee through Tennessee, known for its whitewater rafting, and host to slalom events during the Centennial 1996 Summer Olympics held in Atlanta, about 100 miles (160 km) to the south.

On February 16, 1990 flooding of the river submerged much of the central business district of the riverfront towns of Copperhill, Tennessee and McCaysville, Georgia. The area was once heavily mined for copper ore from the Copper Basin and polluted by smelting operations. Extensive logging and plant destroying smog depleted topsoil and polluted acid and metals into the area's streams. The area has since been cleaned and greened. Olympic kayaker Joe Jacobi led a successful effort to bring the Atlanta Olympic white-water event to the Ocoee River in 1996, and his wife Lisa, a former CNN news producer, left her job to open a downtown bed-and-breakfast and become a local internet entrepreneur.

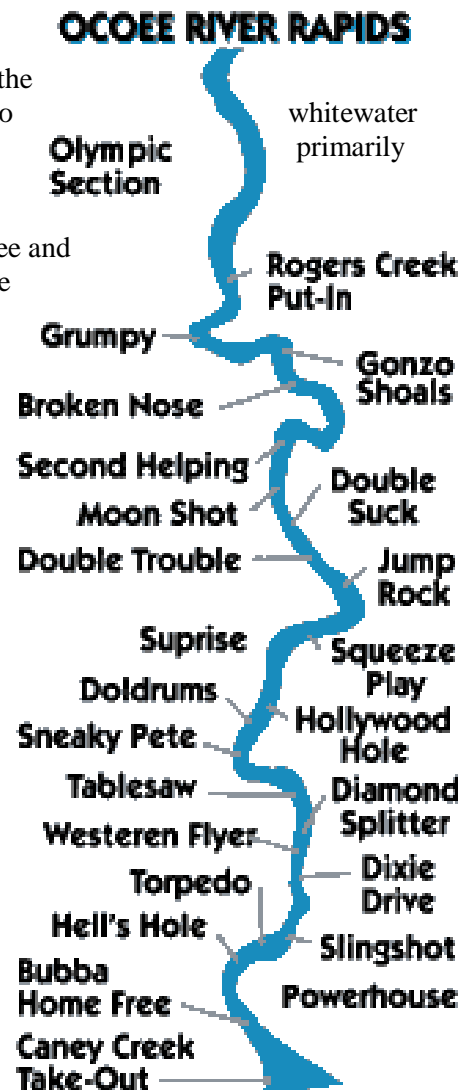
## Rafting Locations:

### Ocoee Adventure Center

4651 Hwy 64,  
Copperhill, TN 37317  
Phone: 1-888-RAFT-OAC  
<http://www.ocoeeadventurecenter.com/>

### Ocoee Outdoors

P.O. Box 72  
Ocoee, TN 37361  
Phone: 1-800-533-7767  
<http://www.ocoeeoutdoors.com/>





# Cave Camping



# Cumberland Caverns



## About

Cumberland Caverns is located in McMinnville and an operating show cave. It is a national natural landmark. It is the second longest cave in Tennessee and makes the list of longest caves in the United States and in the world. Stalagmites, stalactites, helictites, flowstone, cave pearls, botryoidal coral, gypsum flowers, needles, and pure white gypsum snow, as well as a wide variety of cave life are inside.

If you visit one cave in Tennessee, Cumberland Caverns should be the one. Cumberland Caverns is Tennessee's largest show cave and a U.S. National Landmark. The cave displays some of the largest underground rooms and spectacular formations in eastern America, featuring waterfalls, gleaming pools and even a 3/4-ton chandelier. This historic 1812 saltpeter mine and "God of the Mountain," an original underground pageant of light and sound, is shown on every tour.



## Camping

Cumberland Caverns strives to offer the ultimate camping experience, camping underground! When you book an overnight adventure you get the Daily Walking BSA salutetour that introduces your scouts to the history and the magnificence of the cavern followed by the excitement and adventure of the Rocky Topper where you will explore, crawl, and climb through the darkness. You will camp in the vast Ten Acre room and we will feed you breakfast the next morning. For more information go to <http://cumberlandcaverns.com/> or call 931-668-4396.

## Overnight Journeys

If you are just looking for an overnight caving but not stay in cave then look at these.



What Waits Below -  
Overnight Spelunking



All Around The Mountain  
- Overnight Spelunking

# Lost Sea Adventures



## About

The Lost Sea is America's largest underground lake and Registered National Landmark located in beautiful Sweetwater, Tennessee. They are open every day of the year for tours (except Christmas Day). You will love our General Store, Ice Cream Parlor, Gem Mine and Glassblower. Our cafe, the Cavern Kitchen, offers sandwiches and real pit barbeque to hungry visitors. Ample picnic facilities and a nature trail are also available.

Your Lost Sea adventure begins with a guided tour of the caverns. This involves a  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile round-trip walk on wide sloping pathways. While touring the caverns and underground lake our guides will tell of the cavern's exciting and colorful history. They will also explain the fascinating geological development of the immense cavern rooms and rare formations. At the bottom of the cave you will board a glass-bottom boat for an exciting trip on the Lost Sea, America's Largest underground lake.



## Wild Cave Tours

Even though there is no camping in this cave there is special tour is made for organized groups such as the Scouts, schools, camps, churches, etc. Those who participate in the tour are treated to a regular cavern tour as well as an exciting tour into the undeveloped cave rooms where one crawls through cracks, crevices, nooks, and crannies. On this tour, guides point out many striking formations such as anthodites (cave flowers), which are so rare that the Lost Sea contains 50% of the world's known formations. Also, visitors view rooms where ancient jaguar roamed, moonshine was made, and saltpeter was mined for gunpowder by Confederate soldiers.

## Rates

Daytime Wild Tour	\$27.00
Overnight Wild Tour (group of 19 or less)	\$32.00
Overnight Wild Tour (group of 20 or more)	\$30.00
Supper	\$8.00
Breakfast	\$6.00

Cost per person includes regular Lost Sea tour, boat Ride, spelunking tour and overnight stay. Prices are the same for all participants regardless of age.

Rates subject to change without notice.

For more information on Tours go to:

<http://thelostsea.com/wild-cave-tour/>



# Raccoon Mountain Caverns

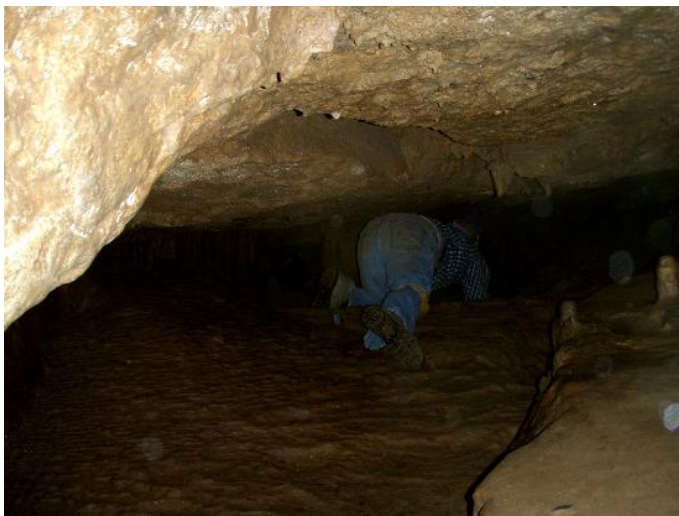


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Raccoon Mountain Caverns is Tennessee's highest rated cave and is located just outside of Chattanooga, Tennessee. We invite you to tour our vast cave system, pan for gemstones, enjoy the thrill of a go-kart ride, or relax by a camp fire while taking in the spectacular views of both Lookout Mountain and Raccoon Mountain.

With a vast cave system that is nationally recognized and is known for its incredible array of diverse, 100% natural cave formations. It is, quite simply, one of the most beautiful caves that you will ever see and is rated as one of the top ten caves in this country. The cave is open daily, rain or shine, except for Christmas Day and Thanksgiving Day.

The cave system consists of over 5 1/2 miles of explored and mapped passageways with new discoveries still being made. Visitors can choose from either a 45-minute, come-as-you-are walking tour known as the Crystal Palace Tour or from one of our famous wild cave expeditions. The cave is open every day, rain or shine, except Thanksgiving and Christmas, and is naturally maintained at a comfortable sixty degrees by Mother Nature.



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The Crystal Palace Tour is a 45-minute +/- (we take time to answer all questions and let you take pictures), guided walking tour through the front portion of the cave and covers slightly over one-quarter mile. Education is the focus of our tours and your guide will explain how caves form, provide a brief history of our cave, and point out a wide variety of formations including stalactites, stalagmites, soda straws, flow stone, natural bridges, and much more! The cave is always a comfortable 60 degrees. Reservations are not required, except for large groups. Be sure to bring your camera.

Wild Cave Expeditions are our famous "get muddy" tours which require participants to wear gloves, pads, lights, and helmets -- all of which are provided for your use. We offer a variety of tours ranging from an Eco-Expedition, which focuses on viewing life within the cave, to much longer and more strenuous tours possibly combined with an overnight stay in the cave. Advance reservations are required for all wild cave expeditions. Please call in advance to determine tour availability for your desired date and time.

For more information go to:  
<http://raccoonmountain.com/>

## Tour & Activity Plan

The council is committed to a safe and fun environment for all of our Scouts to enjoy. The council is also concerned about protecting our volunteers from undue risk of litigation. Proper compliance with the Tour & Activity Plan policy assists your unit towards this commitment.



BSA rules and policies identify the need for a Tour & Activity Plan. A Tour & Activity Plan is for destinations within 500 miles of your home base and distances greater than 500 miles. It is especially important that Tour & Activity Plans for trips involving aquatics, climbing, or shooting have the requested information relating to the training of leaders.

The Tour & Activity Plan gives the council information to locate a unit in the event of an emergency, additionally, each unit should have a designated contact person made known to the parents who will have more detailed information of the location of the unit.

Tour & Activity Plans have become recognized and accepted by national parks, military installations and other organizations as proof that a unit activity has been well planned and organized and is under capable and qualified leadership. These organizations may require the approved Tour & Activity Plan for entry.

**REMEMBER** - a printed copy of the approved Tour & Activity Plan is needed, not just one that has been submitted for approval.

### When is a Tour & Activity Plan Needed?

A Tour & Activity Plan must be filed for any overnight activity, any aquatic or climbing activity, and activities held 25 miles or more from your normal meeting location.

### Submitting Your Tour & Activity Plan

PLEASE submit your Tour & Activity Plan as soon as possible and at least two weeks before the activity. Each month hundreds of forms are submitted to the council and the approval system becomes overburdened and approval may be delayed if the submission is just before the activity.

1. **ONLINE** - Tour & Activity Plans may be submitted using your [MyScouting](#) page, these plans are approved automatically through the system.
2. **IN PERSON** - Local Tour Plans may be submitted in person to the Council Service Center at 1800 Circle 75 Parkway SE. Atlanta, GA 30339
3. **POSTAL MAIL** - Local Tour Plans may be mailed to the Council Service Center 1800 Circle 75 Parkway SE. Atlanta, GA 30339
4. Common problems with the forms experienced by the Council Service Center include the following:
  - Failure to show destination in the itinerary area.
  - Failure to complete aquatics section - if not applicable, so indicate on the form.
  - Failure to complete Youth Protection Training area.
  - There must be enough seatbelts for each youth and adult.

\* For any questions regarding Tour & Activity Plans please call 770-989-8820.  
For insurance please check with council for a copy.

# Wilderness Use Policy of the Boy Scouts of America

All privately or publicly owned backcountry land and designated wildernesses are included in the term “wilderness areas” in this policy. The Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America and the principles of Leave No Trace apply to outdoor behavior generally, but for treks into wilderness areas, minimum-impact camping methods must be used. Within the outdoor program of the Boy Scouts of America, there are many different camping-skill levels. Camping practices that are appropriate for day outings, long-term Scout camp, or short-term unit camping might not apply to wilderness areas. Wherever they go, Scouts need to adopt attitudes and patterns of behavior that respect the rights of others, including future generations, to enjoy the outdoors.

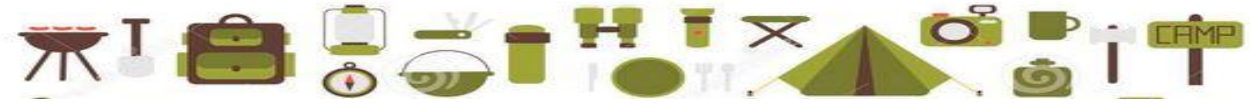
In wilderness areas, it is crucial to minimize human impact, particularly on fragile ecosystems such as mountains, lakes and streams, deserts, and seashores. Because our impact varies from one season of the year to the next, it becomes important for us to adjust to these changing conditions to avoid damaging the environment.

The Boy Scouts of America emphasizes these practices for all troops, teams, and crews planning to use wilderness areas:

- Contact the landowner or land-managing agency (USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state and private agencies, etc.) well before an outing to learn the regulations for that area, including group size limits, to obtain required permits and current maps, and to discuss ways Scouts can fulfill the expectations of property owners or land managers.
- Obtain a tour permit (available through local council service centers), meet all of its conditions, and carry it during the trip.
- Review the appropriate BSA safety literature relating to planned activities. (See Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb On Safely, and Trek Safely.) Also see the Guide to Safe Scouting on the BSA Web site at <http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/toc.html> for more information on current BSA policies and procedures for ensuring safe activities, as well as the Fieldbook Web site at <http://www.bsafieldbook.org>.  
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- Match the ruggedness of high-adventure experiences to the skills, physical ability, and maturity of those taking part. Save rugged treks for older unit members who are more proficient and experienced in outdoor skills.
- Conduct pretrip training for your group that stresses proper wilderness behavior, rules, and skills for all of the conditions that may be encountered, including lightning, missing person, wildfire, high winds, flooding, and emergency medical situations.
- Participate in training in how to apply the principles of Leave No Trace, and be proficient and experienced in the leadership and skills required for treks into wilderness areas.
- Adhere to the principles of Leave No Trace.



# Outdoor Code



As an American, I will do my best to—

Be clean in my outdoor manners. I will treat the outdoors as a heritage. I will take care of it for myself and others. I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

Be careful with fire. I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fires only when and where they are appropriate. When I have finished using a fire, I will make sure it is cold out. I will leave a clean fire ring, or remove all evidence of my fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors. I will treat public and private property with respect. I will follow the principles of Leave No Trace for all outdoor activities.

Be conservation-minded. I will learn about and practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy. I will urge others to do the same.



Submission Form for Information to add to book  
Please fill out this form if you have a camp that you would like to see go in this book.

# Egwa Tawa Dee - Where to go Camping

Facility Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information:

Camp/Site Number\_(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe camping Facility \_\_\_\_\_

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Check if Available a Facility:

- Group Tent Camping
- Activity Field
- Fire Rings
- Pavilion
- Pool
- Lake (Swimming)
- Lake (Boating)
- Restroom Facilities
- Shower Facilities
- Cycling
- Climbing
- Backcountry Opportunities
- Horseback Riding
- Dining Facilities
- Drinking Water
- Fees for Facilities

Information Submitted by:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Type and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Submission: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_

Please Send Information to:

Attn: OA WTGC Guide  
Atlanta Area Council, BSA  
1800 Circle 75 Parkway SE  
Atlanta, GA 30339