Path To A Great Camping Trip

Bob White Lodge
BSA Camping Guide
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Dear Scouts and Scoutmasters,

Since the Bob White Lodge’s founding in 1936, we have continuously strived to fulfill the Order of the Arrow’s purpose to promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout’s experience, in the Unit, year-round, and in Summer Camp. We believe the annual publication of a Where To Go Camping Guide is a useful planning tool for all Scouting Units to help them provide that quality outdoor experience.

We hope you enjoy the new features we’ve introduced for 2012:

- A user-friendly color code system and icons to identify camping locations across the States and within regions of each State.

- Updated site descriptions, information, and photographs.

- New listings for favorite hiking trails and other camping sites, including web sites addresses to obtain greater information.

- Details about Knox Scout Reservation, including off-season use of this wonderful Council Camp.

I trust you will let us know if you have suggestions or feedback for next year’s edition. The Guide is on the Georgia-Carolina Council web site www.gacacouncil.org, the Bob White Lodge website www.bobwhitelodge.org, and a copy will be available for review at the council office.

Yours in Service,

Brandt Boudreaux
Lodge Chief
Bob White Lodge # 87
This Where to Go Camping Guide has excluded parks or other locations that are for recreational vehicles (RVs) only or camping for six or fewer people as of the publication date.
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Located on the western edge of Lookout Mountain, this is one of the most scenic parks in the state, offering rugged geology and beautiful vistas. The park straddles a deep gorge cut into the mountain by Sitton Gulch Creek, and elevation differs from 800 to 1,980 feet. The most spectacular view into the canyon is found near the picnic area parking lot; however, additional views can be found along the rim trail. Hardy visitors who hike to the bottom of the gorge find two waterfalls cascading over layers of sandstone and shale into pools below. Outdoor lovers should not miss this parks spectacular scenery.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- **3,488 Acres**
- **16 Cottages ($135-$160)**
- **72 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites* ($25-$28)**
- **30 Walk-in Campsites ($16)**
- **11 Backcountry Campsites ($6/person)**
- **5 Picnic Shelters ($35)**
- **1 Group Shelter (seats 175, $115)**
- **Pioneer Campground ($50)**
- **Group Lodge (sleeps 40, $200-$240)**

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- **Hiking** - 4.8-mile West Rim Loop, 2-mile Waterfalls Trail, 2-mile Backcountry Loop, 9-mile Cloudland Connector Trail, 6.5-mile Sitton’s Gulch Trail
- **GeoCaching** and caving
Fort Mountain State Park

**Location:** 8 miles east of Chatsworth via Ga. Hwy. 52  
(take I-75 exit #333 toward Ga. Hwy. 411)

**Contact:** 181 Fort Mountain Park Rd  
Chatsworth, GA 30705  
(800) 864-7275  
www.georgiastateparks.org

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. 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.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 3,712 Acres
- 15 Cottages ($125-$145)
- 70 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- 4 Walk-in Campsites ($15)
- 6 Platform Campsites ($15)
- Primitive Equestrian Campsite ($50)
- Group Shelter (seats 80, $115, seasonal)
- Pioneer Campground ($45)
- 4 Backcountry Campsites ($9/person)
- 17-Acre Lake with Swimming Beach 7 Picnic Shelters ($40-$50)

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- Hiking and Backpacking - 14 miles of trails
- Lake Swimming (seasonal) and mountain biking
- Fishing Boat, Canoe and Pedal Boat Rental (seasonal)
- GeoCaching
- Primitive campsites
James Floyd State Park

**Location:** 3 miles southeast of Summerville on Sloppy Floyd Lake Rd. via U.S. Hwy. 27.

**Contact:** 2800 Sloppy Floyd Lake Rd  
Summerville, GA 30747  
(800) 864-7275  
www.georgiastateparks.org

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.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**

- 561 Acres
- 4 Cottages ($135-$145) - #1 is dog friendly ($40 per dog, max 2)
- 25 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- 2 Lakes (51 acres) and Boardwalk
- 4 Picnic Shelters ($40)
- Pioneer Campground ($60)

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**

- Boating - 2 ramps, electric motors only
- Fishing - 2 docks, boat rental, handicapped pier
- Pedal Boat Rentals (seasonal)
- Hiking - 3 miles of trails, Pinhoti Trail nearby
- GeoCaching
John Tanner State Park

Location: 6 miles west of Carrollton off Ga. Hwy. 16

Contact: 354 Tanners Beach Rd
Carrollton, GA 30117
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

Operated by Carroll County, this west Georgia park is best known for its large sand swimming beach. It is a recreational haven for water lovers looking for boating and fishing opportunities as well. Visitors can enjoy camping, picnicking, miniature golf, volleyball, pedal boats and horseshoes. A short nature trail and paved lake loop invite guests to enjoy wooded scenery.

FACILITIES:
- 138 Acres
- 12-Acre and 16-Acre Lakes
- 31 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$27) - cable TV hookups
- Group Lodge (sleeps 40, $305)
- 6 Motel-Type Efficiency Units ($95)
- 4 Picnic Shelters ($55-$125)
- 2 Group Shelters (seat 50 and 75, $80-$130)
- Pioneer Campground ($40)
- Swimming Beach

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Swimming
- Boating - private boats permitted, electric motors only
- Hiking - 3/4-mile nature trail and 1-mile lake loop trail (paved)
Red Top Mountain
State Park

**Location:** 45 minutes north of Atlanta near Cartersville, 1.5 miles east of I-75 exit #285

**Contact:** 50 Lodge Rd SE  
Cartersville, GA 30121  
(800) 864-7275  
www.georgiastateparks.com

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.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 1,776 Acres
- 18 Cottages ($90-$160)
- 92 Tent, Trailer, RV Sites ($19-$28) -- RV pull-throughs are not waterfront
- Pioneer Campground ($28 and up)
- 7 Picnic Shelters ($45)
- 2 Group Shelters (seat 150 and 200, $240-$275)
- Mountain Cove Discovery Room - nature exhibits and ranger programs

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- Boating and Skiing - marina, 2 ramps, 2 docks, private boats permitted
- Fishing and swimming
- Hiking - 12.5 miles of wooded trails, 3/4-mile paved accessible trail
- Biking -- 4-mile Iron Hill Trail, Muddy Spokes Club
- GeoCaching
Amicalola Falls State Park
Black Rock Mountain State Park
Bobby Brown Outdoor Recreation Area
Fort Yargo State Park
Hart State Outdoor Recreational Area
Moccasin Creek State Park
Richard B. Russell State Park
Smithgall Woods State Park
Tallulah Gorge State Park
Tugaloo State Park
Unicoi State Park
Victoria Bryant State Park

Vogel State Park
Watson Mill Bridge State Park
Amicalola Falls State Park

Location: 15 miles northwest of Dawsonville on Ga. Hwy. 52. Take Hwy. 53 west to Hwy 183 North to Hwy 52 East.

Contact: 418 Amicalola Falls Lodge Rd
Dawsonville, GA 30534
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

ACCOMMODATIONS & 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
- 4 Picnic Shelters ($45)
- Group Shelter (seats 75, $75)
- Mountain-view Restaurant
- Visitor Center

THINGS TO DO & SEE:

- Hiking - 12 miles of trails for all skill levels, Canyon Climbers Club
- Ranger Programs
- Picnicking
- Trout Fishing (seasonal)
- Waterfall Photography
- GeoCaching
- Ropes Course (groups only, advanced reservations required)
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. 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.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 1,743 Acres
- 10 Cottages ($125-$145)
- 44 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28) - cable TV hookups
- 12 Walk-in Campsites ($15)
- 4 Backcountry Campsites ($9/person)
- Pioneer Group Campground ($115)
- 2 Picnic Shelters ($40)
- 17-Acre Lake

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- Hiking and Backpacking - 11 miles of trails ranging from easy to difficult
- Photography
- Lake Fishing - bass, bream, catfish, perch, trout
- Lake Canoeing & Kayaking -- no rentals
- GeoCaching
**Bobby Brown Outdoor Recreation Center**

**Location:** Located 21 miles southeast of Elberton off Ga. Hwy. 72

**Contact:**
2509 Bobby Brown State Park  
Elberton, GA 30635  
(800) 864-7275  
www.georgiastateparks.org

This pretty park offers watersports enthusiasts a quiet oasis on 70,000-acre Clarks Hill Lake. Located where the old town of Petersburg once thrived during the 1790s, the park is named in memory of Lt. Robert T. Brown, U.S. Navy, who gave his life in World War II. Petersburg was situated where the Broad and Savannah rivers flow into the Clarks Hill Reservoir, now an outstanding state recreational area. When water levels are low, visitors can see some foundations of the old town and imagine large plantations once flourishing. The park's strategic location on the largest man-made lake east of the Mississippi provides excellent boating, skiing and fishing. New yurts, which are like tents made of canvas and wood, offer a unique camping experience.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 665 Acres
- 61 Tent, Trailer, RV Sites ($15-18)
- 5 Yurts ($45)
- 70,000-Acre Lake
- 2 Picnic Shelters ($25)
- Group Shelter (seats 80, $60)
- Pioneer Campground ($25)

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- Fishing
- Hiking - 1.9 miles of trails
- Self Guided Compass Course
Fort Yargo State Park

Location: 1 mile south of Winder on Ga. Hwy. 81

Contact: 210 S. Broad Street
Winder, GA 30680
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.com

Located between Atlanta and Athens, this popular park features a 1792 log for 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.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 1,816 Acres
- 3 Cottages ($120) 6 Yurts ($70)
- 9 Walk-in Campsites ($23)
- 260-Acre Lake with Beach (seasonal)
- 5 Picnic Shelters ($50)
- 2 Group Shelters (seat 80 and 100, $105-$160)
- Nature Center Pavilion ($85)
- Beach Pavilion ($100)
- Pioneer Campground ($75)

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- GeoCaching
- Hiking and Mountain Biking and disc golf
- Fishing jon boat rental (seasonal)
- Boating - private boats allowed, 10 HP limit
- Canoe and Pedal Boat Rental (seasonal)
Hart State Outdoor Recreation Area

Location: From Hartwell, drive north on U.S. Hwy. 29; turn left on Ridge Road and proceed 2 miles to the park.

Contact: 330 Hart Park Road
Hartwell, GA 30643
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

Swimming, boating, water skiing and fishing on Lake Hartwell are prime reasons to visit Hart Outdoor Recreation Area in northeast Georgia. Large mouth bass, hybrid bass, striper, black crappie, bream, rainbow trout and wall-eyed pike can be found in the sparkling waters of this 55,590-acre reservoir. The park’s boat ramps and docks offer easy access to all water sports.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 147 Acres
- 62 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($19-$26, some sewage hookups, self registration, seasonal)
- 16 Walk-In Campsites ($19, self registration, seasonal)
- Boat Ramp
- Lake Hartwell

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Fishing
- Boating - day-use ramp open year-round
- Hiking and Bicycling - 1.5-mile trail open year-round
Location: 20 miles north of Clarkesville on Ga. Hwy. 197

Contact: 3655 Highway 197
Clarkesville, GA 30523
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

At 2,800-acres, Lake Burton is a prime spot for skiing, boating and fishing. Canoes and fishing boats may be rented during warmer months. Park visitors can tour an adjacent trout rearing station, hike on several nearby trails in the Blue Ridge Mountains or simply relax in this peaceful setting. The park’s central location makes it a perfect jumping off spot for exploring area waterfalls, mountain bike trails, shops and restaurants.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 32 Acres
- 54 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$29)
- Picnic Shelter ($40)
- Boat Dock and Ramp

THINGS TO DO AND SEE:
- Hiking - 2-Mile Hemlock Falls Trail, 1-Mile Non-Game Interpretive Trail with Wildlife Observation Tower, Appalachian Trail nearby
- Lake Fishing - bass, crappie, bream
- Stream Fishing - restricted to seniors 65 and older and children 11 and younger
- Canoe Rental (seasonal)
- GeoCaching
- Visit Burton Fish Hatchery
Richard B. Russell State Park

Location: 8 miles northeast of Elberton off Ga. Hwy. 77 on Ruckersville Rd

Contact: 2650 Russell State Park Rd
Elberton, GA 30635
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.com

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.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 2,508 Acres
- 20 Cottages
- 28 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28) - cable TV hookups
- 3 Picnic Shelters ($40)
- Group Shelter (seats 175, $205)
- 26,650-acre Lake with Swimming Beach (seasonal)

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Fishing and Boating -- ramps
- Waterskiing and Rowing
- Canoe and Pedal Boat Rental (seasonal)
- Beach Volleyball
- Lake Swimming (seasonal)
- GeoCaching
- Hiking and Bicycling - 6 miles of trails, Muddy Spokes Club
Smithgall Woods State Park

**Location:** Ga. Hwy. 75 Alt, 3 miles west of Helen

**Contact:**
61 Tsalaki Trail
Helen, GA 30545
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.com

Smithgall Woods is an angler’s paradise. One of north Georgia’s premier trout streams, Dukes Creek, runs through this spectacular mountain property and is a favorite for catch-and-release fishing. To ensure a quality experience, the number of anglers is limited and fishing is offered only on certain days. As a result, anglers should call ahead for reservations. Five miles of trails and 18 miles of roads allow hikers and bicyclists to explore hardwoods, streams and wildlife.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 5,664 Acres
- 5 Cottages Pioneer Campground (youth groups only; $55/up)
- Visitor Center with Discovery Room
- 3 Picnic Shelters ($55)

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- Trout Fishing - reservations required, catch-and-release only
- Hiking and Bicycling - 23 miles of roads and trails, 5 miles of nature trails, most closed during scheduled hunts
- Ranger Programs - reservations required
- Environmental Education - reservations required
- Nature Photography -- viewing stands and food plots
- Wildlife Observation
- GeoCaching
Tallulah Gorge
State Park

Location: Hwy. 441 within the city limits of Tallulah Falls, Ga
Contact: 338 Jane Hurt Yarn Dr
Tallulah Falls, GA 30573
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

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 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 an old railroad bed, perfect for strollers and bicycles, while mountain bikers can test their skills on a challenging 10-mile trail.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 2,739 Acres
- 50 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites
- Pioneer Campground ($40)
- 3 Backcountry Adirondack Shelters ($15)
- 63-Acre Lake with Beach
- Picnic Shelter* ($60)
- Interpretive Center & Film
- Gorge Overlooks
- Suspension Bridge

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Whitewater & Aesthetic Water Releases
- Hiking and Mountain Biking - more than 20 miles of trails, Canyon Climbers Club, Muddy Spokes Club, free permit required for gorge floor access
- Bicycling - 1.7-mile paved "Rails to Trails" path
- Swimming, geocaching and fishing
Tugaloo State Park

Location: I-85 exit #173 north on Georgia 17; follow park signs to Gerrard Road, turn right. Go 1.5 miles to Ga. Hwy. 328 and turn left. Proceed 3.3 miles to park; entrance on right.

Contact: 1763 Tugaloo State Park Rd
Lavonia, GA 30553
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.com

Situated on a wooded peninsula, Tugaloo’s cottages and most campsites offer spectacular views of 55,590-acre Lake Hartwell in every direction. Some cottages even have private boat docks for overnight guests. Tent campers can choose between the developed campground or primitive sites located a short walk from the parking area. During summer, the lake is a popular destination for swimming, water skiing, sailing andboating. Both the Sassafras and Muscadine hiking trails wind through oak, walnut, mulberry and cherry trees.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:

- 393 Acres
- 20 Cottages ($135)
- 105 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($23-$30)
- 5 Primitive Campsites ($15)
- Pioneer Campground ($35)
- 7 Picnic Shelters ($40)
- Group Shelter (seats 80, $105)
- Pavilion (seats 80, $75)
- 55,590-Acre Lake with Swimming Beach and Bathhouse

THINGS TO DO & SEE:

- Boating - 6-lane megaramp, 2 smaller ramps
- Fishing and geocaching
- Hiking - 4 miles of trails
- Canoe Rental (seasonal)
Unicoi State Park

Location: 2 miles northeast of Helen via Ga. Hwy. 356

Contact: 1788 Highway 356
Helen, GA 30545
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

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 7.5-mile single track for bikers. The cool mountain lake offers a swimming beach and canoe rental during summer.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 1,050 Acres
- 100-Room Lodge & Conference Center ($75-$135) -- wireless Internet
- 30 Cottages ($80-$150)
- 82 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($29-$35)
- 33 Walk-in Campsites ($25)
- 16 Squirrel’s Nest Camping Shelters ($15)
- 53-Acre Lake with Beach
- Beach House/Group Shelter (seats 100, $305)
- 7 Picnic Shelters ($45)

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Hiking - 7.5 miles of trails
- Mountain Biking - 8 miles of trails, Muddy Spokes Club
- Birding
- Fishing - accessible docks
- Lake Swimming and geoCaching
Victoria Bryant State Park

**Location:** 2 miles north of Franklin Springs on Ga. Hwy. 327.

**Contact:** 1105 Bryant Park Road
Royston, GA 30662
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

Nestled in the rolling hills of Georgia’s upper Piedmont, this is one of northern Georgia’s best-kept secrets. A beautiful stream flows through the park, providing the perfect setting for an after-picnic stroll. Hikers can follow either the short nature trail or the longer perimeter trail that travels through hardwoods and crosses creeks. Animal lovers should keep an eye out for wildlife while passing food plots along the perimeter trail. Two small ponds are open for public fishing, and a swimming pool is open during summer. Campers can stay overnight in the small, comfortable campground.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 502 Acres
- 27 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- 8 Platform, Walk-in Tent Sites ($27)
- 2 Pioneer Group Campgrounds (75 capacity, $50)
- 5 Picnic Shelters ($45)
- Highland Walk Golf Course (18-Holes) ($31-$38.50)
- Nature Center

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- Hiking and Bicycling - 8 miles of trails
- Fishing -- 2 ponds
- Pool Swimming
- GeoCaching
Vogel State Park

Location: 2 miles north of Franklin Springs on Ga. Hwy. 327.

Contact: 1105 Bryant Park Road
Royston, GA 30662
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

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.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 233 Acres
- 35 Cottages ($95-$160)
- 103 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- 18 Walk-in Campsites ($19)
- Pioneer Campground ($50)
- 22-Acre Lake with Beach
- 4 Picnic Shelters ($50)
- Group Shelter (seats 75, $160)
- Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Museum

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Hiking and Backpacking - 17 miles of trails, Appalachian Trail nearby
- Fishing
- Lake Swimming (seasonal)
- GeoCaching
Watson Mill Bridge
State Park

**Location:** 3 miles south of Comer off Ga. Hwy. 22. Covered bridge has 9-foot maximum clearance. Equestrian campers need to use the park entrance off Hwy. 72 in Cartlon, while traditional campers may use the park entrance off Hwy. 22 in Comer.

**Contact:** 650 Watson Mill Road
Comer, GA 30629
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

One of the most picturesque state parks in Georgia, Watson Mill Bridge contains the longest covered bridge in the state, spanning 229 feet across the South Fork River. Built in 1885 by Washington (W.W.) King, son of freed slave and famous covered-bridge builder Horace King, the bridge is supported by a town lattice truss system held firmly together with wooden pins. At one time, Georgia had more than 200 covered bridges; today, less than 20 remain.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 1,118 Acres
- 21 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- 3 Log Cabin Bunkhouses (sleep 8, $65)
- Horse Stalls ($11) with 11 Campsites ($25-$28)
- 5-Acre Mill Pond
- Covered Bridge
- 3 Picnic Shelters

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- Hiking - 7 miles of trails
- Bicycling - 5 miles of trails, Muddy Spokes Club
- GeoCaching
- Fishing - catfish, bass and bream
- Photography
Chattahoochee Bend State Park
Chattahoochee Bend State Park

Location: 2 miles north of Franklin Springs on Ga. Hwy. 327

Contact: 1105 Bryant Park Road
Royston, GA 30662
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

Georgia’s newest state park showcases a spectacular tract of wilderness in northwest Coweta County. Located in a graceful bend of the Chattahoochee River, the park is a haven for paddlers, campers and anglers. At 2,910 acres, Chattahoochee Bend is one of Georgia’s largest state parks, protecting five miles of river frontage. A boat ramp provides easy access to the water, while more than six miles of wooded trails are open for hiking and nature photography. An observation platform provides nice views of the river and forest.

FACILITIES:
- 2,910 Acres
- 16 Riverside Platform Campsites ($20)
- 12 Tent Walk-In Campsites ($25)
- 4 Camping Shelters ($35) –
- 2 Picnic Shelters ($65)
- Boat Ramp

ACTIVITIES:
- Hiking -- 6 miles of trails, observation platform
- Canoeing/Kayaking –
- Picnicking
- Fishing
- GeoCaching
Indian Springs State Park
High Falls State Park
Hard Labor Creek State Park
Indian Springs
State Park

Location:  I-75 southbound, take exit #205 to Jackson; proceed south on Ga. Hwy. 42 to the park. From I-75 northbound, take exit #188; proceed north on Ga. Hwy.

Contact:  678 Lake Clark Road
           Flowilla, GA 30216
           (800) 864-7275
           www.georgiastateparks.org

Conveniently located near I-75 in middle Georgia, Indian Springs is one of the oldest state parks in the United States and a popular spot for outdoor recreation. For centuries, Creek Indians collected the spring water for its healing qualities, and during the 1800s, the area was a bustling resort town. Today, visitors can still sample the spring water flowing inside the stone Spring House built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 528 Acres
- 10 Cottages ($115-$125) -- #2 and #6 are dog friendly ($40 per dog, max 2)
- 88 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- 105-Acre Lake and Swimming Beach (seasonal)
- 7 Picnic Shelters ($55)
- Group Shelter (seats 130, $280)
- Stone Pavilion ($300)
- Group Camp and Dining Hall (sleeps 130, $255-$585)
- Pioneer Campground ($45)

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Boating - ramp, private boats allowed, 10 HP limit
- Fishing Boat Rental
- Lake Swimming and Creek Wading
- Walking - 3/4-mile nature trail and GeoCaching
High Falls
State Park

**Location:** 1.8 miles east of I-75 exit #198 at High Falls Road

**Contact:** 76 High Falls Park Dr
Jackson, GA 30233
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

Located northwest of Macon, High Falls 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.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 1,050 Acres
- 6 Yurts ($65)
- 103 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28) -- some sections close during winter
- Pioneer Campground ($55)
- 650-Acre Lake
- Swimming Pool (seasonal, fee, privately operated)
- 5 Picnic Shelters ($50-$65)
- Screened Group Shelter (seats 125, $280)

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- Hiking - 4.5 miles of trails
- Fishing
- Boating - 2 ramps, private boats allowed, 10 horsepower limit
- Kayak and Canoe Rental
- GeoCaching
Hard Labor Creek State Park

**Location:** 2 miles north of Rutledge. Take I-20 exit #105 into Rutledge and proceed 3 miles on Fairplay Road.

**Contact:** 5 Hard Labor Creek Road
Rutledge, GA 30663
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

While this park may be best known for its golf course, it also offers a wide range of recreational opportunities in a beautiful wooded setting. A lakeside beach is popular with swimmers during summer months, and more than 24 miles of trails are available for hikers and horseback riders. Horse owners even have their own private camping area near stalls. Other overnight guests can choose from fully equipped cottages or a modern campground. With so many ways to relax, it is ironic that the park's name is thought to come from slaves who tilled summer fields or American Indians who found the creek difficult to cross.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 5,804 Acres
- 20 Cottages ($95-$120, higher during Masters Week)
- 48 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- 2 Group Shelters (seat 85 and 120, $85-$335)
- 2 Group Camps (sleeps 75-120, $455-$585; dining hall only, $180)
- Pioneer Group Campground ($45)
- 4 Picnic Shelters and Barbecue Pit ($50-$85)
- 2 Lakes Swimming Beach and Bathhouse (seasonal)

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- 2.5-mile trail, weekday hiking on 22-mile horse trail
- Geocaching
- Fishing and birding
- Swimming
Georgia Veterans State Park

Florence Marina State Park

F.D. Roosevelt State Park
Georgia Veterans State Park

Location: 9 miles west of I-75 (exit #101) near Cordele on U.S. Hwy. 280

Contact: 2459 U.S. Highway 280 W
Cordele, GA 31015
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

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.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:

- 1,308 Acres
- 10 Cottages
- 77 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28) - cable TV hookups
- Military Museum and Aircraft
- 8,700-acre Lake Blackshear
- Lakeview Pavilion (seats 100, $100)
- 4 Picnic Shelters ($55)
- Group Shelter (seats 150, $230)
- Pioneer Campground ($45)

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Boating, Swimming and Waterskiing
- Fishing - bass, crappie, catfish, bream
- Birding and GeoCaching
- Hiking - 3 miles of trails
Florence Marina
State Park

Location: 16 miles west of Lumpkin at the end of GA Hwy. 39C

Contact: 218 Florence Road
Omaha, GA 31821
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

Sitting at the northern end of 45,000-acre Lake Walter F. George (also called Lake Eufaula) this quiet park offers the perfect getaway for those who love water sports. It is adjacent to a natural deep-water marina with an accessible fishing pier, boat slips and boat ramp. Overnight guests can choose from a variety of accommodations, including fully equipped cottages, small efficiency units and a modern campground.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 173 Acres
- 6 Cottages ($115)
- 8 Efficiency Units ($90)
- 43 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- Picnic Shelter ($40)
- Group Shelter (seats 125, $195)
- Kirbo Interpretive Center
- Marina - 66 boat slips for rent

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Boating - ramp, dock
- Fishing - lighted pier, boat rental, state record blue catfish caught at Walter F. George Lake
- Birding
- Walking -- 3/4-mile Nature Trail
- GeoCaching
F.D. Roosevelt State Park

Location: Just off I-185 near Callaway Gardens, west of Warm Springs on Ga. Route 190, or south of Pine Mountain off U.S. Hwy. 27.

Contact: 2970 Ga. Highway 190
Pine Mountain, GA 31822
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

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 southeast of Atlanta. Above King’s Gap is Dowdell’s Knob where President Franklin D. Roosevelt sometimes picnicked and pondered world affairs. A life-size sculpture of the president now welcomes visitors to the overlook.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 9,049 Acres
- 22 Cottages ($90-$135) 140 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- 13 Backcountry Campsites ($9/person)
- 2 Picnic Shelters ($50)
- Group Shelter (seats 85, $135)
- 2 Group Camps (sleep 75 and 120, $505-$605) Pioneer Campground ($45)
- 2 Lakes (15-acre Lake Delanor and 25-acre Lake Franklin)
- Trading Post

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Hiking and Backpacking - 42 miles of trails, including Pine Mountain Trail
- Fishing - boat rental
- Canoe and Kayak Rental
- GeoCaching
- Stargazing
- Birding
Reed Bingham State Park
Kolomoki Mounds State Park
Reed Bingham State Park

Location: 6 miles west of Adel on Ga. Hwy. 37 via I-75 exit #39, and 14 miles east of Moultrie from U.S. Hwy. 319

Contact: 542 Reed Bingham Road
Adel, GA 31620
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

Visitors to this pretty park usually see abundant wildlife, including species such as gopher tortoises, spotted turtles, limpkins, indigo snakes and nesting bald eagles. American alligators are often seen sunning along the lake’s edge. During winter, thousands of “buzzards,” actually black vultures and turkey vultures, roost in the trees and soar overhead. Nearly 80 percent of the Coastal Plain’s plant community can be found along the park’s Coastal Plain Nature Trail, making this park’s habitat some of the most diverse in the country.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 1,613 Acres
- 375-Acre Lake
- 46 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- Pioneer Campground ($30 and up, organized groups only)
- 8 Picnic Shelters ($50)
- 4 Group Shelters (seat 50-120, $70-$235)
- Beach Pavilion ($105)

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Canoe and Kayak Rental -- Park Paddlers Club
- Fishing - boat rental, dock, accessible pier
- Hiking - 7 miles of trails
- GeoCaching
- Birding -- "Buzzard" viewing is best in the morning and late afternoon.
Location: 6 miles north of Blakely off U.S. Hwy. 27

Contact: 205 Indian Mounds Rd
Blakely, GA 39823-4460
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

This historically significant park is the oldest and largest Woodland Indian site in the southeastern United States, occupied by American Indians from 350 to 750 AD. Georgia’s oldest great temple mound, standing 57 feet high, dominates two smaller burial mounds and several ceremonial mounds. The park’s museum is built around an excavated mound, providing an unusual setting for learning who these people were and how they lived. Inside, visitors will find numerous artifacts and a film.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 1,294 Acres
- 24 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$27)
- 2 Lakes (50 acres and 80 acres)
- 7 Picnic Shelters ($30-$50)
- Amphitheater ($50)
- 2 Group Shelters (seat 50 and 120, $75-$150)
- Group Camp (sleeps 135, $505)
- 2 Pioneer Campgrounds ($35)

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- 7 Indian Mounds, Museum and Gift Shop ($4-$5)
- Fishing - dock, boats for rent
- Pedal Boat (seasonal) and Canoe Rental
- GeoCaching
- Hiking - 5 miles of trails
Seminole State Park

Location: 16 miles south of Donalsonville via GA Hwy 39 or 23 miles west of Bainbridge on GA Hwy 253/Spring Creek Rd. From Tallahassee (approx. 1 hour, 10 minutes) take Hwy 27 north into Bainbridge then Hwy 253/Spring Creek Rd. west.

Contact: 7870 State Park Dr
Donalsonville, GA 39845
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

This southwest Georgia park is on beautiful Lake Seminole, a 37,500-acre reservoir with excellent boating, fishing and birding. Cottages, many campsites and even picnic shelters sit near the water’s edge, offering excellent views and quick access to the lake. Because the park surrounds a small cove, visitors usually enjoy smooth water for skiing and tubing. A sand swimming beach is also provided for lake lovers.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 604 Acres
- 14 Cottages ($125-$135) 50 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- Treehouse Camping (sleeps 15, $25)
- Pioneer Campground ($35)
- Lake and Swimming Beach
- 5 Picnic Shelters ($35)
- 2 Group Shelters (seat 75 and 200, $105-$255)

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- GeoCaching
- Boating and Water Skiing - 5 ramps
- Fishing - 3 docks
- Hiking - 2.2-mile Gopher Tortoise Nature Trail
- Canoe Rental
- Birding
Little Ocmulgee State Park
General Coffee State Park
Gordonia-Alatamaha State Park
Little Ocmulgee State Park

**Location:** 2 miles north of McRae via U.S. Hwys. 319 and 441.

**Contact:** 80 Live Oak Trail
Helena, GA 31037
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

Conveniently located off Highway 441 in south Georgia, this park features a wide variety of amenities. Golfers can test their skills on the 18-hole Wallace Adams Course with clubhouse, golf pro and junior/senior discounts. The park’s 2.6-mile Oak Ridge Trail winds through sand hills, scrub oaks and pines, taking hikers to a short boardwalk.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 1,360 Acres
- 60-Room Lodge & Conference Center ($70-$135)
- 10 Cottages ($80-$105) 54 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- Pioneer Campsite ($35)
- 7 Picnic Shelters ($45)
- 2 Group Shelters (seat 50 and 125, $115-$255)
- 265-Acre Lake

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- Hiking - 2.6-mile trail and boardwalk
- Bike Rental
- Miniature Golf (fee, seasonal)
- Fishing
- Canoe and Pedal Boat Rental
- GeoCaching
General Coffee State Park

**Location:** 6 miles east of Douglas on Ga. Hwy. 32.

**Contact:** 46 John Coffee Rd
Nicholls, GA 31554
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

One of southern Georgia's “best kept secrets,” this park is known for agricultural history shown at Heritage Farm, with log cabins, a corn crib, tobacco barn, cane mill and other exhibits. Children enjoy feeding the park's farm animals, which usually include goats, sheep, chickens, pigs and donkeys. Overnight accommodations include camping, cottages and the Burnham House.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 1,511 Acres
- 5 Cottages ($105-$115)
- 50 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($24-$26)
- Group Lodge (sleeps 38, $275)
- 7 Picnic Shelters ($45)
- Group Shelter (seats 180, $165)
- Pioneer Campground ($35)
- Heritage Farm

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- Hiking - 4-mile nature trail and wetland boardwalk
- History and Nature Programs
- Fishing
- Canoe Rental
- GeoCaching
Gordonia-Alatamaha State Park

Location: 16 miles south of Donalsonville via GA Hwy 39 or 23 miles west of Bainbridge on GA Hwy 253/Spring Creek Rd. From Tallahassee (approx. 1 hour, 10 minutes) take Hwy 27 north into Bainbridge then Hwy 253/Spring Creek Rd. west.

Contact: 7870 State Park Dr
Donalsonville, GA 39845
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

This southeast Georgia park is a favorite for picnicking, family reunions and golf. Picnic tables and shelters surround a small lake where visitors can rent pedal boats and fishing boats during warmer months. Docks are available for anglers, and children will enjoy looking for beaver dams from the observation deck. Five rental cottages face the golf course, all with screened porches, fireplaces and televisions. Gordonia-Alatamaha’s unusual name comes from the rare Gordonia tree – a member of the bay family that once grew in the park – and the original spelling of the nearby Altamaha River.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:

- 662 Acres
- 5 Cottages ($105 - $115, #2 is Dog Friendly, $40 per dog, max 2)
- 29 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($19-$30, some sewage hookups)
- 4 Picnic Shelters ($40)
- Group Shelter (seats 80, $85)
- 12-Acre Lake

THINGS TO DO & SEE:

- GeoCaching
- Miniature Golf (fee)
- Pedal Boat Rental (seasonal)
- Fishing - boat rental; no private boats permitted
Stephen C. Foster State Park
Fort McAllister Historic Park
Skidaway Island State Park
Crooked River State Park
Laura S. Walker State Park
Stephen C. Foster
State Park

**Location:** 18 miles northeast of Fargo at the end of Ga. Hwy. 177. Note that GPS directions are often not accurate; consult a highway map.

**Contact:** 17515 Hwy. 177
Fargo, GA 31631
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

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.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 80 Acres
- 9 Cottages ($115-$125) -- #5 is dog friendly ($40 per dog, max 2)
- 64 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$30)
- Pioneer Campground ($50)
- 3 Picnic Shelters ($35-$45)
- Interpretive Center/Museum
- Suwannee River Eco-Lodge:

**THINGS TO DO AND SEE:**
- Canoe, Kayak and Fishing Boat Rental - 25 miles of waterways
- Fishing
- Walking -- 1.5-mile Trembling Earth and 1.5-mile Pine Upland nature trails
- Birding and GeoCaching
- Nature Photography
- Astronomy - exceptionally dark skies, astronomy programs
Fort McAllister Historic Park

Location: South of Savannah, GA

Contact: 3894 Fort McAllister Road
Richmond Hill, GA 31324
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

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.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:

- 1,725 Acres
- 3 Cottages ($130)
- 65 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- Backcountry Campsites ($9/person)
- 2 Picnic Shelters ($40)
- Group Shelter (seats 150, $205)
- Pioneer Campground ($45)
- Earthwork Fort
- Civil War Museum and Gift Shop ($3.50-$5)
- Boat Ramps, Dock and Fishing Pier

THINGS TO DO AND SEE:

- Daily Civil War Programs -- artillery, flags of the South, infantry or weapons.
- Fort Tours -- call for reservations
- Saltwater Fishing
- Boating, Hiking and GeoCaching
- Canoe Rental
Skidaway Island State Park

Location: 15 miles southeast of Savannah on Diamond Causeway

Contact:  52 Diamond Causeway
          Savannah, GA 31411
          (800) 864-7275
          www.georgiastateparks.org

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.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 588 Acres
- 87 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- 3 Pioneer Campgrounds ($40)
- 5 Picnic Shelters ($50)
- Group Shelter (seats 150, $275)
- Interpretive Center

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Hiking - 1-mile Sandpiper Nature Trail (accessible) and 3-mile Big Ferry Trail
- Birding - Colonial Coast Birding Trail
- Biking and GeoCaching
Crooked River
State Park

**Location:** 7 miles north of St. Marys on Ga. Spur 40 or 8 miles east of I-95 exit 3

**Contact:** 6222 Charlie Smith Sr. Highway
St. Marys, GA 31558
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

Located on southern tip of Georgia’s Colonial Coast, this park is the perfect spot for enjoying the Intracoastal Waterway and maritime forest. Campsites are surrounded by palmettos and Spanish moss-draped oaks, while cottages are set near the tidal river. A boat ramp is popular with anglers who often take to the water before sunrise. Just down the road is the ferry to famous Cumberland Island National Seashore known for secluded beaches and wild horses.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 500 Acres
- 11 Cottages ($125-$150) -- #10 and #11 are dog friendly ($40 per dog, max 2)
- 62 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- Pioneer Campground ($35)
- 5 Picnic Shelters ($40)
- Group Shelter (seats 80, $130)
- Nature Center

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- Saltwater Fishing
- Boating and Kayaking - outfitter nearby, Park Paddlers Club
- Hiking - 4 miles of trails
- Birding - Colonial Coast Birding Trail, two bird blinds
- Bike Rental
- GeoCaching
Laura S. Walker State Park

Location: 9 miles southeast of Waycross on GA Route 177. Take I-75 to exit 62, follow US 82 east through Waycross. Or, I-95 to exit 36, follow US 82 west 47 miles.

Contact: 5653 Laura Walker Rd.
Waycross, GA 31503
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

Located near the northern edge of the mysterious Okefenokee Swamp, this park is home to many fascinating creatures and plants, including alligators and carnivorous pitcher plants. Walking or biking along the lake’s edge and nature trail, visitors may spot the shy gopher tortoise, numerous oak varieties, saw palmettos, yellow-shafted flickers, warblers, owls and great blue herons. The park’s lake offers opportunities for fishing, skiing and boating, and canoes and bicycles are available for rent. The park’s namesake was a Georgia writer, teacher, civic leader and naturalist who loved trees and worked for their preservation.

- **ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
  - 626 Acres
  - 44 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($24-$26)
  - 7 Picnic Shelters ($50)
  - 4 Group Shelters (seat 75-165, $85-$170)
  - Group Camp (sleeps 142, $450)
  - Pioneer Campground ($30)

- **ACTIVITIES:**
  - Fishing
  - Boating and Waterskiing
  - Canoe Rental
  - Geocaching
  - Hiking and Biking - nearly 3 miles of nature trails, wildlife observation platform
Mistletoe State Park
A.H. Stephens State Park
Elijah Clark State Park
Magnolia Springs State Park
Hamburg State Park
George L. Smith State Park
Mistletoe State Park

**Location:** 3 miles off Ga. Hwy. 150, 8 miles north of I-20 exit #175.

**Contact:** 3725 Mistletoe Road
Appling, GA 30802
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

Located on 71,100-acre Clarks Hill Lake near Augusta, this park is known as one of the finest bass fishing spots in the nation. Fishing docks and boat ramps provide easy access to one of the Southeast’s largest lakes. During the summer, guests can cool off at the sandy beach or on miles of shaded nature trails. Many programs are hosted throughout the year, such as astronomy programs, concerts and nature walks. Bike riders who explore this park can join the Muddy Spokes Club.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 1,920 Acres
- 10 Cottages ($135-$145, higher during Masters Week)
- 96 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28) -- some sites close during winter
- 4 Walk-In Campsites ($15)
- 3 Backcountry Campsites ($10/person)
- Pioneer Campground ($65)
- 4 Picnic Shelters ($45)
- Group Shelter (seats 155, $155)

**ACTIVITIES:**
- Fishing
- Canoe Rental (overnight guests only, seasonal)
- Hiking and Bicycling - 12-mile backpacking trail and 3.5 miles of nature trails
- GeoCaching
A.H. Stephens  
State Park

Location: 2 miles north of I-20 off Exit #148 (Hwy. 22)

Contact: 456 Alexander Street NW  
Crawfordville, GA 30631  
(800) 864-7275  
www.georgiastateparks.org

This pretty park west of Augusta is best known for its equestrian facilities, Confederate museum and lakeside group camp. Horseback riders can explore 12 miles of trails and stay overnight in their own campground. Overnight guests can choose from lakeside cottages or a modern campground, while large groups can enjoy privacy in the park’s group camp or pioneer campground.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES
- 1,177 Acres
- 4 Cottages ($115-$125, higher during Masters Week)
- 22 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($24-$26)
- 3 Picnic Shelters ($45)
- Group Shelter (seats 80, $115)
- Group Camp (sleeps 150, $555)
- Pioneer Campground ($35)
- 2 Fishing Lakes (2 acres and 18 acres)

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- GeoCaching
- Fishing - boat rental, private boats permitted, electric motors only
- Hiking -- 4 miles of trails, one ADA accessible trail
Elijah Clark State Park

**Location:** 7 miles northeast of Lincolnton on U.S. Hwy. 378

**Contact:** 2959 McCormick Highway
Lincolnton, GA 30817
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

This park is located on the western shore of 71,100-acre Clarks Hill Lake, one of the largest lakes in the Southeast. With its boat ramps and accessible fishing pier, it is especially popular with anglers and boaters. A sandy swimming beach welcomes visitors to cool off during Georgia summers. Rental cottages are located on the lake’s edge, and the spacious campground is nestled into the forest. Tent campers will enjoy extra privacy in the walk-in section.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 447 Acres
- 20 Cottages ($120-$130, higher during Masters Week) friendly ($40 per)
- 165 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- 10 Walk-in Tent Campsites ($15)
- Pioneer Campground ($35)
- 4 Picnic Shelters ($45)
- 2 Group Shelters (seat 70 and 175, $180-$205)
- Log Cabin Museum

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- Boating and Skiing - 4 ramps
- Fishing - cleaning station, accessible pier
- Lake Swimming
- GeoCaching
- Hiking - 3.75 miles of trails of nature trails
Magnolia Springs
State Park

**Location:** 5 miles north of Millen on U.S. Hwy. 25

**Contact:**
1053 Magnolia Springs Dr.
Millen, GA 30442
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

Beautiful Magnolia Springs State Park is known for its crystal clear springs flowing 7 million gallons per day. A boardwalk spans the cool water, allowing visitors to look for alligators, turtles and other wildlife near the springs. A 28-acre lake is available for fishing and boating. Overnight guests can choose from cottages and a small campground. During the Civil War, this site was called Camp Lawton and served as “the world's largest prison.” Today, little remains of the prison stockade; however, the earthen breastworks which guarded it may still be seen.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:**
- 1,070 Acres
- 8 Cottages ($125-$150, higher during Masters Week)
- 26 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28)
- 3 Walk-in Campsites ($21)
- 2 Pioneer Campgrounds ($40)
- Group Camp (sleeps 92, $255-$505)
- 8 Picnic Shelters ($50)
- 3 Group Shelters (seat 40-100, $100-$200)

**THINGS TO DO & SEE:**
- Natural Spring and Boardwalk
- Hiking and Bicycling - 5 miles of trails, Muddy Spokes Club
- Fishing - accessible dock
- Boating - private boats allowed, ramp, Park Paddlers Club
- Canoe and Fishing Boat Rental, GeoCaching
Hamburg State Park

Location: 20 miles north of Sandersville via Hamburg State Park Road off Ga. Hwy. 102

Contact: 6071 Hamburg State Park Road
Mitchell, GA 30820
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

State Park offers a wonderful mix of history and outdoor recreation. A campground offers shaded sites along the edge of quiet Hamburg Lake fed by the Little Ogeechee River. Open seasonally, this self-registration campground provides hot showers, water and electric hookups, and a dump station.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 741 Acres
- 30 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($25-$28, seasonal, self-registration)
- Grist Mill and Museum (open during events)
- 225-Acre Lake

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Camping (seasonal)
- GeoCaching
- Fishing
- Hiking - 3.5 miles of trails
Location:  Between Metter and Twin City off Ga. Hwy. 23. 
Take I-16 exit #104

Contact:  371 George L. Smith State Park Rd
Twin City, GA 30471
(800) 864-7275
www.georgiastateparks.org

With natural beauty, lakeside camping and cozy cottages, this secluded park is the perfect south Georgia retreat. It is best known for the refurbished Parrish Mill and Pond, a combination gristmill, saw mill, covered bridge and dam built in 1880. A group shelter near the bridge is popular for family reunions and parties. Some campsites sit right on the water’s edge, while cottages with gas fireplaces and screened porches are nestled into the woods.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:
- 1,634 Acres
- 8 Cottages ($110-$120) -- #4 is dog friendly ($40 per dog, max 2)
- 25 Tent, Trailer, RV Campsites ($24-$26)
- 412-Acre Lake
- Historic Covered Bridge and Mill
- 4 Picnic Shelters ($40)
- Group Shelter (seats 50, $120)
- Pioneer Campground ($40)

THINGS TO DO & SEE:
- Fishing - boat rentals
- Canoe Rental - 10 miles of trails, Park Paddlers Club
- Walking and Biking - 7 miles of trails
- GeoCaching
Georgia National Parks
Chattahoochee National Forest

Location: Throughout North Georgia

Contact: Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest
         1755 Cleveland Highway
         Gainesville, Georgia 30501
         (770) 297-3000
         www.fs.usda.gov/main/conf/about-forest

The Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest is a vast wilderness area that covers much of North Georgia. With over 430 miles of trails on the Chattahoochee, it's hard to find an area without some type of footpath! From short day hikes to more arduous trips, for novices or experts, there is a trail for every level, every purpose. The four long-distance trails on the Chattahoochee are great for backpacking: the Benton MacKaye (53 miles), Bartram (37 miles), Duncan Ridge (35.5 miles), and Appalachian (79 miles).

Activities: 31,000 Acres

18 Camping facilities
Fishing
Canoeing
Whitewater rafting
Horseback riding
Cumberland Island National Seashore

Location: Georgia barrier islands

Contact: Cumberland Island National Seashore
P.O. Box 806
Saint Marys, Georgia 31558
(912) 882-4336 ext. 254
www.nps.gov/cuis/index.htm

Georgia's largest and most southernmost barrier island, Cumberland Island is 17.5 miles long and totals 36,415 acres of which 16,850 are marsh, mud flats, and tidal creeks. It is well known for its sea turtles, wild turkeys, wild horses, armadillos, abundant shore birds, dune fields, maritime forests, salt marshes, and historic structures.

Activities: Backpacking Hiking
Biking Interpretive programs
Camping Nature walks
Bird watching Stargazing
Boating Wildlife viewing
Fishing
BSA Camps in Georgia

Camp Allatoona - Woodstock, GA <> www.campallatoona.org

Camp Ben Hawkins - Byron, GA <> www.centralgeorgiacouncil.org

Bert Adams Scout Reservation - Covington, GA <> www.atlantabsa.org

Camp Blue Heron – Riceboro, GA <> www.bsasavannah.org

Camp Galant - LaGrange, GA <> www.chattahoochee-bsa.org

Knox Scout Reservation – Linclonton, GA <> www.gacacouncil.org

Camp Lawhorn - Molena, GA <> www.flintrivercouncil.org

Camp Lumpkin – LaGrange, GA <> www.chattahoochee-bsa.org

Camp Osborn - Sylvester, GA <> www.swgabsa.org

Camp Patten – Valdosta, GA <> www.alapaha-bsa.org

Camp Pine Mountain - West Point, GA <> www.chattahoochee-bsa.org

Camp Rainey Mountain – Clayton, Ga <> www.nega-bsa.org

Camp Rotary – Hartwell, GA <> www.nega-bsa.org

Camp Scoutland – Gainesville, GA <> www.nega-bsa.org


Camp Thunder – Molena, GA <> www.flintrivercouncil.org

Camp Tolochee – Brunswick, GA <> www.oacbsa.org
**Camp Westin** – Lake Allatoona, GA <> www.nwgabsa.org

**Woodruff Scout Reservation** – Blairsville, GA <> www.atlantabsa.org
South Carolina State Regions
The Upcountry

Caesars Head State Park/Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area
Croft State Natural Area
Devils Fork State Park
Jones Gap State Park/Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area
Keowee-Toxaway State Natural Area
Kings Mountain State Park
Lake Hartwell State Recreation Area
Oconee State Park
Paris Mountain State Park
Sadlers Creek State Recreation Area
Table Rock State Park
Caesars Head State Park/
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area

Location: Caesars Head State Park is located on U.S. 276, thirty-seven miles northwest of Greenville near the South Carolina and North Carolina border and five miles from South Carolina eleven.

Contact: Caesars Head State Park
8155 Greer Highway
Cleveland, SC 29635
(864) 836-6115
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Caesars Head is an excellent park for nature enthusiasts and photographers. This park joins Jones Gap State Park and other natural areas to comprise the Mountain Bridge Wilderness and Recreation Area. At 3,266 feet above sea level, Caesars Head provides a panoramic view of nearby valleys, Table Rock and Pinnacle mountains, and other distant peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Raven Cliff Falls, situated along one of the park’s many hiking trails, is one of the highest waterfalls in the eastern United States. Wildflowers bloom in profusion throughout the park, offering the visitor an ever-changing palette of colors in all seasons.

Facilities Available:

Facilities include trailside campsites, group sites, fifty miles of hiking trails, fishing creeks, and a picnic shelter.
Location: From I-26, take exit number twenty-two, and go east on South Carolina Highway 296 for one mile. Turn onto South Carolina Highway 295 until it intersects with South Carolina Highway 56. Turn right onto South Carolina Highway 56, and after two miles look for park signs.

Contact: Croft State Natural Area
50 Croft State Park Road
Spartanburg, SC 29302
(864) 585-1283
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Once part of a World War II Army training camp, Croft today is a popular park for area residents as well as out-of-state visitors. The adventurous park visitor may visit several cemeteries from early settlers, or numerous remnant Army structures. Its rolling terrain of 7,054 acres includes a wide variety of facilities. The park has 21 1/2 miles of equestrian trails, a stable and show ring. Horse shows are held regularly by a local equestrian club. The sheer size of the park provides an extremely large variety of habitats for deer, wild turkey and many other species. A boat ramp provides access to the park lake for privately owned boats (only electric trolling motors allowed).

Facilities Available:

Facilities include fifty campsites, a primitive campsite, a park store, a two-mile trail, fishing, one boat ramp, six picnic shelters, playground equipment, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and pedal boat rentals.
Devils Fork State Park

Location: The park is located five miles north of Salem off South Carolina Highway 11 on Jocassee Road and fifteen miles northwest of Pickens.

Contact: 161 Holcombe Circle
Salem, SC 29676
(864) 944-2639
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Nestled along the shore of Lake Jocassee against a picturesque backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains lies Devils Fork State Park. Designed in harmony with the environment of this scenic area, the park was developed in cooperation with Duke Power Company and is being operated and managed by PRT's State Park System. Contemporary mountain villas make this park a popular vacation destination at what many consider the most beautiful lake in the state. This cool deep lake challenges anglers for trout and many other species of game fish.

Facilities Available:

Facilities include twenty lakeside villas, fifty-nine campsites, boat-in primitive camping, two moderate hiking trails, fishing, four boat ramps, two picnic shelters, and playground equipment.
Keowee-Toxaway State Natural Area

**Location:** Keowee-Toxaway State Park is 15 miles northwest of Pickens at the intersection of SC 133 and SC 11 at Lake Keowee.

**Contact:** Keowee-Toxaway State Park  
108 Residence Drive  
Sunset, SC 29685  
(864) 868-2605  
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

The history of the Cherokee Indians who once lived in this area is depicted in the park museum and four outdoor kiosks. This 100-acre park features outstanding rock outcroppings and views of the Foothills and Blue Ridge mountains. Rhododendron, mountain laurel and other mountain vegetation can be found along the streams in the park. A large rental cabin in a wooded area features an upper deck porch overlooking Lake Keowee and a private floating courtesy dock.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include a cabin, twenty-four campsites, fourteen tent pads, trailside camping, an interpretive center, three hiking trails, fishing, five picnic shelters, meeting facilities, and a meeting house.
Kings Mountain State Park

Location: Kings Mountain State Park is 14 miles northwest of York on SC 161.

Contact: Kings Mountain State Park
1277 Park Road
Blacksburg, SC 29702
(803) 222-3209
www.South CarolinaParks.com

Kings Mountain State Park rests in a picturesque setting stretching along the South Carolina and North Carolina border. The park’s "Living History Farm" preserves a collection of 19th-century log and timber structures from the Piedmont region. Here, visitors can get a glimpse of the lifestyle of this area’s early pioneers. Each September this farm is the site of the Pioneer Days Festival, which features crafts, music and muzzleloaders competition. The park is adjacent to Kings Mountain National Military Park, a prominent Revolutionary War battle site, and is easily accessible from I-85. The park was originally built in the 1930’s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Their stonework and rustic style of architecture are still evident on the park today.

Facilities Available:

Facilities include 119 campsites, twelve primitive campsites, two group camps, a living history farm, a park store, an equestrian trail, boat rentals, five picnic shelters, playground equipment, pedal boat rentals, and carpet golf.
Location: Lake Hartwell State Park is adjacent to the interchange of I-85 (exit #1), and SC 11 near Fair Play, at the SC/GA border.

Contact: Lake Hartwell State Park
19138-A Highway 11-S Fair Play, SC 29643
(864) 972-3352
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

This scenic 680-acre Upcountry state park, with its fourteen miles of shoreline on Lake Hartwell, is popular with fishermen, nature lovers and campers. Conveniently located just off I-85, the park offers thickly wooded areas in addition to scenic views of the lake and distant foothills. Lake Hartwell, completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1963, is a 56,000-acre reservoir providing flood control and hydroelectric power. It is one of three impoundments located on the Savannah River.

Facilities Available:

Facilities include 148 campsites, a nature trail, fishing, two boat ramps, and one picnic shelter.
**Oconee State Park**

**Location:** Oconee State Park is 12 miles northwest of Walhalla off SC 28 onto SC 107.

**Contact:** Oconee State Park  
624 State Park Road  
Mountain Rest, SC 29664  
(864) 638-5353  
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

This popular mountain park sits on a plateau in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. The park's mountain lakes provide opportunities for swimming and fishing. Visitors can enjoy the year-round solitude of rustic cabins and spacious picnic areas near the western terminus of the Foothills Hiking Trail. Built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps, many of the structures on the park today display the CCC's rustic style of architecture and stonework. Many visitors use the park as a base while visiting area attractions, hiking on the Foothills Trail or rafting on the nearby Chattooga River, designated a National Wild and Scenic River.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include nineteen cabins, personnel barracks, ten tent sites, a primitive campsite, a museum, six trails, canoe rentals, boat rentals, four picnic shelters, playground equipment, pedal boat rentals, carpet golf, an archery range, and meeting facilities.
Location: Paris Mountain State Park is 6 miles north of Greenville on SC 253.

Contact: Paris Mountain State Park  
2401 State Park Road  
Greenville, SC 29609  
(864) 244-5565

Visitors desiring a quiet place to relax in a mountain setting can find this opportunity at Paris Mountain State Park, located only a short drive from downtown Greenville. Formerly a watershed for the city, Paris Mountain is one of the oldest protected areas in the state. This 1275-acre park is well known for its stands of large trees, lake swimming, hiking and numerous picnic areas. The park was originally built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Today many of the park's buildings display the CCC's rustic style of architecture and stonework. Camp Buckhorn group camp is an ideal rental facility for groups of up to 42 persons. Buckhorn Lodge may be rented for meetings and special occasions.

Facilities Available:

Facilities include fifty campsites, Camp Buckhorn, four trails, fishing, boat rentals, seven picnic shelters, pedal boat rentals, and meeting facilities
Sadlers Creek State Park

**Location:** Sadlers Creek State Park is 13 miles southwest of Anderson off SC 187 and 12 miles from I-85, exit 14.

**Contact:** Sadlers Creek State Park  
940 Sadlers Creek Road  
Anderson, SC 29626  
(864) 226-8950  
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Popular with fishermen, boaters, day-users and campers, the 395-acre park is on a peninsula providing access to Lake Hartwell. Nearby residents and travelers enjoy its peaceful surroundings and convenient location near I-85. Opportunities at the park abound for viewing deer, wild turkey and other wildlife. Lake Hartwell, with its 56,000 acres of water, provides numerous opportunities for water activities.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include some tent sites, a primitive campsite, a nature trail, fishing, one boat ramp, three picnic shelters, playground equipment, and three meeting pavilion.
Table Rock
State Park

**Location:** Table Rock State Park is 12 miles north of Pickens on SC 11

**Contact:** 158 E Ellison Lane
Pickens, SC 29671
(864) 878-9813

Table Rock Mountain provides an impressive backdrop for an upcountry retreat. The most challenging hiking trails in the state park system, a Nature Center and year-round programs are among the many attractions awaiting each park visitor. The restaurant offers diners a panoramic view of nearby Table Rock and Pinnacle mountains. Built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps, many of the structures on the park today display the CCC's unique rustic style of architecture and stonework. The entire park, including the mountain, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include 100 campsites, a restaurant, a park store, a nature center, three hiking trails, canoe rentals, fishing, boat rentals, four picnic shelters, playground equipment, pedal boat rentals, carpet golf, meeting facilities, and a multi-purpose recreation center.
Old 96 District

Baker Creek State Park
Calhoun Falls State Recreation Area
Hamilton Branch State Recreation Area
Lake Greenwood State Recreation Area
Baker Creek State Park

**Location:** The park is located four miles west of McCormick.

**Contact:** Baker Creek State Park
Route 3, Box 50
McCormick, SC 29835
(864) 443-2457
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Baker Creek State Park is located in the heart of the Sumter National Forest on the shore of Strom Thurmond Lake (formerly Clarks Hill Lake). This impoundment of the Savannah River separates South Carolina and Georgia, and is one of the largest lakes in the Southeast. Thurmond Lake's 70,000 acres of fresh water has more than 1,200 miles of shoreline. Situated in a heavily wooded area with rolling terrain, this 1,305-acre park is popular with campers, fishermen and day visitors.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include 100 campsites, a 100 man primitive camping area, two one mile trails, access to Lake Thurmond, two boat ramps, two picnic shelters, a playground, and pedal boat rentals.
Calhoun Falls State Recreation Area

Location: The park is approximately one mile north of Calhoun Falls on SC 81.

Contact: Calhoun Falls State Park
         46 Maintenance Shop Road
         Calhoun Falls, SC 29628
         (864) 447-8267
         www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Calhoun Falls State Park is located on Lake Russell, one of South Carolina's most popular fishing lakes. Coves with excellent fishing habitats provide an abundance of bass, bluegill, crappie, catfish and more. With its 26,650 acres of water recreation, Lake Russell is also ideal for sailing, water skiing and power boating.

Facilities Available:

Facilities include fourteen tent sites, a 2.7 mile trail, a bait and tackle shop, a marina with thirty-six slips, two boat ramps, four picnic shelters, a playground, basketball and tennis courts, and meeting facilities.
Hamilton Branch State Recreation Area

**Location:** Hamilton Branch is 12 miles south of McCormick on US 221.

**Contact:** Hamilton Branch State Park  
Route 1, Box 97  
Plum Branch, SC 29845  
(864) 333-2223  
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

This 731-acre state park is a peninsula reaching into Strom Thurmond Lake, an impoundment of the Savannah River that separates South Carolina and Georgia. One of the largest lakes in the southeast, Thurmond Lake has 70,000 acres of fresh water and more than 1,200 miles of shoreline. The park’s spacious lakefront campsites provide a restful retreat where visitors can enjoy a natural environment and easy access to their favorite water sports.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include 200 campsites, a primitive camping area, fishing, two boat ramps, three picnic shelters, three picnic tables, and playground equipment.
Lake Greenwood State
Recreation Area

**Location:** Lake Greenwood State Park is 18 miles east of Greenwood on SC 702.

**Contact:** Lake Greenwood State Park  
302 State Park Road  
Ninety Six, SC 29666  
(364) 543-3535  
www.South CarolinaParks.com

This beautifully landscaped state park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), and a number of CCC structures on the park are still in use. Five peninsulas extend out into the lake to create an abundance of shoreline. Boating and camping are two of the most popular activities at this 914-acre park. It is a large area of attractive undeveloped forest land is of special interest.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include 125 campsites, a primitive campsite, a park store, a nature trail, fishing, three boat ramps, and four picnic shelters.
Old English District

Andrew Jackson State Park
Cheraw State Park
Chester State Park
Lake Wateree State Recreation Area
Andrew Jackson State Park

**Location:** The park is located nine miles north of U.S. Highway 521.

**Contact:**
196 Andrew Jackson Park Road
Lancaster, SC 29720
(803) 285-3344
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

This 360-acre park was created as a memorial to the seventh President of the United States. Andrew Jackson spent his earlier years in this rugged pioneer area which once belonged to the Waxhaw Indians. A museum displays Jackson memorabilia, Indian arrowheads and household furnishings from the Jacksonian era. Other features on the park are a sculpture of young Jackson by Anna Hyatt Huntington and a one-room country schoolhouse.

**Facilities Available:**
Facilities include twenty-five campsites, a fifty person primitive camping area, an Andrew Jackson museum, a nature trail, and two picnic shelters.
Cheraw State Park

**Location:** The park is located four miles south of U.S. Highway 52.

**Contact:** Cheraw State Park  
100 State Park Road  
Cheraw, SC 29520  
(843) 537-9656  
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

South Carolina's first state park property and originally built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps, Cheraw State Park, is located in the sandhills region. The park's 360-acre lake offers fishing and various recreational opportunities in a beautiful setting. Towering cypress trees at the upper end of the lake are among the park's best-kept secrets. Cabins and lakefront campsites are available for overnight guests. Two group camps are popular with church, school and civic groups. A championship 18-hole golf course with a full-service pro shop is the park’s newest addition. Designed by Tom Jackson, the course is laid out among rolling sandhills, pines and mixed hardwoods with Lake Juniper serving as a backdrop for several holes.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include eight one-bedroom cabins, seventeen campsites, two group camps, a camp forest, an eighteen hole golf course, a four and a half mile nature trail, fishing, two picnic shelters, and playground equipment.
Chester
State Park

Location: Chester State Park is three miles southwest of Chester on South Carolina Highway 72.

Contact: Chester State Park
759 State Park Road
Chester, SC 29706
(803) 385–2680
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

This quiet 523-acre park provides a tranquil setting that is enjoyed by campers, day visitors and nature lovers. The park's 160-acre lake offers excellent fishing opportunities. Originally farmland, the park's hilly terrain is a pine forest in transition to mixed hardwoods. The park was originally developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's.

Facilities Available:

Facilities include twenty-five campsites, a primitive camping area, a three-mile trail, fishing, fishing boat rentals, an equestrian show ring, picnic shelters, playground equipment, and an archery range.
Lake Wateree State Recreation Area

Location: Lake Wateree State Park is 15 miles east of Winnsboro off US 21 and 11 miles off I-77.

Contact: Lake Watertree State Park  
881 State Park Road  
Winnsboro, SC 29180  
(803) 482-6401  
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

This 238-acre park is located on Lake Wateree, one of South Carolina’s premier fishing lakes, with over 13,700 acres and 242 miles of shoreline. The dam was completed in 1919, making it one of the oldest lakes in the state. The park provides a habitat for many species of wildlife, with an abundance of whitetail deer, gray squirrels, raccoons, opossums and wild turkey. Bird species include egrets, blue heron, mallards and wood ducks. A large oak tree in the picnic area dates back over 100 years. Campers and fishermen enjoy the convenient access from I-77.

Facilities Available:

Facilities include seventy-two campsites, a nature trail, a park shop, fishing, two boat ramps, and a picnic area.
Capital City and Lake Murray Country

Dreher Island State Recreation Area

Sesquicentennial State Park
Dreher Island State Recreation Area

Location: Dreher Island is located thirty miles from Columbia and twelve miles off I-26.

Contact: 3677 State Park Road
Prosperity, SC 29127
(803) 364-4152
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Dreher Island State Park is located on Lake Murray just 30 miles northwest of Columbia, the state capital. During the 1940s, the area was used by the Army Air Corps. Today the park consists of three islands linked to the mainland by a causeway and two bridges. Its 348-acres and 12 miles of shoreline make it an ideal place for water recreation and family outings. The park's two camping areas have many lakefront sites that make it one of South Carolinas most popular parks. Also overlooking the lake are seven picnic areas, each with two shelters. Lakeside island villas are the newest attraction to this park.

Facilities Available:

Facilities include five lakeside villas, 112 campsites, a recreation area, a primitive campsite, a park store, fishing, a marina, three boat ramps, fourteen picnic shelters, a playground, meeting facilities, and a screened shelter.
**Sesquicentennial State Park**

**Location:**  Sesquicentennial State Park is on US 1, 13 miles northwest of Columbia and 3 miles from I-20.

**Contact:**  Sesquicentennial State Park  
9564 Two Notch Road  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 788-2706  
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

This 1,419-acre park, situated in the middle of the sandhills region, features a beautiful 30-acre lake surrounded by nature trails and picnic areas. The park's proximity to downtown Columbia and three major interstate highways attracts both local residents and travelers. Nature programs are provided year-round by the park naturalist. The Log House dates back to 1756 and was accidentally discovered in Richland County when several old homes were being demolished in 1961. It was donated to the park system, after which it was dismantled, relocated and restored at the park. The park was originally built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include eighty-seven campsites, a primitive camp area, two trails, fishing, boat rentals, five picnic shelters, playground equipment, pedal boat rentals, and meeting facilities.
Pee Dee Country

Lee State Park
Little Pee Dee State Park
Lee State Park

**Location:** Lee State Park is located 7 miles east of Bishopville and off I-20.

**Contact:**
Lee State Natural Area
487 Loop Road
Bishopville, SC 29010
(803) 428-5307
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Lee State Park, built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps, is located in the sandhills region of South Carolina near Bishopville. The region is so named because of the ancient sand dunes formed millions of years ago where the coastline is believed to have extended to the middle of the state. Natural features on the park include one of the best preserved flood plain forest swamps in the state, the Lynches River, numerous artesian wells, and mixed pine/hardwood forests.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include forty-eight campsites, a primitive campsite, an equestrian trail, equestrian stables, fishing, and two picnic shelters.
**Location:** Little Pee Dee State Park is off SC 57, 11 miles southeast of Dillon exits 190 & 193 off I-95

**Contact:**
Little Pee Dee State Park  
1298 State Park Road  
Dillon, SC 29536  
(843) 774-8872  
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Quiet camping in an unspoiled setting is popular at this park, which features a small river swamp and part of the scenic Little Pee Dee River. This sandhills area has a variety of trees, plant life, and a nature trail that leads to a beaver pond. A tract recently acquired by the Heritage Trust features a Carolina Bay. Fishing enthusiasts try their luck in the 55-acre lake. Located near I-95, this 835-acre park is popular with interstate travelers as well as local residents.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include fifty campsites, a nature trail, a fishing pond, boat rentals, three picnic shelters, playground equipment, and pedal boat rentals.
Santee Cooper Country

Poinsett State Park

Santee State Park
Poinsett
State Park

Location: Poinsett State Park is off SC 261, 18 miles southwest of Sumter near Wedgefield, SC

Contact: 6660 Poinsett Park Road
Wedgefield, SC 29168
(803) 494-8177
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Poinsett State Park is located along the edge of the Wateree Swamp. As you enter the park, a distinct Upcountry impression is created by the hilly terrain, rich hardwood forest and mountain laurel, a plant usually found in the state's foothills. Spanish moss draped from trees gives the park a Lowcountry flavor. This 1,000-acre park, with its abundant resources, nature center and full-time naturalist, is an excellent laboratory for outdoor education. Built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the park's cabins, picnic shelters and other structures are excellent examples of the CCC's rustic style of architecture.

Facilities Available:

Facilities include four cabins, fifty campsites, a nature center, five hiking trails, two equestrian trails, fishing, boat rentals, five picnic shelters, and playground equipment.
Located in the heart of Santee-Cooper Country with convenient access from two interstate highways, this 2,496-acre park offers land and pier-based cabins, as well as two lakefront camping areas. A sportsman’s paradise, this park is known for its catfish, largemouth and striped bass fishing, and is the site of numerous fishing tournaments. A full-service restaurant and the Village Round meeting building make the park popular for group functions.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include thirty cabins, 174 campsites, a primitive campsite, a visitor’s center, a park store, a restaurant, four trails, fishing, boat rentals, two boat ramps, six picnic shelters, playground equipment, tennis courts, and meeting facilities.
Colleton State Park
Hunting Island State Park
Colleton State Park

Location: To reach the park starting on I-95, take exit sixty-eight on South Carolina sixty-one for three miles to a stop sign. Take a left onto U.S. fifteen, and the park entrance will be a half mile on the left.

Contact: Colleton State Park
147 Wayside Lane
Canadys, SC 29433
(843) 538-8206
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Only five minutes from I-95, this 35-acre park is a popular stop-over for interstate travelers. Campers, fishermen and canoeists all enjoy the peaceful and relaxing waters of the Edisto River, with its diversity of wildlife. Colleton State Park is on a portion of the river that has been designated as an official canoe and kayak trail that carries paddlers into a rare, natural world of wildlife and scenic beauty. The park was originally built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Facilities Available:

Facilities include twenty-five campsites, a primitive camping area, a quarter mile hiking trail, a canoe trail on the Edisto River, fishing, and two picnic shelters.
**Hunting Island State Park**

**Location:** Hunting Island is 16 miles east of Beaufort on US 21.

**Contact:**
2555 Sea Island Parkway  
Hunting Island, SC 29920  
(843) 838-2011  
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

This popular park near historic Beaufort is a large secluded barrier island with semi-tropical beauty and an abundance of wildlife. A variety of flora and fauna may be seen throughout the park. The historic 19th-century Hunting Island lighthouse provides an excellent view of the coastline and is the only lighthouse in South Carolina open to the public. The island got its name because it was once used for hunting deer, raccoon and other small game and waterfowl. In the 1930’s the park was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Today the park is a popular beach destination.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include fifteen cabins, 200 campsites, two RV dump stations, a primitive camping area, a visitor’s center, a lighthouse, a park store, a beach shop, a four mile hiking trail, a boardwalk, a fishing pier, one boat ramp, three picnic shelters, and ocean swimming.
Thoroughbred Country

Aiken State Park
Barnwell State Park
Aiken State Park

Location: Nestled along the South Edisto River in Aiken County

Contact: 1145 State Park Rd.
Windsor, SC 29857
(803)649-2857
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Located in Aiken County, Aiken State Park sits nestled along the South Edisto River in an outdoor-lover’s paradise. Aiken’s most notable attraction is the still, black water of the South Edisto River - fishing and canoeing are both popular here. A 1.7-mile canoe and kayak trail winds down the South Fork of the Edisto River. Fishing for bream, bass and catfish can be enjoyed from along the bank.

Aiken State Park is also as rich in its history as it is natural beauty. During the Great Depression, an African American detachment of the Civilian Conservation Corps built the park. Their work can still be seen in some of the remaining structures as well as interpretive signage.
Barnwell State Park

Location: The park is located seven miles northeast of Barnwell off South Carolina 3

Contact: 223 State Park Road
Blackville, SC 29817
(803) 284-2212
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Barnwell State Park, acquired in 1937, is a 307-acre park located in the coastal plain. The two park lakes provide day-visitors and overnight guests a chance to appreciate the natural features while enjoying the recreational opportunities on the park. The park was originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's and examples of their work can be seen at the spillway, picnic shelters and the lower lake.

Facilities Available:

Facilities include five six person cabins, twenty-five tent sites, a fifty person primitive camping area, a nature trail, two fishing ponds, four picnic shelter, and a playground.
Myrtle Beach Area

Huntington State Park

Myrtle Beach State Park
**Huntington Beach State Park**

**Location:** Huntington Beach is 3 miles south of Murrells Inlet on US 17.

**Contact:**
16148 Ocean Highway  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576  
(843) 237-4440  
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Huntington Beach offers the best-preserved beach on the Grand Strand. The diverse natural environment of the South Carolina coast can be observed at the freshwater lagoon, saltmarsh, nature trail, and along the beach. The park is one of the finest birdwatching sites on the east coast. Huntington Beach is also the site of the historic castle "Atalaya", the former winter home and studio of noted American sculptress Anna Hyatt Huntington and her husband Archer Milton Huntington. Atalaya is also listed as a National Historic Landmark. A prestigious juried arts and crafts festival attracts thousands of visitors to the park each September.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include 184 campsites, a primitive camping area, three and a half miles of natural beach, a gift shop, two nature trails, fishing, a boat drop off area, four picnic shelters, and ocean swimming.
**Location:** Myrtle Beach State Park is four miles south of Myrtle Beach on US Business 17.

**Contact:**
Myrtle Beach State Park  
4401 South Kings Highway  
Myrtle Beach, SC  
(843) 238-5325  
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

Located in the heart of the Grand Strand, Myrtle Beach State Park is one of the most popular public beaches along the South Carolina coast. This 312-acre oceanfront park is one of the last natural areas remaining along the northern South Carolina coast. Myrtle Beach State Park was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930’s and has the distinction of being the first state park open to the public in South Carolina.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include five cabins, two apartments, 302 campsites, a park store, gift shop, fishing pier, a nature center, a nature trail, fishing, seven picnic shelters, playground equipment, ocean swimming, and pool swimming.
Historic Charleston & Resort Beaches

Edisto Beach State Park

Givhans Ferry State Park
**Edisto Beach State Park**

**Location:** The park is located on South Carolina Highway 174, fifty miles southeast of Charleston of U.S. Highway 17.

**Contact:**
8377 State Cabin Road  
Edisto Island, SC 29438  
(843) 869-2756  
www.SouthCarolinaParks.com

This beach-front park, rich in Native American history, was originally developed in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Its 1,255 acres include 1 1/2 miles of beach, a dense live oak forest and some of the tallest palmetto trees in the state. Visitors can observe life in the marsh and comb the beach for seashells and fossils while enjoying a stay in a cabin or at the beach-front campground.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include five cabins, 103 campsites, a primitive camping area, nature programs, a hiking trail, fishing, a boat ramp, two picnic shelters, playground equipment, and ocean swimming.
Givhans Ferry State Park

**Location:** Givhans Ferry State park is off South Carolina Highway 16, sixteen miles west of Summerville.

**Contact:**
746 Givhans Ferry Road  
Ridgeville, SC 29472  
(843) 873-0692  
www.South CarolinaParks.com

This area was originally a ferry crossing in the 18th and 19th centuries, then later developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. Today visitors enjoy camping, staying in a cabin on a high bluff overlooking the Edisto and great fishing among the Spanish moss-draped oaks. Canoeists enjoy paddling to this 988-acre park from Colleton State Park. A stretch of the Edisto River in this area has been designated the Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail, a blackwater river course which carries paddlers into a fascinating world of wildlife and scenic beauty.

**Facilities Available:**

Facilities include four cabins, twenty-five campsites, a primitive camping area, a nature trail, a canoe trail, fishing, boating, two picnic shelters, and meeting facilities.
South Carolina National Parks

Congaree National Park

Kings Park National Military Site
Congaree National Park

Location: Approximately fifteen miles off of exit #5 on 177.

Contact: Congaree National Park  
100 National Park Road  
Hopkins, SC 29061-9118  
(803) 776-4396

Situated along the meandering Congaree River in central South Carolina, Congaree National Park is home to champion trees, primeval forest landscapes, and diverse plant and animal life. This 22,200-acre park protects the largest contiguous tract of old-growth bottomland hardwood forest remaining in the United States. Known for its giant hardwoods and towering pines, the park’s floodplain forest includes one of the highest canopies in the world and some of the tallest trees in the eastern United States.

Activities Available:  
Backpacking  
Bird watching  
Boating  
Camping  
Fishing  
Hiking  
Interpretive Programs  
Kayaking  
Nature walks and Wilderness Area Wildlife Viewing
Kings Park National Military Site

Location: Near NC Exit #2 on I-85.

Contact: Kings Park National Military Site
2625 Park Road
Blacksburg, SC 29702
(864) 936-7921

Kings Mountain National Military Park commemorates a pivotal and significant victory by American Patriots over American Loyalists during the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War. The battle fought on October 7, 1780 destroyed the left wing of Cornwallis’ army and effectively ended Loyalist ascendance in the Carolinas. The victory halted the British advance into North Carolina, forced Lord Cornwallis to retreat from Charlotte into South Carolina, and gave General Nathanael Greene the opportunity to reorganize the American Army.

Activities Available:

Camping
Hiking
Horseback Riding
BSA Camps in South Carolina

**Camp Arrowhead** - Antreville, SC <> www.camparrowhead.org

**Camp Barstow** - Batesburg-Leesville, SC <> www.indianwaters.org

**Camp Coker** - Society Hill, SC <> www.peedescouts.org

**Camp Ho Non Wah** - Wadmalaw Island, SC <> www.hnw.com

**Camp Moultrie** - Moncks Corner, SC <> www.coastalcarolina.org

**Camp Old Indian** - Travelers Rest, SC <> www.blueridgecouncil.org

**Camp White Pines** - Travelers Rest, SC <> www.blueridgecouncil.org

**Carroll Brown Outpost Camp** - Travelers Rest, SC <> www.blueridgecouncil.org

**Camp Wetoga** - Travelers Rest, SC <> www.blueridgecouncil.org
North Carolina State Regions
Chimney Rock State Park
Gorges State Park
Grandfather Mountain State Park
Lake James State Park
Mount Mitchell State Park
New River State Park
South Mountains State Park
Stone Mountain State Park
In 2005, the N.C. General Assembly authorized a new state park in the scenic Hickory Nut Gorge area of western Rutherford and surrounding counties. The unit was designated as Chimney Rock State Park shortly after the state had acquired Chimney Rock Park, a private nature park surrounding the striking 315-foot spire on the gorge’s southern side. The Chimney Rock area of the state park is operated by a private contractor and is open throughout the year. Entry fees offset the cost of operating this popular tourist destination. Currently, Chimney Rock is the only public access within the greater Chimney Rock State Park. However, the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation will eventually develop other areas of the state park with more traditional park facilities and recreation. Chimney Rock has been a tourist destination in western North Carolina since a crude stairway was built to the rock’s summit in 1885.

Facilities

5 Different Trails for hiking/backpacking
Gorges State Park

Location: North Carolina’s most western state park, west of Asheville, NC

Contact: The State of North Carolina NC
281 South, P.O. Box 100
Sapphire, NC 28774-0100
(828) 966-9099
E-mail: parkinfo@ncmail.net

Plunging waterfalls, rugged river gorges, sheer rock walls and one of the greatest concentrations of rare and unique species in the eastern United States are found within Gorges State Park. An elevation that rises 2,000 feet in only four miles, combined with rainfall in excess of 80 inches per year, creates a temperate rain forest and supports a collection of waterfalls. Because Gorges State Park is so new, the park is still in its planning and development phase. Currently, the park staff is working with local citizens, the park’s advisory committee and design and engineering contractors to develop permanent facilities. The road and infrastructure project, begun in the Spring of 2007 affects use at the Grassy Ridge Access. Visitors wishing to visit this area are encouraged to call the park office before visiting for current park conditions.

Facilities:
Partially completed, contact park for details
In 2008, agreement was reached for the state parks system to acquire 2,456 acres along the crest of Grandfather Mountain to become North Carolina newest state park. The property is commonly known as the backcountry of the famous travel destination. Trek across a scenic landscape that is home to 70 rare and endangered species and 16 distinct natural communities. The mountain is an International Biosphere Reserve.

**Activities:** Backpacking
Camping
Hiking
Lake James State Park

Location: 16 Miles West of Morganton NC

Contact: P.O. Box 340
Nebo, NC 28761
(828) 652-5047
E-mail: denr.dpr.lake.james@lists.ncmail.net

Tucked away in rolling hills at the base of Linville Gorge is Lake James, a 6,510-acre lake with more than 150 miles of shoreline. This impressive waterway is the centerpiece of Lake James State Park. Here, nature offers scenic vistas of the Appalachian Mountains and beckons to those with an appetite for recreation. Bring family and friends to one of North Carolina's newest state parks for a variety of activities. Try swimming and sunbathing or enjoy a picnic along the lakeshore. Boat, water ski or fish in cool mountain waters, or take a walk and enjoy an abundance of wildflowers and wildlife along park trails. Lake James offers a variety of ways to enjoy the outdoors.

Facilities:
Canoe Rental ($5/hour + $3/every additional hour)
1 twelve-table picnic shelter. ($98/day)
20 Walk-in campsites (no electricity).
Mount Mitchell State Park

Location: 33 Miles Northeast of Asheville, NC

Contact: 2388 State Highway 128
Burnsville, NC 28714
(828) 675-4611
E-mail: denr.dpr.mount.mitchell@lists.ncmail.net

There are a few places in the world that still stand apart from the ordinary. Rising more than a mile high, surrounded by the gentle mist of low-hanging clouds, Mount Mitchell State Park is one of these extraordinary places. In the crest of the timeworn Black Mountains lies the summit of Mount Mitchell, the highest point east of the Mississippi. For those who ascend this mighty peak, what looms in the horizon is a feast for the eyes. Breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, rolling ridges and fertile valleys. Forested and forever misty, 1,946-acre Mount Mitchell State Park will provide you with some of the most tranquil moments you'll ever experience.

Facilities
11 Walk-in/Drive-to Campsites ($20/Day)
Classroom($78/Half 153/Full day)
2 Picnic Shelters ($33/Day)
Location: 10 Miles Northeast of Jefferson, NC

Contact: PO Box 48
Jefferson, NC 28640
(336) 982-2587
E-mail: denr.dpr.new.river@lists.ncmail.net

Rugged hillsides, pastoral meadows and farmlands surround what is believed to be one of the oldest rivers in North America — the New River. Its waters are slow and placid. Its banks are fertile and covered with wildflowers. Dedicated as a National Scenic River in 1976, this gentle river is the centerpiece of New River State Park. The New River area still maintains an old-fashioned charm. Mountain roads are narrow and winding, dotted with small farms, churches and country stores. The river itself is tranquil, offering good bass fishing, trout streams, excellent birding and inspiring mountain scenery. But perhaps the best way to absorb and appreciate the river's peacefulness is from the seat of a canoe as it glides across the slow-moving waters. Four areas with access to this waterway make up more than 2,200 acres of New River State Park and provide spots for camping, canoeing, picnicking and fishing.

Facilities:
1 Community Building ($188/Day)
Primitive and Improved Camping ($13/Day, $48/Day)
Classroom ($78/Half-day, $153/Full day)
9-12 Picnic table Shelter
South Mountains
State Park

Location: 18 Miles South of Morganton, NC

Contact: 3001 South Mountain Park Avenue
Connelly Springs, NC 28612
(828) 433-4772 or (828) 433-4686
E-mail: denr.dpr.south.mountains@lists.ncmail.net

Nestled deep in the woods, South Mountains State Park is the perfect place to enjoy nature. Here you can see a majestic mountain range peeking out from the gently rolling landscape of the piedmont. The park includes elevations up to 3,000 feet, a waterfall dropping 80 feet and more than 40 miles of trails. From equestrian camping to trout fishing, mountain biking to picnicking, a number of activities are available at South Mountains State Park. Visit one of the state’s most rugged parks. Hike the trail to High Shoals Falls to witness the roar of the waterfall as it pours into a large pool. Backpack through the woodlands for primitive camping. Fish for trout in miles of mountain streams, or bicycle along the 17-mile mountain-bike loop.

Facilities
Auditorium ($103/$78 Full/Half Day)
Classroom ($78/$153 Half/Full Day)
Primitive Camping Sites ($13/Day)
12 table picnic shelter 9$98/Day)
Equestrian Campsites ($25/Day + $10/Horse stall)
Stone Mountain
State Park

**Location:** 20 miles Northwest of Jonesville, NC

**Contact:** 3042 Frank Parkway
Roaring Gap, NC 28668
(336) 957-8185
E-mail: denr.dpr.stone.mountain@lists.ncmail.net

Stone Mountain is not immediately visible upon entering the park that bears its name, but this magnificent 600-foot granite dome is well worth the wait. Sunlight and shadows dance across a broad tapestry of stone. White-tailed deer emerge from the security of the forest to graze on meadow grasses at the mountain's base. The scenery is only one attraction of the park. Test your fly-fishing techniques in more than 20 miles of designated trout waters. Or, with more than 16 miles of trails, take a hike in the park. Designated as a National Natural Landmark in 1975, Stone Mountain is bounded on the north by the Blue Ridge Parkway and on the west by the Thurmond Chatham Game Lands. More than 14,100 acres of mountain beauty offer opportunities for outdoor activities of all kinds.

**Facilities**
- Fishing ($22/Section) Catch and Release
- Campsites ($20-$25/Day)
- 8 Table Shelter ($73/Day)
- 12 Table Shelter ($98/Day)
Cliffs of the Neuse State Park
Crowders Mountain State Park
Eno River State Park
Falls Lake State Recreation Area
Hanging Rock State Park
Kerr Lake State Recreation Area
Lake Norman State Park
Lumber River State Park
Medoc Mountain State Park
Morrow Mountain State Park
Pilot Mountain State Park
Raven Rock State Park
William B. Umstead State Park
Cliffs of the Neuse State Park

Location: 240 Park Entrance Road, Seven Springs, NC 28578

Contact: 345-A Park Entrance Road, Seven Springs, NC 28578
(919) 778-6234
E-mail: denr.dpr.cliffs.neuse@lists.ncmail.net

At the turn of the century visitors flocked to the area. They drank mineral water from local springs to cure their ills and they took riverboat excursions to the cliffs. Things have changed since then. Mineral water now comes in bottles and isn't likely to cure anything at all, and riverboats have given way to more modern modes of transportation. The cliffs, however, remain virtually unaltered, standing as a journal of the geological and biological history of the land. See this spectacular formation, now protected within the boundaries of Cliffs of the Neuse State Park.

Facilities
Paddleboat and canoe rental
35 Drive-to / Walk-in campsites (non-electric).
4 primitive group campsites.
Picnic Shelter with two fireplaces and 12 tables.
Crowders Mountain State Park

Location: North Carolina I-85 exit 13

Contact: 522 Park Office Lane
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
(704) 853-5375
E-mail: denr.dpr.crowders.mountain@lists.ncmail.net

Raptors soar gracefully in the wind; vegetation reaches to the sky; sheer vertical cliffs drop 150 feet. Enjoy the spectacle from a front-row seat. High atop Crowders Mountain, the highest point in Gaston County, views stretch for more than 20 miles. For a closer view of nature's marvels, walk the park's many miles of trails. The gently rolling landscape of the North Carolina Piedmont offers a variety of terrain. Dip into the valleys; cross the foothills; climb to the peaks. Quiet woods, trickling streams and melodious birds wait. These spectacular surroundings, like the unique habitats in many other state parks, would not exist were it not for the efforts of concerned citizens dedicated to protecting our environment from continued threats by man. Visit this mountain treasure.

Facilities
Canoe rental
6 Primitive group campsites.
10 Primitive / backpack campsites
Location: Near Durham on the Eno River

Contact: 6101 Cole Mill Road
Durham, NC 27705-9275
(919) 383-1686
E-mail: denr.dpr.eno.river@lists.ncmail.net

Minutes from Durham, Hillsborough, and Chapel Hill the Eno River State Park offers secluded wilderness trails with the serenity of a clear river drifting and cascading over a rocky stream bed. The Eno River is a swift, shallow stream flowing from northwest Orange County into Durham County for 33 miles where it joins the Flat River to become the Neuse and flows into Falls Lake. Its waters roll through wilderness, passing historic mill sites, river bluffs covered with flowering shrubs, and fords used by early settlers. Rains can turn the river into a raging torrent, yet it quickly settles into a gentle current. It is a chain of rapids, pools, and riffles meandering through forest on a bed of rock. The valley of the river is narrow and steep walled. The rugged landscape is carved and sculpted by swift flowing water. Eno River State Park lies here, in the beauty of more than 3900 acres of natural resources. Five accesses – Cabe Lands, Cole Mill, Few’s Ford, Pleasant Green, and Pump Station -- offer entry into this largely unspoiled river environment.

Facilities:
10 Primitive / backpack campsites.
2 Primitive group campsite
2 Picnic areas with grills
Falls Lake State Recreation Area

Location: Approximately 10 miles north of Raleigh and 12 miles east of Durham.

Contact: 13304 Creedmoor Rd.
Wake Forest, NC 27587
(919) 676-1027
Email: falls.lake@ncdenr.gov

Hours of relaxation await you at Falls Lake State Recreation Area. Just moments away from the hustle and bustle of the city, Falls Lake is a great way to escape urban life. With a 12,000-acre lake and 26,000 acres of woodlands, Falls Lake State Recreation Area offers a choice of recreation areas Beaverdam, B.W. Wells, Highway 50, Holly Point, Rolling View, Sandling Beach and Shinleaf.

Facilities:
Shinleaf --- 9 Improved group campsites. Tent pads, charcoal grills, lantern hooks and fire rings with benches are available at the sites.
Accommodates: Up to 35 people per site. Group camping sites are for organized groups of eight people or more.
Nearby Amenities: Hiking trails, fishing.
Hanging Rock
State Park

Location: 3 miles off NC 89 West on the Left

Contact: P.O. Box 278, 2015 Hanging Rock Park Road, Danbury, NC 27016
(336) 593-8480
E-mail: denr.dpr.hanging.rock@lists.ncmail.net

Not far from the cities of the Triad area, off the four-lane highways there's another North Carolina to be discovered - sheer cliffs and peaks of bare rock, quiet forests and cascading waterfalls, views of the piedmont plateau that stretch for miles. Hike the trails of Hanging Rock State Park and let nature put life's hectic pace in perspective. Rent a vacation cabin and fall asleep to the lullabies of spring peepers and chorus frogs. Join an interpretive program and discover something new about nature's bounty. Nestled in the hills is a cool mountain lake that beckons to swimmers and fishermen. Picnic areas and campgrounds lend themselves to time spent with family and friends. Hanging Rock State Park awaits you.

Facilities:
Canoe and Rowboat rentals
Ten cabins
73 Drive-to / walk-in campsites (non-electric) $20 per day
5 primitive group campsites. Picnic tables and a fire circle are at each site. ($13 minimum. $2 additional per day for every person over the minimum number of campers)
Kerr Lake State Recreation Area

Location: Kerr Lake State Recreation Area is located in Vance and Warren counties, north of Henderson

Contact: 254 Satterwhite Point Road
Henderson, NC 27537
(252) 438-7791
Email: kerr.lake@ncdenr.gov

Set a course for Kerr Lake State Recreation Area to enjoy sailing, fishing, water skiing and camping. This 50,000-acre, man-made lake is a haven for water sports enthusiasts and landlubbers alike. The lake is situated in the northeast corner of the Piedmont region and lies in both Virginia and North Carolina. The recreation area’s headquarters are located north of Henderson at Satterwhite Point. More than 800 miles of wooded shoreline provide access to a variety of fun-filled activities on the lake. Relax and enjoy water sports at any of the seven recreation areas operated by the NC Division of Parks and Recreation along this expansive reservoir.

Facilities:
Henderson Point (up to 35 people), Hibernia (up to 50 people), Satterwhite Point (up to 100 people).
Nearby Amenities: Drinking water and restrooms. Satterwhite Point has toilet and shower facilities on site. Hibernia has flush toilets on site and showers near by in the family campground. Henderson Point has portable toilets on site and showers near by in the family campground.
Reservations Required: Yes.
Location: Lake Norman State Park is located in Iredell County, 10 miles south of Statesville and 32 miles north of Charlotte.

Contact: 159 Inland Sea Lane
Troutman, NC 28166
(704) 528-6350
Email: lake.norman@ncdenr.gov

At Lake Norman State Park, fun is just a matter of scale. On one hand, there's the largest manmade lake in the state, Lake Norman. When filled to capacity, its surface area is 32,510 acres with a shoreline of 520 miles and a main channel 34 miles in length — thus its nickname, the "Inland Sea." Thirteen miles of the shoreline are in the state park, which provides boating access. On another hand, the park boasts its own 33-acre lake where fishing and boating are enjoyed. And with hiking and biking trails, picnic areas, interpretive programs and campgrounds, there's more to Lake Norman State Park than merely water.

Facilities:

3 Primitive walk-in group campsites.
Accommodates: Up to 25 people, each.
Nearby Amenities: Drinking water and restrooms.
Available: April through November.
Reservations Required: Reservations are strongly advised. Any unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
Lumber River State Park

Location: 20 Miles South of Lumberton, NC

Contact: 2819 Princess Ann Rd
Orrum, NC 28369
(910)628-4564
E-mail: denr.dpr.lumber.river@lists.ncmail.net

The Lumber River flows through the south-central portion of our state. The river's headwaters are in Montgomery, Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties where the waterway is known as Drowning Creek. The creek becomes a river at SR 1412/1203 along the Scotland-Hoke county line, and its waters flow into South Carolina, eventually joining the Little Pee Dee River. Lumber River State Park contains 8,438 acres of land and 115 miles of state natural and scenic waters, 81 miles of which are also designated national wild and scenic waters. The park's recreation activities are currently centered at two access areas, Princess Ann and Chalk Banks. Princess Ann overlooks a unique reverse flow area named Griffin's Whirl. At the access, a bend in the river opens to a long, straight vista that beckons paddlers to take a ride. Chalk Banks, near the town of Wagram on the upper end of the river, has an interesting mixture of plants, fish, and animals from the sandhills and coastal plains regions. Note: Due to the fluctuating water level of the Lumber River, canoeists and boaters should exercise caution in planning trips on the river. Add extra time for crossing exposed hazards and sandbars. All float times should include additional time to reach take-out points.

Facilities
22 primitive Campsites/Group and Canoe-in ($13/Day)
One 12 picnic table shelter ($98/Day)
Medoc Mountain State Park

Location: 5 Miles East of Hollister, NC

Contact: 1541 Medoc State Park Road
Hollister, NC 27844
(252) 586-6588
E-mail:denr.dpr.medoc.mountain@lists.ncmail.net

Should the humdrum of nine-to-five leave you with the urge to travel and explore, head to Medoc Mountain State Park. A pleasurable excursion awaits just a 1.5-hour drive from the Research Triangle. At Medoc Mountain, the urban refugee finds a welcome tranquility, a chance to embrace the outdoors. Trails beckon as light filters through branches overhead and falls on paths that hold the promise of new frontiers. The peacefulness gives the opportunity to refresh. The silence of the forest is broken only by bird songs and the occasional drumming of the pileated woodpecker. Grab your hiking boots. Load your camera. Spend some time at Medoc Mountain State Park and let nature renew your spirit.

Facilities:
Twelve 4 Improved group campsites ($48/Day)
Drive-to / walk-in campsites with electric hook-up ($25/Day)
22 Drive-to / walk-in campsites (non-electric)($20/Day)
**Morrow Mountain State Park**

**Location:** 8 miles East of Albemarle, NC

**Contact:**
49104 Morrow Mountain Road  
Albemarle, NC 28001  
(704) 982-4402  
E-mail: denr.dpr.morrow.mountain@lists.ncmail.net

Enjoy the gifts of nature surrounded by the remnants of a once mighty range of peaks. Upon first encounter, the Uwharrie Mountains may seem like a mountainous mirage. These steep, rugged hill, unusual topography for the area, form a stark contrast with the rolling countryside of the piedmont plateau. Recreation is plentiful in and around the waters of Lake Tillery and the Yadkin / Pee Dee River. Fishing and boating are popular pastimes. Nature lovers can pick from miles of trails to travel on foot or horseback. And for those who want to stay and take it all in, cabins and camping are available. There’s really only one word to describe Morrow Mountain State Park: variety. Use the family car or RV, horseback or canoe, put on a pair of hiking boots or dip bare feet in the river, or bait your favorite fishing pole. A visit to Morrow Mountain lets you choose your kind of adventure.

**Facilities**
- Community Building ($188/Day)
- 6 Cabins ($88/Day)
- 84 Drive in/Walk to campsites ($22/Day)
- 6 Primitive Campsites ($13/Day)
- Improved Group Camping ($48/Day maximum of 48 campers)
Approach from any direction and see Pilot Mountain rising more than 1,400 feet above the rolling countryside of the upper Piedmont plateau. Dedicated as a National Natural Landmark in 1976, this solitary peak is the centerpiece of Pilot Mountain State Park. Fun, from relaxation to exhilaration, is easy to find here. Treat yourself to a horseback ride through the woods or challenge the river from raft or canoe. A seven-mile woodland corridor joins two sections of the park, each section offering a wealth of opportunities for outdoor fun. The mountain segment, which includes the two pinnacles, contains most of the visitor facilities. The more primitive river section centers around the lazy, meandering Yadkin River.

**Facilities:**
- 49 Drive-in/Walk-to Campsites ($20/Day)
- 2 Primitive Campsites ($13/Day+ $2 per every additional person over minimum)
- 8 Table Picnic Shelter ($73/Day)
Raven Rock State Park

**Location:** 9 miles Northeast of Lillington, NC

**Contact:**
3009 Raven Rock Road  
Lillington, NC 27546  
(910) 893-4888  
E-mail: denr.dpr.info.ravenrock@lists.ncmail.net

Should the humdrum of the work week leave you with the urge to travel and explore, head to Raven Rock State Park. Adventure is just an hour’s drive from the Research Triangle and only 45 minutes from the Fayetteville area. The first feeling you are likely to experience at Raven Rock is one of renewal. Here, the forest reigns as each year the timeless cycle of growth further heals age-old wounds inflicted by man. Nature triumphs as plants compete in the stages of forest succession and the woodlands are restored. High above the Cape Fear River stands Raven Rock, its austere beauty a testament to the forces that have shaped the land. As the river below rushes to join the sea, nature’s elements continue to shape the surface of this natural monument. Spend some time at Raven Rock State Park and let nature refresh your spirit.

**Facilities:**
- Primitive Campsites ($13/Day)
- Primitive Group Campsites ($13/Day + $2 per every additional camper over minimum)
Tucked between the growing cities of Raleigh, Cary, Durham and the corporate world of Research Triangle Park is an oasis of tranquility, a peaceful haven - William B. Umstead State Park. Here, two worlds merge as the sounds of civilization give way to the unhurried rhythm of nature. Highways fade in the distance as trees, flowers, birds and streams form a more natural community. William B. Umstead is a place to escape the pressures of everyday life, a place to picnic in the pines, to wait for a fish to bite, to take a hike or horseback ride on trails through the woods. Divided into two sections, Crabtree Creek and Reedy Creek, this 5,579-acre park is easily accessible from Interstate 40 and US 70. Visit William B. Umstead State Park and enjoy this region of wilderness at the city's doorstep.

**Facilities**
- Regular and Group Campsites ($20-$35/Day)
- 2 Picnic table Shelter ($33/Day)
- 8 Picnic table shelter ($73/Day)
- 12 Picnic table shelter ($98/Day)
Goose Creek State Park
Hammocks Beach State Park
Jones Lake State Park
Lake Waccamaw State Park
Merchants Millpond State Park
Pettigrew State Park
Singletary Lake State Park
Giant, old oaks draped in Spanish moss welcome you to this special world where broad, lazy Goose Creek joins the Pamlico River. A primitive camping area, picnic sites, swim beach and hiking and paddling trails offer a variety of ways to savor the tranquil surroundings at Goose Creek State Park. Goose Creek is conveniently located between historic Bath and the original Washington. Visit Goose Creek State Park. Unwind and soak up the peacefulness; a hectic pace is not permitted.

Facilities:
Outdoor Classroom and Indoor Auditorium
12 Primitive campsites. Includes tables and fire pits.
1 Primitive group campsite.
Two picnic shelters with grills.
Hammocks Beach
State Park

Location: Located 20 miles east of Jacksonville, NC

Contact: 1572 Hammock Beach Road
Swansboro, NC 28584
(910) 326-4881
E-mail: denr.dpr.hammocks.beach@lists.ncmail.net

Venture to Bear Island and reward yourself with vivid memories of one of the most unspoiled beaches on the Atlantic coast. Accessible only by passenger ferry or private boat, there’s just one thing at Hammocks Beach that’s crowded—the list of things to do. Stroll the beach with laughing gulls and sandpipers. Cast a baited hook into endless rows of foaming breakers. Discover tiny specimens of marine life in tidal pools and mudflats. Use a camera or paintbrush to capture the green and gold grasses that color the salt marshes. Spend the night among the sand dunes, or simply bask in the sun and do nothing at all. Secluded and tranquil, free from intruding commercialism, Hammocks Beach may not be for everyone, but the island is a retreat for people who welcome the challenges of relentless sun, sand, sea and sky.

Facilities
Hammocks Beach ferry. The brief ferry ride takes visitors from the mainland section of the park in Swansboro to Bear Island. ( $5)
Fourteen Primitive / backpack campsites. ($13/day)
Two Primitive / backpack group campsites.($13/day + $2 for every camper over the minimum)
Location: 6 Miles North of Elizabethtown, NC

Contact: 4117 Hwy 242 N
Elizabethtown, NC 28337
(910) 588-4550
E-mail: denr.dpr.jones.lake@lists.ncmail.net

Venture to Jones Lake State Park and view one of the greatest geological mysteries of the eastern United States—the phenomenon of the Carolina bays. Adjacent to the Bladen Lakes State Forest and home of two natural lakes, Jones and Salters lakes, the 2,208-acre park is a nature lover’s delight. Peaceful surroundings and a variety of facilities, including a trail with several outlooks that circles Jones Lake, make this state park a favorite for hiking, picnicking, swimming, fishing and camping.

Facilities:
Auditorium (1/2 Day $103, Full Day $178)
Classrooms (1/2 day $78, Full day 153$)
Drive In/ Walk to campsites (Prices vary for water and electricity use Average $20/Day)
Improved Group Camping ($48/Day)
Picnic Shelters (98$/Day)
Location: 18 Miles East of Whiteville, NC

Contact: 1866 State Park Drive
Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450
(910)-646-4748
Email: denr.dpr.lake.waccamaw@lists.ncmail.net

The cool, tea-colored waters at first appear similar to other lakes in the area, but Lake Waccamaw is one of the most unique bodies of water in the world. You will find here species of animals found nowhere else on the planet, rare plants and endangered animals. At Lake Waccamaw, you can view one of the greatest geological mysteries of the eastern United States—the phenomenon of Carolina bays. Limestone bluffs along the north shore neutralize Lake Waccamaw’s water, making the lake different from any other Carolina Bay. Nearby, you can catch a glimpse of a botanical wonder—the Green Swamp. From its sandy shorelines to its tree-lined natural areas, Lake Waccamaw offers peaceful surroundings, an intriguing natural history and fun in the sun.

Facilities
Primitive Group Campsites ($13/day + $2/for every camper over minimum)
An "enchanted forest," primitive species of fish relatively unchanged over millions of years, towering bald cypress trees with massive trunks, luxuriant growths of Spanish moss—this is Merchants Millpond State Park. Here, coastal pond and southern swamp forest mingle, creating one of North Carolina’s rarest ecological communities. Together with upland forests, these environments create a haven for wildlife and humanity alike. Escape the hectic pace of life and find sanctuary in a canoe. Drift along the smooth, dark surface of the millpond and savor the many sights and sounds that come alive in the stillness of the forest. Journey into remote and undisturbed Lassiter Swamp, a place that embodies the spirit of adventure, and see what you can discover. If canoeing is not for you, fish for game species. Choose from an assortment of camping opportunities or enjoy a picnic beside the millpond. The remarkable surroundings of Merchants Millpond State Park lend themselves to a variety of activities.

Facilities:
Auditorium and classroom ($103/$178 Half/Full day, $78/$153 Half/Full day)
15 Primitive Campsites (13/Day)
6 Primitive Campsites (13/Day +$2 per every extra camper over minimum)
Drive to/Walk in Campsites ($20/Day)
8 table picnic Shelter ($73/Day)
**Location:**  7 Miles South of Creswell, NC

**Contact:**  2252 Lake Shore Road
Creswell, NC 27928
(252) 797-4475
Email: denr.dpr.pettigrew@lists.ncmail.net

With more than 1,300 acres of land around Lake Phelps and more than 3,000 acres along the Scuppernong River, with an additional 16,600 acres of water, Pettigrew State Park is an ideal blend of nature, history and recreation. Explore Lake Phelps and examine dugout canoes as ancient as the pyramids. Or cast your line into crystal-clear waters where largemouth bass reign. Take a trip back in time at the grave of a great Confederate general. Or hug a tree as wide as an elephant. Paddle down one of North Carolina’s last undeveloped rivers. Pettigrew exhibits its history among picturesque natural surroundings. Majestic cypress trees tower above as the branches of tulip poplar and swamp chestnut oak provide perches for songbirds. Wildflowers decorate the landscape with a splash of color.

**Facilities:**
- Family Campground ($13/Day)
- Eight table Picnic Shelter ($73/Day)
- 2 table Picnic Shelter ($33/Day)
**Location:** 10 Miles East of Elizabethtown, NC

**Contact:**
6707 NC 53 Hwy  
East, Kelly, NC 28448  
(910) 669-2928  
Email: denr.dpr.singletary.lake@lists.ncmail.net

Bring your group to Singletary Lake State Park and enjoy group camping in a land of mysterious origins. A portion of the unique Carolina bay ecosystem found nowhere else in the world, Singletary Lake lies within the 35,975-acre Bladen Lakes State Forest. Developed primarily for organized group camping, the park is comprised of 649 acres of land and a 572-acre natural lake. In addition to group camping, Singletary Lake State Park offers ample opportunities for nature study and recreation.

**Facilities:**
- Classroom ($78/$153 Half/ Full day)
- Camp Loblolly and Camp Ingleton
Additional North Carolina State Park Contact Information

General park information or to Request a Brochure:
Call (919) 733-PARK or
E-mail denr.dpr.info@ncmail.net

Environmental Education at the parks:
Email denr.dpr.education@ncmail.net

N.C. Trails Program:
Call the state trails coordinator at
(919) 715-8699 or Email
denr.dpr.trails@ncmail.net

Main Administrative Offices - Raleigh:
Call (919) 733-4181. Our mailing address is 1615 MSC, Raleigh, NC 27699. Our head-quarters are located at 512 N. Salisbury Street, Archdale Building, 7th Floor, Room 732.
North Carolina National Parks

Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Location:
There are 3 main entrances to the park: Gatlinburg, TN, Townsend, TN and Cherokee, NC. The nearest major airport in Tennessee (McGhee-Tyson, TYS) is in Alcoa, 45 miles west of Gatlinburg, between Maryville and Gatlinburg. In North Carolina, the Asheville Airport is 60 miles east of the park. No commercial traffic such as buses and trains are allowed in the Park. There is a limited trolley service in and from Gatlinburg.

Contacts:
General Park Information: (865) 436-1200
Backcountry Information: (865) 436-1297
Backcountry Reservations: (865) 436-1231
Park Literature: (865) 436-0120
LeConte Lodge: (865) 429-5704

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) is the most visited in the National Park system. Smoky Mountain cabins rentals & hotels abound. The natural beauty and the four distinct seasons enjoyed in the GSMNP is unmatched! The Park includes over 500,000 acres with 800 miles of hiking trails, 10 campgrounds, 1,500 types of plants. Great Smoky Mountains National Park info included on this site includes: general park info, book Smoky Mountain cabin rentals and hotels, maps, trout fishing, hiking, auto touring, history of the Park's development, and popular Cades Cove. Also, this Smoky Mountain site makes available information about weddings in the national park, shopping, the Appalachian Trail, Fall foliage, photos of waterfalls, wildlife, and wildflowers. Also featured: Towns of the Smokies including: Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, Sevierville, Townsend TN and Asheville, Cherokee, Maggie Valley, Dillsboro, Waynesville, Blowing Rock, and Highlands NC.
BSA Camps in North Carolina


Camp Herbert C. Bonner - Blounts Creek, NC <> www.eccbsa.org

Camp Daniel Boone - Canton, NC <> www.danielboonecouncil.org

Camp Bowers – White Oak, NC <> www.capefearcouncilbsa.org

Camp Cherokee – Yancyvill NC <> www.onsc.org

Camp Durant – Carthage, NC <> www.campdurant.com

Camp Grimes – Nebo, NC <> www.mcc.org

Camp Bob Hardin – Saluda, NC <> www.palmetto-bsa.org

Camp Raven Knob – Mt. Airey, NC <> www.oldhickorycouncil.org

Camp Bud Schiele – Rutherford, NC <> www.piedmontcouncil.org

Camp Tuscarora – Four Oaks, NC <> www.bsanc.org
High Adventure Bases
Northern Tier

Contact: Northern Tier High Adventure Base
P.O Box 50
Ely, MN 55731
(218) 365-4811
www.ntier.org

Description, Facilities, and Programs:

Don’t miss the boat! One of the most beautiful and remote parts of North America offers a unique opportunity for Scouts. Canoeing, hiking, fishing, and winter camping in and around the beautiful lakes of northern Minnesota and southern Canada await you at the Northern Tier.

Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs

The Sioux and the Chippewa—the rugged French Canadian fur traders, and now hundreds of Scouts and Explorers experience the thrills and excitement of high adventure from Northern Wisconsin to Manitoba. Experience a beautiful clear day, stillness of gentle waters, the call of the loon on a lonely lake. Experience the fragrance of towering pines and fried bacon over a cooking fire for breakfast. Feel the ache of muscles as you carry your canoe and pack over rugged portages.

The programs of Northern Tier include the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, and Quetico Provincial Park of the Charles L. Sommers High Adventure Base, the Northern Expeditions canoeing and fishing base, Atikokan Canoeing, and the Okpik Winter Adventure. Experience these adventures through the Northern Tier Program.
The Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base is located in the heart of the Superior. Quetico boundary waters, an area of roughly 4,000 square miles. Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) Located in Minnesota, a six to eight member crew travels with an interpreter to explore border country in the greatest wilderness canoeing area in the United States. They will learn the skills handed down from the Native American, fur-trapper, and Voyageur. Trips from beginning through intermediate levels provide challenges for all types of units or contingents.

Quetico Provincial Park: Located in Ontario, Canada, Quetico Park is one of the most tightly controlled areas in Northern America with respect to wilderness canoeing. A trip through this primitive area will appeal to the group really looking for solitude and great fishing. Generally, trips can be planned at any level for groups of six to eight.

Northern Expeditions: Located in Bissett, Manitoba, Canada, this program offers fly-in canoeing and fishing at its best! Northern Expeditions at Bissett offers wilderness canoeing in truest spirit of High Adventure. For those crews of six to eleven members who thirst for this type of adventure, the Manitoba bush country east of Lake Winnipeg offers some of the most diverse canoeing available, ranging from spectacular rivers to pristine lake country. Most crews take advantage of the optional charter float plane, beginning and ending their trip from air-only accessible Scout Lake.

Atikokan Canoeing: Located in Atikokan, Ontario, Canada, this is the canoe Capital of Canada! Here is a challenging land of lakes silent in the morning mist, thundering rapids sparkling in the sunlight, canoes carving a wake to the power of bending paddles, wood smoke curling up from a cooking fire, game fish exploding like fin-backed rockets. Symbolized by Tuktu, the Inuit name for Woodland Caribou, the program base at Atikokan, Ontario, is the newest site of the Northern Tier adventure. Trips are featured north of the Quetico Park in the Turtle and Seine River drainage areas as well as south into the Park. These areas provide all levels of canoeing for groups of six to eleven (eight in Quetico).

Okpik Winter Adventure: Learn the skills of the Northwoods winter; cross country skiing, snowshoeing, winter shelter, winter camping, equipment making, tracking and ice fishing. Weekend programs are the most popular where you’ll receive training in cold-weather dress, overnight canoeing, winter shelters and indoor sessions on menu and equipment highlights. They also offer staff training for individual older Scouts and leaders interested in learning how to develop and run a winter program.
Contact: Philmont Scout Ranch
Cimarron, NM 87714
(505) 376-2281
www.philmontscoutranch.org

Description, Facilities, and Programs:

Take a hike! The mountains of New Mexico offer the adventure that you have always dreamed about. Backpacking, rock climbing, western lore, living history, and the views from peaks over 10,000 feet tall will make memories that last a lifetime.

High Adventure is a chance to try something you may never experience again. So take adventure to the limit. You'll never forget it.

A rugged land set among the towering mountains, alpine meadows and awesome vistas of the Sangre de Cristo range in northeastern New Mexico. Each year over 15,000 Scouts, Explorers and leaders from around the world find that Philmont has something for everyone.

Hiking, rock climbing, panning for gold, fur trapping, black powder rifle shooting, horses and burros are but a few of the programs that combine to present a truly unique and unparalleled experience. Within Philmont's 137,493 acres, where elevations range from 6500 to 12,491 feet above sea level, Scouts and explorers each year find horizons that really are unlimited.

Philmont's program is wide and varied, set to match its rugged backcountry. Most Scouts and Explorers hike the ranch as members of high Adventure Expeditions that are made up of either chartered Troops or Posts or provisional Council/District contingents. The contingents are broken down into crews, a minimum of 4 people and a maximum of 12 people per crew. For twelve action-packed days, crews hike over some of the grandest mountain scenery in the west. Philmont
High Adventure Bases

has over 300 miles of developed hiking trails that link 25 staffed camps and 62 non-staffed trail camps. Each crew selects an itinerary from one of 24 preplanned routes prior to their arrival at Philmont. Selection is based on the programs a group wishes to participate in, the number of miles they want to hike, and the particular peaks or section of the backcountry they desire to see.
Florida Sea Base

Contact:  Florida Sea Base  
P.O. Box 1206  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
(305) 664-4173  
www.seabasebsa.org

Description, Facilities, and Programs:

Make a splash! Head to the Florida Keys and dive into an amazing Florida Sea Base adventure and wade into more excitement than you ever thought possible. Snorkeling, SCUBA, boating, and beach camping are among the many possibilities. The warm tropical breeze, the crystal clear waters, pillars of carol surrounded by multicolor fish ... a spinnaker unfurled, surging power of the sail as you glide soundless across the surface of the Atlantic. Underwater exploring of Spanish galleons, fishing, snorkeling, and scuba diving dear islands of the Caribbean. The stillness of an undiscovered land beckons you to the ultimate aquatic adventure of your lifetime.

Florida Sea Base - located in the heart of the fabulous Florida Keys on an island 75 miles south of Miami -- is Scouting's high Adventure aquatic facility. It offers sailing craft 14 feet to 65 feet, wind surfing, motorboating, canoeing, deep sea fishing and lobstering. In addition, there's exploration of ecosystem of the Florida Keys. Within a mile offshore an underwater living coral garden forms a barrier reef protecting the Florida Sea Base. Here, among pillars of living coral, thousands of multi-hued tropical fish swim in water so clear you have a sensation of floating in air. Even today, the exotic lure of discovering underwater-buried treasure excites true adventures. Explore the tropical beauty and excitement the Florida Sea Base offers. Adventures are arranged year round on a flexible schedule with a per day per person charge. Coral Reef Sailing: Six crew members make this fully equipped 41 - 44 foot sailboat their home for seven days. It has a large galley and dining area where meals are prepared. An inboard diesel engine is available when tropical breezes don't cooperate. A licensed adventure snorkeling the beautiful Keys' reef, fishing,
High Adventure Bases

and hands-on sailing. The itinerary is flexible, taking you to either Marquesas (approx. 10 mi. from Key West) or the Dry Tortugas (approx. 70 mi. from Key West)

SCUBA Certification: Six to eight crew members discover the excitement of SCUBA diving in the warm, tropical waters surrounding the Florida Keys. Crews are trained by professional instructors in our specially designed dive tanks. Approximately five open water dives are conducted on reefs just off shore from the base

SCUBA Adventure: Six to eight crew members dive the coral reefs and wrecks of the Florida Keys. Designed for certified divers, this program offers nine dives (weather captain instructs crew members in the fine arts of navigation, fishing and sailing.

Out Island Adventure: Six to eight crew members live as Robinson Crusoe on the Out Island Adventure which combines camping on a remote 100-acre island, snorkeling on pristine coral reefs, trolling for sport fish, kayaking Island. The crew and a program mate for the entire trip will wade ashore with all gear for this rugged camping setting.

Bahamas Adventure: Eight to ten crew members will fly directly to the Bahamas! The Sea Base is offering an exciting adventure based in March Harbour on Great Abaco Island. The crew can snorkel the beautiful, pristine reefs surrounding March Harbour, wade ashore on the many small cays (pronounced keys) in the area, learn of the unique history, and fish for-the game fish which are abundant in the Abacos. Bahamas sailing vessels will travel to Turtle Cay, Hopetown and Little Harbour with plenty of time for recreational activities.

Keys Adventure Program: Six to eight member crews utilizes a 45-foot catamaran power boat capable of extended journeys over sea for a seven-day variety of activities. The flexibility of this adventure allows travel to many marine sanctuaries and sights.

Sea Exploring: Twenty to twenty-two member crews have the opportunity to experience a sailing adventure of yesteryear. The vessel is an 83-foot, gaff-rigged topsail schooner, fully equipped and prepared to provide an unforgettable permitting. Explore the only living coral reef system in the USA, diving sites like Alligator or Tennessee Reef, exploring uncharted dive sites, up and down the Keys, or adding to Sea Bases own artificial Reef.
Hiking Trails
Select Hiking Trails In Georgia

**Appalachian Trail:** (AT) The longest continually marked trail in the world. The trail begins at Springer Mountain in Georgia and ends 2,100 miles north at Mount Katahdin in Maine.

**Springer Mountain to Hightower Gap** – excellent northwest views of the Cohutta Mountains form the summit of Springer Mountain. Suches, GA - 9 miles

**Woody Gap to Neels Gap** – Take a hike to Blood Mountain, the highest peak on the Georgia Appalachian Trail. Suches, GA - 10.7 miles

**Neels Gap to Hogpen Gap** – Well-graded, pleasant hike with open ridgetops with excellent views. Spring and fall wildflower displays Blairsville, GA - 6.4 miles

**Dicks Creek Gap to Deep Gap** (NC) – Hikers enjoy the rhododendron and mountain laurel blooms on the ridgetops of this trail during Spring. Hiawassee, GA - 15.6 miles

**Hightower Gap to Woody Gap** – Good introduction trail to north Georgia hiking with several steep climbs and descents. Rocky in spots Suches, GA 11.9 miles

**Hogpen Gap to Unicoi Gap** - Many short climbs and rolling terrain. Helen, GA - 13.6 miles

**Unicoi Gap to Tray Gap** – Includes two climbs of about 1000 feet. Hike to Tray Mountain is another 500 feet. Good southern views from Tray Mountain Helen, GA - 6.2 miles

**Tray Gap to Dicks Creek Gap** – An aerobic challenge. Hiawassee, GA 11.7 miles

**Amicalola Falls State Park Trails:** Amicalola Falls forms as Little Amicalola Creek plunges 729 feet in several cascades. It is the highest waterfall east of the Mississippi River. Dahlonega, GA – 7.4 miles

**Bartram National Heritage Trail (BMT):** 33.2 mile Georgia section of this trail goes through a variety of habitats including the National Wild and Scenic Chattooga River. Clayton, GA - 37 miles
**Benton MacKaye Trail: Watson Gap to Ocoee River:** Final portion of the Benton MacKaye Trail. Path includes a couple of high elevation streams. Blue Ridge, GA - 20 miles

**Benton MacKaye Trail: Springer Mountain to Little Skeenah Creek:** Southern end of the Benton MacKaye Trail. Begins at the same location the AT begins – atop Springer Mountain East Ellijay, GA - 17.4 miles

**F.D.Roosevelt State Park: Pine Mountain and Mountain Creek Nature Trails:** Trail goes through all the different habitats on this southernmost mountain in Georgia. Pine Mountain, GA - 24.5 miles

**Vogel State Park Trails:** One of the oldest state parks in Georgia and one of the most scenic. Wolf Creek runs through the park to little Lake Trahyta. The 4 trails cover a wide variety of conditions. Blairsville, GA - 12.7 miles

**Chattooga National Wild and Scenic River Trail:** Follows the Chattooga River on the Georgia and South Carolina boundary. Clayton, GA – 16.7 miles

** Panther Creek Trail:** Excellent one way day hike or hike to the falls (3.6 miles) and return Clarksville, GA - 7.2 miles

**Allatoona Pass Trail:** Climb to the tops of two mountains separated by a railroad pass to view the site of the last Civil War battle in the Atlanta area. Includes a scenic, lakeshore hike. Cartersville, GA - 3.1 miles

**Burnt Hickory Loop Trail:** Challenging trail and reportedly one of the most rewarding in the Atlanta Area. Historic site Kennesaw, GA – 5 miles

**Cloudland Canyon State Park Trails:** Cloudland Canyon is a unique geological feature in Georgia because so little of the Cumberland Plateau touches the state. The canyon and waterfalls are beautiful. Trenton, GA 4.1 miles

**References:** www.trails.com

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Select Hiking Trails in South Carolina

**Foothills Trail:** Located along the Blue Ridge Escarpment in Upstate South Carolina and Western North Carolina. 77 miles in length

**Foothills Trail, Jocassee Gorges Segment:** Challenging trail around the north end of Lake Jocassee. Scenic waterfalls and steep-sided river gorges. Walhalla, SC - 31 miles

**Foothills Trail: Bad Creek Access to Rocky Mountain:** - A long and spectacular section of trail. The Toxaway River flows beneath the longest suspension bridge on the trail. Salem, SC - 30.3 miles

**Foothills Trail, Chattanooga Valley Segment:** 3 day backpacking trip with waterfalls and majestic beauty of the Whitewater and Chattoga Rivers. Walhalla, SC - 33 miles

**Foothills Trail: Burrells Ford to Bad Creek Access:** Diverse landscapes, waterfalls. Walhalla, SC - 14.6 miles

**Foothills Trail: Rocky Bottom to Jones Gap State Park:** A challenging and long section of the Foothills Trail. Ascend Sassafras Mountain, the highest point in South Carolina. Rocky Bottom, SC - 24.4 miles

**Foothills Trail: Sassafras Mountain Section:** Hike to the summit of Sassafras Mountain and down to Laurel Valley and the Jocassee Gorges area. Pickens, SC - 14.1 miles

**Chattooga Trail:** Undulating trail along the Chattooga River. Walhalla, SC 15 miles

**Raven Cliff Falls:** Day hike to one of the highest and most scenic cascades in the eastern USA. Greenville, SC – 6.6 miles

**Kings Mountain:** Trail crosses numerous brooks and streams, courses down rocky ravines and through a shaded hardwood forest. Rock Hill, SC -14.5 miles

**Carolina Low Country Challenge:** In the Low Country, south of the historic Charleston Peninsula. Trail hops from island to island. Charleston, SC-61.8 miles
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**Foothills Trail: Oconee State Park to Burrells Ford:** Southernmost section of the Foothills Trail that starts at one of South Carolina’s oldest state parks. Walhalla, SC - 16.4 miles

**Table Rock State Park:** Very difficult but immensely rewarding day hike featuring spectacular views from the top of the dramatic cliffs of Table Rock Mountain and a visit to Pinnacle Mountain. Greenville, SC - 10 miles

**Jones Gap Trail:** Relatively easy day hike along the Middle Saluda River from Jones Gap State Park to Caesar's Head State Park. Greenville, SC - 10.6 miles

**Huntington Beach State Park:** A day hike through freshwater and saltwater marshes, pristine sandy beaches, and maritime forests. Great bird habitat. Myrtle Beach, SC - 8.7 miles

**Paris Mountain State Park:** Rugged half-day hike on a mountain trail. Greenville, SC - 6 miles

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Select Hiking Trails in North Carolina

**Appalachian Trail:** (AT) The longest continually marked trail in the world. The trail begins at Springer Mountain in Georgia and ends 2,100 miles north at Mount Katahdin in Maine.

- **Appalachian Trail: Clingmans Dome to Spence Field:** Long, difficult and beautiful trail. Cades Cove, NC - 22.1 miles
- **Appalachian Trail: Allen Gap to Devil Fork Gap:** The northern half of this trail borders the Bald Mountain Ridge Scenic Area in the Cherokee National Forest. Outstanding views. Hot Springs, NC – 20.2 miles
- **Appalachian Trail: Carvers Gap to Roan High Bluff & Rhododendron Gardens:** Roan Mountain is the largest of the southern Appalachian grassy balds. Bakersville, NC - 5.6 miles
- **Appalachian Trail: Carvers Gap to US 19E:** Wide open spaces and miles of waving grass and wildflowers. Roan Mountain, NC - 13.4 miles
- **Appalachian Trail: Davenport Gap to Max Patch:** Rated as strenuous for several long ups and downs, but in general the grade if good. Panoramic vista at Max Patch Waterville, NC - 16 miles

**Mount Mitchell:** The highest peak east of the Mississippi River, a crowning part of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Asheville, NC - 12 miles

**Uwharrie National Forest Trails:** Trails through the undulating remains of North America’s oldest mountain range. Asheboro, NC - 66.5 miles

**Gregory Bald Overnight Loop:** An arduous climb tops out on Long Hungry Ridge and leads to Gregory bald, the southern Appalachians most famous bald with staggering views and flower displays. Fontana Village, NC - 15.7 miles

**Craggy Gardens Trails:** Visible from all over northwest North Carolina, these barren crests have awesome views. Asheville, NC - 9.6 miles
**Shining Rock Wilderness Trails:** Stunning scenery of summits cloaked in evergreens and accented by milk-white crags of quartz – the “shining rocks.” Brevard, NC - 8.8 miles

**Linville Gorge Wilderness:** This gorge lies between Jones Ridge to the east and Linville Mountain to the west. Crossnore, NC – 14 miles

**Graveyard Fields Loop Trail:** Reaches two waterfalls and explores a high, alpine-like valley. Brevard, NC – 9.5 miles

**Grandfather Mountain:** Rocky, spectacular summit known for great views and the Mile-High Swinging Bridge. Linville, NC – 4.8 miles

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Situated on Lake Thurmond, Knox Scout Reservation offers a great Summer Camp experience for your Scouts. A few highlights are:

- A comprehensive Aquatics program
- The National Wild Turkey Federation Challenge. Scouts complete the following merit badges: Shotgun Shooting, Rifle Shooting, Archery, and Fish and Wildlife Management, as well as Hunter Education Certification for Georgia and South Carolina.
- The Jimmie Dyess Program for new or first-year Scouts. Scouts will work on basic skills, cooperation and Scouting ideals. The skills taught are those needed to complete the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class rank requirements – as well as Fireman Chit, and Totin’ Chip.
- Trail to Eagle program. Designed for Scouts who are First Class rank and above. Course work is on Eagle-required Merit Badges.
- Friday Family Night – picnic and family campfire.

In addition, Knox Scout Reservation offers a number of off-season resources for your Unit:

- Primitive camping
- Use of pavilions with electricity/water, restrooms/showers, and picnic tables
- Canoe rental
- Opportunities for Unit service projects or conservation projects.
- Full-time Camp Ranger on site
- Tents, cooking equipment rental as needed
- Archery and shooting sports range with qualified supervision
- Established orienteering course to challenge all skill levels
- Hiking trails and fishing
- Sports fields (baseball/football/soccer) and BMX track
Directions to Knox Scout Reservation
1150 Fred R. Prater Parkway
Lincotn, GA 30817

FROM AIKEN / COLUMBIA

1. Go west on I-20. In Georgia, take exit 194 (Belair Rd/Dyess Parkway/Hwy 383)
2. Turn right, continue on Belair Rd for 4 miles.
3. Turn left onto Washington Rd (104 West).
4. Travel 9.7 miles to Pollard's Corner; (4-way stop at Chevron/Maryland Fried Chicken).
5. Continue straight through the intersection (104 W becomes 47 West) for 9 miles.
6. Watch for signs for Bussey Point Recreation Area (brown sign) and Knox Scout Reservation (green sign) on the right.
7. Turn right onto Ashmore-Barden Road.
8. Go to the end of Ashmore-Barden Road – 2.9 miles. Turn right at stop sign.
9. Go 1.3 miles (past golf course) and watch for Mulberry CME Church on right. Road curves to the right – look for green Knox Reservation Sign on the right.
10. Turn left onto Poland Road and go 0.7 mile.
11. Turn right at Camp Entrance (Fred R. Prater Parkway).
12. Stay on main paved road in camp. Follow signs.

FROM AUGUSTA / ATLANTA

1. Take I-20 to exit 196-B (I-520 Bobby Jones Expressway).
2. Stay on Bobby Jones through 2 traffic lights (past Sams Club and Walmart).
3. At next traffic light, turn left onto Washington Road (104 West).
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1450 GREENE ST, SUITE 150 - AUGUSTA, GA 30901
By Fax @ 706-733-3765
or by email to: cwalker@gacacouncil.org

ALL REQUESTS WILL BE HANDLED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.
PLEASE NOTE: COUNCIL AND DISTRICT EVENTS WILL HAVE PRECEDENCE.
PLEASE ALLOW ONE (1) WEEK FOR REQUEST TO BE PROCESSED.
# CANOE RENTAL AGREEMENT AND RESERVATION

**PLEASE NOTE: NO RESERVATIONS MAY BE ACCEPTED OVER THE PHONE.**

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We understand and agree that:
1. The canoes will be used by our Chartered Unit for training and program use.
2. We will practice the 8 points of Safe Swim Defense and the nine points of Safety Afloat.
3. Swimmers, and non-swimmers alike will use the safety equipment provided in accordance with State and National Safety Regulations.
4. We agree to not use these canoes in any area of Whitewater or Rapids.
5. We will arrange with the Camp Ranger or Council Representative to inspect the equipment on check-out and check-in with us. We agree to pay for any loss, damage, or the cost of replacing equipment as determined.
6. The Rental Rate is as follows:
   - $10.00 per 24 hour period per canoe (2 life jackets and 2 paddles supplied with each canoe).
   - (Example: Trailer, 6 canoes, 12 paddles, 12 life jackets = $60.00 per 24 hour period)
7. EXTRA PADDLES and/or LIFE JACKETS will be available at $1.00 each per 24 hour period.

Check Out: ____________________________ Signed: ____________________________ (Ranger or Council Representative) (Adult Unit Leader Responsible)
Check In: ____________________________ Signed: ____________________________ (Ranger or Council Representative) (Adult Unit Leader Responsible)

DAMAGE COST ASSESSED AND PAID: $ ____________________________

Fill out completely: 1 copy to Service Center
1 copy to Unit
1 copy to Camp Ranger
The Boy Scouts Program and Camping Information
Tiger Cubs:

Tiger Cubs is a program for first grade boys (or those who are 7 years old) and adult family members. The goals of the program are to offer the boy and his adult partner all kinds of new activities and fun, to allow them to become familiar with the ideals of scouting, to build self-esteem and self-confidence and to strengthen the bond of the entire family. Family camping in the Tiger Cub program is encouraged, but only as a family experience. Resident camping for Tiger Cubs is authorized when conducted by the local council.

Cub Scouts:

The Cub Scouts is a program designed for boys who are in the second through the fifth grades (or 8-10 years of age). Parents, leaders and organizations work together to influence the development of character and encourage spiritual growth, to develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship, to encourage good sportsmanship, to strengthen personal and family relationships and to prepare them to become Boy Scouts. Family camping is encouraged and is only authorized as a family experience. Webelos overnight camping is permitted as a Webelos/adult outing only. Resident camping for Webelos Scouts and Cub Scouts is authorized when conducted by the local council.

Boy Scouts:

The Boy Scouts is a program for boys who in the sixth grade through the twelfth grade (age 10 1/2-18). Scouts work together in patrols with youth leaders guided by adult leaders to fulfill the purposes of the Boy Scout program. It is the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America to provide an effective program designed to instill within youth desirable qualities of character, to train them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to help develop their personal fitness, providing this country with citizens who are aware
of, and practice these ideals of the American heritage. It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law.

Scouting is camping. And it’s hiking, canoeing, bicycling, reading a map and compass, practicing first aid, and plenty of other exciting challenges. Scouting is outdoor adventure at its best, and it’s all yours for the taking.
In the summer of 1915 at Treasure Island, the Philadelphia Council Scout Camp, Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson were directors who desired to recognize those scouts who best exemplified the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Their location, the Valley of the Delaware, held rich Indian traditions of camping. In preparing for the summer programs the directors read several books on camping. One book impressed Goodman with a description of camp brotherhood that had been used to continue the traditions and ideals of a camp from season to season. Goodman and Edson incorporated these ideas into their own camp and the ideas spread to Chief Scout Executive Ernest Thompson Seton. Experiences with the Woodcraft Indians and the Delaware Indians involved ceremonies and these were incorporated into summer camp. For Goodman and Edson, this crystallized their idea of using the lore and legends of the Delaware Indians who once lived on Treasure Island. These gentlemen prepared a simple yet effective ceremony that, in turn, led to the organization of what was later to become known as the Order of the Arrow.

Uniquely, non-members did the selection for membership, but its ideals and procedures were based on that of a democratic society. Horace W. Ralston and Horace P. Kern who had done most of the research on the Delaware Indians first suggested the original name of “WWW.” Friday, July 16, 1915 marked the date of the first induction into the Order of the Arrow. With feelings of expectancy, mystery and excitement, the campers (candidates) were led through their tests of worthiness. To perpetuate the brotherhood, a membership meeting was held on November 23, 1915. George W. Chapman, the first lodge chief of Unami Lodge, served as chairman of the organization committee. This meeting marked the first formal founding of the Order of the Arrow. Goodman and Edson served as advisers to the committee. News spread of WWW by 1917 and Goodman spoke to scouts and scouters and helped establish lodges in several states. From 1915 until 1921 the Order grew slowly and it became a national organization. The first national convention was held on October 7, 1921, in Philadelphia causing a steadier growth until in 1922 the Order became an official program experiment of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order of the Arrow
continued to grow in size, prestige and importance over several decades.

The growth of the Order of the Arrow through the years has never been based on an aggressive promotional plan. It came about because councils believed in the ideals expressed by the Order and voluntarily requested that lodges be formed. The soundness of providing single workable honor campers’ brotherhood, rather than many, is evident. More than 1 million Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Explorers, and Scouters have been inducted into the Order during the past 80 years. There are now over 150,000 active members. This amount of national coverage makes possible a unified approach. It provides for transfer of membership, standard books and supplies, national training plans, and a coordinated scheme for building strength in local units through regional and national service. All of these add color, enthusiasm, and quality to the camping program of Scouting.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to recognize those campers (Scouts, Explorers, and Scouters) who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner to warrant recognition. The Order of the Arrow strives to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit and to promote Scout camping and to help strengthen the district and council camping program both year round and in the summer camp experience. As a Brotherhood of Cheerful Service, the Order prides itself in its success of crystallizing the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

An Arrowman’s primary responsibility is to his local unit that includes those who elected/selected him into the Order. It is to them most of an Arrowman’s service should be directed. Founder, Dr. E. Urner Goodman once said, "Let it be remembered that the Order of the Arrow was created to help the unit--to help it present its membership a better idea of the inner qualities of the good Scout camper." The Order of the Arrow serves the unit’s camping interests. Arrowmen should make sure that their unit maintains an active camping program and as many members as possible are involved. The Order participates in community service projects and should involve the local unit whenever possible. Arrowmen should help keep the local unit informed of lodge and council events. Also, Arrowmen are responsible for promoting summer camp as well as regular camp outings. As a pacesetter in Scouting, each Arrowman should set the example by properly wearing the Scout or Explorer uniform.

The Order of the Arrow lodge holds many activities throughout the year. Aside from inductions (ordeals), weekend fellowships are a big part of lodge activity and camp improvement. The lodge maintains a record of cheerful service by preparing the camping facilities for the summer program, and being responsible for several aspects of district and council camporees. The lodge
participates in the regional conclave fondly known as the "Dixie Fellowship." They hold a yearly recognition banquet and also meet regularly throughout the year to plan events to make the council camping program run smoother for the Scouting community.

To become a member of the Order of the Arrow, a Scout or Explorer must be selected by vote of the Scouts or Explorers in his unit (non-O.A. members and OA members). After election, a Scout, explorer, or Scouter is considered a candidate until he has taken the Ordeal of the Order. It is the purpose of the Ordeal to have the candidate reflect on his own Scout life and character and to come to a deeper understanding of the Scout Oath or Promise and the Principles of the Order. The Brotherhood membership is an opportunity for members to evaluate their past service to Scouting and to their lodge and to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of the Order. The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can present for service to the local lodge and council. It is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those members of the Order who have given exceptional service.
BSA Policies

The purpose of Boy Scout policies on camping and outdoor activities is to prepare adult leaders to conduct Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. The policies and guidelines have been established because of the real need to protect members from known hazards that have been identified through eighty-plus years of experience. Limitations on certain activities should not be viewed as stumbling blocks; rather, policies and guidelines are best described as stepping stones toward safe and enjoyable adventures. (BSA Guide to Safe Scouting). Tour permits require at least one adult to read and have a copy of the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Adult Leadership:

Each Cub Scout and Webelos Den and each chartered Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team and Explorer post shall have one citizen of the United States, 21 years of age or older, who shall be registered and serve as the unit or den leader. Two registered adult leaders, or one adult and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips or outings. Co-ed overnight activities require male and female adult leaders. No fewer than four individuals (always with the minimum of two adults) go on any backcountry expedition or campout. Male and female leadership must have separate sleeping facilities. Male and female youth participants will not share the same sleeping facility.

Aquatics Safety:

All swimming activity in Scouting is conducted according to the Safe Swim Defense. Conducting aquatic activities requires several steps to insure the safety of the youth involved. Qualified supervision, physical fitness and lifeguards are requirements aimed at the safety of the participants. Maintaining reasonable discipline, operating by the buddy system and ability groups, posting lookouts over a safe area are steps proven to reduce aquatic accidents. (Refer to the Canoeing and Lakes section for further aquatic policies.)
Camping:

Overnight camping by second and third grade Cub Scouts must be conducted at a Council-Family Camp or a council approved location for a pack multi-family camping experience to be covered by BSA insurance. They may participate in council-operated day camps and resident camps. Webelos can participate in den overnight campouts when accompanied by a parent or parent substitute. All Boy Scouts (11-18) may participate in troop or patrol overnight campouts, camporees and resident camps with proper adult supervision.

First Aid:

A first-aid kit well stocked with the basic essentials is indispensable. It should be large enough to hold its contents, but light enough to carry. Contents should be accessible without unpacking the whole kit. The kit should be in a convenient location so all unit participants have access to it. Quantities of suggested items for your first-aid kit depend on the size of your group and local conditions.

Fuels and Fire Prevention:

Because of serious accidents can happen when using gasoline in lanterns and stoves and igniting fires with liquid starters, adult supervision is required when chemical fuels are being used for lighting and cooking. Store fuel in approved containers and under adult supervision. Never fuel a stove or lantern inside a cabin; always do this outdoors. Do not operate a stove or lantern in an unventilated structure. Provide at least two ventilation openings, one high and one low, to provide oxygen and exhaust for lethal gases. Never fuel, ignite, or operate a stove or lantern in a tent. No flames in tents is a rule that must be enforced. Never use liquid-fuel stoves, heaters, lanterns, lighted candles, matches, and other flame sources in or near tents. Obey all fire laws, ordinances, and regulations. THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PROHIBITS THE SECURING, USE AND DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES EXCEPT WHERE THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF A CERTIFIED OR LICENSED FIREWORKS CONTROL EXPERT.
Hazardous Sports and Activities:

Cave exploring activities are limited to high-school-age or older Scouts and Explorers. Rock-Climbing and Rappelling require special considerations of supervision, equipment, facilities and location. Safety must be paramount so that participants are not exposed to unreasonable risk. All-terrain vehicles (ATV’s) are banned from program use. Martial arts related activities are not authorized. Chainsaws and mechanical log splitters may be authorized for use only by trained individuals over the age of 18, using proper protective gear in accordance with local laws. Exploration of abandoned mines, the use of fireworks, the selling of fireworks, flight training, hang gliding, parachuting, motor vehicle racing, rodeo participation, participation in paint ball "war games," hunting, the use personal motorized water craft and the use of firearms outside specifically planned target shooting are all strictly unauthorized activities of the Boy Scouts of America.

Transportation:

Mass commercial transportation is considered the safest forms of transportation because of the strict safety checks these companies must undergo. Most trips, however, generally require transportation in private vehicles. In these situations, seat belts are required; drivers must be properly licensed; an adult age 21 or older must accompany the outing; no drivers may be under 18 years old unless special conditions are met; riding in the back of a truck is not permitted; all driving should be done in daylight (except for short trips); obey all traffic laws; and limit travel time to twelve hours (rest stops included).

All references to B.S.A. Policy are in bold text. These are paraphrased exerts from Guide to Safe Scouting. Additional and important information is included in this publication to help your Scouting experiences be safe and enjoyable.

Wilderness Use Policy of the BSA:

All private or publicly owned backcountry land and designated wilderness are included in the term "wilderness areas" in this policy. The Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America applies 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 do not apply to wilderness areas. Scouts and Explorers need to adopt attitudes and patterns of behavior, wherever they go, that respect the rights of others, including future generations, to enjoy the outdoors.

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

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

- Contact the landowner of land managing agency (Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, State, private, etc.) well in advance of the outing to learn the regulations for that area and to obtain required permits and current maps.

- Always obtain a tour permit, available through council Scout service centers, meet all conditions specified, and carry it on the trip.

Limit the size of groups generally to no more than 8 to 11 persons, including at least one adult leader (maximum: 10 persons per leader). Two leaders per group are best. Do not exceed the group size if one has been established for the wilderness area. Organize each group (patrol, team, or crew) to function independently by planning their own trips on different dates, serving their own food, providing their own transportation to trailhead, securing individual permits, and camping in a separate and distinct group. When necessary to combine transportation and planning or buying, small group should still camp and travel on the trail separately from other groups of the same unit.

Match the ruggedness of high adventure experiences to the skills, physical ability and maturity of those taking part. Save more rugged treks for older youth members who are more proficient and experienced in outdoor skills.

Participate in training for adult leaders in low impact camping or
be proficient and experienced in the leadership and skills required for treks into wilderness areas.

Conduct pre-trip training for the group that stresses proper wilderness behavior, rules, and skills for all of the potential conditions that may be encountered.

Use backpacking stoves, particularly where the fuel supply is limited or open fires are restricted. Supervision by an adult knowledgeable in the use of the stoves must be provided. If a fire is necessary, keep it as small as possible and use established fire lays where available if in a safe area. After use, erase all signs.

Emphasize the need for minimizing impact on the land through proper camping practices and preserving the solitude and quietness of remote areas. Camp at low use areas--avoid popular sites that show signs of heavy use.

Leave electronic music players at home.

Use biodegradable (not metal or glass) or plastic food containers. Carry out unburnable trash of your own and any left by others.

Dig shallow holes for the latrines and locate them at least 200 feet from the nearest water source. Cover the latrines completely before leaving.

Wash clothes, dishes, and bodies at least 200 feet from any source of natural water.

Where a choice is available, select equipment of muted colors, which blend with natural surroundings.

Look at and photograph, never pick or collect.

Follow trail switchbacks and stay on established trails.

Treat wildlife with respect and take precautions to avoid dangerous encounters with wildlife. Leave snakes, bears, ground squirrel, and other wildlife alone.

**Safe Swim Defense:**

All swimming activity in scouting is conducted according to the “Safe Swim Defense.” The proven procedures in this water safety plan have
given Scouting what is believed to be one of the best water safety records of any youth organization. Previously known as the Eight Defense Plan, the concept was first developed more than forty-five years ago.

One of the best opportunities for Safe Swim Defense training is at summer camp. The eight defenses are:

1. **Qualified Supervision**
   A responsible adult (at least 21 years old) must supervise all swimming. He or she must be qualified in water-safety training (BSA Lifeguard, or lifeguard or lifesaver certification by a recognized agency) or must use assistants so qualified. Make sure everyone involved in supervision understands the safe swim Defense and is committed to its use.

2. **Physical Fitness**
   Require evidence of fitness for swimming activity with a complete health history from physician, parent, or legal guardian.

3. **Safe Area**
   Have lifeguards and swimmers examine the bottom of the swimming area to determine depth and physical conditions. Mark off the area for three groups: not more than 3 1/2 feet deep for non-swimmers; from shallow water to just over the head for beginners; deep water not over 12 feet for swimmers. Boundary markers can be made from rope, balloons, jugs and other materials.

4. **Lifeguards on Duty**
   Designate two persons who are capable swimmers to be lifeguards. Lifeguards should be stationed ashore with a lifeline. One person goes to the victim while the other feeds the lifeline. There should be one guard for every 10 participants.

5. **Lookout**
   Position a lookout on the shore where it is possible to see and hear everything in all areas.

6. **Ability Groups**
   Tests to determine swimming ability should be renewed each year at the beginning of the season. The groups are divided into non-swimmers, beginners and swimmers.

7. **Buddy System**
   Pair every youth with another in the same ability group. Buddies check in and out of the water together and buddy checks should be conducted every 10 minutes.
8. **Discipline**
Be sure everyone understands and agrees that swimming is allowed only with proper supervision and use of complete Safe Swim Defense.

**Safety Afloat:**
1. Qualified Supervision
2. Physical Fitness
3. Swimming Ability
4. Personal Floatation Equipment
5. Buddy System
6. Skill Proficiency
7. Planning
8. Equipment
9. Discipline

**Vehicle Policy:**
No vehicles are permitted beyond chains in parking lots, except camp vehicles. This is a national policy and the policy of the Georgia-Carolina Council; it is intended for the safety of our youth.

**Vehicle Procedures:**
The Camp Ranger will shuttle personal camp gear from the parking lot to the camp site, along with people who are elderly, physically or mentally challenged, disabled, etc.

One vehicle per unit may transport unit camp gear to the site and must exit to the parking lot after discharge of gear. The gate will be locked at sunset. The camp medic will have the key with access to an emergency vehicle.
INCLEMENT WEATHER MAY CREATE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR MODIFICATION OF THESE PROCEDURES.

Short Term Camping Policy:

1. The Health Lodge, Trading Post Log Cabin or Storage Area may not be used by a unit in their short-term camping program. The Dining Hall may be used for unit activities but not for sleeping. THE KITCHEN AREA IS OFF LIMITS AT ALL TIMES FOR ANY UNIT ACTIVITIES.

2. Units must furnish their own camping equipment

3. NO VEHICLE TRAFFIC WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE CAMP PAST THE GATE. (A vehicle may be used to carry unit equipment to the campsite, but must return to the parking lot after unloading.)

4. Units must check in with Ranger upon arrival at Camp. The Ranger will designate any areas not available for unit activities. No camping or fires are permitted in the Central Camp Area. Unit activities are permitted in this area.

5. Telephone reservations for campsites must be through the Council Office at least 24 hours prior to arrival at Camp. Information needed: Name of Camp Site desired and any special equipment needed.

6. All units, including Explorers, must have an adult leader (21 years of age, or older,) present with them at all times. Co-ed camping is permitted in the area behind the Dining Hall as long as it meets the requirements for Co-ed Explorer Camping.

7. Visitors at Camp are welcome and are expected to conduct themselves in the same manner as that required of Scouts and Leaders. Units are responsible for the conduct of their guests.

8. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DANGEROUS DRUGS OR FIRE ARMS ARE PERMITTED ON COUNCIL PROPERTY AT ANY TIME.

9. No unit may use the Waterfront or any Waterfront Equipment unless a qualified adult is present at all times. The unit and leaders must be qualified in the 8 points of Safe Swim.
Tour and Permits

Before a unit travels out of its immediate area or camps on Council property, it must fill out a tour or camp permit with the Scout Service Center.

Council camp permits must be filed with the Scout Service Center before using Camp Robert E. Knox. Copies of Local, National and Council Permits, are included in an insert.

Local Tour Permit:

Local tour permits are required for trips and camps out of your unit area but within 500 miles. This application must be filed with the Scout Service Center two weeks in advance of the scheduled activity for proper clearance.

National Tour Permit:

National tour permits are required for all groups traveling to areas more than 500 miles from home or crossing national boundaries and into the territory of other nations. This application should be submitted at least one month to the Scout Service Center before your tour. The Scout Service Center will then forward it to its regional office for further approval.

Why a Permit?:

We are always concerned with the health, safety, and success of groups wherever they are. Good planning is the key to success in all aspects of Scouting. This application and permit is designed to help you plan a safe, interesting, and enjoyable trip.

We would like to maintain a more accurate record of local tours and short-term camps to give each unit proper credit in the camping records and in news releases.

Camp permits provide an accurate record of the use of Council facilities.

Local officials in State and Federal parks and forests can be assured that touring and camping groups have official status.

Certain courtesies - not privileges - are often accorded Scout groups when official status has been determined.
In case of emergency, calls may come to your Scout Service Center; therefore, the center should know the whereabouts of your unit.

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### Unit No.
Chartered organization

### Council name/No.
District

### Purpose of this trip

### From (city and state)

### To (city and state)

### Mileage round trip

### Dates

### Total days

### Itinerary:
It is required that the following information be provided for each day of the tour. (Note: Speed or excessive daily mileage increases the possibility of accidents.) Attach an additional page if more space is required. Include detailed information on campsites, routes, and float plans, and include maps for wilderness travel as required by the local council.

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### Type of trip:
- [ ] Day trip
- [ ] Short-term camp (less than 72 hours)
- [ ] Other (OA Weekend, etc.)
- [ ] Long-term camp (longer than 72 hours)
- [ ] High-adventure activities

### Party will consist of (number):
- [ ] Cub Scouts
- [ ] Boy Scouts
- [ ] Varsity Scouts
- [ ] Full-time D Pak
- [ ] Other—male
- [ ] Full-time Female
- [ ] Other—female
- [ ] Total

### Party will travel by (check all that apply):
- [ ] Car
- [ ] Bus
- [ ] Train
- [ ] Plane
- [ ] Canoe
- [ ] Van
- [ ] Boat
- [ ] Foot
- [ ] Bicycle
- [ ] Other

### Leadership and Youth Protection Training:
Boy Scouts of America policy requires at least two adult leaders on all BSA activities. Coed Venturing crews must have both male and female leaders older than 21 for overnight activities. All registered adults must have completed BSA Youth Protection training. At least one registered adult who has completed BSA Youth Protection training must be present at all events and activities. Youth Protection training is valid for two years from the date completed.

**Adult leader responsible for this group (must be at least 21 years old):**

Name __________________________ Age ______ Scouting position ____________ Expiration date ____________

Address __________________________ State ______ Zip code ____________

City __________________________ Zip code ____________

Phone __________________________ E-mail __________________________

**Youth Protection training date ____________**

**Assistant adult leader name(s) (minimum age 18, or 21 for Venturing crews):**

Name __________________________ Age ______ Scouting position ____________ Expiration date ____________

Address __________________________ State ______ Zip code ____________

City __________________________ Zip code ____________

Phone __________________________ E-mail __________________________

**Youth Protection training date ____________**

**Attach a list with additional names and information as outlined above.**

- [ ] Our travel equipment will include a first-aid kit and a roadside emergency kit.
- [ ] The group will have in possession an Annual Health and Medical Record for every participant.

We certify that appropriate planning has been conducted using the **Sweet 16 of BSA Safety**, qualified and trained supervision is in place, permissions are secured, health records have been reviewed, and adult leaders have read and are in possession of a current copy of **Guide to Safe Scouting** and other appropriate resources.

**Signature: Committee chair or chartered organization representative**

**Signature: Adult leader**

**Unit single point of contact (not on tour) name __________________________ Telephone __________________________**

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Boy Scouts Program and Camping

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**
Activity Standards: Where swimming or boating is included in the program, Safe Swim Defense and/or Safety Afloat are to be followed. If climbing/rappelling is included, then Climb On Safely must be followed. At least one person must be current in CPR/AED from any recognized agency to meet Safety Afloat and Climb On Safely guidelines. At least one adult on a pack overnight must have completed Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO). At least one adult must have completed Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather training for all tours and activities. Basic First Aid is recommended for all tours, and Wilderness First Aid is recommended for all backcountry tours.

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Unauthorized and Restricted Activities: The BSA's general liability policy provides coverage for bodily injury or property damage that is made and arises out of an official Scouting activity as defined by the Guide to Safe Scouting. Volunteers, units, chartered organizations, and local councils that engage in unauthorized activities are jeopardizing their insurance coverage. PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOURSELF AT RISK.

INSURANCE
All vehicles MUST be covered by a liability and property damage insurance policy. The amount of this coverage must meet or exceed the insurance requirement of the state in which the vehicle is licensed and comply with or exceed the requirements of the country of destination for travel outside the United States. It is recommended, however, that coverage limits are at least $50,000/$100,000/$50,000 or $100,000 combined single limit. Any vehicle designed to carry 10 or more passengers is required to have limits of $100,000/$500,000/$100,000 or $500,000 combined single limit. In the case of rented vehicles the requirement of coverage limits can be met by combining the limits of personal coverage carried by the driver with coverage carried by the owner of the rented vehicle.

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Name | CDL expires
Name | CDL expires

The local council may allow a list of the above information to be attached to or transmitted with the tour plan in order to expedite the process. Each unit may circle the names of the drivers for an event or an activity.
The tour plan is an important tool for conducting local, national, or international activities and is a checklist for best practices to be

### TOUR PLAN

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Chartered organization

Council name/No.

Plan covers all travel between _______ and _______.

Dates of trip from _______ to _______.

Total youth 0

Total adults 0

**Council stamp/signatures**

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**Adult leader responsible for this group:**

Name __________________

Age ______ Scouting position ______ Expiration date ______

Address __________________

Member No. ______

City __________________ State ______ Zip code ______

Phone ______ E-mail ______ Youth Protection training date ______

**Assistant adult leader:**

Name __________________

Age ______ Scouting position ______ Expiration date ______

Address __________________

Member No. ______

City __________________ State ______ Zip code ______

Phone ______ E-mail ______ Youth Protection training date ______

Unit single point of contact (not on tour) name ______ Telephone ______
prepared for safe and fun adventure. Completing the tour plan may not address all possible challenges but can help to ensure that appropriate planning has been conducted, that qualified and trained leadership is in place, and that the right equipment is available for the adventure. In addition, the plan helps to organize safe and appropriate transportation to and from an event, and defines driver qualifications and minimum limits of insurance coverage for drivers and vehicles used to transport participants.

Times when a tour plan must be submitted for council review include:
• Trips of 500 miles or more
• Trips outside of council borders not to a council-owned property
• Trips to any national high-adventure base, national Scout jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, or regionally sponsored event
• When conducting the following activities outside of council or district events:
  - Aquatics activities (swimming, boating, floating, scuba, etc.)
  - Climbing and rappelling
  - Orientation flights (process flying plan)
  - Shooting sports
  - Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)
  - At a council’s request complete and submit this plan at least 21 days in advance to ensure your council has enough time to review the plan. When review is complete, the second half of the plan is returned to you to carry on your travels.

TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES
1. You will enforce reasonable travel speed in accordance with state and local laws in all motor vehicles.
2. If by motor vehicle:
   a. Driver Qualifications: All drivers must have a valid driver’s license and be at least 18 years of age. Youth Member Exception: When traveling to an area, regional, or national Boy Scout activity or any Venturing event under the leadership of an adult (21+) tour leader, a youth member at least 16 years of age may be a driver, subject to the following conditions: (1) Six months’ driving experience as a licensed driver (time on a learner’s permit or equivalent is not to be counted); (2) no record of accidents or moving violations; (3) parental permission has been granted to leader, driver, and riders.

   b. If the vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than 15 people (including driver) the driver must have a commercial driver’s license (CDL). In some states (for example, California), this guideline applies to 10 or more people.

   Name:__________________________________________________ CDL expiration date
   Name:__________________________________________________ CDL expiration date

   c. Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours in one 24-hour period and must be interrupted by frequent rest, food, and recreation stops.

   d. Safety belts are provided, and must be used, by all passengers and driver. Exception: A school or commercial bus, when not required by law.

   e. Passengers will ride only in the cab if trucks are used.

OUR PLEDGE OF PERFORMANCE
1. We will submit changes to notify the local council in the event our itinerary changes.
2. We will plan our activities by and adhere to the policies contained in the Guide to Safe Scouting and the Sweet 16 of BSA Safety.
3. We will use the Safe Swim Defense in any swimming activity, Safety Afloat in all craft activity on the water, and Climb On Safely for climbing activity.
4. We agree to enforce reasonable travel speed (in accordance with national, state, and local laws) and use only vehicles that are in safe mechanical condition.
5. We will apply for a fire permit from local authorities in all areas where it is required.
6. We will be certain that fires are attended at all times.
7. We will at all times be a credit to the Boy Scouts of America and will not tolerate rowdyism or un-Scoutlike conduct, keeping a constant check on all members of our group.
8. We will maintain high standards of personal cleanliness and orderliness and will operate a clean and sanitary camp, leaving it in a better condition than we found it.
9. We will not litter or bury any trash, garbage, or tin cans. All rubbish that cannot be burned will be placed in a tote-litter bag and taken to the nearest recognized trash disposal or all the way home, if necessary.
10. We will not deface natural or man-made objects.
11. We will respect the property of others and will not trespass.
12. We will not cut standing trees or shrubs without specific permission from the landowner or manager.
13. We will, in case of backcountry expedition, read and abide by the Wilderness Use Policy of the BSA.
14. We will notify, in case of emergency, our local council Scout executive, our parents, and our single point of contact.
15. If more than one vehicle is used to transport our group, we will establish rendezvous points at the start of each day and not attempt to have drivers closely follow the group vehicle in front of them.
Leave No Trace Principles

The tremendous rewards of high-adventure treks are drawing more and more people to the backcountry. At the same time, the vast territory suitable for treks is shrinking in size. More people and less land mean we all must be careful not to endanger the wild outdoors we have come to enjoy.

A High-Adventure Ethic

A good way to protect the backcountry is to remember that while you are there, you are a visitor. When you visit a friend you are always careful to leave that person’s home just as you found it. You would never think of dropping litter on the carpet, chopping down trees in the yard, putting soap in the drinking water, or marking your name on the living room wall. When you visit the backcountry, the same courtesies apply. Leave everything just as you found it.

Hiking and camping without a trace are signs of an expert outdoorsman, and of a Scout or Scouter who cares for the environment. Travel lightly on the land.

The Principles of "Leave No Trace"

"Leave No Trace" is a nationally recognized outdoor skills and ethics education program. The Boy Scouts of America is committed to this program. The principles of Leave No Trace are not rules; they are guidelines to follow at all times.

The Leave No Trace principles might not seem important at first glance, but their value is apparent when considering the combined effects of millions of outdoor visitors. One poorly located campsite or campfire is of little significance, but thousands of such instances seriously degrade the outdoor experience for all. Leaving no trace is everyone’s responsibility.

Plan Ahead and Prepare

Proper trip planning and preparation helps hikers and campers accomplish
trip goals safely and enjoyably while minimizing damage to natural and cultural resources. Campers who plan ahead can avoid unexpected situations, and minimize their impact by complying with area regulations such as observing limitations on group size.

Proper planning ensures

- Low-risk adventures because campers obtained information concerning geography and weather and prepared accordingly
- Properly located campsites because campers allotted enough time to reach their destination
- Appropriate campfires and minimal trash because of careful meal planning and food repackaging and proper equipment
- Comfortable and fun camping and hiking experiences because the outing matches the skill level of the participants

Camp and Travel on Durable Surfaces

Damage to land occurs when visitors trample vegetation or communities of organisms beyond recovery. The resulting barren areas develop into undesirable trails, campsites, and soil erosion.

Concentrate Activity, or Spread Out?

- In high-use areas, campers should concentrate their activities where vegetation is already absent. Minimize resource damage by using existing trails and selecting designated or existing campsites.
- In more remote, less-traveled areas, campers should generally spread out. When hiking, take different paths to avoid creating new trails that cause erosion. When camping, disperse tents and cooking activities-and move camp daily to avoid creating permanent-looking campsites. Always choose the most durable surfaces available: rock, gravel, dry grasses, or snow.
These guidelines apply to most alpine settings and may be different for other areas, such as deserts. Learn the Leave No Trace techniques for your crew’s specific activity or destination. Check with land managers to be sure of the proper technique.

**Pack It In, Pack It Out**

This simple yet effective saying motivates backcountry visitors to take their trash home with them. It makes sense to carry out of the backcountry the extra materials taken there by your group or others. Minimize the need to pack out food scraps by carefully planning meals. Accept the challenge of packing out everything you bring.

**Sanitation**

Backcountry users create body waste and wastewater that require proper disposal.

Wastewater. Help prevent contamination of natural water sources: After straining food particles, properly dispose of dishwater by dispersing at least 200 feet (about 80 to 100 strides for a youth) from springs, streams, and lakes. Use biodegradable soap 200 feet or more from any water source.

Human Waste. Proper human waste disposal helps prevent the spread of disease and exposure to others. Catholes 6 to 8 inches deep and 200 feet from water, trails, and campsites are often the easiest and most practical way to dispose of feces.

**Leave What You Find**

Allow others a sense of discovery: Leave rocks, plants, animals, archaeological artifacts, and other objects as you find them. It may be illegal to remove artifacts.

**Minimize Site Alterations**

Do not dig tent trenches or build lean-tos, tables, or chairs. Never hammer nails into trees, hack at trees with hatchets or saws, or damage bark and roots by tying horses to trees for extended periods. Replace surface rocks or
twigs that you cleared from the campsite. On high-impact sites, clean the area and dismantle inappropriate user-built facilities such as multiple fire rings and log seats or tables.

Good campsites are found, not made. Avoid altering a site, digging trenches, or building structures.

**Minimize Campfire Use**

Some people would not think of camping without a campfire. Yet the naturalness of many areas has been degraded by overuse of fires and increasing demand for firewood.

Lightweight camp stoves make low-impact camping possible by encouraging a shift away from fires. Stoves are fast, eliminate the need for firewood, and make cleanup after meals easier. After dinner, enjoy a candle lantern instead of a fire.

If you build a fire, the most important consideration is the potential for resource damage. Whenever possible, use an existing campfire ring in a well-placed campsite. Choose not to have a fire in areas where wood is scarce—at higher elevations, in heavily used areas with a limited wood supply, or in desert settings.

True Leave No Trace fires are small. Use dead and downed wood no larger than an adult’s wrist. When possible, burn all wood to ash and remove all unburned trash and food from the fire ring. If a site has two or more fire rings, you may dismantle all but one and scatter the materials in the surrounding area. Be certain all wood and campfire debris is dead out.

**Respect Wildlife**

Quick movements and loud noises are stressful to animals. Considerate campers practice these safety methods:

- Observe wildlife from afar to avoid disturbing them.
- Give animals a wide berth, especially during breeding, nesting, and birthing seasons.
- Store food securely and keep garbage and food scraps away from animals so they will not acquire bad habits. Help keep wildlife wild.

You are too close if an animal alters its normal activities.
"Leave No Trace" Information

For additional Leave No Trace information, contact your local land manager or local office of the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, the National Park Service, or the Fish and Wildlife Service. Or, contact Leave No Trace at 800-332-4100 or on the Internet at http://www.lnt.org.

Respect Others

Thoughtful campers

• Travel and camp in small groups (no more than the group size prescribed by land managers).
• Keep the noise down and leave their radios, tape players, and pets at home.
• Select campsites away from other groups to help preserve their solitude.
• Always travel and camp quietly to avoid disturbing other visitors.
• Make sure the colors of their clothing and gear blend with the environment. (NOTE: During Hunting Season, it may be better safe than sorry and wear BRIGHT clothes - especially ORANGE Colors)
• Respect private property and leave gates (open or closed) as found. Be considerate of other campers and respect their privacy.