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Where To Go Camping Guide

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Letter From the Lodge Chief

Brothers,

Camping is a critical aspect of scout's development. Fellowship in the great outdoors has been a long standing tradition and has brought no greater joy to the lives of many. As leaders it is our duty to encourage scouts to go camping and provide them with chances gain the benefits of outdoor leadership.

This "Where to Go Camping Guide" has information on all North Carolina State Parks. It also contains information on Camp Bud Schiele, National Parks, National High Adventure locations, and other camping locations of interest. I hope this wealth of information will give you and your troop a chance to see new places and learn new things.

Yours in Scouting,

Ty Conley

2010-2011 Eswau Huppeday Lodge Chief

Camping is, of course, the joyous part of a Scout's life. Living in God's open air, among the hills and the trees, and the birds and the beasts, and the sea and the rivers — that is, living with Nature, having your own little canvas home, its gadgets, doing your own cooking and exploration — all this brings health and happiness such as you can never get among the bricks and smoke of the town.

Lord Baden-Powell

Gorges State Park

About: 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.

Things to do: Camping, fishing and boating access, trails, picnicking

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May, and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

PO Box 100, Sapphire, N.C. 28774-0100 (828) 966-9099

Park fees: Backpack campsites: \$9 per site, per day. Picnic table, fire ring and lantern hook at each site. Pit toilets nearby.

Lake James

About: 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.

Things to do: Boating, camping, education and events, fishing, hiking, picnicking, swimming

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May, and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

P.O. Box 340, Nebo, NC 28761

828-652-5047

Park fees: Campsites: \$15 per day, per site; \$10 a day for senior citizens 62 years of age or older. Firepit, picnic table and tent space at each site. Drinking water, restrooms and shower facilities nearby. Firewood: \$2 per bundle. Picnic shelter reservations: \$85 per day. Twelve-table shelter; drinking water and restrooms nearby. Use of the shelter is free of charge unless reservations are requested. Canoe rentals: \$5 for the first hour and \$3 each additional hour. Available Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Mount Jefferson

About: Mount Jefferson rises abruptly to more than 1,600 feet above the surrounding landscape, serving as a landmark for area motorists. Acquaint yourself with this mighty peak by viewing it first from the Mount Jefferson Overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Things to do: Hiking, education and events, picnicking, special events

Park hours:

November - February 9am – 5pm		April, May, and September 9am – 7pm
March and October 9am – 6pm		June – August 9am – 8pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

P.O. Box 48, Jefferson, NC 28640

336-246-9653

Park fees: Picnic shelter reservations: \$60 per day. Six tables, handicapped-accessible. Includes fireplace, large grill and drinking fountain. Restrooms (not handicapped accessible) nearby. Use of the shelter is free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis unless reservations are requested.

NOTICE: During the winter months, access areas may be closed due to snow & ice on the park roadways. If your plans include a visit to this park and you have questions, please contact the park office.

Mount Mitchell

About: 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.

Things to do: Camping, education and events, exhibit hall, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, visitor facilities

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		May – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

2388 State Highway 128, Burnsville, NC 28714

828-675-4611

Park fees: Tent campsites: Late April through late October, weather permitting: \$15 per day, per site; \$10 a day for senior citizens age 62 or older. A grill and picnic table is at each site. Restrooms nearby. Early November through mid to late April, weather permitting: Off-season camping with limited facilities. \$9 per day. Water service not available to the campground during the off-season. Call the park office for more information. Picnic shelter reservations: \$25 per day. Two shelters available. Each accommodates up to 16 people and has a fireplace. Drinking water and restrooms nearby. Use of the shelters is free of charge unless reservations are requested.

New River

About: Rugged hillsides, pastoral meadows and bucolic 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.

Things to do: Canoeing, camping, education and events, fishing, hiking, picnicking and community building, special events

Park hours: November-February, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. March and October, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. April and September, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. May-August, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed Christmas Day

<p>November - February 8am – 6pm</p>		<p>April and September 8am – 8pm</p>
<p>March and October 8am – 7pm</p>		<p>May – August 8am – 9pm</p>
<p>Closed Christmas</p>		

Park Address/Phone Number:

P.O. Box 48 Jefferson, NC 28640

336-982-2587

Park fees: Canoe-in camping: \$9 per site, per day. Each site has a picnic table and grill. Bathroom facilities with hot-water showers are at Wagoner Road and US 221 access areas. Pit toilets and a pump for drinking water are at Alleghany County Access. Picnic shelter reservations: \$60 per day. The 10-table shelter at Wagoner Road Access Area has grills and a fireplace. Restrooms and drinking water nearby. Community building reservations: \$175 per day. The facility has a meeting room, kitchen facilities and restrooms.

Crowders Mountain

About: 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.

Things to do: Camping, education and events, hiking, picnicking, rock climbing, water sports

Park hours: November-February, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. March and October, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. April, May, September, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. June-August, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Closed Christmas Day

<p>November - February 8am – 6pm</p>		<p>April, May and September 8am – 8pm</p>
<p>March and October 8am – 7pm</p>		<p>June – August 8am – 9pm</p>
<p>Closed Christmas</p>		

Park Address/Phone Number:

522 Park Office Lane, Kings Mtn., NC 28086

704-853-5375

Park fees: Camping/Backpack campsites: \$9 per site, per day. Each campsite has a grill and tent pad. Drinking water and pit toilets are nearby. Group camping: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum per site, per day. Up to 15 people per site. Camping areas include a fire circle for cooking and campfire tales. Pit toilets and water are located nearby. Reservations required. Canoe rentals: \$5 for the first hour and \$3 each additional hour, registration is at visitor's center. Available spring through late fall. Call park office to verify if available. Picnic shelter reservations: \$60 per day, per shelter.

Eno River

About: Eno River begins in northwest Orange County, flowing eastward approximately 33 miles until, along with the Little and Flat rivers, it forms the Neuse and flows into Falls Lake. The Eno's waters roll through wilderness passing historic mill sites, river bluffs covered with flowering shrubs and fords used by early settlers.

Things to do: Camping, canoeing, education and events, fishing, hiking, picnicking

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number: 6101 Cole Mill Road, Durham, NC 27705-9275 (919) 383-1686

Park fees: Camping/Backpack campsites: \$9 per site, per day. All supplies, including water, must be packed to the sites. Pit toilets nearby. Group camping: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum, per day. The area has five tent pads and two fire rings, and the camp accommodates a maximum of 26 people. Benches, a fire pit and pit toilet are provided. Reservations required. Picnic shelter reservations. Few's Ford picnic shelter: \$85 per day. The shelter contains 12 tables, a fireplace and a grill. Cole Mill picnic shelter: \$60 per day. The shelter contains eight tables and a grill. Shelters are available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis when they are not reserved.

Hanging Rock

About: 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.

Things to do: Boating and fishing, camping, education and events, exhibit hall, hiking, picnicking, rock climbing, swimming

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

1792 Pilot Knob Park Rd. Pinnacle, NC 27043

336-325-2355

Park fees: Camping: Camping in non-electric sites: \$15 per day, per site; \$10 a day for senior citizens age 62 or older. A tent pad, picnic table and grill are at each campsite. Water, restrooms and shower facilities nearby. Firewood for family campsites: \$4 a bundle. Group camping: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum per day. Picnic tables and a fire circle are at each site. Pit toilets and water nearby. Reservations required. Picnic shelter reservations: Nine-table shelter: \$85 per day, includes two fireplaces with grills. Seven-table shelter: \$60 per day, includes one fireplace and grill. Three-table shelter: \$40 per day, includes one fireplace and grill.

Jordan Lake

About: Imagine relaxing in a cove, listening to the sounds of water rippling. Then, you feel a firm tug on your fishing line. It's going to be a big one! Picture the surface of the lake glistening, water spraying your face, the boat motor ahead roaring. Suddenly, your skis give way — a splash landing! Hear the laughter of children, smell charcoal drifting through the air, feel a breeze blowing through the campground. With almost 14,000 acres of water, all this and more is yours to discover at Jordan Lake.

Things to do: Accessible activities, bald eagle watching, boating, camping, education and events, fishing, Heritage Day, hiking, picnicking, swimming

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number: 280 State Park Road, Apex, NC 27523 (919) 362-0586

Park fees: Entrance fees: \$5 per car, \$3 for senior citizens 62 years of age or older, \$10 per bus, charged daily. Annual passes are now being sold at the park office for \$40. The pass entitles the annual pass holder to an unlimited number of visits without paying the usual \$5/day admission fee. Camping/Backpack and canoe-in campsites: \$9 per day, per site.

Lake Norman

About: 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.

Things to do: Boating, camping, community building, education and events, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, picnicking, swimming

Park hours:

<p>November - February 8am – 6pm</p>		<p>April, May and September 8am – 8pm</p>
<p>March and October 8am – 7pm</p>		<p>June – August 8am – 9pm</p>
<p>Closed Christmas</p>		

Park Address/Phone Number:

159 Inland Sea Lane, Troutman, NC 28166 704-528-6350

Park fees: Group campsites: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum per day, per site. Each site accommodates up to 25 people. Campers without reservations must confirm site availability with park staff before occupying a site. Fire ring and picnic tables at each site. Drinking water and restrooms nearby. Picnic shelter reservations: \$85 per day. Twelve-table shelter overlooks swim beach. Grills, drinking water and restrooms nearby. Use of the shelter is free and on a first-come, first-served basis unless reservations are requested.

Morrow Mountain

About: 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 hills—unusual topography for the area—form a stark contrast with the rolling countryside of the piedmont plateau.

Things to do: Boating, education and events, exhibit hall and historic site, fishing, overnight facilities, picnicking, swimming, trails

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

49104 Morrow Mountain Rd., Albemarle, NC
28001

704-982-4402

Park fees: Camping: Camping in non-electric sites: \$15 per day, per site; \$10 per day for senior citizens ages 62 and older. A picnic table and grill are located at the campsite. Water, restrooms and shower facilities are located nearby. A dump station for RVs is provided free of charge to campers. Electric sites are not available at this park. Backpack campsites: \$9 per day, per site. Pit toilets nearby. Group campsites: \$40 per day, per site, 35-person capacity. Water, restrooms, and shower facilities nearby. Reservations required for picnic.

Occoneetchee Mountain State Natural Area

About: Occoneetchee Mountain State Natural Area has been recognized as one of the most important natural areas in the Triangle. It is the highest point in Orange County at 867 feet, and the various habitats found on the mountain support species that are rare and significant in this region. With 124 acres of land and nearly two miles of trails, visitors can experience a wide variety of the area's natural surroundings and wildlife.

Things to do: Education and events, fishing, hiking

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

6101 Cole Mill Rd, Durham, NC 27705

919-383-1686

Park fees: none

Pilot Mountain

About: 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.

Things to do: Camping, canoeing, education and events, fishing, picnicking, rock climbing, trails

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

1792 Pilot Knob Park Rd, Pinnacle, NC 27043

336-325-2355

Park fees: Camping: Campsites: \$15 per day, per site; \$10 a day for senior citizens age 62 or older. Each site has a tent pad, table and grill. Drinking water and washhouses with hot showers nearby. Open March 15 through November 30. Group camping: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum. Site includes tables, a fire circle, drinking water and pit toilets. Reservations required. Firewood: \$3 per bundle. Picnic shelter reservations: \$60 per day. Shelter accommodates up to 35 people. Grill, drinking water and restrooms nearby. Use of the picnic shelter is free of charge unless reservations are requested.

Raven Rock

About: 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.

Things to do: Camping, canoeing, education and events, fishing, picnicking, trails

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

3009 Raven Rock Rd, Lillington, NC 27546 910-893-4888

Park fees: Camping/Backpack campsites: \$9 per day, per site. Register your vehicle and obtain a camping permit at the park office. Each site accommodates up to four people and has a tent pad and fire circle. Vault toilet nearby. Canoe campsites: \$9 per day, per site. Reserve site by calling the park office before embarking on a trip. Each site includes a fire circle. Vault toilet nearby. Group campsite: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum. Site includes tent pads, fire circles and vault toilets. Accommodates up to 100 people. Reservations required.

South Mountain

About: 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.

Things to do: Camping, education and events, fishing, picnicking, trails

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

3001 South Mountains State Park Ave.
Connelly Springs, NC 28612

828-433-4772

Park fees: Camping/Backpack camping: \$9 per site, per day. Fire ring and picnic table at each site. Pit toilets nearby. Register at park office. Camping in family campground: \$9 per site, per day. Each campsite has a picnic table and fire circle. Pit toilets nearby. Equestrian camping: \$15 per site, per day. \$7 per day for a 5x10' stall; \$10 per day for a 10x10' stall. Washhouse with hot showers and flush toilets nearby. Backpack group camping: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum. Reservations required. Picnic shelter reservations: \$85 per day. Facilities include 10 tables, two grills and a fireplace. Electricity and water are also available.

Stone Mountain

About: 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.

Things to do: Camping, education and events, exhibits and historic sites, fishing, picnicking, rock climbing, trails

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

3042 Frank Parkway, Roaring Gap, NC 28668

336-957-8185

Park fees: Camping :Camping in family campground: Non hookup sites: \$15 per day, per site. \$10 per day for senior citizens age 62 or older. Hookup Sites: \$20 per day per site. \$14 per day for senior citizens age 62 or older. Each site has a tent pad, table and grill. Drinking water and a washhouse with hot showers and laundry tubs are is nearby. Some sites have water and electric hookups. Use of dump station is free of charge to registered RV campers. Backpack campsites: \$9 per day, per site. Register at the backcountry camping parking lot. Group campsites: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum. Each site accommodates up to 25 people and has a fireplace, grill, tables, water and pit toilets

Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve

About: The Sandhills region consists of nearly one million acres in south-central North Carolina. In the midst of this sandy terrain—famous for golf courses, peach orchards and horse farms—is Weymouth Woods, an 898-acre natural preserve.

Things to do: Education and events, exhibit hall, hiking

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

1024 Fort Bragg Rd, Southern Pines, NC 28387

910-692-2167

Park fees: none

Carolina Beach

About: With a marina providing access to some of North Carolina's best fishing spots, a secluded camping area beneath towering trees, and miles of hiking trails that traverse a variety of distinct habitats—not to mention the presence of the Venus flytrap, one of the world's most unique carnivorous plants—it's no wonder Carolina Beach State Park is a popular coastal attraction.

Things to do: Boating, camping, education and events, fishing, hiking, picnicking, visitor's center

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

P.O. Box 475 Carolina Beach, NC 28428

910-458-8206

Park fees: Boat ramp: \$5 per launch. Camping: Camping in non-electric sites: \$15 per day, per site; \$10 per day for senior citizens ages 62 and older. A picnic table and grill are located at the campsite. Water, restrooms and shower facilities are located nearby. A dump station for RVs is provided free of charge to campers. Group campsites: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum. Picnic tables, fire circles and pit toilets available. Dump station: \$12 for non-campers.

Cliffs of Neuse

About: 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.

Things to do: Boating and swimming, camping, education and events, fishing, hiking, museum, picnicking

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

345-A Park Entrance Rd, Seven Springs, NC 28578

919-778-6234

Park fees: Camping: Camping in non-electric sites: \$15 per day, per site; \$10 per day for senior citizens ages 62 and older. A picnic table and grill are located at each campsite. Water, restrooms and shower facilities are located nearby. A dump station for RVs is provided free of charge to campers.

Campground open March 15 through November 30. Group campsites: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum. Picnic tables, fire pits, grills and pit toilets nearby. Campsites open year round. Reservations required. Picnic shelter reservations: \$85 per day.

Fort Fisher State Recreation Area

About: Enjoy a leisurely day at the ocean shore. Comb the beach for sea stars, keyhole urchins and whelk shells. Or, simply lie back on the sand and enjoy the aerial acrobatics of seagulls, terns and brown pelicans as they soar above the waves. You may want to venture into the mud flats and marshes to watch sandpipers and other shorebirds as they search for food.

Things to do: Education and events, fishing, hiking, off-road vehicles, swimming

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May, and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

P.O. Box 243 Kure Beach, NC 28449

910-458-5798

Park fees: Four-wheel Drive Vehicles: \$10/day and \$40/year to drive a 4WD vehicle on the beach.

Fort Macon

About: Fort Macon offers public access to the surf, sun and sand of the Crystal Coast—as well as a historic landmark. Located at the eastern end of Bogue Banks, one of a series of barrier islands along the North Carolina coast, the park is surrounded on three sides by water—the Atlantic Ocean, Beaufort Inlet and Bogue Sound. This area of undisturbed natural beauty is the perfect place to explore salt marches and estuaries vital to the coastal ecosystem.

Things to do: Education and events, exhibits and fort tour, fishing, hiking, picnicking, swimming

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May, and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

P.O. Box 127 Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

252-726-3775

Park fees: Bathhouse: \$4 per adult, \$3 per child age 5 to 12. Bathhouse includes showers, changing rooms and toilets.

Goose Creek

About: 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 canoeing trails offer a variety of ways to savor the tranquil surroundings at Goose Creek State Park. And historic Bath, North Carolina's oldest incorporated town, is just six miles away.

Things to do: Boating, camping, education and events, exhibits and educational facilities, fishing, hiking, picnicking, swimming

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May, and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

2190 Camp Leach Rd, Washington, NC 27889

252-923-2191

Park fees: Campsites: Primitive camping: \$9 per site, per day. Sites include tables and grills. Toilet facilities and water nearby. Primitive group camping: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum. Picnic shelter reservations: \$60 per day, per shelter. Goose Creek has two five-table shelters with grills. Drinking fountain nearby.

Hammocks Beach

About: 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.

Things to do: Boating, camping, education and events, fishing, picnicking, swimming

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May, and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

1572 Hammocks Beach Rd, Swansboro, NC 28584

910-326-4881

Park fees: Hammocks Beach ferry: \$5 per adult, \$3 for senior citizens and \$3 for children ages 6 to 12. The brief ferry ride takes visitors from the mainland section of the park in Swansboro to Bear Island. Carts and wagons are prohibited on passenger ferries due to space and weight limitations. Passenger conveyance devices, such as strollers and wheelchairs, are allowed. Campsites Backpack and canoe-in campsites: Fourteen family campsites are available on Bear Island on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$9 per night. Water and other facilities are available.

Jockey's Ridge

About: There are many reasons why millions of people visit Jockey's Ridge State Park. Some come to see the tallest sand dune on the Atlantic coast; others come for the spectacular sunsets. At Jockey's Ridge State Park you can experience the world of the desert. Shifting sands, high winds, extreme temperatures and a lack of water make the park resemble barren environments such as the Sahara Desert.

Things to do: Accessible facilities, education and events, exhibit hall, hang gliding, hiking, picnicking, sailboarding and sandboarding

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May, and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

P.O. Box 592 Nags Head, NC 27959

252-441-7132

Park fees: Picnic shelter reservations: \$25 per day. Eight shelters, each with two tables and a grill, are available. Drinking water and restrooms are located nearby. Use of the shelters is free unless reservations are requested. Use of the shelters is free of charge unless reservations are requested.

Lake Waccamaw

About: 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.

Things to do: Boating, camping, education and events, fishing, hiking, picnicking

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May, and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

1866 State Park Dr. Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450

910-646-4748

Park fees: Backpack campsites: \$9 per site, per day. Picnic tables, fire circles and pit toilets nearby. All supplies, including drinking water, must be packed to the sites. Group campsites: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum per site, per day. Organized groups may make reservations. Otherwise, campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Register at the visitor's center for a camping permit.

Lumber River

About: The Lumber River flows through the south-central portion of our state. And, the river's headwaters are in Montgomery, Moore 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.

Things to do: Boating, camping, education and events, fishing, hiking, picnicking

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May, and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

2819 Princess Ann Rd. Orrum, NC 28369

910-628-9844

Park fees: Camping: Family campsites: \$9 per site, per day. Each site has a table, grill, lantern holder, trash can and fire pit. Camping permits required. Group campsites: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum per site, per day. Each site accommodates up to 15 people. Each site includes two tables, a grill, lantern holder, trash can and fire pit. Reservations required. Picnic shelter reservations: \$85 per day. Accommodates up to 100 people. Use of the shelter is free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis unless reservations are requested.

Merchants Millpond

About: 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.

Things to do: Accessible facilities, camping, canoeing, education and events, fishing, hiking, picnicking

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May, and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

71 US Hwy 158E Gatesville, NC 27938

252-357-1191

Park fees: Camping: Canoe camping: \$9 per site, per day. Pit toilets nearby. Maximum of six persons per site. Backpack camping: \$9 per site, per day. Pit toilets nearby. Maximum of six persons per site. Camping in non-electric sites: \$15 per day, per site; \$10 a day for senior citizens 62 years of age or older. A picnic table and grill are at each campsite. A washhouse with drinking water, restrooms and showers is nearby and open from March 15 through November. Maximum of six persons per site. Group camping: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum.

Pettigrew

About: With more than 1,200 acres of land and 16,600 acres of water, Pettigrew State Park is an ideal blend of nature, history and recreation.

Things to do: Boating, camping, education and events, fishing, picnicking, trails

Park hours:

November - February 8am – 6pm		April, May, and September 8am – 8pm
March and October 8am – 7pm		June – August 8am – 9pm
Closed Christmas		

Park Address/Phone Number:

2252 Lake Shore Rd., Creswell, NC 27928

252-797-4475

Park fees: Camping: Family campsites: * \$15 per day, per site; \$10 a day for senior citizens age 62 or older. Each campsite has a picnic table and grill. Water and restrooms with showers nearby. Group camping: \$1 per person with an \$9 minimum. Campsite includes tent pads, grills and pit toilets. Drinking water nearby. Reservations advised. Picnic shelter reservations. Eight-table shelter: \$60, located near the park office. Restrooms and water nearby. Two-table shelter: \$25, located at Cypress Point. Restrooms and water nearby. Use of the shelters is free of charge unless reservations are requested.

Cane Creek Park

Near Monroe. This county park has several camping options including a group site on the lake shore. The park also has a network of hiking trails from March to October.

Information:

Park Address/Phone Number:

5213 Harkey Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173

704-843-3919

McDowell Park

Near Charlotte. Campground only a short drive from the state's biggest city features individual and group campsites on the shore of Lake Wylie.

Information:

Park Address/Phone Number:

15222 York Rd, Charlotte, NC 28278

704-588-5224

Appalachian Ski Mountain

Appalachian Ski Mountain has long been acclaimed as one of the best places to ski for families, groups and beginners. They welcome skiers and snowboarders of all skill levels. Snowboarders should note that Appalachian has had the best terrain park in North Carolina for the last couple of years. Appalachian Ski Mountain also boasts a beautiful ice skating rink. You will find nine slopes and five lifts that include 2 quads and 1 double chair.

Contact Info:

Main Phone: 800- 322-2373

Snow Phone: 828-295-7828

E-mail: info@appskimtn.com

Appalachian Mtn 940 Ski Mountain Road

Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Cataloochee Ski Area

For 45 years, Cataloochee skiers have enjoyed the winding trails and terrain for all skill levels. The 5,400-foot Moody Top, with its 740' vertical drop excites even the most experienced skiers, while snowboarders can hone their skills in the "Cat Cage" terrain park. Cataloochee is also home of Tube World Snow Tubing Park. Tube World is family fun you can depend on. Riding their conveyor lift. You will find ten slopes and five lifts that include 1 quads and 1 triple, 1 double and 2 surface lifts.

CONTACT INFO:

Office: 828-926-0285 or 800-768-3588

Email: ski2@cataloochee.com

1080 Ski Lodge Road Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Hawk's Nest

Hawk's Nest Ski Resort has long been a favorite of locals and visitors for numerous reasons. Chief among them is the fact that they offer terrain that is challenging for all skill levels of skiers and snow boarders. 20% of their terrain is dedicated to beginners, and 10% to expert skiers. That leaves a whopping 70% of their terrain devoted to Intermediate and Advanced riders! You will love Sock-Em-Dog, Right Stuff, Chicken Hawk, Merlin, Narrow Gauge and Raven's Run. These slopes offer skiers and snowboarders diverse trails for top-to-bottom fun and excitement.

CONTACT INFO:

Main: 800-822-4295

Snowfall: 800-822-4295

2058 Skyland Drive Banner Elk, NC 28604



Sapphire Valley Ski Area

The Sapphire Valley Ski Area & Frozen Falls Tube Park is an integral part of a 5,700 acre four-season resort nestled in the pristine Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The average elevation is 4,300 feet. Our ski resort consists of "The Sapphire Streamliner", our 1,600 foot main run with a vertical drop of 200 feet, featuring our Brand-New State-of-the-Art Quad-Lift. **NEW THIS YEAR...."FROZEN FALLS TUBE PARK"**, 700 foot, multi-laned snow tube hill with a vertical drop of 70 feet! In keeping with the natural serenity of Sapphire Valley, lift lines are short.

CONTACT INFO:

Ski Lodge: 828-743-1169

Lodging: 800-722-3956

4000 HWY 64 West Sapphire, NC 28774

Scaly Mountain

Scaly Mountain Ski Area is a warm, friendly, family-oriented resort offering tubing ONLY this season...and they are open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (and Holidays). Thousands of families have come to enjoy Snow Tubing at Scaly Mountain! They offer a large parking area that is located just off the highway and allows for easy access to the slopes and ski lodge facilities. The day lodge faces all slopes and is close to the lift so parents may take a break and yet observe their children from inside. After the fun, enjoy a beverage or snack from our snack bar.

Contact Info:

828-526-3737

P.O. Box 339 Scaly Mountain, NC 28775

Ski Beech

On a clear day, standing 5,506 feet above sea level, you can see mountains in South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and both Virginias from the pinnacle of Beech Mountain. Ski Beech is the highest elevated resort in the Eastern United States. If you've never visited Beech Mountain and Ski Beech, you owe it to yourself to do so as 'nobody takes you higher' on the East Coast. Often when the weather is cloudy at lower elevations, the mountain is sticking out of the clouds into the crystal blue sky and other times it is pouring snow when everywhere below is receiving rain.

CONTACT INFO:

Main: 800-438-2093

Snowfall: 800-438-2093

1007 Beech Mountain Parkway Beech Mountain, NC 28604

Sugar Mountain Ski Resort

Sugar Mountain is the largest ski area in North Carolina by about 20 acres (total of 115 acres of skiable terrain). Sugar is located in the beautiful Village of Sugar Mountain, right off of Hwy 184.

Sugar Mountain also boasts the largest vertical drop (1200') in the state. The popular mountain offers some great stay and play ski packages with area lodging companies. Sugar also offers snowshoeing (unique to the area), a snowboarding park that is closed to skiers, and a 700' long tubing park that is fun for the whole family!

CONTACT INFO:

Main: 800-784-2768

1009 Sugar Mountain Drive, Sugar Mountain, NC 28604

Wolf Laurel

Wolf Laurel is a very nice family-oriented ski resort that has undergone perhaps the largest growth and changes in North Carolina. They offer 65 acres of great terrain for beginners to advanced skiers and snowboarders. You can enjoy not one, but TWO incredible lodges that offer a great place to relax by massive stone fireplaces and meet new friends. Wolf Laurel has also devoted some upgrades to their popular snow tubing fun. Ride the tube down and ride the "magic carpet" back up to the top of the run. Their new tube run is now located off-site at the bottom of the mountain (about 1 mile from the slope) on Puncheon Fork Road.

CONTACT INFO:

828-689-4111

800-817-4111

578 Valley View Circle Mars Hill, NC 28754

Whitewater Rafting

Carolina Outfitters

Phone: 800-468-7238

www.carolinaoutfitters.com

Bryson City, NC

French Broad River Rafting

Phone: 866-USA-RAFT

www.mtnadventureguides.com



Asheville, NC

Nantahala Outdoor Center

Phone: 800-232-7238

www.noc.com

Bryson City, NC

French Broad River Rafting

Phone: 866-USA-RAFT

www.mtnadventureguides.com

Asheville, NC

Nolichucky River Rafting

Phone: 866-USA-RAFT

www.mtnadventures.com



Asheville, NC

US Whitewater Center

Phone: 704-391-3900

www.usnwc.org

Charlotte, NC

Military Bases

Fort Bragg
Phone: 910-396-5979
www.bragg.army.mil

Near Southern
Pines, NC
Contact: Gudrun Blackmon



Marine Corps Camp Lejeune
Phone: 910-451-5824
<http://www.lejeune.usmc.mil/>

Near
Jacksonville, NC
Contact: MSgt. Eric C. Parks -
Scouting Coordinator

North Carolina Transportation Museum

The North Carolina Transportation Museum is located on the site of what was once Southern Railway Company's largest steam locomotive repair facility. The site contains an authentic train depot, antique automobiles, and a 37 stall roundhouse that includes 25 locomotives and other exhibit areas.

Contact Info:

(M-F 9:00 - 4:30)

1-877-628-6386

Fax: 704-639-1881



Mailing Address:

P. O. Box 165,
Spencer, NC 28159

www.nctrans.org

Town Creek Indian Mounds

Town Creek Indian Mound is an unusual phenomenon in the history of North American archaeology. Most archaeological sites are investigated for a few years and then . . . archaeologists move on to new locations. Where long-range research has been conducted, it has often been under several directors.

Contact Info:

Phone: 910-439-
6802

Fax: 910-439-6441



509 Town Creek
Mound Rd. Mt.
Gilead, NC 27306

www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us

USS North Carolina

The Battleship NORTH CAROLINA is a proud reminder of American efforts to protect the free world. Come aboard and experience first-hand the patriotic pride that carried her brave crew to victory.

Contact Info:

Phone: 910-251-5797

Fax: 910-251-5807



Battleship North
Carolina Eagles Island
P.O. Box 910
Wilmington, NC
28402-0480

www.battleshipnc.com/index.html

Andrew Jackson State Park

About: This 360-acre park was established to honor the seventh President of the United States, Andrew Jackson. The museum tells the story of Jackson's boyhood experiences during the Revolutionary War and highlights life in the South Carolina backcountry from Andrew Jackson's birth in 1767 until he left South Carolina in 1784.

Things to do: Hiking, boating, and fishing.

Information:

Phone: 803-285-3344



196 Andrew Jackson
Park Rd.
Lancaster, SC 29720

Chester State Park

About: Chester State Park rests in the quiet hills of the South Carolina Piedmont and for generations has offered retreat and recreation to the surrounding communities. The park's 523 acres include a 160-acre lake, itself surrounded by a two-mile nature trail through the pine forest. Jon boat rentals are popular in the warmer months and the park also offers picnicking, camping, archery and a place to simply enjoy the serenity of the placid setting.

Things to do: Hiking, boating, and fishing.

Information:

Phone: 803-385-2680



759 State Park Dr.
Chester, SC 29706

Hunting Island State Park

About: This popular state park, located near historic Beaufort, is a 5,000-acre secluded barrier island of semitropical beauty. As the name implies, the island was once used for hunting deer, raccoon, waterfowl and other small game. **Be Prepared** for mosquitoes. Long sleeves and repellent are musts. Star gazing on the beach at night offers a break from the bugs and heat.

Things to do: Hiking, boating, fishing, swimming, and biking.

Information:

Phone: 843-838-2011

Fax: 843-838-4263



2555 Sea Island Pkwy
Hunting Island, SC
29920

Kings Mountain State Park

About: Kings Mountain State Park rests in a picturesque setting adjacent to Kings Mountain National Military Park, a prominent Revolutionary War battle site. This traditional state park, which encompasses 6,883-acres, offers outdoor recreation activities such as hiking trails, picnicking, fishing from a rental john boat, seasonal canoe rentals, equestrian trails and more.

Things to do: Hiking, boating, and fishing.

Information:

Phone: 803-222-3209

Fax: 803-222-6948



1277 Park Rd.
Blacksburg, SC 29702

Sesquicentennial State Park

About: This 1,419-acre park, situated in the middle of the sandhills region, features a beautiful 30-acre lake surrounded by trails and picnic areas.

Things to do: Hiking, boating, fishing, and biking.

Information:

Phone: 803-788-2706



9564 Two Notch Rd.
Columbia, SC 29223

Table Rock State Park

About: Table Rock Mountain provides a towering backdrop for an upcountry retreat at the edge of the Blue Ridge Escarpment. This 3,083-acre state park encompasses challenging hiking trails, two park lakes, a campground, rustic mountain cabins, meeting facilities and many other quality outdoor activities.

Things to do: Hiking, boating, and fishing.

Information:

Phone: 864-878-9813
Fax: 864-878-9077



158 E Ellison Ln.
Pickens, SC 29671

Chilhowee Campground

About: The Drive to this camping area is almost as good as the camping itself. Forest Service Road 77 is a scenic byway that climbs seven miles to the campground. Tent camping is the norm here but there is running water available to make the experience easier. You can hike the Azalea trail, a two mile loop around the campground, or the Clear Creek Trail. There are also opportunities for mountain biking, and rafting along to the Ocoee River.

Information:

Phone: 423-338-5201



Chilhowee
Campground Route 1
P.O. Box 348 D
Benton, TN 37307

Big Cypress Tree State Park

About: This 330-acre natural area lies in the floodplain of the Middle Fork of the Obion River in West Tennessee. It consists of bottomland hardwood forests including species like bald cypress and tupelo, beaver and fox squirrel. Big Cypress is a popular park with the boy scouts and usually hosts several scout camporees each year as well as individual troop camping trips. Boy Scout leaders have used Big Cypress as a training site for new scout leaders, churches use the park and its picnic shelter for special services and cookouts, families hosts family reunions and area schools find the park popular for field trips.

Information:

Phone: 731-235-2700
Fax: 731-235-3810



295 Big Cypress Road
Greenfield, TN 38230

Ober Gatlinburg

About: Ober Gatlinburg offers 8 ski trails serviced by two quad and one double chairlift which keeps you out of lift lines and on the slopes. When temperatures drop, our snowmaking equipment blankets 100% of our slopes. Slopes are maintained with the latest in snow-grooming equipment to provide a smoother, more consistent surface creating enjoyable skiing conditions.

Information:

Phone: 865-436-5423

Snow Report:

800-251-9202



Ober Gatlinburg
1001 Parkway
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Fairy Stone State Park

About: Fairy Stone State Park, the largest of the original six state parks that opened on June 15, 1936, is home to the mysterious "fairy stones." The park's cross-shaped, namesake stone is prevalent in the region, which also features beautiful scenery, rich history and ample recreational opportunities that make Fairy Stone a favorite. The park's land was donated in 1933 by Junius B. Fishburn, former president of the Southwest Virginia Trust Co. and former owner of the Roanoke Times. The park is 4,868 acres, making it the largest of the six original parks and one of the largest to this day. The park, its lake and many structures still in use were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Contact Information:

Phone: 276-930-2424



967 Fairstone Lake
Dr.
Stuart, Va 24171-9588

Grayson Highlands State Park

About: The park is adjacent to the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, a part of Jefferson National Forest. Grayson Highlands State Park was originally named Mount Rogers State Park and was established in 1965.

Contact Information:

Phone: 276-579-7092



829 Grayson Highland
Lane
Mouth of Wilson, Va
24363

Winterplace Ski Resort

West Virginia

About: 27 runs ranging from beginner to advanced. 15 snow tubing lanes and a terrain park Winterplace is the great skiing for a reasonable price and being two minutes from I-77 it is easy to reach. The council offers ski days where you can reserve a day skiing during the first three months of the year.

Contact Information:

Phone: 803-285-3344



196 Andrew Jackson
Park Rd.
Lancaster, SC 29720

Stone Mountain Park

About: A historic monument that lies a short drive from Atlanta. Atop Stone Mountain's granite dome you can see for miles right to Downtown Atlanta. Group camping onsite and hiking trails provide a fun place to camp. The other diversions offer a break from the normal camping trip including a gondola ride to the top of the mountain, or a laser light show. Nearby Atlanta can be reached by the Marta station and Downtown Atlanta can offer exciting history opportunities including the World of Coca Cola.

Contact Information:

Phone: 770-498-5710

Fax: 800-385-9807



U.S. Highway 78 East,
Exit 8

Stone Mountain, GA
30087

Big South Fork National Park

About: The free-flowing Big South Fork of the Cumberland River and its tributaries pass through 90 miles of scenic gorges and valleys containing a wide range of natural and historic features. The area offers a broad range of recreational opportunities including camping, whitewater rafting, kayaking, canoeing, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, hunting and fishing. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, with its experience in managing river basins, was charged with land acquisition, planning and development of facilities. Now completed, these lands and facilities are operated and maintained by the National Park Service for the benefit and use of the public.

Bandy Creek Campground

About: The National Park Service has designated an entire area of this great park for tent campers only. The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area features wild rivers, steep gorges, thick forests, and human history atop the Cumberland Plateau. There is a well developed trail system that makes exploring the campground easy. It also have mountain biking, fishing, and rafting opportunities..

Information

Phone: 423- 286-7275



Route 3
P.O. Box 401
Oneida, TN 37841

Great Smoky Mountain National Park

About: Ridge upon ridge of endless forest straddles the border between North Carolina and Tennessee in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. World renowned for the diversity of its plant and animal life, the beauty of its ancient mountains, and the quality of its remnants of Southern Appalachian mountain culture, this is America's most visited national park.

Things to Do: The park offers many great backpacking and hiking opportunities.

Information:

Phone: 865- 436-1200



107 Park
Headquarters Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Natchez Trace National Parkway

About: Travel the route of the Old Natchez Trace and imagine the experiences of those that have traveled before you. The 444-mile Natchez Trace Parkway commemorates an ancient trail that connected southern portions of the Mississippi River to salt licks in today's central Tennessee. Over the centuries, the Choctaw, Chickasaw and other American Indians left their marks on the Trace. The Natchez Trace experienced its heaviest use from 1785 to 1820 by the "Kaintuck" boatmen that floated the Ohio and Miss. rivers to markets in Natchez and New Orleans. They sold their cargo and boats and began the trek back north on foot to Nashville and points beyond. Today, visitors can experience this National Scenic Byway and All-American Road through driving, hiking, biking, horseback riding and camping.

Information:

Phone: 800-305-7417



5430 Pinewood Rd,
Franklin, TN

Shenandoah National Park

About: Shenandoah National Park lies astride a beautiful section of the Blue Ridge Mountains, which form the eastern rampart of the Appalachian Mountains between Pennsylvania and Georgia. The Shenandoah River flows through the valley to the west, with Massanutten Mountain, 40 miles long, standing between the river's north and south forks. The rolling Piedmont country lies to the east of the park. Skyline Drive, a 105-mile road that winds along the crest of the mountains through the length of the park, provides vistas of the spectacular landscape to east and west. The park holds more than 500 miles of trails, including 101 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Trails may follow a ridge crest, or they may lead to high places with panoramic views or to waterfalls in deep canyons. Many animals, including deer, black bears, and wild turkeys, flourish among the rich growth of an oak-hickory forest. In season, bushes and wildflowers bloom along the Drive and trails and fill the open spaces. Apple trees, stone foundations, and cemeteries are reminders of the families who once called this place home. Shenandoah National Park has many stories waiting to be told, and a world of beauty that can renew and bring peace to the spirit.

Information

Phone: 540-999-3500



US Highway 221
East Luray, Va 22835

Western North Carolina National Forests

Appletree Group

Near Franklin. Group campground on the Nantahala River and the Bartram Tral. Nice facilities. Open April to August.

Information: *90 Sloan Road
Franklin, NC 28734*
Phone: 828-524-6441

Chatuga Lake

Near Hayesville. Car campground on the shore of the lake nestled on the North Carolina-Georgia border.

Information: *210 Woodland Dr.
Murphy, NC 28906*
Phone: 828-837-5152

Chunky Gal Mount Area

Near Franklin. The Bob Allison primitive campground provides camping and can be used as a base camp for hiking many nearby trails.

Information: *201 Woodland Dr.
Murphy, NC 28906*
Phone: 828-837-5152

Joyce Kilmer Area

Near Robbinsville. Remote wilderness and a virgin timber attract many campers to this area. Camping is available in two sites.

Information:

Route 1 Box 16A

Robbinsville, NC 28771

Phone:

828-479-6431

Standing India Area

West of Franklin. Several Camping Options in a remote area chock full of hiking opportunities. Adjacent to the Southern Nantahala Wilderness Area and the Appalachian Trail.

Information:

90 Sloan Road

Franklin, NC 28734

Phone:

828-524-6441

Congaree National Park

About: 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.

Information

Phone: 803-773-4396



Gadsden, SC 29052

Philmont Scout Ranch

Philmont Scout Ranch is a National High Adventure Base, owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America. Philmont is large, comprising 137,493 acres or about 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rockies. 32 staffed camps and 50 unstaffed camps are operated by the ranch. Philmont has high mountains which dominate rough terrain with an elevation ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet.

Contact:

Phone: 505-376-2281



Rt 1 P.O. Box 35
Cimarron, NM 87714

www.philmont.com

Northern Tier High Adventure Base

In 1923, Carlos S. Chase first led a group of Boy Scouts into the Boundary Waters - Quetico Provincial Park area and Northern Tier National High Adventure Programs were born. During the next few years, these trips grew in popularity and by 1926, BWCA/Quetico canoe programs were officially adopted as the "Region Ten Canoe Trails" project. In 1942, the Hod Ludlow Lodge was dedicated and the base became known as "Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Trails". The camp became a National High Adventure Base in 1972. In 1973, the first base in Canada was established at Bissett, Manitoba and it was followed a few years later with the base in Atikokan, Ontario. The three bases are now collectively known as the Northern Tier National High Adventure Bases.

Contact:

Phone: 218-365-4811



P.O. Box 509
Ely, MN 55731

www.ntier.org

Florida Sea Base

Depending on the adventure booked, participants may be camping on an island, sleeping on sailboats, or staying in air conditioned dorms. Base living includes cafeteria style food service, showers, laundry, and ship's store. The National Florida Sea Base is owned and operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to offer unique educational aquatic programs to our members. Located in Islamorada, the heart of the Florida Keys, the near shore reefs offer unparalleled opportunities for long term and short term programs year round. Our new Conference facilities are utilized for youth and adult Scouting Conferences and on-Scouting groups when available.

Contact:

Phone: 305-664-4173



73800 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036

www.bsaseabase.org

Piedmont Scout Reservation

Information

About: Located in the foothills of the South Mountain Range in Western North Carolina, the Piedmont Scout Reservation offers four distinct program areas. These include: (1) The camporee area and Rostan Family Lodge; (2) The Cub Scout camp and training areas; (3) The primitive camping and outback hiking area; (4) Camp Bud Schiele. The Piedmont Scout Reservation encompasses nearly 1,200 acres and meets the needs of thousands of youth and families throughout the year. The Reservation hosts training events for youth and adults, family activity days, Pack, Troop, and Venture Crew campouts and various Order of the Arrow service weekends.

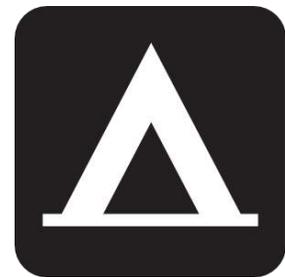
In 2003 the Piedmont Council completed construction on combined Cub Scout Camp and adult training area centered around a new lake named in memory of the late James C. "Jim" Fry. The new Camp includes campsites, shooting sport ranges, waterfront facilities, a dining shelter, a campfire/ceremony ring, bathhouses and program shelters. It will host many of the Council's Cub, Boy and Venture Scout training events.

Camp Bud Schiele serves as the cornerstone of the Piedmont Council's outdoor program. Centered around a beautiful 31-acre lake. Camp Bud Schiele offers a full program of swimming, boating, target shooting, handicraft, nature study, and high adventure activity under the guidance of a nationally accredited staff.

Camp Bud Schiele

One of the premier Boy Scout camps in the Southern Region, Camp Bud Schiele has a long tradition of serving Scouts from across the Piedmont Council as well as Scouts from as far away as Florida. Located in the foothills of Western North Carolina, Camp Bud Schiele serves over 2,000 Scouts per summer and an additional 500 adult leaders. Centered around a beautiful 31 acre lake, Camp Bud Schiele offers a full program of swimming, boating, target shooting, handicrafts, outdoor skills, climbing, C.O.P.E., high adventure, and a first year camper program.

Opened in 1982, Camp Bud Schiele has always focused on the area of quality staffing and is committed to a well-trained staff to offer each Scout the best possible Scouting experience. We are determined that if you attend Camp Bud Schiele, not only will you enjoy one of the finest camps in the Southern Region with quality facilities, but a stronger commitment to the Scouts and the programs that we offer.



Camp Natami (Camporee Area) and Wilderness Area Information

Camp Natami

The Natami Camporee Area has beautiful mountain views and is located on 300 acres of the Piedmont Scout Reservation. It is the host site of district camporees and troop camping overnights. Located on this property are the Rostan Family Lodge and the "Milk House". Both buildings are available for camporee and unit use. The property also has an activity shelter, running water, electrical power and latrines.

Old Wagon Wilderness Area

This section of our camp property could be the perfect place to introduce wilderness camping to your Scouts. You can try out your skills on 300 beautiful acres of forests and open grasslands. There are no developed facilities; pick your campsite and leave it looking untouched. Camping reservations can be made through the Service Center:

(704) 864-2694

