

Sumter National Forest

South Carolina

Andrew Pickens Ranger District

Camping Guide



Southern Region, USDA Forest Service

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Highlights

The Andrew Pickens Ranger District has a wide range of camping opportunities, from developed campgrounds to primitive camping opportunities. The sheet shows developed and primitive opportunities

Other Opportunities

Primitive camping is allowed. Choose a site at least 50 feet from the trail, 50 feet from the any stream and ¼ mile from the road. Please respect specific limitation when posted.

For More Information

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Hours: Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
(6 miles west of Walhalla, SC, on Highway 28)*

These small campsites, have few, if any, facilities. Saddle, pack, and draft animals are not permitted except at Riley More Ford and Tamasee Camp.

Developed Camping Sites

Cherry Hill Recreation Area—\$10/day

This campground has 29 sites, large enough to hold recreational vehicles. It has rest rooms, showers, and a dump station, Cherry Hill is handicapped accessible.

Burrell's Ford—no charge

¼ mile walk to camp on the Chattooga River. Opened year round. It has picnic tables and pit toilet.

Cassidy Bridge Hunt Camp

Located on the Chauga River. Opened during big game hunting season (October 1—December 31) and turkey season (April 1—30) and by reservation for a \$30 fee per night during the rest of the year.

Whetstone Horse Camp—\$12/day without reservations, \$15/day with reservations

This camp has 20 sites—20 are always, first-come, first-served, while up to 10 may be reserved at least 2 weeks in advance. This camp has water, tables, and grills. This campground is designed to accommodate horses but is available to all campers. Information on the horse trail is available at the ranger station.

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King's Creek: Beginning at Highway 107, travel west on the Burrell's Ford road about ½ mile. Turn right (north) on a dirt road and travel about 100 yards to the campsite, which is next to King's Creek. The road may be impassable to low clearance vehicles.

Big Bend: Located near the end of road 709, which begins at Highway 107 across the highway from Cherry Hill Campground. Road 709 is a primitive road which is impassable to some vehicles.

Tamassee Camp: On Winding Stairs (Cheohee Valley) Road, about 1 mile west of Lake Cherokee. Located on the south side of the road where Townes Creek crosses road.

This camp is open to saddle, pack, and draft animals.

Grapevine: Located at the end of road 764 off Chattooga Ridge Road, approximately 1½ miles south of the intersection with Whetstone Road.

Hell Hole: Located at the end of road 738A, off Cassidy Bridge Road. A high clearance, four-wheel drive vehicle may be necessary to drive the last 200 yards.

Riley Moore Ford: Off Spy Rock Road (748) take Riley Moore Falls Road (748C) to the campsite on the Chauga River. **This campsite is open to saddle, pack, and draft animals.**

Chauga Bottoms: Located on the Chauga River at the end of road 748D. Road 748D begins at the Spy Rock Road. Road 748D is closed to vehicles from November through June, and may be impassable to low clearance, two-wheel drive vehicles when it is open.

Timmy Place: Located at the end of Whetstone Road. Drive through the first parking lot on left at end of Earl's Ford Road. Continue on old primitive road to campsite at the end. The primitive road may be impassable to low clearance, two-wheel vehicles.

Turpin Branch: From Chattooga Ridge Road (SC 196), turn onto Fall Creek Road and then turn left onto road 722. The campsite is on the right, 100 yards, past the intersection with road 769.

Fall Creek: Same as for Turpin Branch, except turn left onto road 768 and drive to end. Campsite is on the left before the loop at the end of the road.

Thrifts Ferry: Travel 1 mile east of the Chattooga River on Highway 76. Turn north (left) on road 795. The campsite is on short spur road on the left about 100 yards from Highway 76.

Woodall Shoals: Located 50 yards past parking lot on old road to river. Camping is prohibited in parking lot and on the beach area at the river. Class six rapid nearby on the Chattooga River (Woodall Shoals).

Brasstown Falls: One mile east of Long Creek on US 76, turn right onto paved Brasstown Road and continue past where paved road ends. One mile beyond end of pavement, turn right onto road 751) and drive to the end. Walk in on trail, 100 yard. Campsite is located on the left at the top of Brasstown Falls near Brasstown Creek.

Owl Branch: Turn onto Orchard Road off Hwy. 76 in Long Creek. Travel ¼ mile south and turn right onto road 757. After 1½ miles, turn left onto 757A. Park on the right after traveling 300 yards. The site is 200 feet off the road to the right.

Long Bottom Ford: Approximately 7 miles NW of the Stumphouse Ranger Station. Turn left off of Hwy.28 onto Low Water Bridge Road. Campsite is .5 mile on left.

Nicholson Field: Continue past Long Bottom Ford .5 mile; take the middle fork. Campsite is at the end of the road. A high clearance four-wheel drive vehicle may be required to drive to the site.

Blackwell Bridge: Located on the north side of the Whetstone Road by the Chauga River Bridge.

Double Branch: Travel 1½ miles west of Cassidy Bridge. Turn south on the Double Branch Road. Near the end of the gravel road, there is a primitive road on the left that leads to the campsite. The campsite is about 50 yards from the gravel road.