

# Sumter National Forest

## South Carolina



# Yellow Branch Picnic Area

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## Highlights

Nestled in a mixed pine/hardwood stand, this picnic area is beautiful any time of year. Picnic tables are scattered about upper and lower loops. A Civilian Conservation Corps stone and wood shelter and a restroom are accessible by wheelchair from the lower loop parking lot. Yellow Branch creek is located across from the picnic area and is easily experienced by a short loop (about 1 mile) hiking trail.

## Surrounding Area

The Stumhouse Ranger Station (district office for the Andrew Pickens Ranger District) is located 1/4 mile north of the picnic area. A wide variety of information is available here, either free or for sale. Some items include maps, brochures, field guides, books, and children's Smokey Bear items.

Between the picnic area and the Ranger Station on the right, is Stumhouse Tunnel Park, owned by the Pendleton Historical Society. The tunnel is no longer open due to safety concerns, but picnic tables, a small stream and Isaqueena Falls are there for your enjoyment.

The small town of Walhalla rests about 6 miles south of the picnic area. Walhalla, meaning "Garden of the Gods," is named for its German heritage. The town hold Oktoberfest each year. Visitors will find several restaurants and speciality stores.

## For More Information:

*Andrew Pickens Ranger District*

*112 Andrew Pickens Circle*

*Mountain Rest, SC 29664*

*Phone: (864) 638-9568*

*Fax: (864)638-2659*

*Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.*

**Directions:** From Walhalla, SC, drive about 6 miles north on Highway 28. The picnic area is on the left.

### Facilities:

- \*Picnic tables and shelter
- \*Restroom
- \*Running water
- \*Hiking trail

**Safety:** In warm weather, yellow jackets frequent the area, especially trash cans.

**Season/Hours:** April through October for day-use only.

**Requirements:** Group use of the shelter can be by reservation or first come, first served.

**Reservations:** Those who want to reserve the shelter may do so by calling the District Office 14 days in advance.

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