

Andrew Pickens Ranger District Camping Guide



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The Andrew Pickens Ranger District has a wide range of camping opportunities from developed campgrounds to primitive and backcountry sites.

Developed Campsites

Cherry Hill Recreation Area

Cherry Hill Recreation Area has 29 sites, some of which are suitable for recreational vehicles. This campground has restrooms with flush toilets, hot showers and a trailer dump station. The fee for camping is \$10/night. Twelve sites are first come, first served, the other seventeen sites are available only by reservation. Reservations may be made online at www.recreation.gov or by calling 877-444-6777.

Burrell's Ford

Burrell's Ford is open year round with no charge. A pit toilet, picnic tables, fire rings, and lantern posts are available. Walk in .25 miles to camp on the Chattooga River.

Cassidy Bridge Hunt Camp

Located on the Chauga River, Cassidy Bridge Hunt Camp is open free of charge during the big game hunting season (October 1 - Dec. 31) and turkey season (April 1 - April 30). For the rest of the year, it is open by reservation for \$30 per night. Reservations may be made for Cassidy Bridge Camp online at www.recreation.gov or by calling 877-444-6777.

Whetstone Horse Camp

Whetstone Horse Camp has 18 sites. Fees are \$12/night for single sites, and \$24/night for double sites. Nine sites are first come, first served; the other nine sites are available only by reservation. Reservations may be made online at www.recreation.gov or by calling 877-444-6777. Water, tables and grills are available. This campground accommodates horses but is available to all campers. Information on the horse trail is available at the ranger station.

Primitive Campsites

These small campsites have few, if any, facilities. Saddle, pack and draft animals are not permitted at any primitive campsite except Riley Moore Ford and Tamassee camps.

King Creek: Beginning at Highway 107, travel west on the Burrell's Ford road about .5 mile. Turn right (north) on a dirt road and travel about 100 yards to the campsite 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 one 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.

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Grapevine: Located at the end of road 764 off Chattooga Ridge Road, approximately 1.5 miles south of the intersection with Whetstone Road.

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.

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 drive 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 one 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 yards. Campsite is located on the left at the top of Brasstown Falls near Brasstown Creek.

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 miles on left.

Nicholson Field: Continue past Long Bottom Ford .5 miles and 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 1.5 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.

Backcountry Camping

Camping is allowed at sites that are at least 50 feet from a maintained trail, 50 feet from any river or stream and .25 miles from an open road. Please respect specific limitations when posted.

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