

ATTA KULLA KULLA LODGE 185 2015 ANNIVERSARY WHERE TO GO CAMPING GUIDE



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Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185 - Blue Ridge Council, BSA

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I hope you find this issue of our “Where To Go Camping” book very useful. Inside, you will discover a special section on each of the destinations chosen as the best of the Upstate and more. I would like to thank the Arrowmen of AKK 185. Without their support, none of this may have been possible. Read on and happy camping!

Yours in Scouting and WWW,



Matthew Watson

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Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185 Vice Chief of Communications

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Format

This Guide is published in a 3-ring loose leaf format so that individual pages may be removed for revision or to make extra copies of camping site information to carry along on camping trips. Individual pages prepared by the editors and additional reference material received from sites contacted are included to assist units with trip planning. This Guide is consecutively numbered for easy access to information.

Camping Site Information

Camping site information is generally spread by word of mouth or roundtable discussion and is slow to spread to all council units. Sites familiar within one district may be unheard in other districts or councils. It sometimes takes years for a new unit or a mature unit with new leadership to build a library of available and interesting camping sites. This guide should become a valued reference guide with each BSA unit to spread the word about available camping sites. The Guide is not complete, but is a dynamic resource that will improve with each new edition as sites are updated and added.

User Feedback

This Guide is intended to be continuously revised to incorporate new information and user feedback on camping sites. Blank campsite forms are included in this section for new sites or you may mark up existing campsite pages with revised information. Additional photos, graphics, and patches may also be submitted with update information. Graphic information will be scanned and returned to the owner if a self addressed stamped envelope is included with the information.

How to Contact the Editors

Additions and revisions to enhance the appearance, content, or accuracy of this guide should be submitted to:

Camp Promotions Committee
Order of the Arrow, Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185
Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America
1 Park Plaza
Greenville, SC 29607

Information submitted will be forwarded to the appropriate persons for inclusion in the next edition of the Guide.



Where to Go Camping Location Submission Form

Order of the Arrow - Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge #185 - Blue Ridge Council, BSA



Personal Information (In case we need to contact you for more information)

Name: _____ Unit Number: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Please include or attach a photograph of the camp location or patch (if applicable).

General Site Information

Location: _____ Owner: _____
 Contact References: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____
 Website (if any): _____
 Number of Campsites: _____ Permits/Use Fees Required: _____

Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: _____ hours _____ miles.

Site Description: _____

Directions to Site: _____

Additional Information

GENERAL:

Overnight Camping	
Day visits only	
Group Tent Camping	
Primitive Campsites	
Activity Field	
Trained/Qualified Staff	
Safe Drinking Water	
Non-potable water	
Fires Allowed	

FACILITIES:

Shelters	
Tables	
Cooking grills	
Fire Rings	
Firewood	
Restroom facilities	
Shower facilities	
Dining facilities	
Ice	
Electricity	
Public phones	
Cell Service	

ACTIVITIES:

Hiking Trails	
Historical Site	
Conservation Area	
Fishing	
Cycling	
Climbing	
Backpacking	
Horseback riding	
Pool	
Lake (swimming)	
Lake (boating)	
River	
Beach	

SUITABLE FOR:

Cub Scouts	
Boy Scouts	
Venturing	

Other Facilities: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Send to

Mail: Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 1 Park Plaza Greenville, SC 29607
E-mail: akkvcc@gmail.com

ORDER OF THE ARROW LODGES OF SR-5

Council & Address	Telephone	OA Lodge	Lodge No.
Georgia-Carolina Council 1450 Greene Street, Suite 150 Augusta, GA 30901	(706) 733-5277	Bobwhite	87
Pee Dee Area Council 702 S. Coit Street Florence, SC 29501	(803) 662-6306	Santee	116
Daniel Boone Council 333 W. Heywood Street Asheville, NC 28801	(828) 254-6189	Tsali	134
Blue Ridge Council 1 Park Plaza Greenville, SC 29607	(864) 233-8363	Atta Kulla Kulla	185
Central North Carolina Council 32252 Highway 24-27 Albemarle, NC 28002	(704) 982-0141	Ittabapshe Iti Hollo	188
Indian Waters Council 715 Betsy Dr. Columbia, SC 29210	(803) 765-9070	Muscogee	221
Coastal Carolina Council 1025 Sam Rittenberg Blvd. Charleston, SC 29407	(843) 763-0305	Unali' Yi	236
Palmetto Council P.O. Box 6249 / 420 S. Church St. Spartanburg, SC 29304	(864) 585-4391	Skyuka	270
Mecklenburg County Council 1410 East 7th St. Charlotte, NC 28204	(704) 333-5471	Catawba	459
Piedmont Council 1222 E. Franklin Blvd. Gastonia, NC 28054	(704) 864-2694	Eswau Huppeday	560

OTHER SOUTHEASTERN OA LODGES

Council & Address	Telephone	OA Lodge	Lodge No.
Choctaw Area Council PO Box 1110 Meridian, MS 39302	(601) 693-6757	Ashwanchi Kinta	193
East Carolina Council 313 Center Blvd. Kinston, NC 28501	(919) 522-1521	Croatan	117
Flint River Council PO Box 173 Griffin, GA 30224	(770) 227-4556	Ini-To	324
Great Smoky Mountain Council 6440 Papermill Rd. Knoxville, TN 37919	(423) 588-6514	Pellissippi	230
Greater Alabama Council PO Box 43307 Birmingham., AL 35242	(205) 970-0251	Coosa	50
Gulf Coast Council 9440 University Parkway Pensacola, FL 32514	(904) 476-6336	Yustaga	385
Gulf Ridge Council PO Box 24077 Tampa, FL 33623	(813) 872-2691	Seminole	85
Gulf Stream Council 8335 N. Military Trail Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410	(407) 694-8585	Aal-Pah-Tah	237
Middle Tennessee Council PO Box 15049 Nashville, TN 37215	(615) 383-9724	Wa-Wi-Nasa	111
Mobile Area Council 2587 Government St. Mobile, AL 36606	(334) 476-4600	Wao Cholena	322
Northeast Georgia Council 105 Ool Epps Bridge Rd. Athens, GA 30606	(706) 548-5293	Mowogo	243

OTHER SOUTHEASTERN OA LODGES

Council & Address	Telephone	OA Lodge	Lodge No.
North Florida Council 521 Edgewood Ave. Jacksonville, FL 32205	(904) 388-0591	Echokotee	200
Northwest Georgia Council 501 Broad Street Rome, GA 30161	(706) 235-5545	Waguli	318
Occoneechee Council PO Box 41229 Raleigh, NC 27629	(1800) 662-7102	Occoneechee	104
Okefenokee Area Council PO Box 718 Waycross, GA 31502	(912) 283-6016	Pilthlaco	229
Old Hickory Council 836 North Oak St. Winston-Salem, NC 27101	(910) 723-5506	Wahissa	118
Old North State Council 1405 Westover Terrace Greensboro, NC 27408	(910) 378-9166	Tsoiotsi Tsagalii	70
Sequoyah Council PO Box 3010 Johnson City, TN 37602	(423) 282-6961	Sequoyah	184
South Florida Council 15255 Northwest 82nd Ave. Miami Lakes, FL 33016	(305) 364-0020	O-Shot-Caw	265
Southwest Florida Council 1801 Boy Scout Drive Fort Myers, FL 33907	(813) 936-8072	Osceola	564
Southwest Georgia Council 930 West Oglethorpe Blvd. Albany, GA 31701	(912) 436-7226	Immokalee	353
Suwannee River Area 2729 West Pensacola Tallahassee, FL 32304	(904) 576-4146	Semialachee	259

OTHER SOUTHEASTERN OA LODGES

Council & Address	Telephone	OA Lodge	Lodge No.
Tukabatchee Area Council PO Box 11106 Montgomery, AL 36111	(334) 262-2697	Alibamu	179
Tuskarora Council PO Box 1436 Goldsboro, NC 27533	(919) 734-1714	Nayawin Rar	296
Tidewater Council 1032 Heatherwood Dr. Virginia Beach, VA 23455	(804) 497-2688	Blue Heron	349
West Central Florida Council 11046 Johnston Blvd. Seminole, FL 34642	(813) 391-3800	Timuquan	340



PERMITS & PERMISSION FORMS

Permits

Tour Permits are required for all scout sponsored trips away from your unit's normal meeting place. Tour Permits document that your unit is on a scouting related trip. Flying Permits document approved flying trips. These permits must be filled out and signed by the appropriate adult leaders in charge of the trip and unit committee members. All permits are to be filed with your local council well in advance of the trip and the adult leader in charge must have the unit copy in his possession during the trip. Copies of these forms are included in this section for your use.

Local Tour Permit: For trips involving a one-way travel distance under 500 miles, a Local Tour Permit, BSA No. 34426c, must be filed with your local council office at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip.

National Tour Permit: For trips involving a one-way travel distance of 500 miles or greater or trips that cross a national boundary into another country, a National Tour Permit, BSA No. 4419c, must be filed with your local council office at least 1 month in advance of the trip. The permit is then forwarded on to a regional BSA office for further approval. It is essential that you read *Tours and Expeditions*, BSA No. 33735 before filling out this form.

Flying Permit: BSA Form 19-672 is required for approved flying trips 2 weeks before the activity.

Blue Ridge Council Camp Permits

The Blue Ridge Council requires a Camp Permit in addition to the Tour Permit for use of council camps. This form must be filed with the council office at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip. A copy of this form is included in the "Council Camps" section for your use.

Parental Permission Forms

Parental Permission Forms prepared for each scouting trip by the unit are recommended for all scout sponsored trips. These forms should give the parent information about the trip and serve to document parental permission for the trip and provide medical consent in case of accident. It is a good idea to keep these temporary trip permission forms along with the tour permit in a zip-lock bag in the unit first aid kit. A sample Parental Permission/Hold Harmless Form is included in this section of the guide.

To acquire additional tour permits or other official scouting paperwork see your local council service center or go to www.BlueRidgeCouncil.org or www.Scouting.org.

HEALTH FORMS

In order to provide better care for its members and to assist them in better understanding their own physical capabilities, the Boy Scouts of America recommends that everyone who participates in a Scouting event have an annual medical evaluation by a certified and licensed health-care provider—a physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. Providing your medical information on this four-part form will help ensure you meet the minimum standards for participation in various activities. Note that unit leaders must always protect the privacy of unit participants by protecting their medical information.

Parts A and B are to be completed at least annually by participants in all Scouting events. This health history, parental/guardian informed consent and hold harmless/release agreement, and talent release statement is to be completed by the participant and parents/guardians.

Part C is the physical exam that is required for participants in any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours, for all high-adventure base participants, or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding. Service projects or work weekends may fit this description. Part C is to be completed and signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider—physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. It is important to note that the height/weight limits must be strictly adhered to when the event will take the unit more than 30 minutes away from an emergency vehicle, accessible roadway, or when the program requires it, such as backpacking trips, high-adventure activities, and conservation projects in remote areas.

Part D is required to be reviewed by all participants of a high-adventure program at one of the national high-adventure bases and shared with the examining health-care provider before completing Part C.

To acquire additional health forms or other official scouting paperwork see your local council service center or go to www.BlueRidgeCouncil.org or www.Scouting.org.

Thank you and we wish you a safe camping experience.



INSURANCE

Unit Supplemental Accident Insurance

Accident insurance is required for all scouts no matter what age group in scouting. Supplemental accident insurance is available for BSA units through Mutual of Omaha for a very low price and covers all registered scouting functions. This insurance is supplemental and is used after the individual's personal insurance policy has been filed for coverage. Remember that all scouting functions must be registered with your local council office by use of a tour permit.

All Blue Ridge Council Units are Covered by the Council Accident and Sickness Plan

All Blue Ridge Council units, Packs, Troops, Posts, Crews, and Posts, are covered by the Accident and Sickness Plan purchased by the council. There is no need to purchase the Unit Insurance described above. This plan covers all registered adults and youth members and seasonal staff. New youth members who join during the year are also covered.

Vehicle Insurance

All vehicles used for unit transportation must be covered by a public liability and property damage liability insurance policy. The amount of coverage must meet or exceed the insurance requirement of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. It is recommended, however, that coverage limits be at least \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000. Any vehicle carrying 10 or more persons is required to have coverage limits of at least \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000. In the case of rented vehicles, the requirement of coverage limits may be met by combining the limits of personal limits carried by the driver with coverage carried by the owner of the rented vehicle. All vehicles used to travel outside the United States must carry a public liability and property damage liability insurance policy that complies with or exceeds the requirements of that country.

Questions on Insurance Coverage

If you have any questions about your insurance please contact your Unit Commissioner as soon as the question arises. If he does not know the answer, he knows where to get it. All youth that attend scouting functions with your unit must be registered through the council office. Nonscouts, nonscouters, and guests who are being encouraged to become registered leaders or scouts are automatically covered while in attendance at a scheduled activity. Other guests are not covered.

To acquire additional insurance information or other official scouting paperwork see your local council service center or go to www.BlueRidgeCouncil.org or www.Scouting.org.

BSA WATER SAFETY PROGRAMS

Safe Swim Defense

Safe Swim Defense, BSA No. 34370 is the recommended procedure for conducting group swims at the beach, private or public pool, wilderness pond, stream, or wherever the water looks inviting enough to take a dip. The system outlines the 8 points of a safe swim defense system and must be used anytime scouts are in the water. The 8 points of Safe Swim Defense have been established by BSA to reduce potential risks.

Safe Swim Defense Points:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Qualified Supervision | 5. Lookout |
| 2. Physical Fitness | 6. Ability Groups |
| 3. Safe Area | 7. Buddy System |
| 4. Lifeguards on Duty | 8. Discipline |

Safety Afloat

Safety Afloat, BSA No. 34368, outlines safety concerns when scouts are involved with a watercraft excursion in canoe, raft, sailboat, sailboard, motorboat, rowboat, tube, or other craft. Adult leaders should have an appreciation for the potential hazards that may be encountered and ensure steps are taken to reduce risks. The 9 points of Safety Afloat have been established by BSA to reduce potential risks.

Safety Afloat Points:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Qualified Supervision | 6. Skill Proficiency |
| 2. Physical Fitness | 7. Planning |
| 3. Swimming Ability | 8. Equipment |
| 4. Personal Flotation Equipment | 9. Discipline |
| 5. Buddy System | |

Snorkeling Safety

BSA Form No. 19-176A outlines the BSA Snorkeling plan and provides an application for requesting the Snorkeling award.

Questions on Water Safety

If you have any questions about your insurance please contact your Unit Commissioner as soon as the question arises. If he does not know the answer, he knows where to get it.

Water Safety Forms Included

Water Safety resources included in this section:

- Safe Swim Defense,
- Safety Afloat,
- Snorkeling Safety,
- and BSA Lifeguard application.

To acquire additional water safety information or other official scouting paperwork see your local council service center or the websites www.BlueRidgeCouncil.org or www.Scouting.org.

BLUE RIDGE COUNCIL CAMPS

Contact References:

Owner: Blue Ridge Council, BSA
1 Park Plaza
Greenville, SC 29607
Phone: (864) 233-8363
Fax: (864) 233-2424



Resident Summer Camp

Camp Old Indian has received the highest accreditation by the Southern Region Camp Inspection Team for the past 20 years. The program improves every year and knowledge of the camp throughout the southeast is growing. This year 51 different merit badges will be offered along with BSA Lifeguard, Snorkel BSA, Learn to Swim, and Adventure to Eagle, an all-day program custom designed for Eagle Scout candidates. Also offered is our High Adventure program offering a different high adventure type program each day and for those who really enjoy hiking, the Foothills Trek. The Foothills Trek offers scouts and leaders the opportunity to backpack 54 miles on the scenic Foothills Trail, leaving on Sunday night and returning Friday for the closing campfire. The Camping Committee has put together an in-depth guide to tell you everything that you need to know about resident summer camp. This guide is included in the Blue Ridge Council Section or a copy may be obtained from the council office.

Council Owned Camps

The Blue Ridge Council has several camps, each with a specific purpose in mind:
Camp Old Indian Summer Resident Camp
Camp White Pines Training Camp
Carroll Brown Outpost Outpost Training Camp
Camp Arrowhead Aquatics Camp

Additional Information

Reservations and a Camp Permit from the Blue Ridge Council office are required for all Blue Ridge Council properties. The Permit for Use of Council Facilities is included in this Section.

CAMP OLD INDIAN- OFF SEASON USE

Travelers Rest, SC

Contact References:

Owner: Blue Ridge Council, BSA
1 Park Plaza
Greenville, SC 29607
Phone: (864) 233-8363
Fax: (864) 233-2424



General Information

Camp Old Indian is the summer resident camp for the Blue Ridge Council. The property has 3 lakes for swimming, boating, and fishing and miles of nearby trails including one to the top of Old Indian Mountain for which the camp is named. The camp is an excellent location for the beginning troop or a Webelos den looking for a family camping location in the off-season without really roughing it.

Directions

Take Hwy. 25 North from Greenville approximately 20 miles. Exit onto Old Hwy 25 just past Hwy. 11 and follow signs 6 miles to Camp Old Indian. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 0.75 hours / 30 miles.

Facilities Available

Camp Old Indian offers excellent facilities. All facilities are available in the off season except the Director's Cabin and Health Lodge. Permission to use the camp facilities must be received in advance from the Council Office so the Camp Ranger can be notified. Tent camping, 4-man and 8-man adirondaks, and enclosed cabins are available. Water is available only at key locations in the winter to prevent freezing water lines. Check with the council office to see which facilities may be used for group camping. The rappelling tower is available for off season use, but all rappelling equipment must be supplied by the unit. The nearest supplies are in Travelers Rest, approximately 15 miles away.

Equipment for Offsite Use/Rental

Other outdoor equipment may also be available for rent. The council has 12 flatwater canoes and 8 whitewater canoes for rent for \$20.00 per day. Two trailers are also available for use with a \$100 deposit per trailer. Rental includes all necessary equipment such as PFDs and paddles.

Additional Information

A volunteer Campmaster is assigned for Camp Old Indian each weekend that a resident camp or staff is not present. Please check in with the Campmaster upon arrival and before departure. The adult leader in charge must have a copy of the Council Camp Permit and Local Tour Permit in hand when checking in. Reservations and a Camp Permit are required from the Blue Ridge Council.

CAMP WHITE PINES

Travelers Rest, SC

Contact References

Owner: Blue Ridge Council, BSA
1 Park Plaza
Greenville, SC 29607
Phone: (864) 233-8363
Fax: (864) 233-2424

General Information

Camp White Pines is the primary training camp for the Blue Ridge Council and District level training events. Soon, it will be a high adventure base for the Council and will host several High Adventure activities similar to those you may find at the Summit. Council courses in Boy Scout Leader Outdoor Training, Webelos Leader Outdoor Training, Junior Leader Training, Den Chief Training, and Wood Badge are held here. The property has a recently renovated lodge used for staff quarters and indoor training classes, troop shelter, open roof shower structure, meadow with flagpoles for assembly, primitive campsites, and campfire rings. The camp is only open for camping when training events are not scheduled. Camp White Pines is an excellent choice for Webelos and younger scouts that need primitive camping experience in a not so primitive setting. Campsites range from secluded nooks in the woods to the shaded meadow and white pine stand with adjacent creek. Reservations and a camp permit from the council office are required.

Directions

Take Hwy. 25 North from Greenville approximately 20 miles. Exit onto Old Hwy 25 just past Hwy. 11 and follow signs 5 miles toward Camp Old Indian. Camp White Pines is located on the left 1 mile below Camp Old Indian and the historic Poinsett Bridge. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 0.75 hours / 30 miles.

Facilities Available

Camp White Pines offers limited facilities for campers not involved in training events. No plumbing or electricity is available other than inside the lodge which is open only during training events. Facilities at nearby Camp Old Indian may be used with permission from the Campmaster or Camp Ranger. The nearest supplies are in Travelers Rest, approximately 15 miles away.

Additional Information

The Campmaster and Camp Ranger at Camp Old Indian also take care of Camp White Pines. Reservations and a Camp Permit are required from the Blue Ridge Council.



CAMP ARROWHEAD

Antreville, SC

Contact References

Owner: Blue Ridge Council, BSA

Address: P.O. Box 6628

Greenville, SC 29606

Phone: (864) 233-8363

General Information

Camp Arrowhead is located on Lake Secession near Antreville, SC. It has been the site of many camporees and troop activities for scouts in the southern part of the council, but is fairly undiscovered by the rest of the council. For a nice weekend on the lake, you cannot beat the opportunities Camp Arrowhead offers. Future plans include rental canoes and a developed waterfront area. Go and discover what the council has for your troop by visiting Camp Arrowhead

Directions

Take I-85 South towards Anderson SC. Exit off on Hwy. 81 South into Anderson. Follow Hwy. 81 until you get to Owens Corning Fiberglass. Directly past Owens Corning take a left follow this road through two stop signs. After the second stop sign the entrance will be approximately a mile and a half on the left. If you see the dam you've gone a half mile too far. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.5 hours / 50 miles.

Facilities Available

Camp Arrowhead has a large troop shelter, pit toilet, and well with running water. The camp has a forked peninsula extending into the lake. Future plans include a septic tank and flush toilets. The nearest supplies are in Antreville, approximately 5 miles away.

Additional Information

A resident camp caretaker now lives near Camp Arrowhead. Reservations and a Camp Permit are required from the Blue Ridge Council.



CARROLL BROWN OUTPOST CAMP

Travelers Rest, SC

Contact References:

Owner: Blue Ridge Council, BSA

Address: P.O. Box 6628

Greenville, SC 29606

Phone: (864) 233-8363

General Information:

Carroll Brown Outpost Camp (formerly known as Camp Wetoga) is one of Blue Ridge Council's little known secrets. Nestled in the woods on the other side of the mountain across the road from Camp Old Indian, Carroll Brown Outpost Camp is the silent, unknown part of the Old Indian Scout Reservation. Recent work has been done on the camp such as reroofing and renovation of the lodge and digging a well for running water. Future projects have been planned to enhance the camp and convert it to an outpost training site for JLT, Wood Badge, and similar outdoor training.

Directions:

Take Hwy. 25 North from Greenville approximately 20 miles. Exit onto Old Hwy 25 just past Hwy. 11 and follow signs toward Camp Old Indian. Just before the fork to Camp Old Indian (at the fire station), turn to the right on Dividing Waters Road and proceed just over 1 mile to Carroll Brown Outpost Camp on the left. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 0.75 hours / 30 miles.

Facilities Available:

There is a lodge similar to the training lodge at Camp White Pines with picnic tables. The nearest supplies are in Travelers Rest, approximately 15 miles away.

Additional Information:

Reservations and a Camp Permit are required from the Blue Ridge Council.



SOUTH CAROLINA PARKS, RECREATION AREAS, & HISTORIC SITES



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|---|---|
| 1 Aiken State Natural Area | 24 Keowee-Toxaway State Natural Area |
| 2 Andrew Jackson State Park | 25 Kings Mountain State Park |
| 3 Baker Creek State Park | 26 Lake Greenwood State Recreation Area |
| 4 Barnwell State Park | 27 Lake Hartwell State Recreation Area |
| 5 Caesars Head State Park | 28 Lake Warren State Park |
| 6 Calhoun Falls State Recreation Area | 29 Lake Wateree State Recreation Area |
| 7 Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site | 30 Landsford Canal State Park |
| 8 Cheraw State Recreation Area | 31 Lee State Natural Area |
| 9 Chester State Park | 32 Little Pee Dee State Park |
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See the following pages of this section for detailed information on some of our lodge's favorite sites. For more information visit www.discoversouthcarolina.com/stateparks.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PARKS

General Information



Camping Categories

Primitive Camping: These are remote campsites that may or may not be accessible by car. There are no trash containers, bathrooms, or electricity available, and there may or may not be water spigots or pit toilets.

Other Camping: Sites not noted as “Primitive Camping” are regular campsites. They are semi-remote to developed and may or may not have amenities such as showers, running water, electricity, picnic shelters, pit-toilets, trash cans, etc. Contact each park separately for inquiries into what the park offers.

When to Camp

South Carolina enjoys a southern climate and a very diverse terrain. From the Great Smokey Mountains to the golden beaches of Charleston and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina has it all. With the varying terrain also comes a varying climate. While the mountains are somewhat mild during the summers, the beaches are sizzling with heat. While the mountains are frigid during the winter creating that white stuff we all love, snow, the beaches are only slightly brisk, except when the wind kicks up. Some parks close during certain seasons so it is best to call in advance. By taking advantage of the seasons and geography of South Carolina, it is possible to discover a great range of camping opportunities.

Reservations

Only certain parks in South Carolina take reservations, but it is always a good idea to call the park before visiting. Reservations are accepted up to 11 months in advance, but must be made at least 24 hours prior to occupancy dates. For example, if the current month is March, reservations will be accepted through February of the following year. Reservations are made with the park where the site is to be occupied. They can be requested by telephone, by mail, or in person, Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Reservations are not confirmed until a deposit has been received. The deposit should be received within 10 working days of the date the request was made or the reservation may be voided.

Rates

Rates vary from park to park. Some parks are free to scout troops and others offer discounted rates. Prices for primitive camping are usually very reasonable. Personal checks are accepted for all campsites. MasterCard and Visa are accepted at some campsites. For more information concerning rates and reservations or to receive a free guide to South Carolina parks and attractions, call (803) 734-0122.

Website

www.discoversouthcarolina.com/stateparks

AIKEN STATE NATURAL AREA

Windsor, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Aiken State Natural Area
1145 State Park Road
Windsor, SC 29856
Phone: (803) 649-2857

General Information

Located on the South Edisto River, Aiken State Natural Area's 1067 acres are divided between river swamps and dry sandhills. The park features a variety of animal and plant life. Call the park to see when there are nature programs available. In addition to a developed site with capacity for RV's, there is also a primitive camping area. It is accessible by car and includes picnic tables, fire rings, and an outhouse. The charge for Boy Scout groups is one dollar per person per night. The park also includes a three mile nature trail, a two mile canoe trail on the Edisto, and four spring-fed lakes. Canoes or non-motorized boats can be rented from the park at \$10 per day.

Directions

The Natural Area is 16 miles east of Aiken off US 78. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2.25 hours / 112 miles.

Facilities Available

Aiken State Natural Area offers facilities such as picnic and group shelters. The nearest supplies are 16 miles away in Aiken.

Additional Information

The many opportunities available at the park make it a great place for either experienced Boy Scout troops or young Cub Scout groups.



ANDREW JACKSON STATE PARK

Lancaster, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Andrew Jackson State Park
196 Andrew Jackson Park Road
Lancaster, SC 29720
Phone: (803) 285-3344

General Information

Andrew Jackson State Park is so named because it is located in the area where our nation's seventh president was born. The park's 360 acres include a museum of the Jacksonian era. There is a primitive camping area that is accessible by car. It includes picnic tables and fire rings and is located three-quarters of a mile from restrooms. The charge for using the primitive area is approximately 55 cents per person per night. Other activities that the park has to offer are hiking on the two short nature trails or fishing, swimming, and nonmotorized boating in the park lake.

Directions

Go to Lancaster and get on US 521. The park is 9 miles north of Lancaster and 30 miles south of Charlotte. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2.0 hours / 108 miles.

Facilities Available

Andrew Jackson offers facilities such as picnic and group shelters. There are also other meeting and recreational facilities available.



BAKER CREEK STATE PARK

McCormick, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Baker Creek State Park
Route 3, Box 50
McCormick, SC 29835
Phone: (864) 443-2457

General Information

Baker Creek State Park consists of 1305 acres and is located in Sumter National Forest on Strom Thurmond Lake. In addition to a large RV campsite, there is a sizeable primitive area. It includes a water spigot and picnic tables, and it is accessible by car. Located next to the primitive area are two short hiking trails and a three-acre meadow. Baker Creek also has a lake for swimming and fishing. If you want to work on those fun-filled aquatics merit badges such as motorboating, Baker Creek also has a boat ramp. For the troops in the lower part of the council this is a great opportunity to take advantage of a nice campground just a few miles away.

Directions

Get on Hwy. 25 from Greenville SC. Take Hwy. 25 through Greenwood SC, and then take Hwy. 378 west. Baker Creek State Park is located on the right of the highway 4 miles west of McCormick. Take a right at the park sign, go one mile, then take a left at the park entrance. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.5 hours / 81 miles.

Facilities Available

Baker Creek offers facilities such as picnic and group shelters. There are also other meeting and recreational facilities available and a playground on site, including basketball, volleyball, and horseshoes. The nearest supplies are 4 miles away in McCormick.

Additional Information

Call the park ranger to find out if there are any service projects that need to be done. He generally allows troops to stay for free if they carry one out while they are there.



BARNWELL STATE PARK

Blackville, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina

Address: Barnwell State Park

223 State Park Road

Blackville, SC 29817

Phone: (803) 284-2212

General Information

Barnwell State Park is made up of 307 acres of coastal plain terrain. In addition to 5 cabins and 25 developed sites for RV's, there is a primitive camping area for scouting groups. It includes picnic tables, fire rings, water, and restrooms. Also, there are a short hiking trail and two small lakes. The lakes offer great fishing and there are boats available for rent, but private boats are not allowed.

Directions

Go to Barnwell and get on to SC 3. Barnwell State Park is 7 miles Northeast of Barnwell. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2.75 hours / 140 miles.

Facilities Available

Barnwell offers facilities such as picnic and group shelters.



CAESARS HEAD STATE PARK

Cleveland, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Caesars Head State Park
8155 Geer Hwy.
Cleveland, SC 29635
Phone: (864) 836-6115

General Information

Caesars Head State Park is a very famous and highly visited attraction in the Carolinas. Near the parking lot is a great high view of the surrounding landscape as well as one of the highest waterfalls in the Eastern United States. The park consists of 7467 acres of wilderness with over fifty miles of trails stretching through it. The trails range from easy to strenuous. Individual trail lengths vary from 2 to 7 miles, and most of them interconnect. Some of the trails link to the nearby foothills trail, and others are to become part of the new Palmetto Trail. In order to hike or backpack at the park, it is required to register at the information center. There, maps of the trails are available. There are 23 primitive trailside camping sites throughout the park, two of which are reservable for larger groups. Rates are less than \$2.50 per person per night. Fishing is available via river. Caesars Head will prove to be a great place to go for any scout troop no matter what size.

Directions

Take Hwy. 276 out of Greenville SC. Pass through Travelers Rest and follow signs. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1 hour / 35 miles.

Facilities Available

There is a gift shop and one picnic shelter, but it cannot be reserved.

Additional Information

It is recommended to call the camp office ahead of time for information about backpacking trails, and it is a good idea for larger groups to call ahead and reserve a site.



CHESTER STATE PARK

Chester, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina

Address: Chester State Park

759 State Park Drive

Chester, SC 29706

Phone: (803) 385-2680

General Information

Chester State Park was built on 523 acres of what used to be farmland and is now hilly terrain covered by pines and hardwoods. In addition to a developed camping area that accommodates RV's, there is a primitive camp area for scouts that includes picnic tables, central water, and a fire ring. A restroom is nearby. Chester also includes a short hiking trail, an archery range that is open to the public, and a sizable stocked lake. Fishing boats are available for rent.

Directions

From Greenville take I-385 South towards Columbia SC. Soon after I-385 intersects with I-26 there will be an exit for Hwy. 72. Take Hwy. 72 East. This will take you through Whitmire SC into Chester SC. Chester State Park is 3 miles Southwest of Chester just off Hwy. 72. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.5 hours / 80 miles.

Facilities Available

Chester State Park offers both picnic and group shelters in addition to a lodge. For a troop planning trip this would be a great trip considering you are only 3 miles away from Chester. There are also other meeting and varied recreational facilities available on site.

Additional Information

Chester is a great place for either Boy Scouts or Cubs.



COLLETON STATE PARK

Canadys, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Colleton State Park
Canadys, SC 29433
Phone: (843) 585-1283

General Information

Colleton is a small, 35-acre camp on the Edisto River. It has a small primitive camping area with picnic tables and fire rings, but no water. However, there is a restroom 300 yards away. There is a quarter-mile nature trail, and fishing is available in the Edisto River. Colleton is the start point of a popular canoe trail that stretches 23 miles down the river to Givhans Ferry State Park. It takes between 7 and 9 hours to complete. Troops can bring their own canoes and put in by themselves, or they can make arrangements for a group canoe trip with the park by calling ahead.

Directions

From I-95, take exit #68 onto SC 61 towards Canadys. Go 3 miles to a stop sign at the intersection of US 15 and SC 61. Take a left at the intersection onto US 15. The park entrance will be one-half mile on the left. Total approximate travel time from Blue Ridge Council Office: 4.0 hours / 180 miles.

Facilities Available

Colleton State Park offers 2 picnic shelters. There are canoes available for rent.

Additional Information

Colleton takes reservations from large groups; it is best to call ahead before camping.



CROFT STATE NATURAL AREA

Spartanburg, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Croft State Park
450 Croft State Park Road
Spartanburg, SC 29302
Phone: (864) 585-1283

General Information

Croft is made up by 7054 acres of land that were once used as an Army Training Camp during World War II. Cemeteries and various army structures remain as testimony. The camp's primitive area is not accessible by car, and a short pack-in is therefore necessary. However, there is a restroom 200 yards away. The fee for using the primitive area is \$2.40 per night. Fishing is available in the 150 acre lake, and there is a ramp for private boat access. Croft also includes a stable, a show ring, and a number of equestrian trails, but they do not rent horses.

Directions

From Greenville take I-85 North towards Spartanburg. Take Exit 73 onto Hwy. 176 also known as Byrnes Blvd. You should pass Wofford College on your left. Once past the college, go through about three red lights and look for the intersection with an Exxon station on the left and a Wendy's and Simple Simon Restaurants on the right. Take a right at this intersection. You will pass a car dealership and come to a big intersection. Take a right at this intersection; this should be Hwy. 56 known here as Union Street. Follow Union Street (Hwy. 56) out. You should pass by the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind. Croft State Park is just down the road a few miles from here. Total approximate travel time from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.0 hours / 35 miles.

Facilities Available

Croft State Park offers picnic shelter and group shelter in addition to two lodges. There is also a park store, a playground, and other recreational facilities including tennis courts.

Additional Information

The nearest town is Spartanburg, which is 5 miles away.



DEVILS FORK STATE PARK

Salem, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Devil's Fork State Park
161 Holcombe Circle
Salem, SC 29676
Phone: (864) 944-2639

General Information

Devil's Fork State Park is located on beautiful Lake Jocassee. The park offers a variety of different camping opportunities. In addition to RV sites and villas, there are also tent sites and a boat-in wilderness campsite. The tent sites are bordered, leveled with compacted sand, and fitted with fire rings, tables, and central water. They are located near the lake shores, restroom facilities, and parking area. There is an \$8.25 fee per site per night, and five of the sites can be reserved. The boat-in wilderness area is on an island 2 miles across the lake. It includes 13 campsites with fire rings and privy toilets but no running water. The fee for camping on the island is \$2.35 per person per night. Fishing and swimming are available in the lake. There are also ramps for private boat access. There are several trails in the park for hiking.

Directions

Devil's Fork is located approximately 4 miles north of Highway 11 between the intersection of Highways 130 and 133. Follow the directions to Keowee-Toxaway Park and proceed west toward Walhalla on highway 11. Follow the signs to the park. The turn-off is to the right about 1.8 miles west of the Highway 11 bridge over the lake at BB station. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: .75 hours / 36 miles.

Facilities Available

The park has a number of picnic shelters and a park store.

Additional Information

Devil's Fork is great for Cub Scout groups and for family camping.



EDISTO BEACH STATE PARK

Edisto Island, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Edisto Beach State Park
8377 State Cabin Road
Edisto Island, SC 29438
Phone: (843) 869-2756

General Information

The 1255 acres of Edisto Beach State Park includes everything from beach front to dense live oak forest, tall palmettos, and marsh. The area is rich in Native American history. In addition to a very large developed RV area on the beach, the park includes 5 walk-in tent sites and a sizeable primitive camping area. The tent sites are near the beach and cost \$11.00 per site per night. Each site accomodates up to 6 people. The primitive campsite, on the other hand, is on the marsh side of the island. It is in a wooded area a half mile away from the beach. It includes water, picnic tables, and outhouses. There is a fee of approximately 50 cents per person per night. Several activities available include crabbing, fishing, boating, and hiking on the four-mile trail. During the summer, the park offers a variety of nature programs such as turtle walks, nature walks, or marsh walks. Call ahead to find out what is available.

Directions

The park is on SC 174, 50 miles southeast of Charleston off US 17. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 4.5 hours / 237 miles.

Facilities Available

There is a playground and a limited number of picnic shelters.

Additional Information

Edisto Beach is a great place for either Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts. Call ahead to ask about nature programs that may be available.



GIVHANS FERRY STATE PARK

Ridgeville, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Givhans Ferry State Park
746 Givhans Ferry Rd.
Ridgeville, SC 29472
Phone: (843) 873-0692

General Information

Givhans Ferry State Park's 980 acres include beautiful Spanish moss-draped oaks on the Edisto River. Many people canoe or kayak into Givhans Ferry from Colleton State Park, which is 23 miles up the river. Givhans Ferry contains a large primitive camping area with central water, fire rings, and a nearby restroom. There is a 1.5 mile trail that starts right by the primitive area, and there are other hiking trails further away. Fishing, swimming, and boating in the river are other popular activities.

Directions

Givhans Ferry State Park is off SC 61, 16 miles west of Summerville. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 3.5 hours / 185 miles.

Facilities Available

The park has a boating drop off area, 2 picnic shelters, and a meeting facility.



HAMILTON BRANCH STATE RECREATION AREA

Plum Branch, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Hamilton Branch State Park
Route 1, Box 97
Plum Branch, SC 29845
Phone: (864) 333-2223

General Information

Hamilton Branch State Park includes 731 acres of land on Strom Thurmond (Clark's Hill) Lake. In addition to 200 developed campsites, there is a very large primitive camping area that includes picnic tables, water spigots, and restrooms. Fishing, swimming, and boating can be done in the lake and a ramp is available for private boats.

Directions

Go to McCormick and get on US 221 East. Hamilton Branch State Park will be approximately 13 miles down on the right. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2.0 hours / 100 miles.

Facilities Available

Hamilton Branch State Park offers facilities such as picnic shelter and a playground. Also there are picnic areas available.

Additional Information

Hamilton Branch is ideal for larger troops. It can also be used by Cub Scout groups.



HICKORY KNOB STATE PARK

McCormick, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Hickory Knob State Park
Route 4, Box 199-B
McCormick, SC 29835
Phone: (800) 491-1764

General Information

Hickory Knob is a large park encompassing 1091 acres of land and offering 75 campsites near Strom Thurmond (Clark's Hill) Lake. Campsites include water, electricity, picnic tables, grills, and heated restrooms. Hickory Knob is great for those troops working on field sports merit badges. It offers both archery and a skeet range. Also available is a golf course and tennis courts. There is a tackle shop near the lake, and there is a pool available for swimming. There are also nature trails to hike. Fishing boats are available for rent and there is a boat dock on site for private boats.

Directions

From Greenville, take Hwy. 25 South through Greenwood until it intersects Hwy. 378. Take Hwy. 378 through McCormick SC. Hickory Knob State Park is located 8 miles west of McCormick on US 378. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2.0 hours / 91 miles.

Facilities Available

Hickory Knob offers a wide array of features, from picnic shelters and areas to playground facility. There are also 18 cabins and 80 lodge rooms available for meetings or special trips.

Additional Information

Hickory Knob State Park is pricey, but it offers a great deal of comfort and a wide variety of activities.



HUNTING ISLAND STATE PARK

Hunting Island, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Hunting Island State Park
2555 Sea Island Parkway
Hunting Island, SC 29920
Phone: (843) 838-2011
Fax: (843) 838-4286

General Information

In contrast to what its name suggests, Hunting Island is not used for hunting at all. In fact, hunting has been illegal on the island for over half a century and the park is now a wildlife refuge. A good distance away from the often-crowded 200 developed RV sites is a large primitive camping area that sits right on the beach and is usually deserted. The site includes picnic tables, and water and restrooms are nearby. Cars cannot pull right up to the campsite, so it is necessary to hike in gear a short distance. The camp features a marsh boardwalk as well as a four-mile hiking trail. Fishing is available from the creek, lagoons, or beach. One notable attraction in the park is a nineteenth century lighthouse that offers a fantastic view of the whole island. Down the road from the park is a private sea kayaking outfitter called Kayak Farm. They can offer troops an excellent introduction to sea kayaking in the lagoons, or they can take groups into the open sea. They can be reached at (843) 838-2008.

Directions

Hunting Island is 16 miles east of Beaufort on US 21. After reaching the island, the park entrance is on the left. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 4.5 hours / 236 miles.

Facilities Available

Hunting Island has several picnic areas, a park store, and an information center with displays on local history and wildlife habitats.

Additional Information

There is a small day visitor's fee.



HUNTINGTON BEACH STATE PARK

Murrels Inlet, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Huntington Beach State Park
16148 Ocean Highway
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
Phone: (843) 237-4440

General Information

Huntington Beach consists of 2500 acres and lies near Myrtle Beach. The large primitive camping area contains picnic tables and is 100 yards from a restroom. Nestled right on the ocean, Huntington beach offers both aquatics and nature activities. There is a drop off area for boats into a marsh creek, and there are 2 nature trails and a marsh and lagoon boardwalk. Seasonally, there are Coastal Exploration Programs, which allow groups to explore the area's wildlife with an expert.

Directions

Take I-385 from Greenville SC towards Columbia. Continue on in to Columbia on I-26 and exit off on Hwy. 378 East. When Hwy. 378 Intersects I-17, take I-17 South towards Charleston SC. Huntington Beach State Park is located 3 miles south of Murrells Inlet off of US 17. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 4.5 hours / 254 miles.

Facilities Available

Huntington Beach offers Picnic Shelters and tables at sites. Also, there is a Park Store for your convenience. There is also a National Historic Landmark at the park.

Additional Information

Reservations are required and seasonal parking/admissions fees are charged.



JONES GAP STATE PARK

Marietta, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Jones Gap State Park
303 Jones Gap Road
Marietta, SC 29661
Phone: (864) 836-3647

General Information

Jones Gap State Park encompasses 3,346 acres of the foothills to the Appalachians. It is nearby Caesar's Head State Park and contains 52 miles of hiking trails of all difficulties that connect with the foothills trail and with Caesar's Head. Trailside camping is available at 23 designated sites for a fee of \$2.20 per person per night, and there are 2 reservable sites for groups of 10 or more. Fishing is available in the Middle Saluda River or the Matthews Creek.

Directions

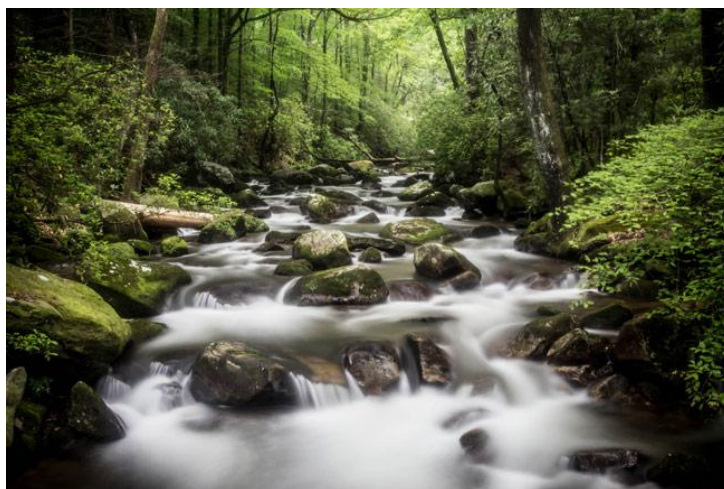
Jones Gap is 25 miles northwest of Greenville and 11 miles northwest of Marietta on US 276. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: .5 hours / 25 miles.

Facilities Available

Jones Gap has a store and an information center with maps available.

Additional Information:

Jones Gap is a great place for a weekend backpacking trip. Notable attractions in the park include a fish hatchery and an environmental education center. It is recommended to call ahead before camping in the park.



KEOWEE-TOXAWAY STATE NATURAL AREA

Sunset, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina

Address: Keowee-Toxaway State Natural Area

108 Residence Drive

Sunset, SC 29685

Phone: (864) 868-2605

General Information

Keowee-Toxaway is a 1000 acre park on Lake Keowee. In addition to 10 developed RV sites, it offers 14 tent sites and a number of trailside campsites. The tent sites are located at a comfortable distance from the developed sites. Each site has a crosstie border with a level sand base. They have central water, fire rings, and picnic tables, and they are located near a restroom facility with showers. There is a \$6.60 fee per tent pad per night. Trailside camping is allowed at designated areas along the trail, and there is a fee of \$2.20 per person per night. Fishing is allowed in Lake Keowee, and there is an excellent Cherokee Indian Museum to visit.

Directions

Keowee-Toxaway State Natural Area is 15 miles northwest of Pickens at the intersection of SC 133 and SC 11.

Facilities Available

Keowee-Toxaway has several picnic shelters.

Additional Information:

The park is great for Cub Scout and family camping, but it also has many opportunities for older scouts as well.



KINGS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Blacksburg, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Kings Mountain State Park
1277 Park Road
Blacksburg, SC 29702
Phone: (803) 222-3209
Fax: (803) 222-6948

General Information

Kings Mountain State Park encompasses 6471 acres. It has a large primitive camping area with central water and privy toilets. Both fishing and swimming are available in the park lake. Canoes and fishing boats are available for rent. There is a 16-mile hiking trail. A living history farm is open seasonally.

Directions

Take I-85 North from Greenville. Take the Kings Mountain National Military Park exit. The park is just past Kings Mountain National Military Park. Total approximate travel time from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.5 hours / 68 miles.

Facilities Available

Kings Mountain offers many recreational facilities from playgrounds to miniature golf.. The park store is open seasonally. Also, both large and small picnic shelters and grounds are available.

Additional Information:

A 2.5 mile trail leads from the primitive area to nearby Kings Mountain National Military Park. A special scout patch is available for hiking the Kings Mountain National Military Park historical trail. See also the Kings Mountain National Military Park in the "National Park" section.



LAKE GREENWOOD STATE RECREATION AREA

Ninety-Six, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Lake Greenwood State Park
302 State Park Road
Ninety-Six, SC 29666
Phone: (864) 543-3535

General Information

Lake Greenwood State Park covers 914 acres of pine and hardwood forest around the lake. In addition to developed RV campsites, the park also contains 5 tent sites and a large primitive camping area. Some of the tent sites are on the water front, but there is not a water spigot in the site. The fee is \$7.70 per site per night. The primitive area includes central water, picnic tables, fire rings, and an outdoor privy. It is also right on the lake. Other features of the park include 2 nature trails and three ramps for private boats.

Directions

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

Facilities Available

There is a fishing supply store in the park.

Additional Information

There is an undeveloped area on Goat's Island that is reserved for youth camping. Several local scouting groups have plans to fix it up as a boat-in campsite.



LAKE HARTWELL STATE PARK

Fair Play, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Lake Hartwell State Park
19138-A South Hwy. 11
Fair Play, SC 29643
Phone: (864) 972-3352

General Information

The 680 acres of Lake Hartwell State Park include 13 tent sites. These sites have large tent pads and a central water supply. They are located near the lake front but away from the RV sites. There is a fee of \$7.70 per site per night. The park also includes a short hiking trail. There is no swimming allowed but there is a boat ramp and of course the lake for fishing.

Directions

Take I-85 South from Greenville. Near the state line, take Hwy. 11 North. Watch for the signs. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.0 hour / 50 miles.

Facilities Available

Lake Hartwell State Park offers a large picnic shelter and various other meeting, recreation, and rental facilities.

Additional Information

Lake Hartwell is great for Cub Scouts. Reservations are required for large groups.



LEE STATE NATURAL AREA

Bishopville, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Lee State Natural Area
487 Loop Road
Bishopville, SC 29010
Phone: (803) 428-5307

General Information

Lee State Natural Area is located on Lynches River and includes hardwood floodplain forest land and numerous artesian springs. The primitive camping area has central water and a privy toilet. Other features of the park include nature trails, equestrian facilities, and fishing and canoeing in Lynches River. Canoes cannot be rented, so it is necessary to bring them along.

Directions

Lee State Natural Area is located 7 miles east of Bishopville off I-20 (exit 123). Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 3.0 hours / 160 miles.

Facilities Available

Picnic shelters are available.



LITTLE PEE DEE STATE PARK

Dillon, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Little Pee Dee State Park
1298 State Park Road
Dillon, SC 29536
Phone: (843) 774-8872

General Information

Little Pee Dee State Park includes beautiful river swamp terrain on the Little Pee Dee River. In addition to 50 developed campsites, there is a primitive area that includes an outhouse. Near the primitive area is a short nature trail that leads to a beaver pond. There are opportunities for fishing in the river or in the park lake.

Directions

Little Pee Dee State Park is located 11 miles southeast of Dillon off of SC 57. From I-95, take exits 190 or 193. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 4.0 hours / 216 miles.

Facilities Available

Little Pee Dee has playground equipments and several picnic shelters.



MYRTLE BEACH STATE PARK

Myrtle Beach, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Myrtle Beach State Park
4401 S. Kings Hwy.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29575
Phone: (843) 238-5325

General Information

Myrtle Beach State Park consists of a compact 312 acres, but it offers many opportunities. The park offers 302 developed sites with individual water and electricity and 45 developed sites with central water and no electricity. Each campsite rests on packed coquina, and restrooms are nearby. For those wanting to swim, the Park has both a pool and of course the ocean available. There are opportunities for fishing both in the surf or from the pier. (There is a small fee for using the pier.) Ramps are available for private boats. The park also has a short nature trail through the woods, and nature programs at the nature center are open to the public during the summer. This park fills up fast during the period between May and August so it is recommended to call in advance.

Directions

Take I-385 South out of Greenville towards Columbia. Once in Columbia, take Hwy. 378 East. Once in Myrtle Beach, take US 17 South. Myrtle Beach State Park is 3 miles South of Myrtle Beach off of US 17. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 4.5 hours / 250 miles.

Facilities Available

Myrtle Beach State Park offers many facilities such as both large and small picnic shelters. There is also a Park Store and a Gift Shop available.

Additional Information

It is recommended to call ahead and make reservations for this park. There is a fee for visiting or camping, and there is a seasonal parking fee.



OCONEE STATE PARK

Mountain Rest, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Oconee State Park
624 State Park Road
Mountain Rest, SC 29664
Phone: (864) 638-5353
Fax: (864) 638-8776

General Information

Oconee State Park's 1165 acres are near the Chatooga River and the western terminus of the Foothills Trail. In addition to developed campsites, Oconee also has 10 walk-in tent sites and a small primitive camping area. The tent sites are located close to the developed sites. They include tent pads, central water, picnic tables, and fire rings. The fee for the tent sites is \$7.70 per site per night. The primitive area, on the other hand, is away from the rest of the campsites. It has central water spigots, and there is a restroom nearby. The park also includes several short hiking trails with access to the Foothills Trail, a mountain lake, and an archery range that is open to the public. Canoes and fishing boats are available for rent. The park features a museum that displays everything from tools used in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps to trout fishing.

Directions

Take US 123 from Greenville through Clemson to Seneca. In Seneca, turn right on SC 107 and proceed to Wallhalla. Look for signs to Oconee State Park. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.0 hours / 59 miles.

Facilities Available

Oconee State Park has many facilities. There are 19 cabins available for rent. Also, there are several picnic shelters available. The playground and Park Store are seasonal. There is also a seasonal parking fee.

Additional Information

Oconee State Park is a great place for either Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts. It is recommended to call in advance before camping. There is a small admission fee.



PARIS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Greenville, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Paris Mountain State Park
2401 State Park Road
Greenville, SC 29609
Phone: (864) 244-5565

General Information

Situated just a short drive from downtown Greenville, Paris Mountain State Park is right in the heart of the Council. Within its 1200 acres, there are developed campsites, a staffed group camp, and a primitive camping area. Nature, hiking, and bike trails wind through the park. Lake Placid is available for fishing and swimming. Parking fees are seasonal so call ahead to find out if they apply to you. For a troop in Greenville, this is a nice place for a weekend close to home.

Directions

Take Hwy. 25 North from Greenville SC. Follow the signs. Paris Mountain State Park is located 10 miles north of Greenville off of Hwy. 25. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 0.5 hours / 12 miles.

Facilities Available

Paris Mountain State Park offers two small and five large picnic shelters.

Additional Information

A small visiting fee may apply.



POINSETT STATE PARK

Wedgefield, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Poinsett State Park
6660 Poinsett Park Road
Wedgefield, SC 29168
Phone: (803) 494-8177

General Information

Poinsett's 1000 acres include a large primitive camping area with water and a privy toilet. The park has many nature trails and lies at the north end of the Santee Passage of the Palmetto Trail, which leads to Mill Creek County Park. Poinsett also includes equestrian trails and facilities, and there is an opportunity for fishing and swimming in the park lake. Boats are available for rent. The park features a nature center with seasonal nature programs.

Directions

Poinsett State Park is located off of SC 261, 18 miles southwest of Sumter near Wedgefield. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: hours / miles.

Facilities Available

Several picnic shelters are available.

Additional Information:

There is a small visitor's fee.



RIVERS BRIDGE STATE HISTORIC SITE

Ehrhardt, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Rivers Bridge State Historic Site
325 State Park Road
Ehrhardt, SC 29081
Phone: (803) 267-3675

General Information

Rivers Bridge is the site of one of the only Confederate oppositions to Sherman's march across the State in January 1865. Today, the park includes a large primitive camping area with picnic tables and fire rings. It is situated a quarter mile from restroom facilities. There is also a short nature trail at the site, and there is an opportunity for fishing and canoeing in Salkehatchie River.

Directions

Rivers Bridge is 7 miles southwest of Ehrhardt and 13 miles east of Allendale off SC 641. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 3.0 hours / 165 miles.

Facilities Available

Rivers Bridge has playground equipment and several picnic shelters.



SADLERS CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA

Anderson, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Sadlers Creek State Park
940 Sadlers Creek Road
Anderson, SC 29626
Phone: (864) 226-8950

General Information

Sadlers Creek State Park sits on a peninsula jutting into Lake Hartwell. The park includes developed sites for RV's, tent sites, and primitive camping. The tent sites have cross tie borders and packed sand bottoms, and the area includes a central water supply. The fee for using the tent sites is \$7.15 per site per night. The primitive area includes picnic tables, water, and fire rings, and there is a restroom nearby. Fishing is available in Lake Hartwell, and there is a boat ramp for public use.

Directions

From Greenville take I-85 South. Get off on the Anderson/Liberty Exit exiting towards Anderson. At the fork veer right. Follow this road into Anderson. At the red light directly past Lakeside Middle School take another right. This should put you on Hwy. 29. Follow the Hwy. 29 road signs carefully. Once you have traveled Hwy. 29 for about 10 miles, begin looking for the Sadlers Creek State Park signs. Follow these signs to the park. Sadlers Creek State Park is located on SC 187 - 13 miles southwest of Anderson. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.0 hours / 47 miles.

Facilities Available

Sadlers Creek State Park offers two large picnic shelter and other meeting/recreational facilities.

Additional Information:

Sadlers Creek is great for Cub Scouts.



Santee State Park

Santee, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Santee State Park
251 State Park Road
Santee, SC 29142
Phone: (803) 854-2408

General Information

Santee State Park's 2496 acres include 174 developed campsites in addition to a primitive camping area with central water and nearby restrooms. There are opportunities for fishing and swimming in lake Marion. Fishing boats are available for rent, but you must bring your own gas motor. There is also a fishing pier, and there are 2 ramps for private boats. The Park has a variety of nature trails, including a 7 mile bike trail. Santee State Park is very beautiful and interesting. Call ahead for reservations.

Directions

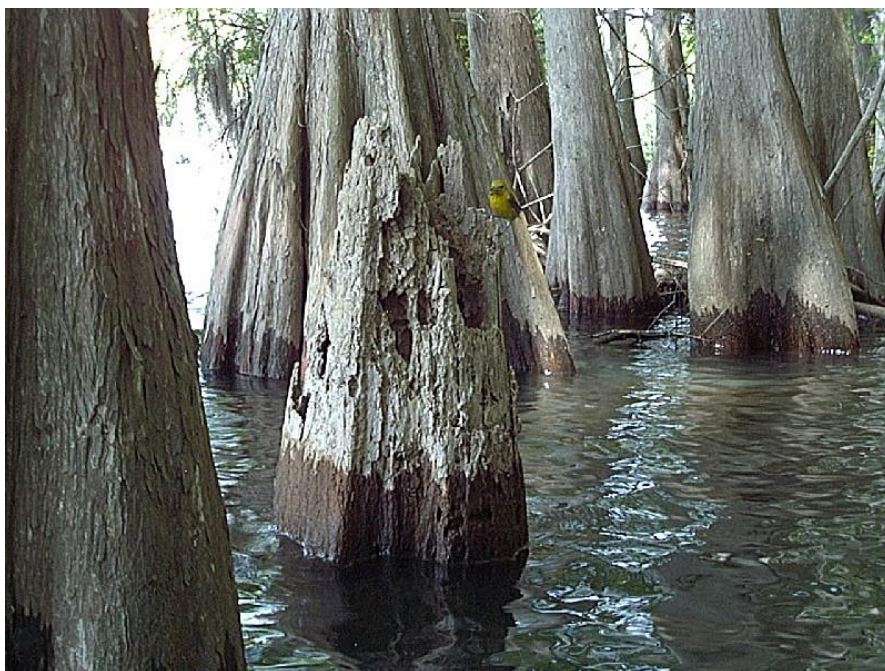
Take I-385 and I-26 East from Greenville toward Charleston. Exit onto US 301 just past Orangeburg and proceed to Santee. Follow signs to the park. Santee Park is 3 miles northwest of Santee on SC 6. Total approximate travel time from Blue Ridge Council Office: 3.0 hours / 164 miles.

Facilities Available

Santee State Park offers facilities like tennis courts, picnic shelters, and a tackle shop.

Additional Information

There are seasonal parking and admission fees.



SESQUICENTENNIAL STATE PARK

Columbia, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Sesquicentennial State Park
9564 Two Notch Road
Columbia, SC 29223
Phone: (803) 788-2706

General Information

Sesquicentennial State Park's 1419 acres house 87 developed campsites and a small primitive site. The primitive area has central water spigots, and there is a restroom facility nearby. The park lake is accessible for both fishing and swimming and fishing boats can be rented. There are also a series of trails available, including a 6.1 mile bike trail and an exercise trail.

Directions

Take I-385 and I-26 East from Greenville to Columbia. Take I-20 toward Florence and turn off on US 1. Follow signs to the park. It is 13 miles northeast of Columbia. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2.0 hours /109 miles.

Facilities Available

Sesquicentennial offers a gift shop, a wide array of picnic shelters, and other various meeting/recreational facilities.

Additional Information

A small visitors' fee applies.



TABLE ROCK STATE PARK

Pickens, SC

Contact References

Owner: State of South Carolina
Address: Table Rock State Park
158 East Ellison Lane
Pickens, SC 29671
Phone: (864) 878-9813
Fax: (864) 878-9077

General Information

Table Rock State Park is one of the most well-known State Parks in South Carolina. The park includes some of the most challenging hiking trails in the state, including an access point to the Foothills Trail. In addition to 100 developed sites, there is primitive camping available on the trails. Pinnacle Lake and Oolenoy lake are available for fishing and swimming, and boats of all types are available for rent. There is a boat ramp and a fishing pier available for use, too. Nature and history programs are available seasonally. Table Rock itself is a unique spectacle that is well worth the trip.

Directions

Take Hwy. 25 North from Greenville SC. Exit off on Hwy. 11 Southbound towards Pickens. Look for park signs. Table Rock State Park is 16 miles north of Pickens on Hwy. 11. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.0 hours / 38 miles.

Facilities Available

Table Rock State Park offers many nice facilities such as 14 cabins (some of which are handicapped accessible), 2 large and 2 small picnic shelters, carpet golf, and a playground. There is also a Park Store (seasonal).

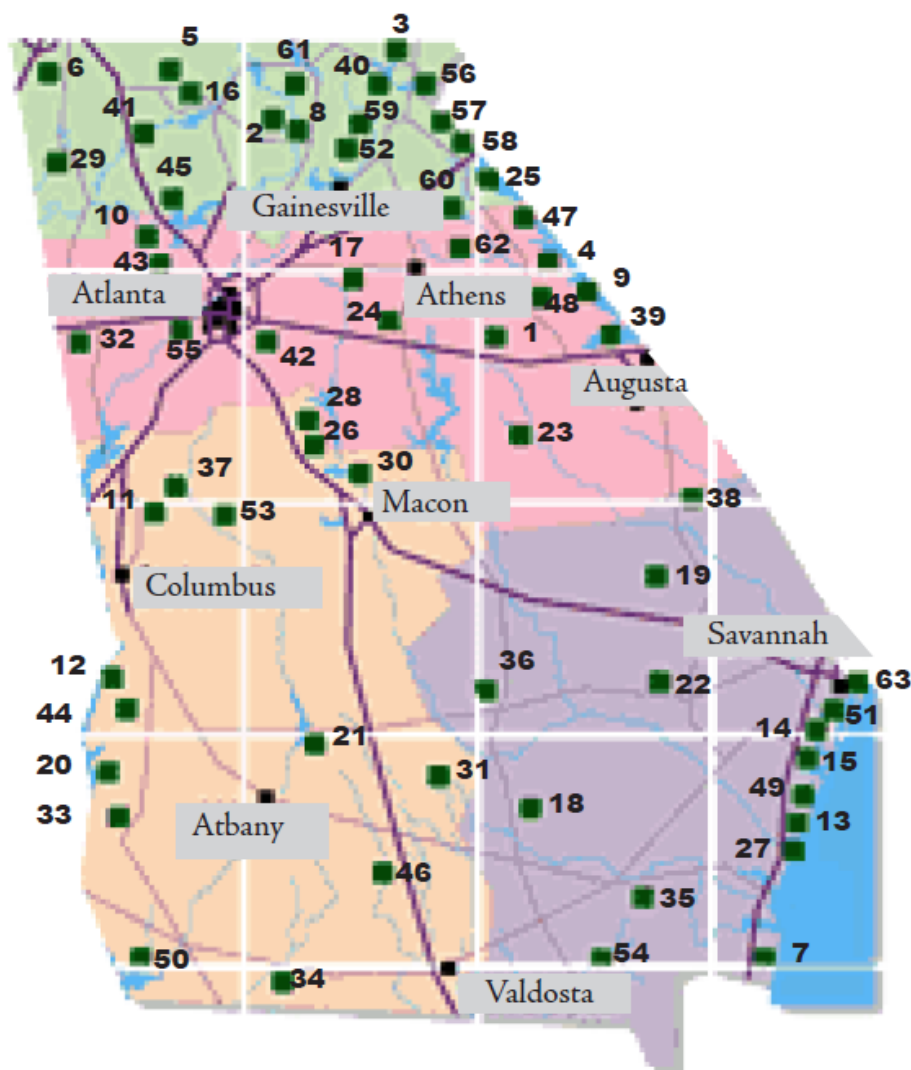
Additional Information

A visitor's fee applies.



GEORGIA STATE PARKS & HISTORIC SITES

- 1 A.H. Stephens Historic Park
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- 3 Black Rock Mountain State Park
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- 19 George L. Smith State Park
- 20 George T. Bagby State Park and Lodge
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- 23 Hamburg State Park
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- 25 Hart State Park
- 26 High Falls State Park
- 27 Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site
- 28 Indian Springs State Park
- 29 James H. (Sloppy) Floyd State Park
- 30 Jarrell Plantation Historic Site
- 31 Jefferson Davis Historic Site
- 32 John Tanner State Park
- 33 Kolomoki Mounds Historic Park
- 34 Lapham-Patterson House Historic Site
- 35 Laura S. Walker State Park
- 36 Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge
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- 54 Stephen C. Foster State Park
- 55 Sweetwater Creek State Park
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See the following pages of this section for detailed information on some of our lodge's favorite sites. For more information visit www.gastateparks.org.

GEORGIA STATE PARKS

General Information

Camping Categories

Tent/Trailer/RV Sites: These are what most people think of as “state park campground.” They are developed sites featuring water, electricity, trash dumps, and grills. Modern “Comfort Stations” with hot showers and flushing toilets are within a short walking distance. Some parks provide recycling bins. Scout groups are not allowed to use these parts but they are nice options for a family camping trip. In lieu of this, pioneer camp sites are provided at the parks listed later on in this section.

Pioneer Camping: These are semi-remote camping areas for organized groups. None have showers, but some provide running water, electricity, picnic shelters, pit toilets, and trash containers on a central location. Availability of these depends on the campsite and are listed in each.

Walk-In Sites: These sites are somewhat developed. They provide a tent pad, picnic table and fire ring but no water, electricity, or trash containers. While walk-in sites are a more remote than tent/trailer/RV sites, they are within access of comfort amenities. Campers hike in their gear from a nearby parking lot. These sites are ideal for those campers who prefer to be separated from RV’s and trailers.

Primitive Camping: These are remote campsites accessible by hiking trail only. There are no trash containers, water hydrants, toilets, or electricity available. All gear is required to be hiked in and out. These sites are for those who are avid nature lovers and enjoy roughing it.

When to Camp

Georgia enjoys a southern climate and diverse terrain. While south Georgia ignites with heat during the summer, north Georgia shivers during the winter. Campers can take advantage of the differences. The spring is a great time to camp with a beautiful kaleidoscope of colors surrounding you. During winter, a few parks close some of their campgrounds and limit their facilities. Call for more information because you never know what Mother Nature has in store for us from season to season.

Reservations

Camping reservations are accepted up to 11 months in advance. A non-refundable deposit of one-nights camping fee is required within seven days of making the reservation. Reservations are accepted by telephone only by calling 1-800-864-PARK. *Exception: Tallulah Gorge camping ground reservations are still made at the park.*

Rates

Rates vary from park to park. Some parks are free to Scout Troops and others offer discounted rates. American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa along with personal checks are accepted. For a free “Rates and Reservations” brochure, call (404) 656-3530.

Website

<http://www.gastateparks.org>

BOBBY BROWN STATE PARK

Elberton, GA

Contact References:

Owner: State of Georgia

Address: Bobby Brown State Park
2506 Bobby Brown State Park Road
Elberton, GA 30635

Phone: (706) 213-2046

Reservations: 1-800-864-PARK

General Information:

Bobby Brown Park is located just across the state line into Georgia. A short drive for those southern district troops looking to drive just a short way to camp. Bobby Brown Park has 61 campsites in all. The campground has amenities such as a trash dump and grills. There is also a place close by to get ice if you were to run out or if Mother Nature pulls a total scorcher on you. Bobby Brown Campground offers a wide array of boating opportunities. These range from offering a boat ramp, a dock, allowing private boats, and an area for water-skiing. Fishing is also available in Lake Hartwell and there is a swimming pool available for those who don't want to dare the lake(seasonal). For the nature enthusiast, there are nature trails just waiting to be hiked. Come take a look at what Bobby Brown State Park Offers. Reservations are seasonal. Call ahead.

Directions:

Take I-85 south from Greenville toward Atlanta. Then, exit off south bound on Hwy. 17. Bobby Brown Park is just 23 miles south of Elberton off Hwy. 72. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2.0 hours / 88 miles.

Facilities Available:

Bobby Brown State Park offers facilities such as a trash dump and a coin operated laundry facility. Also, most campsites include grills. Both picnic and group shelters are available for use with reservation and a small rental fee.

Additional Information:

This campground is mainly Pioneer campsites. There are two Primitive Campsites available. Camping clubs are welcome.



CLOUDLAND CANYON STATE PARK

Rising Fawn, GA

Contact References:

Owner: State of Georgia
Address: Cloudland Canyon State Park
Route 2, Box 150
Rising Fawn, GA 30738
Phone: (706) 657-4050
Reservations: 1-800-864-PARK

General Information:

Cloudland Canyon State Park is a large campground. It has a total of 75 campsites with 30 of those being strictly for tents. Cloudland offers 30 sites for Primitive Camping and Pioneer camping is also available. The store at Cloudland offers you the chance to purchase some of those little things you may have forgotten, such as camping supplies, ice, and firewood. There are over 100 picnic sites available. There is no lake but the chance to swim is not out of sight. A fully staffed swimming pool is seasonally available at the campground. For the scouts wishing to take care of a few requirements, there is also a set of hiking trails to conquer. Reservations are seasonal and are also required for holidays.

Directions:

Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 5.0 hours / 266 miles.

Facilities Available:

The facilities available at Cloudland are immense. They range from trash dump sites to fire rings and grills at all sites. There is also a "Comfort Station" available for those of you who wish to take a warm shower. Picnic and group shelters are also available at a small fee.

Additional Information:

Cloudland Canyon has a large amount of land for private camping. This can be seen by the large number of Primitive Campsites. Camping clubs are welcome at this campground.



HART STATE PARK

Hartwell, GA

Contact References:

Owner: State of Georgia
Address: Hart State Park
330 Hart State Park Road
Hartwell, GA 30643
Phone: (706) 376-8756
Reservations: 1-800-864-PARK

General Information:

Hart State Park is not your average State Park. It has a total of 78 camp sites with 12 of them being strictly for tents only. There are also 6 Primitive Camping sites available. Fire rings and grills are available at most all sights and picnic tables are available too. Hart Park offers Hartwell Lake for fishing and a beach on the lake for swimming. This is your ideal park to take the avid fisherman to considering that all forms of water activities are available and allowed by Park Officials. If you get sort of tired of the water scene, a nature trail is there just waiting to be hiked. Reservations are only seasonal but you had better call in advance because we feel that this will be one to fill up fast.

Directions:

Take I-85 South towards Anderson SC. Exit off at the Anderson/Liberty Exit going towards Anderson. Follow this road until the fork at which you want to go right. Follow this road until you get to the red light at the Wal-Mart Shopping Center. Take a right at this light (it should say Hwy. 29). Hart Park is 3 miles North of Hartwell off of Hwy. 29. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.0 hours / 60 miles.

Facilities Available:

Hart State Park offers many facilities. These include both picnic shelters and sites. They also have a coin laundry and a small store.

Additional Information:

Hart State Park is a nice campground. It offers Primitive Camping but not Pioneer Camping. Camping Clubs are welcome.



MISTLETOE STATE PARK

Appling, GA

Contact References:

Owner: State of Georgia
Address: Mistletoe State Park
3723 Mistletoe Rd.
Appling, GA 30802
Phone: (706) 541-0321
Reservations: 1-800-864-PARK

General Information:

Mistletoe State Park is a very large, but well laid out, park. Consisting of 107 campsites in all, it offers many of the things you would expect from a campground. It has 4 Primitive sites and a great deal of Pioneer sites. Along with offering grills at some sites, Mistletoe offers picnic tables at all of its sites. Mistletoe offers the ability to purchase ice and firewood at the store if need be. Mistletoe also offers a great deal of water accessibility ranging from boat docks to boat ramps. Private boats are allowed for long stays on premises also. Water-skiing is also a possibility if you have a boat in the lake. Fishing and swimming are allowed in the lake with a beach for swimming. And for the hiker, both nature and hiking trails are available. Come find for yourself all the fun that Mistletoe State Park has to offer. Reservations are required year-round.

Directions:

Take I-85 South from Greenville towards Atlanta. Exit off on Hwy. 17 South in Georgia towards the I-20/Augusta area. Go East on I-20. Mistletoe State Park is 7.9 miles North of I-20 at Exit #60. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2.5 hours / 124 miles.

Facilities Available:

Mistletoe Park, along with its many campsites, offers both picnic and group shelters, each for a small fee and/or reservations. A coin laundry and a “Comfort Station” are also located on the premises.

Additional Information:

All forms of camping are available here. Camping clubs are welcome.



RED TOP MOUNTAIN STATE PARK & LODGE

Cartersville, GA

Contact References:

Owner: State of Georgia

Address: Red Top Mountain State Park

653 Red Top Mountain Road, S.E.

Cartersville, GA 30120

Phone: (770) 975-0055

Reservations: 1-800-864-PARK

General Information:

Red Top is a very large campground with 92 campsites. With 84 of the sites being for tents only you can't go wrong with a site. There are also 24 Primitive Camping sites and innumerable Pioneer Camping sites available. At most sites there are fire rings and grills. For the water enthusiast there is everything! Red Top has its own Marina. With swimming allowed in both the lake and a pool and fishing, there is bound to be fun for all ages. For the avid hiker, both nature and hiking trails are available. I, from personal experience, also know that there are some great orienteering courses set up year-round. These courses are for all ages with all color levels of difficulty. Reservations are required year-round and they go fast so call early for the best chance.

Directions:

Take I-85 South from Greenville towards Atlanta. Get on I-285 Northbound in Atlanta and exit off at I-75 North towards Chattanooga Tennessee. Red Top Mountain State Park and Lodge is located 1-1/2 miles East of I-75 exit #123. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 3.0 hours / 170 miles.

Facilities Available:

Red Top Mountain offers every facility possible. From its own Marina to laundry facilities to picnic and group shelters. Also dump stations and electricity are available in bulk quantity.

Additional Information:

Red Top Mountain offers all kinds of camping. From Primitive to Pioneer to Walk-In sites you can't go wrong at Red Top. Camping Clubs are more than welcome.



A. H. STEPHENS HISTORIC PARK

Crawfordville, GA

Contact References:

Owner: Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites

Address: P.O. Box 283

Crawfordville, GA 30631

Phone: (706) 456-2602

Reservations: 1-800-864-PARK

General Information:

A. H. Stephens Historic Park offers a break from the normal camping trip. With 25 camp sites it is small but enjoyable. The campground offers a lake for fishing and a pool for swimming. Fishing and pedal boats are also available for rental. For the nature enthusiast there are numerous hiking and nature trails along with museums and other interesting exhibits, which the campsite is most noted for. Reservations are only required for holidays for smaller groups, year round for larger groups.

Directions:

Take I-85 South towards Atlanta, GA. Go South on Hwy. 17 towards Augusta GA. Go west on Hwy. 20 towards Atlanta. 2 miles north of I-20 in Crawfordville. For further directions call the park phone number.

Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 3.0 hours / 160 miles.

Facilities Available:

Dump stations, picnic tables, and grills are located at all camp sites. Fire rings are located at most camp sites. Ice and firewood are available close by and for the scout who loves to get outlandishly dirty, there are also coin laundries at the complex. Both picnic and group shelters are available for use with reservation and a small rental fee.

Additional Information:

This campsite is somewhat commercial. It is rated for Pioneer Camping and camping clubs are welcome.



TUGALOO STATE PARK

Lavonia, GA

Contact References:

Owner: State of Georgia

Address: Tugaloo State Park

1763 Tugaloo State Park Road

Lavonia, GA 30553

Phone: (706) 356-4362

Reservations: 1-800-864-PARK

General Information:

Tugaloo State Park is quite a campground. It consists of a massive 120 campsites. It also has 6 Primitive Camping sites and also a good many Pioneer Camping sites. Grills are available at most sites. Ice and firewood are available if they are needed in the camp store. With full water accessibility, this park seems to be a great place for a troop who is working on aquatics merit badges to go. Both fishing and swimming are allowed from this area. And for the nature lover, both nature and hiking trails are available. Reservations are required year-round so call ahead.

Directions:

Take I-85 South from Greenville towards Atlanta. Once across the state line, look for Ga. Hwy. 328.

Tugaloo State Park is just 6 miles north of Lavonia off Ga. Hwy. 328. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.5 hours / 65 miles.

Facilities Available:

Facilities available are: Picnic and group shelters, a coin laundry, camp store, and a “Comfort Station”, and many picnic sites for a day trip.

Additional Information:

This Park offers all types of Camping. Camping Clubs are welcome.



UNICOI STATE PARK & LODGE

Helen, GA

Contact References:

Owner: State of Georgia
Address: Unicoi State Park
PO Box 849
Helen, GA 30545
Phone: (800)573-9659
Reservations: 1-800-864-PARK

General Information:

Unicoi is a commercial campground but has quite a few campsites for tents only and also has Pioneer camping available. It is very close to Helen Georgia which is a very nice town to visit for a day or two. River-tubing is available nearby. Fishing is available in the stream nearby (a big stream if we may say so). Tennis courts are also provided. Along with all of this, both hiking and nature trails are present and are gorgeous and interesting to hike. All supplies are available through the camp store on site. Reservations are seasonal.

Directions:

Take I-85 South from Greenville towards Atlanta. Take the Hwy. 328 exit towards Helen Georgia. Unicoi State Park is located just 2 miles North of Helen GA on Hwy. 328. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 3.0 hours / 146 miles.

Facilities Available:

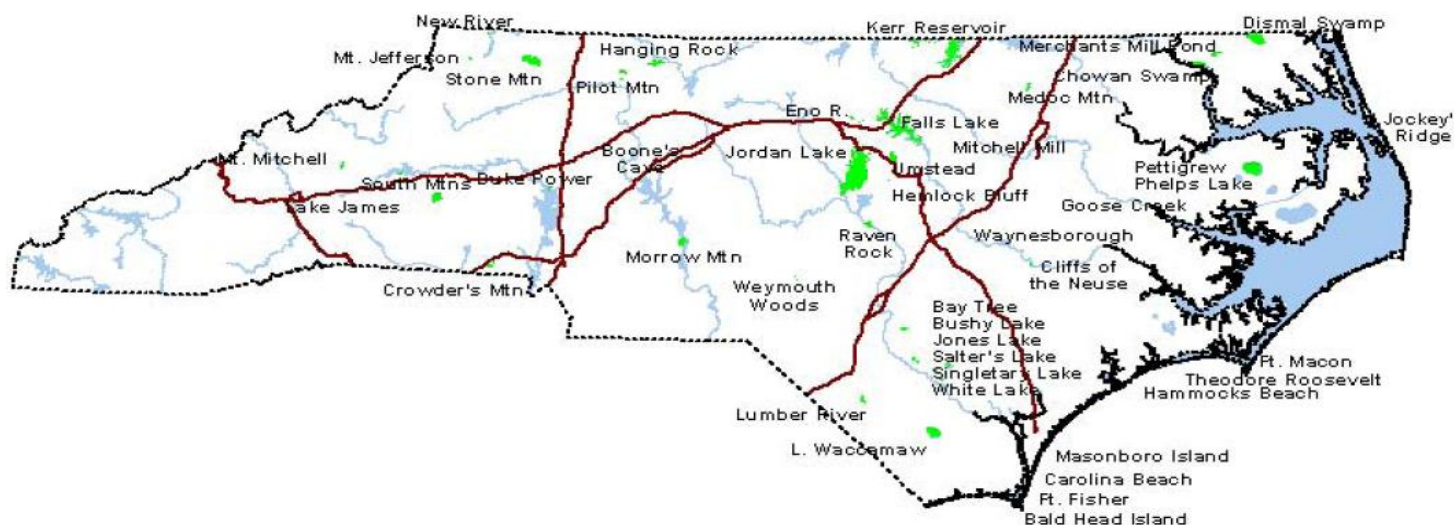
Unicoi offers picnic shelters and group shelters. Also available is a coin laundry.

Additional Information:

Though Unicoi does not offer Primitive Camping, it does however offer 33 plus campsites for both Tent Only and Pioneer Camping.



NORTH CAROLINA STATE PARKS & RECREATION AREAS



Mountain Region

Gorges State Park
Mount Jefferson State Natural Area
Mount Mitchell State Park
New River State Park

Western Piedmont Region

Crowders Mountain State Park
Hanging Rock State Park
Lake James State Park
Lake Norman State Park
Morrow Mountain State Park
Pilot Mountain State Park
South Mountains State Park
Stone Mountain State Park

Eastern Piedmont Region

Eno River State Park
Falls Lake State Recreation Area
Jordan Lake State Recreation Area
Kerr Lake State Recreation Area
Medoc Mountain State Park
Oconeechee Mountain State Natural Area
Raven Rock State Park
William B. Umstead State Park

Coastal Plain Region

Carolina Beach State Park
Cliffs of the Neuse State Park
Fort Fisher State Park
Fort Macon State Park
Goose Creek State Park
Hammocks Beach State Park
Jones Lake State Park
Jockey's Ridge State Park
Lake Waccamaw State Park
Lumber River State Park
Merchants Millpond State Park
Pettigrew State Park
Singletary Lake State Park
Waynesborough, Satellite
Weymouth Woods-Sandhills Nature Preserve

See the following pages of this section for detailed information on some of our Lodge's favorite sites. For more information, visit www.ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/ncmap.html.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE PARKS

General Information

Camping Categories

Primitive Camping: These are remote campsites accessible by hiking trail only. There are no trash containers, water spigots, toilets, or electricity available. All gear is required to be hiked in and out. These sites are for those who are avid nature lovers and enjoy roughing it.

Group Camping: These are sites designed for larger groups and troops. They are generally larger in open area and usually require reservations.

Other Camping: Sites not noted as “Primitive or Group Camping” are regular campsites that are semi-remote to developed. They may or may not have amenities such as showers, running water, electricity, picnic shelters, pit-toilets, trash cans, etc. Each park needs to be contacted separately for inquiries into what the park offers.

When to Camp

North Carolina enjoys a southern and mountainous climate and a very diverse terrain. From the Great Smoky Mountains to the golden beaches of Riceville and Ocean Isle North Carolina has it all. With the varying terrain also comes a varying climate. While the mountains are somewhat mild during the summers, the beaches are exploding with heat. But while the mountains are frigid during the winter creating that stuff we all love, called snow, the beaches are only slightly brisk, except when the wind kicks up of course! The best times to hit the mountains is any season but winter, in case you like it cold, and on the opposite side, the best time to hit the beach is any season but summer. Some parks close during certain seasons so you had better call in advance.

Reservations

Reservations will be accepted at each park. You need to call as early in advance as possible. To make reservations call the park but if you would like more information about North Carolina’s parks you can write to or call:

NC Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources,
Division of Parks and Recreation
PO Box 27687
Raleigh, NC 27611-7687
Phone: (919) 733-PARK

Rates

Rates vary from park to park. Some parks are free to Scout Troops and others offer discounted rates. Personal Checks are accepted for all campsites. MasterCard and Visa are accepted at some campsites.

Website

www.ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/ncmap.html

CROWDERS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Kings Mountain, NC

Contact References:

Owner: State of North Carolina
Address: Crowders Mountain State Park
Rt. 1 Box 159
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
Phone: (704) 853-5375

General Information:

Crowders Mountain State Park is quite large. You can climb rugged peaks rising 800 feet above the surrounding countryside and watch raptors soar in the wind currents. Rocky ledges and outcrops are the perfect seats from which to view the panorama below. Travel park trails for a closer look at the highland environment. All of this and more awaits you at Crowders Mountain State Park.

Directions

Take I-85 north from Greenville SC into NC. Exit off on Hwy. 74 once in NC. Take Gastonia Hwy. 29/74 6 miles north of Gastonia. Turn off on SR 1125. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.5 hours / 72 miles.

Facilities Available

Crowders Mountain State Park offers many things such as Picnic sites and shelters. Fishing is also available in the lake.

Additional Information

Camping Clubs are welcome. Both Primitive and Group Camping are available.



SOUTH MOUNTAINS STATE PARK

Connelly Springs, NC

Contact References:

Owner: State of North Carolina

Address: South Mountains State Park

Address: Rt. 1, Box 206

Connelly Springs, NC 28612

Phone: (704) 433-4772

General Information

Hike the rugged trail to High Shoals Falls and enjoy the crystal clear waters as they plunge 80 feet into a large pool. For a true wilderness experience, backpack through the woodlands for primitive camping. Or fish for trout in 12 miles of sparkling mountain streams.

Directions

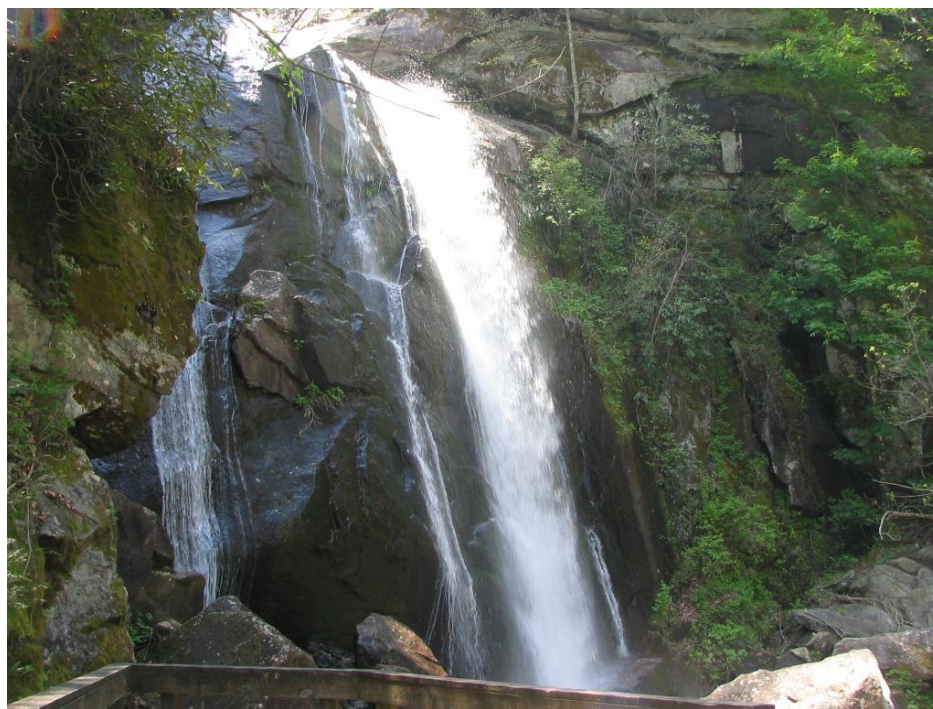
Take I-85 north towards NC. Take Hwy. 74 West towards Asheville. Take I-40 East. Get off on the Morganton Exit. Go 18 miles south of Morganton onto SR 1904. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2.5 hours / 108 miles.

Facilities Available

Picnic sites are available. Fishing is available in the rivers. There are both fishing in bridle trails.

Additional Information

Camping Clubs are welcome. Both Primitive and Group Camping is available.



TENNESSEE STATE PARKS



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Note: #28 is not located on the map because it is a trail that runs across the state.

See the following pages of this section for detailed information on some of our lodge's favorite sites.
For more information, visit www.tennessee.gov/environment/parks.

TENNESSEE STATE PARKS

General Information

Camping Categories

Primitive Camping: These are remote campsites accessible by hiking trail only. There are no trash containers, water spigots, toilets, or electricity available. All gear is required to be hiked in and out. These sites are for those who are avid nature lovers and enjoy roughing it.

Other Camping: Sites not noted as “Primitive Camping” are regular campsites. They are semi-remote to developed and may or may not have amenities such as showers, running water, electricity, picnic shelters, pit-toilets, trash cans, etc. Contact each park separately for inquiries into what the park offers.

When to Camp

Tennessee enjoys a mountainous climate and a very diverse terrain. From the Great Smoky Mountains to the Pyramid in Memphis, Tennessee has what you’re looking for. With the varying terrain also comes a varying climate. The mountains of Tennessee are beautiful but one thing that you can’t predict is the weather. Although it varies a great deal, you can usually expect a moderate climate during the fall and spring and hot and cold climates during the summer and winter. The Tennessee Valley is quite nice and very scenic. Knoxville is a great place to visit during the spring when all of the dogwoods are blooming. That is when Knoxville has its Dogwood Festival and sets up its Dogwood Trails for you to drive around Knoxville to see the Dogwoods. The western part of the state varies with its climate. Some parks close during certain seasons so it is recommended that you call in advance.

Reservations

Reservations will be accepted at each park. You need to call as early in advance as possible. To make reservations call the park but if you would like more information about Tennessee’s parks you can write to or call:

Tennessee State Parks

7th Floor, L & C Tower

401 Church Street

Nashville, TN 37243-0446

Phone: 1-888-867-2757 (1-888-TN PARKS)

Online reservations are also now accepted at website.

Central reservations at 1-866-836-6757 (1-866-TENN PKS)

Rates

Rates vary from park to park. Some parks are free to Scout Troops and others offer discounted rates. Personal Checks are accepted for all campsites. MasterCard and Visa are accepted at some campsites.

Website

www.tennessee.gov/environment/parks

FORT LOUDOUN STATE HISTORIC PARK

Vonore, TN

Contact References

Owner: State of Tennessee

Address: Fort Loudoun State Historic Park

338 Fort Loudoun Road

Vonore, TN 37885-9756

Phone: (423) 884-6217

General Information

Fort Loudoun Park is very large. It includes 1200 acres of land and over 16000 acres of water. This 1200 acre site is the location of one of the earliest British fortifications on the western frontier, built in 1756. Nearby were the principal towns of the Cherokee Nation including Tenase, namesake of the state, and Tuskegee, birthplace of the genius Sequoyah, commemorated by the Cherokee Nation's Museum. Today, the fort and the 1794 Tellico Blockhouse overlook TVA's Tellico Reservoir and the Appalachian Mountains. An interpretive center offers information and artifacts on the area's history that were excavated prior to the Fort's reconstruction. Fort Loudoun State Park is located on Tellico Lake, just west of the southern most tip of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Directions

From Greenville, take Hwy. 25 through Travelers Rest into Asheville where you should exit onto I-40 West towards Knoxville TN. Exit on Hwy. 411 and then onto Hwy. 129. Follow the signs. Fort Loudoun State Park is located just off Hwy. 411. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 3.5 hours / 180 miles.

Facilities Available

There is a visitors center, museum, gift shop, and many picnic areas. Water skiing, fishing, and canoeing are all available. Swimming is seasonal. There are also hiking trails.

Additional Information

No camping is available at the Park but call and find out about different neighboring sites that may be available.



HIWASSEE OCOEE RIVERS STATE PARK

Delano, TN

Contact References

Owner: State of Tennessee

Address: Hiwassee State Scenic River

P.O. Box 5

Delano, TN 37325

Phone: (423) 263-0050

General Information:

Hiwassee is located in the southeast corner of the state. It is very small if you look only at land acreage. But, though there is only 76 acres of land, and an enormous amount of water acreage, it supports 43 campsites. The Hiwassee was the first river managed in the State Scenic River Program. A 23-river-mile section, from the NC state line to US Hwy. 411 north of Benton, has been declared a Class III partially developed river. This stretch of river offers canoeing, rafting, fishing, hiking, and nature photography. A scenic portion of the John Muir trail winds through the river gorge. Numerous public access sites provide boat-launching ramps. At the Gee Creek campground, picnic areas, sanitary facilities and primitive camping are available. Adjacent is the Gee Creek Wilderness of the Cherokee National Forest. The Ocoee River is a premier white water river in the Southeastern United States possessing Class III, IV, and V rapids. Access sites are maintained year-round for your use. Needless to say, this is quite a park with many more options than just the park itself.

Directions

Take Hwy. 25 through Travelers Rest into Asheville where you should exit onto I-40 Westbound towards Knoxville TN. Once in Tennessee, look for the Hwy. 411 exit. Hiwasee Scenic River Park is located on Maggie Mill Road at US Hwy. 411. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 4.0 hours / 200 miles.

Facilities Available

Hiwassee offers facilities such as picnic shelter and a gift shop.

Additional Information:

This is an exceptional Park. Camping Clubs are welcome but it is highly recommended that you call in advance. Primitive camping is available.



CHICKAMAUGA AND CHATTANOOGA NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

Fort Oglethorpe, GA

Contact References

Owner: National Park Service
Address: Chickamauga & Chattanooga
National Military Park
P.O. Box 2128, 3370 LaFayette Rd
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742
Phone: (706) 866-9241

General Information

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park is located in several units around the Chattanooga, TN area. On these fields and hills, the Union and Confederate armies clashed during the fall of 1863 in some of the hardest fighting of the Civil War. The prize at hand was Chattanooga, key rail center and gateway to the heart of the Confederacy. The Confederacy won the initial battle at Chickamauga but after long fighting and many reinforcements, the Union prevailed. In spring of 1864, Sherman used Chattanooga as base for his march through Atlanta and on to the sea to split the Confederacy. The Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center has a video presentation, museum, and gift shop. Lookout Mountain is also a very popular site to visit. There are many historic trails available to earn patches and medals.

Directions

Take I-85 towards Atlanta. Take I-285 west. Then exit onto I-75 north towards Chattanooga. Once on I-75 exit onto Hwy. 2 west and then onto Hwy. 27 south. This will take you straight into the park. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 5.0 hours / 250 miles.

Facilities Available

Primitive camping is permitted on a designated site on the Chickamauga Battlefield available to scout troops for \$10.00 per night. Reservations are recommended. You may also want to consider a stay at a local TN or GA state park. The nearest supplies are in adjacent Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

Additional Information

Additional attractions in the Chattanooga area include the Tennessee Aquarium, Incline Railway, Ruby Falls, and the Chattanooga Choo Choo complex which houses a hotel shops, restaurants, and an enormous model train layout.



CONGAREE SWAMP NATIONAL MONUMENT

Hopkins, SC

Contact References:

Owner: National Park Service
Address: Congaree Swamp National Monument
100 National Park Road
Hopkins, SC 29061-9118
Phone: (803) 776-4396

General Information:

Congaree Swamp National Monument is located 20 miles Southeast of Columbia, SC, near the town of Hopkins. The Park rests on a floodplain of the Congaree River and is not a true swamp. The Park preserves, in a wilderness state, the largest intact tract of old-growth bottomland hardwood forest in the United States. Three features give national significance: some of the tallest trees in the East with one of the highest canopies in the world, broad biodiversity, and old-growth forest. The Monument is recognized as an International Biosphere Reserve, National Natural Landmark, Wilderness Area, and a “Globally Important Bird Area.” The recently completed Harry Hampton Visitor’s Center & Ranger Station has a beautiful diorama of plant and animal life found within the swamp area. The Park has many hiking trails and an area designated for primitive camping by Boy Scouts and other groups. Canoeing is also permitted through the Park on Cedar Creek and other backwaters.

Directions:

From Greenville, take I-26 east to its intersection with I-77, South of Columbia, SC. Exit onto I-77 north and go to Exit 5 (hwy 48). Take highway 48 east approximately 10 miles, and follow signs to the Congaree Swamp National Monument on the right. Total approximate travel time from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2.0 hours.

Facilities Available:

Harry Hampton Visitor’s Center has restroom facilities accessible by wheelchairs, a nature diorama, Ranger Station, and a gift shop. Adjacent to the Visitor Center and wheelchair accessible, is a 2.3 mile boardwalk loop trail into the forest/swamp area. Over 20 miles of marked hiking trails, 18 miles of marked canoe trails (primitive conditions with possible fallen trees) on Cedar creek, and picnic tables await your use. Group, primitive camping is permitted only in Bluff Campsite, which is backpack accessible, 1.8 miles from the parking area. The Bluff campsite is located on high ground in a hardwood section of the park, not in the swamp! Backcountry camping is allowed for groups of 6 or less on the other trails, with backcountry permit required, and obtained at the Ranger Station.

Additional Information:

If visiting during the hot and humid summer months, don’t forget the insect repellent! Potable water is available at the Ranger Station. Call the Ranger Station to reserve Bluff campsite or register for backcountry permits. Special events include NatureFest in April, “Owl Prowls” in spring & fall, and spring nature walks. Call for schedules.



COWPENS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

Chesnee, SC

Contact References:

Owner: National Park Service

Address: Cowpens National Battlefield

P.O. Box 308

Chesnee, SC 29323

Phone: (864) 461-2828

General Information:

Cowpens NB is located near Chesnee, SC and was the site of a Revolutionary War battle. On January 17, 1781, a patriot militia force under Daniel Morgan defeated a larger British regular force under Banastre Tarleton. The battle was complete patriot victory with redcoat casualties of 110 dead, 200 wounded, and 500 captured against patriot casualties of 12 killed and 60 wounded. Tarleton fled from the battlefield and managed to escape surrender with his troops. The site has a 1-mile historic trail. The visitor center contains a museum, gift shop, and a 22 minute slide presentation. A special "Cowpens National Battlefield Historic Trail" patch is available for \$2.00 through the Palmetto Council for hiking the 1.5-mile historic trail and either the auto tour trail or the environmental trail along with taking an exam. Both Cub Scout and Boy Scout versions of the requirements and patch are available.

Directions:

From Greenville, take I-85 North toward Charlotte. Take the Chesnee exit, Hwy 221 North into Chesnee. In Chesnee, turn right on Hwy 11 and proceed 3 miles to the Cowpens NB entrance. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.0 hour / 45 miles.

Facilities Available:

No on-site camping is permitted at Cowpens NB. Camping is available at nearby BSA Camp Lea, which is located about 5 miles across I-85 from the battlefield. Contact Palmetto Council in Spartanburg, SC at (864) 585-4391 to make arrangements for camping at Camp Lea. The nearest supplies are in Chesnee, approximately 3 miles away.

Additional Information:

Other nearby attractions include Kings Mountain National Military Park and Walnut Grove Plantation.



FORT DONELSON NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

Dover, TN

Contact References:

Owner: National Park Service

Address: Fort Donelson NB

P.O. Box 434

173 Church Street

Dover, TN 37058-0434

Phone: (615) 232-5706

General Information

Fort Donelson is 1 mile west of Dover, TN and 3 miles west of Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. The first major Union victory of the Civil War occurred here in February, 1862 under the leadership of U.S. Grant. The visitor center has a video presentation, museum, and gift shop. A six mile guided auto tour is available as well as 8 miles of hiking trails. A Fort Donelson Historic Trail patch is available for \$2.50.

Directions

Take US 25 and I-26 West from Greenville to Asheville and turn onto I-40 West. Go through Knoxville and on to Nashville on I-40. In Nashville, take I-24 West toward St. Louis. Get off at Exit 4, Hwy 79 and proceed through Clarksville to the park entrance 1 mile west of Dover. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 8.5 hours / 429 miles.

Facilities Available

Fort Donelson has a primitive campsite for tent camping with no rest room facilities. Reservations must be made 14 days in advance by calling the Visitor Center. The nearest supplies are in Dover, approximately 1 mile away.

Additional Information

Nearby attractions include the National Scouting Museum in Murray, KY and Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area which has 170,000 acres of rolling hills and oak forest, 300 miles of undeveloped shoreline, and 200 miles of trails along with several primitive and developed camping areas.



FORT PULASKI NATIONAL MONUMENT

Savannah, GA

Contact References:

Owner: National Park Service

Address: Fort Pulaski

National Monument

P.O. Box 30757

Savannah, GA 31410-0757

Phone: (912) 786-5787

General Information

Fort Pulaski is located on Tybee Island, near Savannah, GA. The fort was one of a series of coastal defense forts constructed after the War of 1812. Construction on the fort began in 1829 and was completed in 1847. The fort was abandoned by Federal troops on January 19, 1861 when Georgia seceded from the Union. Believed to be impenetrable, the thick masonry walls of the fort fell to a new technology, the rifled cannon shell on April 11, 1862. The fort is the best preserved example of a hexagonal defense fort. The site has numerous nature trails, museum with exhibits and video presentation, and a small gift shop.

Directions

Take I-385 and I-26 East from Greenville toward Charleston. Exit I-95 South to Savannah, GA. From Savannah, take Hwy 80 East 15 miles to Fort Pulaski. Total approximate travel time and distance from the Blue Ridge Council Office: 5.0 hours / 270 miles.

Facilities Available

Fort Pulaski offers no on-site camping facilities. Camping and lodging is available in nearby Tybee Island and Savannah. The nearest supplies are in Savannah and Tybee Island, 4 miles away.

Additional Information

The park has a \$2.00 admission fee for age 17 and older. An audiovisual presentation, bookstore, and exhibits are available at the visitor center.



FORT SUMTER - MOULTRIE NATIONAL MONUMENTS

Charleston, SC

Contact References

Owner: National Park Service
Address: Fort Sumter National Monument
1214 Middle Street
Sullivan's Island, SC 29482
Phone: (843) 883-3123

General Information

Fort Sumter National Monument is composed of Fort Sumter located on a man-made island in the mouth of Charleston Harbor and Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island. The Confederate bombardment of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861 began the Civil War. The Union troops surrendered and left the Confederates in command of the fort. After years of Union shelling, the fort was reduced from a 3 story masonry fort to a 1 story pile of rubble. Fort Moultrie began as a palmetto log fort in 1776 during the Revolutionary War. The spongy palmetto logs absorbed the British shot and gave the state its nickname "The Palmetto State". Both forts have visitor centers with exhibits, and gift shops. Fort Sumter can only be reached by boat and tours depart on a regular schedule from the Marina and Patriot's Point.

Directions

Take I-385 and I-26 East from Greenville to Charleston. Exit on US 17 North to Mount Pleasant. Turn right onto SC 703 and follow to Sullivan's Island. Turn right at stop sign (Middle Street) and proceed 1.5 miles to Fort Moultrie. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 4.0 hours / 219 miles.

Facilities Available

No camping is permitted at Fort Sumter or Fort Moultrie. Camping is available at Patriot's Point Maritime Museum in Mount Pleasant (803) 884-2727 and at James Island County Park located just south of Charleston (800) 743-7275. The nearest supplies are in adjacent Charleston and Mount Pleasant.

Additional Information

Nearby attractions include beaches, the city of Charleston, and Patriot's Point Maritime Museum and Charles Pinckney National Historic Site in Mount Pleasant.



GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Gatlinburg, TN

Contact References

Owner: National Park Service
Address: Great Smoky Mountains
National Park
107 Park Headquarters Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738
Phone: (423) 436-1200

General Information

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the finest national park in the eastern U.S. and a great resource of natural wonder and beauty. It is also home to Biosphere Reserves and World Historic Sites. We are fortunate to have one of very few parks to have both right at our back door. The great Smoky Mountains offer anything that you could want from fishing to hiking and backpacking to camping to bicycle trails and horse trails. In Tennessee, start out at the Sugarlands Visitor Center. Any needed information about the park will be found here. It is open all year. You can also stop at the Cades Cove Visitors Center which is open from mid-April through October. Cades Cove has a wonderful 11 mile loop drive which houses many old pioneer buildings and an old mill. Cades Cove is a wonderful place to camp. Campsites ranging from modern to the best of primitive and the Cove is big. Sugarlands, the Tennessee Visitor Center and Oconaluftee, the North Carolina Visitor Center are connected by Newfound Gap Road which is a beautiful drive across the crests of the mountains where you can see nature in its fullest by stopping at one of the many scenic lookouts provided. You can stop at Newfound Gap where the Appalachian Trail crosses the road or at Clingmans Dome, the highest point in the park. There you can hike the strenuous 1/2 mile trail to the observation tower and see for miles. We would like to leave you with this excerpt from the National Park Service, "The Great Smoky Mountains, the majestic climax of the Appalachian Highlands, are the world's finest examples of temperate deciduous forest. The name Smoky comes from the smoke-like haze enveloping the mountains, which stretch in sweeping troughs and mighty billows to the horizon. A scenic high mountain road winds up through Newfound Gap, with a spur out to Clingmans Dome and its observation tower. But roads offer only an introduction to the Smokies. Some 800 miles of trails thread the whole of the Smokies' natural fabric—and its waterfalls, coves, balds, and rushing streams. Each trail invites you into the intimacy and richness of these highlands. The Smokies, a wild landscape rich with traces of its human past, calls people back year after year." Take advantage of what God has given to us, go visit the Great Smoky Mountains.

Directions

Tennessee: To start out at the Sugarlands Visitor Center, take Hwy. 25 through Travelers Rest into Asheville NC. From there get on I-40 towards Knoxville TN. Once in Tennessee exit off onto Hwy. 411. Follow this Highway into Gatlinburg and keep going. This will take you to the Sugarlands Visitor Center. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 3.0 hours / 164 miles.

North Carolina: To start out at the Oconaluftee Visitor's Center you can follow the Blue Ridge Parkway or you can take Hwy. 25 from Greenville through Travelers Rest into Asheville NC where you will get onto I-40 headed towards Knoxville TN. From there you should exit off on Hwy 19 towards Cherokee NC. Then get on Hwy 441 north bound and this will take you to the Visitor's Center. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2.0 / 107 miles.

Facilities Available

Almost any that you could ask for. There are 10 developed campsites available and numerous primitive sites away from the normal tourist areas. Reservations are required for Cades Cove, Elkmont, and Smokemont from May 15 to October 31 and can be made by calling 1-800-365 CAMP.

Additional Information

This is a great place to visit. Camping Clubs are more than welcome to take advantage of the natural beauty bestowed upon us. The Great Smoky Mountains are a great place to hike for those troops working on their backpacking merit badge or any other hiking or backpacking requirements.



GUILFORD COURTHOUSE NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

Greensboro, NC

Contact References:

Owner: National Park Service
Address: Guilford Courthouse
National Military Park
2332 New Garden Road
Greensboro, NC 27410-2355
Phone: (336) 288-1776
Fax: (336) 282-2296

General Information:

Guilford Courthouse National Military Park is a 220 acre park located just north of Greensboro, NC. The 1-day Revolutionary War battle took place on March 15, 1781 with Nathaniel Greene in command of the 4,400 man patriot force and Lord Cornwallis in command of the 1,900 man British force. After fierce fighting, the patriot force withdrew from the field. Although a British victory, the battle forced the battered British column to abandon the Carolina campaign, allowing the patriot army to go on the offensive in the south. Guilford Courthouse was the first Revolutionary War site for a national park. A 2.25 mile auto/bicycle trail and a 6.5-mile historical hiking trail winds through the Revolutionary War battlefield. A battlefield trail patch and medal is available through the Old North State Council in Greensboro, NC, Tel: (910) 378-9166.

Directions:

Take I-85 North from Greenville through Charlotte to Greensboro. Entering Greensboro, take Exit 121 and go north on Holden Road 10 miles to Benjamin Parkway. Turn left and go 1 block to Battleground Avenue (US 220). Turn left and go 2.5 miles to New Garden Road. Turn right and go 0.25 miles to park entrance and turn right into visitor center. Total approximate travel time and distance from the Blue Ridge Council Office: 4.0 hours / 194 miles.

Facilities Available:

Guilford Courthouse NMP offers no on-site camping facilities. Nearby parks include Hanging Rock State Park in Danbury, NC and Hagen Stone Park in Pleasant Garden, NC. The nearest supplies are in adjacent Greensboro, NC.

Additional Information:

The park has free admission and an audiovisual presentation and exhibits are available at the visitor center.



KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

Kennesaw, GA

Contact References

Owner: National Park Service
Address: Kennesaw Mountain
National Battlefield Park
900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30152
Phone: (770) 427-4686

General Information

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is located north of Atlanta near Marietta, GA. The park consists of 2,884 acres of rolling terrain and historic battlefield sites. Union and Confederate armies clashed on June 27, 1864 at Kennesaw Mountain in the battle for control of Atlanta, a major Confederate railroad and industrial center. Sherman used Chattanooga as base for his march through Atlanta and on to the sea to split the Confederacy. The Union victory at Kennesaw Mountain sealed the fate of Atlanta and the Confederacy. The Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center has a video presentation, museum, and gift shop. Three trail awards are available through BSA Troop 116 in Acworth, GA. See attached sheets for trail award information and patch order form.

Directions

Take I-85 to Atlanta. Next take I-285 west, then exit onto I-75 toward Chattanooga. Take Exit 116 and turn left onto Barrett Parkway and follow until it ends at Cobb Parkway. Turn right onto Cobb Parkway. At the first traffic light, turn left onto Old Hwy 41. Proceed 2.5 miles on Old Hwy 41 and turn right onto Stilesboro Road. then left into the park entrance. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 3.0 hours / 160 miles.

Facilities Available

Primitive camping for scouts is permitted on a designated site on the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park while performing service projects on park property. Otherwise, there is a KOA campground 2 miles from the park, and several Georgia State Parks, such as Red Top Mountain State Park, are within a reasonable driving distance. The nearest supplies are in adjacent Marietta, GA.

Additional Information

Additional attractions for scouts in the Atlanta area include Stone Mountain Park, Six Flags over Georgia, the Coca Cola Museum, Underground Atlanta, and professional sports events. Downtown Atlanta is an excellent choice for experiencing the built environment for Architecture or Engineering merit badges.



KINGS MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

Kings Mountain, NC

Contact References:

Owner: National Park Service
Address: Kings Mountain NMP
2625 Park Road
Blacksburg, SC 29702
Phone: (864) 936-7921

General Information

Kings Mountain NMP is located near the SC/NC border on I-85 and was the site of a Revolutionary War battle. On October 7, 1780, a loyalist force under Ferguson was attacked by a patriot force of mountain men. The battle was complete victory with all British loyalists killed or captured and the British commander Ferguson killed. The site has a 1-mile historic trail and several primitive trails for nature walks. The visitor center contains a museum, gift shop, and a 10 minute video. A special "Kings Mountain Battlefield Trail" patch for hiking the 1-mile historic trail and the state park connector trail, camping overnight, and taking an exam is available for \$1.75 through the Palmetto Council.

Directions

From Greenville, take I-85 North toward Charlotte. Exit at the Kings Mountain NMP exit near the NC border and follow signs. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.5 hours / 64 miles.

Facilities Available

Kings Mountain NMP has no camping facilities. Full camping facilities can be found at adjacent Kings Mountain State Park. The South Carolina state park has a primitive camping area (\$0.50 per person per night fee) that is connected to the NMP by a 2.5 mile trail. The nearest supplies are at the I-85 exit, approximately 5 miles away.

Additional Information

See also Kings Mountain State Park in the South Carolina State Park Section.



NINETY SIX NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Ninety Six, SC

Contact References:

Owner: National Park Service
Address: Ninety Six National Historic Site
P.O. Box 496, 1103 Hwy 248
Ninety Six, SC 29666
Phone: (864) 543-4068

General Information

Ninety Six NHS is located ten miles east of Greenwood and was the site of a Revolutionary War battle. On June 18, 1781, a star shaped British fort was attacked by patriot forces under Nathaniel Greene. Although the attack was unsuccessful, the British abandoned the fort within a few weeks. The site has a 1-mile historic trail and several primitive trails for nature walks. A 27-acre lake is available for fishing from May 1 to November 1. The visitor center contains a museum, gift shop, and a 10 minute video. A special "Siege of Fort Ninety Six" patch for hiking the 2-mile historic trail and taking an exam is available for \$3.00 through the Blue Ridge Council. Reservations for primitive camping on site are required.

Directions

Take US 25 South from Greenville. Turn left onto SC 246 near Cokesbury (8 mile from Greenwood) and follow 246 into Ninety Six. Follow signs from there to Ninety Six NHS. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.5 hours / 71 miles.

Facilities Available

Ninety Six has no camping facilities. Primitive camping for scout groups is allowed in a designated area near the lake. Camping is allowed by reservation only; see attached forms. The nearest supplies are in nearby Ninety Six.

Additional Information

Full camping facilities are available at Lake Greenwood State Park, 9 miles away.



STONES RIVER NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

Murfreesboro, TN

Contact References:

Owner: National Park Service

Address: Stones River

National Battlefield

3501 Old Nashville Highway

Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Phone: (615) 893-9501

General Information:

Stones River National Battlefield is a 350 acre National Park Service property located 30 miles south of Nashville in Murfreesboro, TN. More than 83,000 Confederate and Union troops were involved in the 3-day battle which began on December 31, 1862 and resulted in a Union victory that began the split of the Confederacy. From mid-June through August ranger led programs are offered twice daily. On some weekends, guest speakers and costumed interpretive programs are offered. A 5-mile historical trail winds through the Civil War battlefield and a battlefield patch is available through Nashville Historical Trails/BSA Troop 254.

Directions:

Take US 25 and I-26 from Greenville to Asheville. Exit onto I-40 West and proceed through Knoxville toward Nashville. Turn onto US 231 South at Lebanon and proceed to Murfreesboro. Total approximate travel time and distance from the Blue Ridge Council Office: 6.5 hours / 330 miles.

Facilities Available:

Stones River National Battlefield offers no camping facilities, but visitors may obtain a list of nearby campsites from Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 864, Murfreesboro, TN 37113-7560. The nearest supplies are in adjacent Murfreesboro, TN.

Additional Information:

The park has free admission and an audiovisual presentation, gift shop, and exhibits are available at the visitor center.



MILITARY BASES

General Information

Camping

Each base has its own policy on camping. Some allow primitive camping in certain areas and others may offer barracks space free or at a nominal cost subject to availability. In any case, be prepared and make arrangements well before arrival. The base public affairs office may know of nearby camping facilities open to scouts if on-base camping is not permitted.

Base Amenities and Activities

Most military bases have movie theaters, bowling alleys, and physical fitness centers that are open to scouting groups free or for a nominal fee. Tours may be offered of the base facilities and military hardware (planes, ships, combat vehicles, etc.) both on static display and in action. Check base schedules for planned public tour days to take advantage of hardware in action displays (they will not send up a AV-8B Harrier on short notice just to amuse your troop). Some bases have annual youth days or similar public programs in conjunction with air shows or public awareness programs. Contact individual bases for information on these types of programs.

Meals

Most military bases now have fast food chains on base, but dining in a mess hall is a lot cheaper (usually \$2.00 or less for scouts and leaders in uniform) and can be quite an experience for the scouts. Contact each base separately for their policies and prices.

Reservations

Reservations are a must at military bases. Reservations must be made in writing and permission granted prior to your visit. Usually, a public relations officer is present on arrival to greet your group and conduct tours. Some bases are closed to free entry/exit and require an escort upon entry and at all times while on base. Remember that you are guests representing the BSA while on base and act accordingly.



CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE

Charleston, SC

Contact References

Owner: United States Air Force

Address: Public Affairs Office

102 E. Hill Blvd.

Bldg. 1600, Room 223

Charleston Air Force Base, SC 29404-5000

Phone: (803) 963-5608

General Information

Charleston Air Force Base is located 10 miles north of Charleston, SC and shares runway facilities with the Charleston Municipal Airport. The base is the home of the 437th Airlift Wing which flies C-141 and C-17 cargo planes. An excellent youth group visitation program with base tours including flightline tours of the C-141 and C-17 cargo aircraft, Security Police and K-9 Training Demonstration Team, and the Aerial Port & Aerial Delivery Squadron.

Directions

Charleston Air Force Base located adjacent to the Charleston Municipal Airport Take I-385 and I-26 from Greenville to Charleston. Get off on the West Aviation Ave./Air Force Base exit and follow signs to Charleston Air Force Base. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 4.0 hours / 200 miles.

Facilities Available

A primitive camping area is available on base. Reservations must be made at least 30 days ahead to assure tour and dining hall arrangements. Meals are available at \$0.90 breakfast and \$1.90 for lunch/dinner for scouts and leaders in uniform.

Additional Information

Nearby attractions include Charleston area beaches, museums, and the World War II aircraft carrier memorial USS Yorktown at Patriot's Point Museum.



FORT BENNING

Columbus, GA

Contact References

Owner: United States Army

Address: Public Affairs Office

Fort Benning, GA 31905

Phone: (706) 545-2238

General Information

Fort Benning is located near Columbus GA. Fort Benning is an advanced training base for U.S. Army units. The base offers guided base tours, a museum, and a BSA camp run by the Fort Benning District.

Directions

Fort Benning is located adjacent to and just east of Columbus, GA Take I-85 from Greenville through Atlanta to Columbus and follow signs to Fort Benning. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 5.0 hours / 260 miles.

Facilities Available

Reservations are required to use the on-base BSA camping area. The camp, located on Uchee Creek is maintained by the Fort Benning District. Canoes, PFD's, and other camping equipment is available at the camp for use by visiting troops.



FORT BRAGG - POPE AIR FORCE BASE

Fayetteville, NC

Contact References

Owner: United States Army
Address: Fort Bragg Youth Services
National Visiting Youth Section
P.O. Box 70018
Fort Bragg, NC 28307-0018
Phone: (910) 396-1278

General Information

Fort Bragg and adjacent Pope Air Force Base are located 10 miles northwest of Fayetteville, NC. Fort Bragg is the home of the 82d Airborne Division, U.S. Army Special Forces, Delta Force, and the Golden Knights parachute team. Pope Air Force base is home to F-16 fighters, A-10 ground attack aircraft, and C-130 cargo planes. The two bases encompass an area of 200 square miles. An excellent youth group visitation program is available at Fort Bragg allowing youth to observe and participate in army training events such as the 34-foot parachute training tower.

Directions

Fort Bragg and Pope AFB are located near Fayetteville, NC. Take I-385 and I-26 from Greenville to Columbia and turn onto I-20 West toward Florence. At Florence, take I-95 North toward Fayetteville and follow signs to Fort Bragg. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 5.0 hours / 261 miles.

Facilities Available

Meals are available at \$1.20 breakfast and \$2.40 for lunch/dinner for scouts and leaders in uniform. Lodging is based on availability with facilities ranging from motel type guest accommodations at \$25.00 per night, free barracks space for up to 52 persons in a group, a commercial type campground with hookup facilities for \$8.00 per night, and primitive camping sites. Call ahead for availability and exact rates. On base activities open to scouts include movie theaters, bowling alleys, ice skating rink, riding stables, youth center, and swimming pools.

Additional Information

Nearby attractions include museums on base, Pope Air Force Base, and the battleship memorial USS North Carolina in Wilmington. A joint public open house is scheduled at Pope Air Force Base each year which includes an entire day of activities such as helicopter and parachute team demonstrations, mock air assaults, and static displays of aircraft and combat vehicles. Call the base Public Affairs Office (910) 396-5401 for an exact schedule of open hours, dates and activities.



FORT JACKSON

Columbia, SC

Contact References

Owner: United States Army
Address: Public Affairs Office
Fort Jackson, SC 29207
Phone: (803) 751-7650

General Information

Fort Jackson is located adjacent to Columbia, SC, the state capital. Fort Jackson is the Army's largest Initial Entry Training Center, training over 40,000 new recruits each year. The base has a museum with static displays of tanks, combat vehicles, and helicopters. Escorted tours are available Tuesday through Friday and meals in a mess hall may be arranged through the Public Affairs Office.

Directions

Fort Jackson is located adjacent to and just east of Columbia, SC. Take I-385 and I-26 from Greenville to Columbia and turn onto I-20 east toward Florence. Get off on Two Notch Road and follow signs to Fort Jackson. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2.0 hours / 100 miles.

Facilities Available

No barracks space is available for scout use. A primitive camping area is available in the 240 acre base recreation area. The Weston Lake Recreation Area on the base (803) 751-5253 has several cabins that can accommodate from 4 to 14 persons and rent for \$30 to \$50 per night as well as tent and camper pads. Bicycles, kayaks, boats, canoes, and paddleboats are available for rent. Meals are available in base mess halls through the Public Affairs Office at \$1.20 for breakfast and \$2.40 for lunch/dinner for scouts and leaders in uniform. Standard rates of \$1.60 for breakfast and \$3.20 for lunch/dinner apply to others.

Additional Information

Nearby attractions include the State Capital, State Museum, and Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia.



FORT STEWART - HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD

Savannah, GA

Contact References

Owner: United States Army
Address: Department of the Army
24th Infantry Division (Mechanized)
Public Affairs Office
Fort Stewart, GA 31314-5000
Phone: (912) 767-2697

General Information

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are located 41 miles southwest of Savannah. The base is the largest army facility east of the Mississippi River and consists of 279,270 acres. It measures almost 10 miles north to south and 40 miles east to west.

Directions

Fort Stewart is located near Savannah, GA. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 5.5 hours / 298 miles.

Facilities Available

Meals are available at nominal fees for scouts and leaders in uniform. Lodging is based on availability.

Additional Information

Nearby attractions include Savannah, Fort Pulaski, and Savannah Beach.



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION

Cherry Point, NC

Contact References

Owner: United States Marine Corps
Address: Community Relations Chief
Joint Public Affairs Office
PSC Box 8013
Cherry Point, NC 28533-0013
Phone: (919) 466-4906

General Information

Cherry Point MCAS is located in eastern North Carolina between New Bern and Morehead City. Three types of aircraft are stationed there: The AV-8B Harrier, EA-6B Prowler, and KC-130 Hercules. Tours are given on the first and third Thursday each month from September to May and every Thursday from June through August.

Directions

Cherry Point is located on Hwy 101, just off Hwy 70 East in Havelock, NC. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 7.0 hours / 380 miles.

Facilities Available

Meals are available at \$0.90 for breakfast and \$1.90 for lunch and dinner for scouts and leaders in uniform. Adults not in uniform are surcharged almost 4 times as much for the same meals. Lodging is \$7.00 per person per night based on availability. A local scout hut may be used for free if available and permission is granted.

Additional Information

Nearby attractions include North Carolina Aquarium in Pine Knoll Shores, Croatan National Forest, and Tryon Palace in New Bern.



MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT

Parris Island, SC

Contact References

Owner: United States Marine Corps
Address: Community Relations Chief
Public Affairs Office
P.O. Box 19001
Parris Island, SC 29905-0059
Phone: (803) 525-2738

General Information

Parris Island MCRD is located in southeastern South Carolina near Port Royal and Beaufort. The base is the east coast boot camp for the Marine Corps. A self guided driving tour and information is available from the Douglas Visitor Center Tel. (803) 525-3650. A bowling alley, theater (free), museum (free) are available on base. Marine basic training activities may be observed (and participated in for the gung-ho types in your unit).

Directions

Parris Island is located near Port Royal and Beaufort, SC. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 4.5 hours / 240 miles.

Facilities Available

Meals are available at \$0.95 for breakfast and \$1.90 for lunch and dinner for scouts and leaders in uniform. Lodging in barracks is based on availability.

Additional Information

Nearby attractions include historic Beaufort and Hunting Island State Park.



NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE

Kings Bay, GA

Contact References

Owner: United States Navy
Address: Public Affairs Office
Naval Submarine Base
1063 USS Tennessee Avenue
Kings Bay, GA 31547-2606
Phone: (912) 673-4714

General Information

Kings Bay is located in southeastern Georgia near Brunswick. It is home port to a large part of the U.S. Navy nuclear submarine fleet. Tours of an active duty submarine in port, Dry Dock, Port Services, and the Trident Training Facility can be tentatively booked in advance, but are subject to change due to base operations. Marine Corps armaments and displays of wildlife and artifacts may also be scheduled.

Directions

Kings Bay is located off I-95 in St. Marys, GA. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 6.0 hours / 327 miles.

Facilities Available

Meals are available at reasonable rates for scouts and leaders in uniform. A primitive camping area next to Crooked River is available. Lodging in barracks is based on availability and may not be booked in advance. Outdoor equipment for boating or fishing may be rented through the Outdoor Recreation office.

Additional Information

Nearby attractions include the Submarine Museum in St. Marys, GA and Cumberland National Seashore.



ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE

Warner Robins, GA

Contact References

Owner: United States Air Force

Address: 78SPTG/SVYY

Warner Robins St.

Robins AFB, GA 31098

Phone: (800) 233-1784

General Information

Robins AFB is located in central Georgia near Macon. It is home to several types of aircraft including the B-1B. Also on base is the Warner Robins Museum of Aviation, the second largest aviation museum in the Air Force, and the fastest growing. The museum also houses a natural history museum with local artifacts, gift shop, and snack bar.

Directions

Robins AFB is located off I-75, 16 miles south of Macon, GA. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 4.5 hours / 212 miles.

Facilities Available

Meals are available at reasonable rates for scouts and leaders in uniform. A camping area with a pavilion, 2 porta-potties, water, grill, fire ring, and picnic tables is available. The base has a nature center, bowling alley, and movie theater.

Additional Information

The Warner Robins Museum of Aviation is not to be missed. It is the second largest aviation museum in the Air Force, only surpassed by the Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH.



FLORIDA SEA BASE

Islamorada, FL

Contact References:

Owner: Boy Scouts of America
Address: Florida Sea Base
P.O. Box 1206
Islamorada, FL 33036
Phone (305) 664-4173



General Information:

In the heart of the fabulous Florida Keys on a sub-tropical island south of Miami, you'll find Sea Base, home of the Florida National High Adventure program. The Sea Base is scouting's most complete aquatic facility, offering sailing, motor boating, canoeing, deep sea fishing, SCUBA diving, lobstering, and beachcombing. You can explore the vast ecosystem of the Florida Keys and get a fish-eye view of oceanography and marine biology. The Sea Base is the ultimate adventure for those troops wishing to experience the least known realm of man, the ocean. From sailing the deep blue seas to scuba diving off the coasts of resort islands, the Sea Base has it all.

Reservation Information:

Reservation requirements change yearly so call in advance, way in advance.

Programs:

OUT ISLAND ADVENTURE: You will 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 sportfish, kayaking through red mangroves, and exploring the flora and fauna of Big Munson Island. Minimum age is 13 by January 1 of the year of attendance.

BAHAMAS ADVENTURE: Fly directly to the Bahamas! The Sea Base is offering an exciting adventure based in Marsh Harbour on Great Abaco Island. Your crew can snorkel the beautiful, pristine reefs surrounding Marsh Harbour, wade ashore on the many small cays (pronounced keys) in the area, learn of their unique history, and fish for the gamefish which are abundant in the Abacos. Minimum age is 13 by January 1 of the year of attendance.

SEA EXPLORING: Designed for larger groups (either a council contingent or larger troop), offering your crew the opportunity to experience a sailing adventure of yesteryear. The vessel is a 83-foot, gaff-rigged topsail schooner, fully equipped and prepared to provide an unforgettable adventure snorkeling the beautiful Keys' reefs, fishing, and hands on sailing. Minimum age is 13 by January 1 of the year of attendance.

These are just a few of the many adventures outlined for you that Sea Base offers please contact the Sea Base for more detail.

Additional Information:

All adventures are seven days in duration. Two deep leadership is required for all adventures. A non-refundable \$50 deposit will be kept as a cancellation fee for those groups canceling after the deadline.

Rates:

Although rates change annually, these are representative of recent adventures:

Adventure Fee Crew Size Arrival Dates

Including Leaders (Assuming Spring/Summer/Winter)

Coral Reef Sailing \$4,000/Boat 6 Min. / 8 Max. Daily

Sea Exploring \$550/Person 20 Min. / 22 Max. Mon/Thu/Fri/Sat

Bahamas Adventure \$550/Person 8 Min. / 10 Max. Mon/Wed

Bahamas Tall \$550/Person 18 Min./ 20 Max. Sat (Summer Only)

Ship Adventure

Keys Adventure \$550/Person 6 Min. / 8 Max. Every other day beginning June 1st

Out Island Adventure \$550/Person 6 Min. / 8 Max. Sat/Sun/Tue/Thu

SCUBA Certification \$650/Person 6 Min. / 8 Max Sun

SCUBA Adventure \$650Person 6 Min. / 8 Max. Sun/Wed

NORTHERN TIER HIGH ADVENTURE BASE

Minnesota / Canada



Contact References:

Owner: Boy Scouts of America
Address: Northern Tier High Adventure Base
P.O. Box 509
Ely, MN 55731
Phone: (218) 365-4811

General Information:

The Northern Tier offers many program bases. You can do just about anything from canoeing to winter expeditions. When you arrive at the Northern Tier, you are stepping into country that few people have dared explore. The Northern Tier offers the best canoeing that money can buy!

Reservation Information:

Phone Reservations are encouraged as a way to check and hold a date at a particular program base. Phone reservations made between April and September have until September 30 of two years before the planned expedition to send in their reservation form and \$200 reservation fee (deposit). After September 1, phone reservations are held only three weeks and should be followed by the reservation form and deposit.

Fill out the reservation form completely and mail, along with a deposit of \$200 per crew (which is applied to your total fee). This deposit is not returned if you cancel, and is not transferable with contingents. **IMPORTANT NOTE** for crews entering Quetico Park; please supply the Ely office with two names per crew by **DECEMBER 15** for application permits. Quetico permits are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis. (Information on additional fees charged by the Canadians will not be available until early spring). Any fees for changes on permits (cancellations, name or date changes) after original application is made, will be assessed to your crew. Mail reservations to "Registrar" at the mailing address listed above.

Program Bases:

CHARLES L. SOMMERS NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE BASE: Charles L. Sommers offers two sub-trips. These are to Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), Minnesota, or to Quetico Provincial Park, Ontario, Canada. The BWCAW explores Minnesota's border country in the greatest wilderness canoeing area in the US! You will learn the skills handed down from the Native American, fur-trapper, and Voyageur along with learning the secret to the Base's infamous Bay Bread. Trips are available for beginning thorough intermediate levels. Quetico is one of the most tightly controlled areas in North America with respect to wilderness. A trip through this majestic area is for the group that is really looking for solitude and great fishing. Minimum age is 13 by January 1 of the year of attendance.

NORTHERN EXPEDITIONS, BISSETT, MANITOBA, CANADA: This is without a doubt fly-in fishing and canoeing at its best. Northern Expeditions offers wilderness canoeing in the truest spirit of high adventure. For those crew who thirst for this type of adventure, the Manitoba bush country east of Lake Winnipeg offers some of the most diverse canoeing available. Most crews take advantage of the optional charter float plane, beginning and ending their trip from air-only accessible Scout Lake. Minimum age is 13 by January 1 of the year of attendance.

ATIKOKAN CANOEING, ATIKOKAN, ONTARIO, CANADA: This is the Canoe capital of Canada. This is the diverse life. From lakes silent in the morning mist to thundering rapids sparkling in the sunlight and wood smoke curling up from a cooking fire roasting the plentiful game fish exploding like fin-backed rockets. This is

the newest site of the Northern Tier High Adventure Base. All levels of canoeing are provided. Minimum age is 13 by January 1 of the year of attendance.

OKPIK WINTER ADVENTURE: Learn the skills of the Northwoods winter; cross country skiing, snowshoeing, winter shelter, winter camping, equipment making, tracking, and ice fishing. Okpik's weekend programs are the most popular where you'll receive training in cold-weather dress, overnight camping, winter shelters and indoor sessions on menu and equipment highlights. Okpik also offers staff training for individual older Scouts and leaders interested in learning how to develop and run a winter program. Contact the Northern Tier about their Okpik adventures today!

Additional Information:

The following information has been taken directly from the Northern Tier Brochure.

Coed Expeditions:

Northern Tier invites chartered coed Explorer Posts, Venture Crew, and Varsity Teams with female guests to participate in High Adventure Expeditions. Each coed group is required to provide adult coed leadership (each must be at least 21 years of age) while in route to, or participating in, the Northern Tier programs.

Participant Age Requirements:

To participate in High Adventure programs operated by the National Council Boy Scouts of America, a participant must be a registered Boy Scout or Explorer and must have attained the age 13 years by January 1st of the year he/she will participate or have attained the rank of First Class which must be certified by a Troop Board of Review prior to departure, or must be accompanied by his/her parent or guardian.

Adult Leadership:

The best available adult leadership should be recruited to accompany each crew. In keeping with the policy of the Boy Scouts of America there are no gender restrictions for adult leadership at Northern Tier, except that each coed crew must have coed adult advisors. Each Northern Tier crew must have at least two qualified adult advisors, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older. The second advisor must be at least 18 years of age. Because northern Tier's objective is to serve youth, every crew is required to have a majority of youth participants.

All Fee Payments Are Non-Refundable and Non-Transferable To The Balance Of Fees:

Northern Tier must commit financial resources to purchase food and supplies, employ staff and prepare for summer operation. Participants are, therefore, required to make a financial commitment to attend.

Promotional Helps:

You are encouraged to call your local Council or the Northern Tier to obtain promotional materials. Your local Council can also provide you with information concerning other units in your Council who have attended the Northern Tier.

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

Cimarron, NM

Contact References:

Owner: Boy Scouts of America
Address: Philmont Scout Ranch
Route 1 Box 35
Cimarron, NM 87714
Phone: (505) 376-2281
Fax: (505) 376-2636



General Information:

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts' premier high adventure base. Founded in 1938, more than 600,000 campers and advisors have pushed their physical and mental limits trekking through the 137,493 acres of the rugged yet strikingly majestic Sangre de Cristo mountains of Philmont. There are over 330 miles of trail to challenge you, your job is to pick the one that you think will challenge you the most.

Reservation Information:

Philmont receives arrivals every day between mid June and mid August. Reservations for arrival dates must be made on the Philmont Application and Reservation form and must be processed through your local Council. Payment of reservation fees and Council approval is required to confirm the date. Tentative reservation dates will only be honored for 30 days. Philmont expeditions are generally 12 days in length. Groups should plan to arrive before lunch on their arrival day and leave after breakfast on the thirteenth day. Should there be an extension to either of these, Philmont must assess charges for extra meals and lodging. Expeditions of shorter durations (7 to 10 days) may be scheduled between August 8 and 15. The short expedition fee is computed at \$32 per camper per day.

For the Cavalcade program (horseback), a drawing is held for positions due to the great popularity of the program. The drawings will be held in January a year prior to the year of your group's desired participation. To participate in the drawing, have a card or letter sent in to Philmont by January 1 of the prior year. Winners will be notified and sent an application. Winners must have approval from the Council and cannot participate in consecutive years. There are a minimum of 10 paying riders in each Cavalcade. If the number should fall short of 10 riders, the Cavalcade will still be charged for the minimum number.

Philmont Individual Programs:

Applications for Rayado Men, Rayado Women, and Trail Crew may be obtained from your local Council Office or directly from Philmont. These programs are designed for individual Scouts or Explorers. Applications should be filled out completely, approved by the local Council and sent to Philmont with the required \$25 per camper reservation fee. There may be a minimal fee for the Philmont Trail Crew.

Programs and Details:

EXPEDITIONS: Exploring the Philmont high-country on a 12-day backpacking expedition is a great way to experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high. You will learn techniques such as technical rock climbing, archaeological excavation techniques, and blacksmithing. All of this while reliving the by-gone days of the Old West. Minimum age is 14 by January 1 of the year of attendance.

CAVALCADES: Members of Philmont Cavalcades ride horseback over some of Philmont's most scenic trails. Designed only for chartered units, Cavalcades learn riding and packing skills which have long been in use in the American West. The final day of the Cavalcade is spent in competition at an equestrian gymkhana. Minimum age is 14 by January 1 of the year of attendance.

MOUNTAIN MEN & WOMEN: This is a 6-day expedition available for individual Scouts and Explorers who are unable to join their unit or Council contingents. Hiking in a provisional crew on a Mountain Trek is bound to lead to unforgettable camping experiences. Each crew is guided by two of Philmont's highly experienced Rangers. Adult Scouters may not participate in this program. Minimum age is 14 by January 1 of the year of attendance.

RAYADO MEN: Older Scouts and Explorers who have mastered basic scoutcraft skills are urged to apply for Philmont's selective Rayado Men Program. This program is unparalleled in teaching outdoor leadership, group dynamics, wilderness problem-solving, and advanced outdoor skills. Minimum age is 15 by January 1 of the year of attendance.

RAYADO WOMEN: Older female Explorers have an opportunity to participate at Philmont in a similar advanced outdoor experience as their male counterparts. The Rayado Women program involves opportunities for leadership growth, advanced outdoor skills, and attainment of high levels of self reliance. Minimum age is 15 by January 1 of the year of attendance.

ORDER OF THE ARROW TRAIL CREW: To best preserve and utilize Philmont's wilderness, a select number of youth from the Order of the Arrow will be selected each year to help in carrying out vital projects and necessary trail work. This is limited to Arrowmen. A crew will spend 7 days working on trail and conservation projects, and then will participate in a regular 7 day backpacking trek designed by the crew. Minimum age is 16 by January 1 of the year attending.

KANIK: This is Philmont's cold weather program offered January through March. You will learn how to camp comfortably in cold weather through the use of specially made clothing. You will also learn about cold weather physiology and proper nutrition. Also, you will get to cross-country ski through a winter wonderland that awaits you. Minimum age is 14 by January 1 of the year of attendance.

AUTUMN ADVENTURE: This provides you with the experience of relishing the delights of hiking the Philmont backcountry during the warm days of Autumn when the landscape is painted gold. A trained Philmont staff member will lead you to places where you can enjoy the splendor of colors to the fullest. This is the only Philmont adventure in which an all adult crew may participate. Minimum age is 14 by January 1 of the year of attendance.

Additional Information:

The following information has been taken directly from the Philmont Brochure!

Coed Expeditions:

Philmont invites chartered coed Explorer Posts, Venture Crews, and Varsity Teams with female guests to participate in High Adventure Expeditions and Cavalcades. Each coed group is required to provide adult (each must be at least 21 years of age) coed leadership while in route to Philmont and while hiking the trails of Philmont.

Minimum Age Requirements:

Philmont can make no exceptions to the minimum age/attendance requirements. Participation in individual programs is limited to those under 21 years of age.

Adult Leadership:

The best available adult leadership should be recruited to accompany each crew. In keeping with the policy of the Boy Scouts of America there are no gender restrictions for adult leadership at Philmont, except that each coed crew must have coed adult advisors.

Each Philmont Expedition or Cavalcade crew must have at least two qualified adult advisors one of whom must be 21 years of age or older. The second advisor must be at least 18 years of age. Because Philmont's objective is to serve youth; every crew is required to have a majority of youth participants and no more than four adult advisors. Philmont does not have facilities or program opportunities for the families of advisors who are on the trail. No family program is available at Camping Headquarters.

Fee Payment Policy:

The Philmont fee is charged for every participant including adult advisors. A council contingent or unit may elect to adjust its local fee so that advisors attend without charge.

A reservation fee of \$25 per participant, including adult advisor, is required to hold an arrival date. Fees for reservations are due within 30 days of receiving a confirmation letter. Each group is billed for a one half of the balance of fees due in November, depending upon the group's arrival date at Philmont.

All fee payments are non-refundable and non-transferable to the balance of fees. Philmont must commit financial resources to employ staff, purchase food and supplies, and prepare for summer operations. Participants are, therefore, required to make a financial commitment to attend.

Be Aware of Potential Risks:

Philmont offers High Adventure backpacking, horse riding treks and program activities in relatively inaccessible mountainous terrain. Parents, advisors, and youth participants should be alert to the potential for injury. Philmont strives to minimize the risks to participants and advisors by emphasizing proper safety precautions. Refer to the Guidebook to Adventure, which will be mailed in mid-March, for specific information. Philmont staff members will instruct you regarding safety measures to be followed. Each crew is expected to follow these safety measures and to accept responsibility for the health and safety of each of its members.

Promotional Helps:

Philmont has an ever increasing library of promotional helps that are available on a short term loan basis. Ask your local Council about the video "Philmont Magic" and the information packet entitled "Think Adventure, Go Philmont." Also, a Pre-Trek training videotape is available for \$20.

THE SUMMIT EXPERIENCE HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM

In addition, each group will perform a half-day service project and have the chance to ride The Big Zip – our 3/4 mile zip line. In addition, each night (Monday-Friday), we will open the Scott Summit Center for activities, fun and socializing. The Scout Summit Center incorporates small versions of our adventure sports venues.

Details

The Summit Experience is open to registered Scouts and Venturers who are at least 13 years old by the September 1 of the year they attend and their registered leaders.

The minimum group size is seven with the majority being youth members. There is no maximum group size.

The Summit provides tents, cots and all program equipment for your unit. Breakfast and dinner will be served in the Summit dining hall. Shelf-stable lunches will be issued to accompany participants to their daily program venues.

Registration Fee - \$759.00



FOOTHILLS TRAIL

Pickens County, SC

The Foothills Trail is probably the most hiked trail in the state of South Carolina. It stretches from Table Rock State Park all the way down past Lake Jocassee to Walhalla and then to Pickens.

There are numerous sights to capture as you hike the trail, especially in the fall when the leaves are turning into their majestic reds and browns and yellows. The trail also passes through a series of State Parks as it winds through the mountains. This offers the ability to camp overnight if you wish, or just stop and enjoy the view and take advantage of the different things that each park has to offer.

The Foothills Trail is a good place to take the troop if they are working on any outdoor merit badges, especially the dreaded backpacking merit badge. It is also a good place to possibly earn some service hours. The State Tourism Department as well as the Sierra Club and others are always looking for people to help keep up the trail! Most people find that doing service work on trails is work for sure but is also a great learning experience and a fun time for all people who get involved.

Come take a look at what the Foothills Mountains have to offer. Come hike the Foothills Trail. It's not just a hike, it's an adventure!



MOUNTAIL BRIDGE TRAIL

Greenville County, SC

Contact References

Owner: Naturaland Trust &
State of South Carolina
Registration: Caesar's Head State Park
Phone: (864) 836-6115
Registration: Jones Gap State Park
Phone: (864) 836-3647

General Information

Mountain Bridge is a 10,000 acre wilderness area in northern Greenville County. It consists of state property and private lands donated to the Naturaland Trust comprising a 20 mile bridge that extends from Table Rock Reservoir in the west to within 5 miles of the Poinsett Reservoir on the east.. The area has no developed campground and primitive camping can be done at only 17 sites to maintain the fragile ecosystem. 32 trails are outlined on the enclosed literature. The area is administered by the SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the SC Wildlife Commission. A small fee of \$1.00 per camper per night is charged for overnight campers on the trails.

Directions

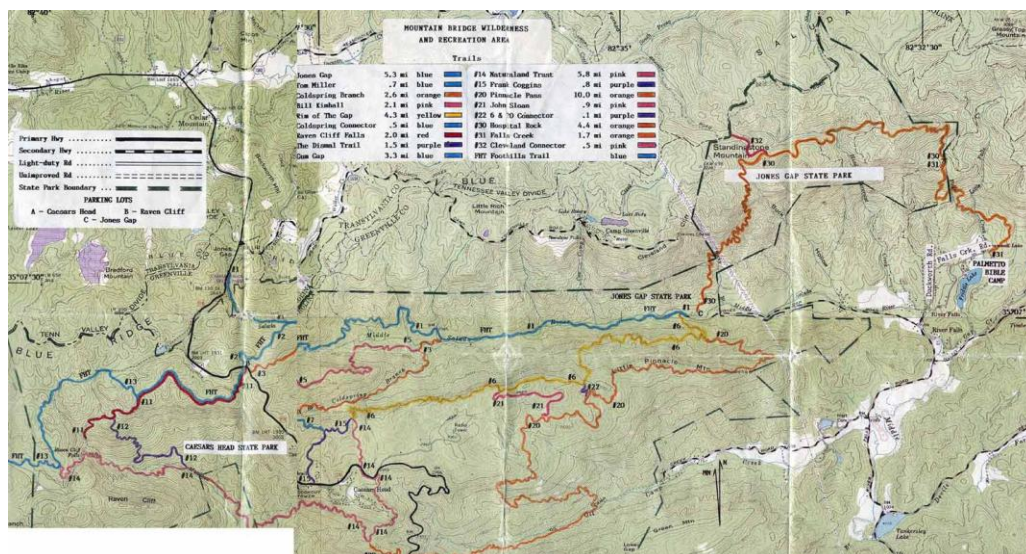
Due to the massive size of the Mountain Bridge area and the many trails offered, directions vary. Caesars Head State Park and Jones Gap State Park serve as official registration points for overnight visitors and have paved parking lots to leave vehicle behind. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.0 hours / 35 miles.

Facilities Available

Mountain Bridge offers primitive camping only with no campsite amenities. Be prepared to pack in and out all your unit camping gear if you decide to camp instead of planning a day hike.

Additional Information

Mountain Bridge offers trailside primitive camping only but has an extensive trail system. Most trail access points are an easy drive from Greenville.



RAFTING, CANOEING & TUBING

General Information

Outfitter Publication Policy

Rafting, canoeing, and tubing sites are listed by outfitter name since many outfitters have trips on several rivers. Publication does not imply endorsement of a particular outfitter, but rather serves as a guide to sites available. This *Guide* will publish any regional whitewater outfitter which offers guided tours and submits information for reference. Scout units are responsible for ensuring that BSA policy is followed for watercraft excursions.

Safe Swim Defense

Safe Swim Defense, BSA No. 34370 is the recommended procedure for conducting group swims at the beach, private or public pool, wilderness pond, stream, or wherever the water looks inviting enough to take a dip. The system outlines the 8 points of a safe swim defense system and must be used anytime scouts are in the water. The 8 points of Safe Swim Defense have been established by BSA to reduce potential risks. See Section 1 for more information on Safe Swim Defense.

Safety Afloat

Safety Afloat, BSA No. 34368, outlines BSA safety concerns when scouts are involved with a watercraft excursion in canoe, raft, sailboat, sailboard, motorboat, rowboat, tube, or other water craft. Adult leaders should have an appreciation for the potential hazards that may be encountered and ensure steps are taken to reduce risks. The 9 points of Safety Afloat have been established by BSA to reduce potential risks. See Section 1 for more information on Safety Afloat.

Questions on Water Safety

If you have any questions about your insurance please contact your Unit Commissioner or District Executive as soon as the question arises. If he does not know the answer he knows where to go get it.

To acquire additional water safety information or other official scouting paperwork see your local council service center. Remember the scout motto: "Be Prepared"

Thank you and we wish you a safe wet and wild expedition experience.



APPALACHIAN RIVERS RAFT COMPANY

Greenville, SC

Contact References:

Owner: Appalachian Rivers Raft Co.

Address: 302 Great Glen Rd.

Greenville, SC 29615

Phone: (800) 330-1999

General Information:

Appalachian Rivers Raft Co. offers rafting on the Nantahalla River. The excursion includes mostly Class I and Class II rapids. There is one Class III rapid at the end of the run, but it can be portaged around. Minimum participant size is 60 pounds. Reservations are required.

Directions:

Appalachian Rivers Raft Co. is located in Greenville, SC, but the put-in place is located near Wesser, NC. Ask for exact directions from the outfitter. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2.5 hours / 120 miles.

Facilities Available

Appalachian Rivers Raft Co. provides all guides, rafts, PFD's, and paddles needed for your trip. Camping is available in nearby state parks and commercial campgrounds. Ask for details on nearby camping locations when you call for reservations.

Additional Information

Half day rates run \$16.00 to \$20.00 depending on the size of the group, season of the year, and day of the week chosen for your river adventure. Unguided rentals from \$11.00 to \$12.00 are also available. Call ahead for reservations and rates.



NANTAHALLA OUTDOOR CENTER

Bryson City, NC

Contact References:

Owner: Nantahalla Outdoor Center

Address: 13077 Hwy 19 West

Bryson City, NC 28713

Phone: (800) 232-7238

General Information:

Nantahalla Outdoor Center offers rafting in half-day and full-day expeditions on the Nantahala River in Bryson City, NC. The excursion includes mostly Class I and Class II rapids. There is one Class III rapid at the end of the run, but it can be portaged around.

Nantahalla Outdoor Center also offers rafting in half-day and full-day expeditions on the French Broad River. The half-day excursion is 5 miles long and includes Beginner's Rapid, The Maze, and Big Pillow, ending at historic Stackhouse Rapid. The full-day excursion (water level permitting) adds 3 miles and Frank Bell's Rapid as well as a riverside lunch.

Minimum age is 8 years. Reservations are required.

Directions:

The Nantahalla Outdoor Center main facility is located in Bryson City, NC. They also have an outpost at the Nantahala River take-out point which is near Wesser, NC.

The put-in location for the French Broad trip is located near Marshall, NC. Ask for exact directions from the outfitter. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 2-3 hours / 90-120 miles.

Facilities Available

Nantahalla Outdoor Center provides all guides, rafts (or 1-man Ducks if desired), PFD's, and paddles needed for your trip. Camping is available in nearby state parks and commercial campgrounds. Ask for details on nearby camping locations when you call for reservations.

Additional Information

Half day rates run \$24.00 to \$35.00 and full day rates run \$40.00 to \$53.00 depending on the size of the group, season of the year, and day of the week chosen for your river adventure. Call ahead for reservations and rates.



CUMBERLAND CAVERNS

McMinnville, TN

Contact References:

Owner: Cumberland Caverns, Inc.

Address: 1437 Cumberland Caverns Rd.

McMinnville, TN 37110

Phone: (931) 668-4396

Fax: (931) 668-5382

General Information:

Cumberland Caverns is located in middle Tennessee midway between Nashville and Chattanooga. The cave has over 32.5 miles of winding dark passages. This is a fun tour, recommended even for younger Cub Scouts. After a 5:30 PM evening check-in, your group enters the cave. A guide takes your group on the commercial cave tour and hosts a slide presentation. The guide then takes your group on a walking and crawling Gypsum Crawl Tour through areas not open to the public. A special historical cave tour featuring more routes and a hike to the original cave entrance is available in the fall months for an additional fee. Cumberland Caverns can accommodate several hundred campers at a time. The cost is \$17.28 per person (\$16.00 plus state tax) which includes admission, tour guides, and breakfast before checkout. Special Cumberland Caverns patches are available for \$3.50 and additional year strips for \$1.50. Reservations required at least 2 weeks in advance or an extra \$2.00 per person applies.

Directions:

Take US 25 and I-26 North from Greenville to Asheville. Exit onto I-40 West and continue through the Great Smoky Mountains and through Knoxville. Exit onto Highway 111 at Cookeville and turn off onto US 70S to McMinnville. Look for signs to Cumberland Caverns. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 6.0 hours / 290 miles.

Facilities Available:

Cumberland Caverns offer limited facilities. A gift shop is available on site and a snack shop, drinking water, cold washup water, and toilets are available in the cave during the night. Breakfast is included with the tour package. A gem mining machine is available at the snack bar where scouts can buy a bag of ore (\$3.50 small or \$6.00 large) and sift for gemstones.

Additional Information:

Wear old clothes, pack light, and bring a waterproof flashlight and clean clothes for the next morning. Even in the dead of winter the cave temperature is a constant 58 degrees with very high humidity. You will sweat a lot and get very dirty in the cave mud. A sweatshirt or long sleeve t-shirt and gloves are recommended. Pack your sleeping bag in a trash bag and bring plenty of tarps to put down on the cave floor and trash bags for protecting clean gear and packing out muddy clothes.



LOST SEA CAVERNS

Sweetwater, TN

Contact References:

Owner: Lost Sea Caverns, Inc.

Address: 140 Lost Sea Road

Sweetwater, TN 37874

Phone: (423) 337-6616

General Information:

Lost Sea Caverns is located near Sweetwater, TN, about 40 miles southwest of Knoxville, TN. After an early evening check-in, your group enters the cave through the old cave entrance and down over 100 steps into the large camping room. After dropping gear, a guide takes your group on the commercial cave tour including a sail in a glass-bottom boat on the 800 by 200 foot underground lake stocked with blind trout. The Baby Wild Cave Tour then adjusts everyone to sliding and squirming in dark tight places. After a short rest, the Wild Cave Tour begins with side trips through places known as the Meat Grinder, the Eye of the Needle, and Bubble Gum Alley. Lost Sea can accommodate several hundred campers at a time. The cost is \$16.00 per person for groups of more than 20 and \$18 per person for smaller groups. A special Lost Sea Spelunker patch is available for \$2.00. Reservations are required.

Directions:

Take US 25 and I-26 North from Greenville to Asheville. Exit onto I-40 West and continue through the Great Smoky Mountains to Knoxville. Just past Knoxville exit onto I-75 South and continue to Exit 61. Turn left onto Hwy 68 and continue 8 miles to Lost Sea Caverns on the left. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 4.0 hours / 210 miles

Facilities Available:

Lost Sea Caverns offers limited facilities. A gift shop and a snack shop with toilets are available on site, but not during the evening cave tour or during the night. An optional meal is available with the tour package, but several chain restaurants are available at the highway exit. Carry in all needed supplies such as snacks and drinking water. No facilities are available in the cave except portable toilets.

Additional Information:

Wear old clothes, pack light, and bring a waterproof flashlight and clean clothes for the next morning. Even in the dead of winter the cave temperature is a constant 58 degrees with very high humidity. You will sweat a lot and get very dirty in the cave mud. A sweatshirt or long sleeve t-shirt and gloves are recommended. Pack your sleeping bag in a trash bag and bring plenty of tarps to put down on the cave floor and trash bags for protecting clean gear and packing out muddy clothes.



CLIMB @ BLUE RIDGE CLIMBING CENTER

Greenville, SC

Contact References:

Owner: Climb @ Blue Ridge Climbing Center, Inc.

Address: Climb @ Blue Ridge Climbing Center

301 Bulls Rd.

Taylors, SC 29687

Phone: (864) 895-1416

General Information:

Climb @ Blue Ridge is an upscale artificial indoor climbing facility located in the rear of an old warehouse building in Taylors. The recently renovated facility is top notch and is sure to be a favorite with avid climbers. Memberships are available in several forms, but occasional climbers will find the daily pass rates or nightly specials ranging from \$5.00 to \$8.00 per session to be a better value. Climbing clinics are sometimes held in addition to the open climb sessions held daily except Mondays.

Directions:

Climb @ Blue Ridge is located on Bulls Road in Taylors. Total approximate travel time from Blue Ridge Council Office: 28 Minutes.

Facilities Available:

Climb @ Blue Ridge has a variety of artificial climbing and bouldering walls including several greater than 90 degrees, overhangs, and chimneys. The base of all walls is covered with a thick padded surface to cushion falls. Climbing equipment including shoes, harnesses, belay devices, and chalk bags are available for rent. Special rates are available for parties, groups, and lock-ins.

Additional Information:

Waivers are required for first time climbers and parents must sign for climbers younger than 18. A helmet waiver is also required if you want climb without one. The waivers are kept on file for each climber and are not required for subsequent visits. A belay certification is required for climbers belaying other climbers. Copies of required waivers and new customer card are included after this page for your convenience.



UPSTATE CLIMBING CLUB - THE WALL

Greenville, SC

Contact References:

Owner: City of Greenville

Parks & Recreation Department

Address: City of Greenville Special Events

P.O. Box 2207

Greenville, SC 29602

Phone: (864) 467-6667 City Recreation Office

(864) 467-4325 Park Avenue Gym

General Information:

The Wall is a unique partnership between the Upstate Climbing Club and the City of Greenville to form an artificial indoor climbing facility located in the rear of an old school gymnasium near downtown Greenville. The Wall is reasonably priced and is usually packed with climbers the three nights per week the facility is open for climbing. Annual memberships are available for \$15.00 with a \$3.00 daily fee. Non-members pay a \$5.00 daily fee. Open climbing sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00 pm till 10:00 pm and Sunday nights from 5:00 pm till 9:00 pm.

Directions:

The Wall is located in the Park Avenue Gym at the intersection of Sunflower St. and Church St. approximately 2 blocks north of the BI-LO Center and directly across Church St. from the Greenville Women's Club. Total approximate travel time from Blue Ridge Council Office: 10 Minutes.

Facilities Available:

The Wall has a variety of artificial climbing walls including several overhangs and chimneys, a bouldering wall, and a bouldering cave. Climbing equipment including shoes and harnesses are available for rent. Special rates are available for nonprofit youth groups.

Additional Information:

Waivers are required for first time climbers and parents must sign for climbers younger than 18. The waivers are kept on file for each climber and are not required for subsequent visits that year. A belay certification is required for climbers belaying other climbers. Copies of the required waivers and belay certification are included after this page for your convenience.



CAMP FELLOWSHIP

Waterloo, SC

Contact References:

Owner: Trinity Presbytery, USA

Address: Camp Fellowship

Route 1 Box 778B

Waterloo, SC 29384

Phone: (864) 998-3400

General Information:

Located on Lake Greenwood, Camp Fellowship is operated as a Christian youth camp during the summer, but during the off-season, its facilities are frequently used by Boy Scout troops. The camp includes a number of cabins, but scouts frequently camp out on the meadow by the lake. There are many water sources and several restroom facilities in the camp. On the lake there is a dock and a roped-off swimming area. The camp owns a set of canoes and sailboats which may be used by scout troops. Finally, the camp has a set of low-ropes initiative courses and a climbing wall. Camp Fellowship charges a fee for use of all facilities and equipment.

Directions:

From Greenwood take Highway 72 East about 10 miles to the bridge that crosses Lake Greenwood. One half mile past bridge, turn right on to Whitten Road (across from Lee's Barbeque). Go 1 mile, turn right on to Camp Fellowship Road and follow signs to camp. The camp will be on the left at end of road. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 1.0 hour / 55 miles.

Facilities Available:

"The Pavilion," a roofed activity building, is often available for use. Huts, waterfront docks, trails, rope courses and swimming area. Lake can be canoed, fished, skied.

Additional Information:

For reservations and fee structure information, call the Trinity Presbytery office in Columbia, SC, at 1-800-321-4124.



FRANCIS BEIDLER FOREST - FOUR HOLES SWAMP

Summerville, SC

Contact References:

Owner: National Audubon Society

Address: Francis Beidler Forest

336 Sanctuary Road

Summerville, SC 29483

Phone: (843) 462-2150

Fax: (843) 462-2713

General Information:

Francis Beidler Forest is located 60 miles south of Columbia in Four Holes Swamp. The property has a 1.5 mile long boardwalk guided or self-guided tour that loops through several types of swamp ecosystems with abundant wildlife. Both 2-hour and 4-hour guided canoe trips through the swamp are available as well as night tours of the boardwalk. Francis Beidler Forest can accommodate only a troop sized group of campers at a time at an adjacent property. The 2-hour canoe trip cost is approximately \$5.00 for youth and \$10.00 for adults and a special Francis Beidler Forest patch is available for \$3.00. Reservations are required.

Directions:

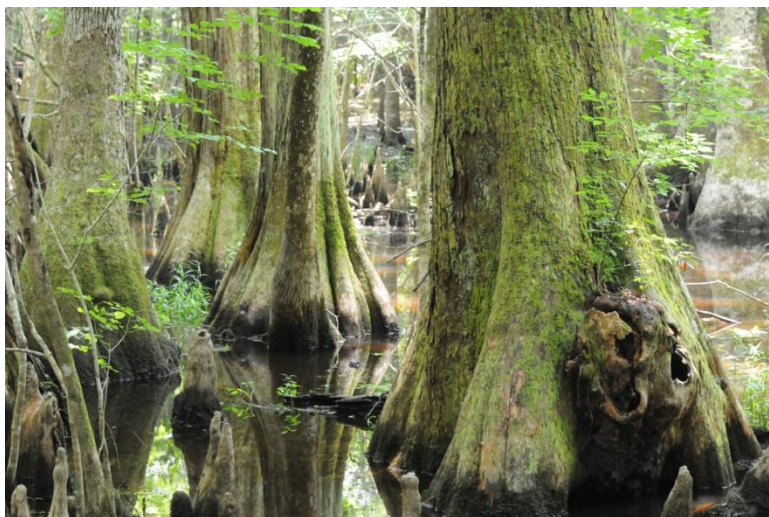
Take I-385 and I-26 East from Greenville toward Charleston. Exit south onto SC 453 at exit 177. Turn east onto US 178 through Harleyville and follow signs to Francis Beidler Forest. Total approximate travel time and distance from Blue Ridge Council Office: 3.0 hours / 180 miles.

Facilities Available:

Francis Beidler Forest offers limited facilities. A well stocked Audubon Society gift shop and nature center with toilets is available on site. No camping is permitted at the forest, but an adjacent Audubon property with a small cabin and a clearing for tent camping is available to scout troops for \$25.00 per night. The cabin sleeps approximately 8 persons. The nearest supplies are in Harleyville, approximately 10 miles away.

Additional Information:

The Giant Cement Co. also located at Exit 177 opens their open pit limestone quarry on Sunday mornings several times a year for fossil hunts. In only an hour, a bucketfull of sharks teeth, animal bones, and similar fossils can be found. Reservations are required. Call Mr. Burton Ardis of the Giant Cement Co. at (803) 496-5033 for information and reservations.



PATRIOTS POINT MUSEUM - USS YORKTOWN

Charleston, SC

Contact References:

Owner: Patriot's Point Development Authority

Address: Scout Camping Program

Patriot's Point Museum

40 Patriot's Point Road

Mount Pleasant, SC 29464-4377

Phone: (800) 248-3508



General Information:

Patriot's Point is located in Mount Pleasant just across the Cooper River from Charleston. The maritime museum includes the aircraft carrier

Yorktown, the submarine Clamagore, the destroyer Laffey, and Coast Guard cutter Ingham. Many displays of vintage aircraft, ship models, and Naval Aviation memorials are on display and the scouts may tour all open areas of the ships on display. The museum is open for weekend group camping and can accommodate almost 500 weekend campers at a time. The cost is \$44.00 per person for a 1-night stay or \$64.00 per person for a 2-night stay. Cost includes museum admission, lodging in the original 4-high crew bunks, all meals while on board, a boat tour to Fort Sumter or a historic harbor tour by boat, and a special Yorktown patch. Reservations are required.

Directions:

Take I-385 and I-26 East from Greenville toward Charleston. At the termination of I-26 in Charleston, take US 17 across the Cooper River Bridges to Mount Pleasant and follow signs to Patriot's Point Museum. Total approximate travel time from Blue Ridge Council Office: 3.5 hours.

Facilities Available:

Patriot's Point offers great facilities for a touring camp. A well stocked gift shop and snack bar with toilets is available on site. The USS Yorktown has heated and cooled sleeping areas with toilets and showers. No tent camping is permitted on site. Supplies are readily available in nearby stores.

Additional Information:

Avoid stays during hot summer months when the metal hull of the ship and high humidity can make your stay unbearable. Admission price also includes group admission to Palmetto Islands County Park. Be sure to visit Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island for a complete historical visit to the city where the American Civil War began.

HELPFUL LINKS

National Order of the Arrow – <http://www.oa-bsa.org>
 Southern Region, Order of the Arrow - <http://www.southern.oa-bsa.org>
 North East Region, Order of the Arrow - <http://www.northeast.oa-bsa.org>
 Central Region, Order of the Arrow - <http://www.central.oa-bsa.org>
 Western Region, Order of the Arrow - <http://www.oawest.org>

National Boy Scouts of America – <http://www.scouting.org>
 Northern Tier High Adventure Base - <http://www.ntier.org>
 Philmont Scout Ranch – <http://www.scouting.org/philmont>
 Florida Sea Base – <http://www.bsaseabase.org>

SR-5 Council of Chiefs

Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge – <http://www.akk185.org>
 Blue Ridge Council – <http://www.blueridgescouncil.org>

Bob White Lodge – <http://www.bobwhitelodge.org>
 Georgia Carolina Council – <http://www.gacacouncil.org>

Catawba Lodge – <http://www.catawba459.org>
 Mecklenburg County Council – <http://www.bsa-mcc.org>

Eswau Huppeday Lodge – <http://eswau.net/>
 Piedmont Council – <http://www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org>

Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge – <http://www.itibap.org>
 Central North Carolina Council – <http://www.centralnccouncilbsa.com>

Muscogee Lodge – <http://www.muscogeelodge.org>
 Indian Waters Council – <http://www.indianwaters.org>

Santee Lodge – <http://sites.google.com/site/santee116>
 Pee Dee Area Council – <http://www.peedeescouts.org/>

Skyuka Lodge – <http://www.skyukalodge.org/>
 Palmetto Area Council – <http://www.palmettocouncil.org/>

Tsali Lodge – <http://www.tsalilodge.org>
 Daniel Boone Council – <http://www.danielboonecouncil.org>

Unali'yi Lodge – <http://www.site236.com/>
 Coastal Carolina Council – <http://www.coastalcarolinabsa.org>

Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge 185 OA Troop Representative Guide



First Edition - 2015
Created by Matthew Watson

Dedicated to Troop 159 – Simpsonville, SC

Welcome

The Order of the Arrow focuses on the importance of cheerful service, camping, and giving back to the troop. I hope that this Troop Representative Guide enhances your troop's experience with the OA.

The OA Representative program is designed to allow the Lodge to give out face-to-face communication directly to its members, and to promote the movement to the rest of the troop. Your OA Representative should be promoting and explaining what the Chapter and Lodge are doing in front of the entire troop. He should also attend monthly Chapter meetings. If you already have an OA Representative, please submit to your local Chapter leaders his contact information. If you currently do not have an OA Representative and your troop has Order of the Arrow members, please have one become an OA Representative and send in his information to your local Chapter. The Boy Scouts of America has also created an adult position as an OA Representative adviser. Please appoint an assistant Scoutmaster to the adviser position and share his or her contact information with the Chapter as well.

For your participation in the OA's unit program, your troop is eligible for the Unit of Excellence award. This national award recognizes units who participate in the Order of the Arrow and meet some basic criteria. More information about this program is available on the national OA website at (<http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/resources/forms/unitexcellenceaward-2013.pdf>). If you qualify for this award, please let the Lodge know so you can be recognized. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or suggestions for how the Lodge can serve your unit.

As a final note, please encourage your troop OA members to stay active in the Chapter and Lodge. The experience of the Order of the Arrow is one that is rewarding and fun and will build life-long friendships and memories.

In Cheerful Service,

Matthew Watson

What is the OA Troop Representative Program?

OA Troop Representative Responsibilities:

1. Serves as a communication link between the Lodge, Chapter, and the troop.
2. Encourages camping in the troop.
3. Encourages Scouts to actively participate in community service projects.
4. Assists with leadership training in the troop.
5. Encourages Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the troop.
6. Encourages Arrowmen in the troop to be active in OA activities and to seal their membership by becoming Brotherhood members.
7. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly.
8. Lives by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Obligation.
9. Exemplifies Scout spirit.

Qualifications:

1. Under 18 years old
2. Appointed by SPL with SM approval
3. OA Member in good standing with dues paid

Reports To: Senior Patrol Leader

Role in the Troop

Unit Election

Introduce and assist your Chapter election team in the election process for your unit. The mystery of the Ordeal is important in the Induction. If asked about the Ordeal by a candidate, be vague if possible and do not tease. Remember, the OA is not a secret society. If candidates or parents have serious concerns about the Ordeal or the programs of the OA, refer them to your Chapter and Lodge leadership.

Brotherhood Conversion

Keep the OA members in your unit engaged in the OA and always promote Brotherhood conversion. It is important that you guide them in finishing their induction by sealing their bars. Help them learn what they need to know before Brotherhood Questioning and make sure they are fully prepared.

Service Projects

The OA is the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service and it is very important to be seen as a servant leader in your troop. You will want to promote all service opportunities such as food drives, merit badge universities, OA service projects, Eagle projects, and troop service projects.

Camping Promotion

OA members are “honor campers” and events you can promote include troop campouts, Camp Old Indian, Camporees and Exporees, Jamborees, high adventure trips, and all OA functions. Be sure to check out Atta Kulla Kulla’s Where To Go Camping Guide for more information

The OA Representative Adviser:

Troop Representatives should have an adult adviser if possible. The adviser should be able to help guide the representative in his responsibilities.

Qualifications:

- A unit leader at least 18 years old
- Appointed by the Scoutmaster
- OA Member in good standing

Reports To:

- Troop Scoutmaster