

The Cherokee National Forest covers approximately 624,000 acres in an east Tennessee counties. It is split into two sections by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Although the Forest offers many forms of recreation, one of the most popular is camping. Everything from fully developed areas with weekend campground programs to primitive sites are available.

The Forest Service operates 29 developed camping areas on the Cherokee, with approximately 685 individual units. Generally, the units will accommodate tents or trailers up to 22 feet long. There is no reservation system for campgrounds. However, unless an area is specifically closed to camping, campers may choose other suitable locations throughout the Forest. Camping in most developed areas is limited to 14 days.

For hikers, the Cherokee National Forest offers everything from hikes through wilderness areas to short walks along boardwalks. There are 105 hiking trails covering 640 miles. They range from easy to extremely difficult. There are both point-to-point trails and extensive loop trail networks.

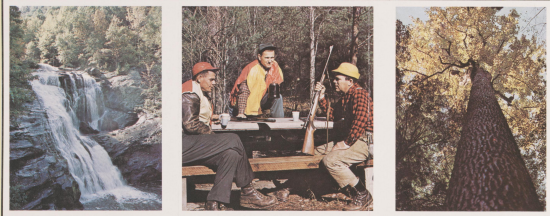
A variety of trail user opportunities exist: self-guided nature trails, horse trails, bicycle trails and motorcycle trails, are all available. Hiking in the Cherokee National Forest is one of the best ways to experience the Forest in a quiet, relaxed atmosphere. No permits and no check-in stations are required for the backcountry, although it is always a good idea to tell somebody where you are going and when you expect to return. It is also a good idea to stop at the nearest District Ranger's office for additional information and maps of the areas you intend to hike.

Three of the better-known trail networks are the Cisco Creek and Big Frog Mountain systems and the Appalachian Trail. Two National Recreation Trails are included in the Forest trail system. These are the John Muir and Wagon's Passage trails.

Five whitewater rivers flow through the Cherokee National Forest. These are the Ocoee, Hiwassee, French Broad, Tellico and Nolichucky Rivers. Commercial outfitters will rent out equipment or provide guided trips for some of these streams. For more information, check telephone listings for towns along the rivers or call at the nearest District Ranger's office. Other water sports in the Forest include swimming, boating and skiing. There are several boat ramps, beaches and swimming facilities for your water enthusiasts.

Hunting and fishing are also very popular in the Cherokee National Forest. A variety of game species is available. The most prominent are black bear, wild boar, deer, squirrel, grouse, turkey and raven, brown and brook trout.

Welcome to the Cherokee National Forest Tennessee



Hunting and fishing regulations for the Forest are set by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. For licenses and additional information call or write: TWRA, Rt. 3, Box 153-A, Tallot, TN 37877, toll free 1-800-333-0900 or TWRA, 216 E. Penfield, Crossville, TN 38555, toll free 1-800-262-6704.

Two other popular pastimes are scenic drives and picnicking. The Cherokee National Forest has 12 picnic areas and 14 campgrounds with separate picnic areas. More than 1,100 miles of roads are maintained in the Cherokee National Forest. Scenic drives may range from short outcrops to all-day trips. Spectacular colors in the fall add incentive for motorists to leisurely enjoy the Forest. Scenic overlooks and panoramic vistas make driving through the Forest a pleasurable experience any time of the year.

A last word of caution: More than 90 percent of the fires in the Cherokee National Forest are man-caused, costing millions of dollars each year to control and millions more in lost resources.

If you need information about camping, trails and other activities, contact the offices listed below. They have free Forest maps and brochures. There are also wilderness areas maps available for a \$1 fee. All seven Cherokee National Forest offices are open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bald River Falls (1): Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tallico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tallico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 7 miles

Big Bend (2): Take U.S. 411 south from Etowah for 5 miles; turn left (east) on Tennessee 30 to Reliance; cross bridge over Hiwassee River; turn right; stay to the right, following signs to Appalachia Powerhouse on Forest Service Road 108

Big Oak Grove (3): Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tallico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tallico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 15 miles (8 miles past Bald River Falls)

Chilhowee (4): Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 12 miles; turn left on Forest Service Road 77 for 7 miles

Dani Creek (5): Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tallico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tallico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 11 miles (4 miles past Bald River Falls)

Davis Branch (6): Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tallico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tallico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 14 miles (7 miles past Bald River Falls)

Double Camp (7): Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tallico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tallico Plains for 9 miles; turn left on Forest Service Road 345 to Indian Boundary; bear right on Forest Service Road 35-1 for 4 miles past Indian Boundary

Hiwassee River (9): Take U.S. 411 south from Etowah for 5 miles; turn left (east) on Tennessee 30 for 2 miles

Holly Flats (10): Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tallico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tallico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 13 miles (6 miles past Bald River Falls); turn right on first road past Green Cove (Forest Service Road 120) for 4 miles

Indian Boundary (11): Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tallico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tallico Plains for 9 miles; turn left on Forest Service Road 345 at signs to Indian Boundary

Jake Beet (12): Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tallico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tallico Plains for 9 miles; turn left on Forest Service Road 345 at signs to Indian Boundary; bear right on Forest Service Road 35-1 for 4 miles past Indian Boundary

Loat Creek (13): Take U.S. 411 south from Etowah for 5 miles; turn left (east) on Tennessee 30 for 7 miles; turn left on Forest Service Road 103 for 7 miles

Mac Point (14): Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 19 miles

North River (15): Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tallico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tallico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 8 miles (2 miles past Bald River Falls); turn left on Forest Service Road 217 (road to Stratton Meadows) for 2 miles

Parkville Beach (16): Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 17 miles

Parkville Boat Ramp (17): Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 18 miles

Parkville Lake (18): Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 20 miles

Powerhouse (19): Take U.S. 411 south from Etowah for 5 miles; turn left (east) on Tennessee 30 to Reliance; cross bridge over Hiwassee River; turn right; stay to the right, following signs to Appalachia Powerhouse on Forest Service Road 108

Quinn Spring (20): Take U.S. 411 south from Etowah for 5 miles; turn left (east) on Tennessee 30 for 2 miles

Spruce Cove (21): Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tallico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tallico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 12 miles (5 miles past Bald River Falls)

Steele Line (22): Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tallico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tallico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 18 miles (8 miles past Bald River Falls)

Sylvia (23): Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 11 miles to Cherokee Corners; turn right on Baker's Creek Road for 3 1/2 miles to the Cherokee National Forest boundary at boundary. Baker's Creek Road becomes Forest Service Road 55; continue for 6 1/2 miles

Thunder Rock (24): Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 25 miles to Ocoee # Powerhouse; turn right across concrete bridge; follow road around powerhouse; take first right

Towhee (25): Take U.S. 411 south from Etowah for 5 miles; turn left (east) on Tennessee 30 to Reliance; cross bridge over Hiwassee River; turn right; stay to the right, following signs to Appalachia Powerhouse on Forest Service Road 108

Turnbull Creek (26): Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 25 miles to Ocoee # Powerhouse; turn right across concrete bridge; follow road around powerhouse for 2 miles; take left fork of Forest Service Road 221 for 6 miles

Backbone Rock (27): Take U.S. 421 south from Bristol for 20 miles to Shady Valley; turn left on Tennessee 132 for 7 miles

Carden's Bluff (28): Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn right on U.S. 321 south at Hampton; continue for 4 miles

Carvers Gap (29): Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn right on U.S. 19 E for 10 miles to Roan Mountain (town); turn right on Tennessee 143 for 12 miles

Dorris Cove (30): Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 south at Hampton; turn right off U.S. 321 south at Citizens Branch Bank Forest Service Road 50 for 5 miles

French Broad (31): Take U.S. 25-70 east from Newport for 12 miles

Horse Creek (32): Take U.S. 11 E Bypass from Greenville; turn right on Tennessee 107 for 6 miles; following signs to Horse Creek; turn right on Forest Service Road 94

Houston Valley (33): Take U.S. 25-70 east from Newport for 12 miles; turn left on Tennessee 107 for 4 miles

Jacobs Creek (34): Take U.S. 421 south from Bristol for 12 miles; turn left on Forest Service Road 32; turn left on Forest Service Road 337

Laurels (35): Take Tennessee 107 from Unicoi for 1 mile; turn left on Scoto Road for 6 miles

Limestone Cove (36): Take Tennessee 107 from Unicoi for 3 miles

Little Milligan (37): Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 at Hampton; continue on U.S. 321 south for 9 miles

Little Oak (38): Take U.S. 421 south from Bristol for 12 miles; turn right on Forest Service Road 87 for 5 miles

Low Gap (39): Take Tennessee 91 north from Elizabethton for 7 miles; turn left at fork

Old Forge (40): Take U.S. 11 E Bypass from Greenville; turn right on Tennessee 107 for 6 miles; following signs to Horse Creek; turn right on Forest Service Road 94; turn right at Horse Creek on Forest Service Road 931 for 3 miles

Paint Creek (41): Take U.S. 25-70 east from Newport for 12 miles; following Paint Creek signs; turn left on Tennessee 107 for 10 miles; turn right on Forest Service Road 31; bear right at fork for 2 miles

Rae Branch (42): Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 south at Hampton; continue on U.S. 321 south for 2 miles

Rock Creek (43): Take Rock Creek Road east from Erwin for 3 miles; turn on Rock Creek Road from Main Street

Round Knob (44): Take U.S. 11 E Bypass from Greenville; turn right on Tennessee 107 for 6 miles; following signs to Horse Creek; turn right on Forest Service Road 94; turn right at Horse Creek on Forest Service Road 931 for 4 miles to intersection with Forest Service Road 88; bear left at intersection

Round Mountain (45): Take U.S. 25-70 east from Newport for 10 miles to Oak Rio; turn right on Tennessee 107 for 10 miles (becomes gravel road)

Shoak Branch (46): Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 at Hampton; continue on U.S. 321 south for 2 miles

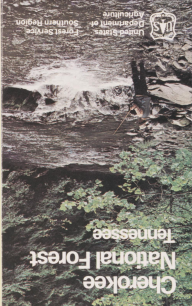
Six Mountain (47): Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 at Hampton; continue on U.S. 321 south for 8 miles; turn left (north) on Tennessee 67 for 2 miles; turn right on Forest Service Road 88 at Doeville for 2 miles; turn right on Forest Service Road 238 for 3 miles

Two Springs (48): Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn right on U.S. 19 E south for 10 miles to Road Mountain (town); turn right (south) on Tennessee 143 for 8 miles

Unaka Mountain (49): Take Rock Creek Road east from Erwin for 10 miles; turn on Rock Creek Road from Main Street

Wauga Point (50): Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 south at Hampton; continue on U.S. 321 south for 3 miles

Y-M Man (51): Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 south at Hampton; continue on U.S. 321 south for 3 miles



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Cleveland, TN 37311
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Hiwassee Ranger District
U.S. Forest Service
1401 South Ocoee Avenue
Etowah, TN 37321
(615) 253-6486

Nolichucky Ranger District
U.S. Forest Service
204 Lewis Drive
Greeneville, TN 37613
(615) 638-4109

Ocoee Ranger District
U.S. Forest Service
Route 9, Box 362-8
Erwin, TN 37603
(615) 338-2021

Tallico Ranger District
U.S. Forest Service
1610 South Tallico Road
Tallico Plains, TN 37385
(615) 253-5200

Unaka Ranger District
U.S. Forest Service
Route 1, Box 1208, Main St.
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