

SOUTHERN NATIONAL FORESTS - FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS



WELCOME

The South is a land of changing beauty and changing moods... and so are the National Forests of the South.

From the most diverse coastal forests to the cloud-covered peaks of the Appalachian Mountains, these are your lands, lands for outdoor living. Explore them and know their many moods. Whether you seek the way of recreation - be it quiet beauty or active participation - you will find what you want on the National Forests of the South.

These 12 million acres range from Virginia to eastern Texas. Young trails will lead you to a clear or better into sudden flights, see cattle grazing beneath scattered pines. Climb to the heights of a precipitous mountain or a peak of a forest being harvested... and a new one starts.

These Forests are active Forests, dedicated to use by and for the pleasure people who love them. Come with us for a brief look at the moods and scenes on these National Forests of the South.



THE WHISPERING MOUNTAINS

The Appalachian Mountains could be called a busy carpet of scenic beauty and the mountains forests whisper of many things.

In winter the winds whisper a tale of cold beauty, marked by ice and snow. The spring wind in the mountains whistles of the slow awakening of the earth after its long cold slumber. And the spring wind talks of beauty such as the dogwood, flame azalea, rhododendron, and other plants that deck the mountains out in spring flowers. The summer wind whistles of cool relief from the heat of the lower elevations. It talks of picnics, camping, swimming, and hiking during the day and the cool and the sound of water at night. In autumn, the mountains whisper again of beauty, this time the beauty of brilliant colors of nature in its first before dawn the amber colors of a mountain winter. Fall winds now whisper of big game hunting and deer. There are a carpet of color. Whatever the season, the mountains whisper their special message.

The National Forests of the South have much to offer in the mountains also. There are Scenic and Wilderness Areas for those who like nature in the raw. There are developed campgrounds with viewing platforms which tell of the mountains and the forests. There are rushing mountain streams offering fine trout fishing, and there are lakes for swimming. A mountain waterfall, large or small, has a special beauty and attraction all its own.

The beckoning lands of the National Forests in the South offer many things. A chance to explore quiet woodland ways... a chance to enjoy nature and learn more about it at the same time... a chance to sit beside a rushing mountain stream. And the opportunity to get away from the hectic life of a city and take in the beauty and quiet of the forests.



This Black Forest Lodge is located in the Circle of Forests in America where forestry was first practiced in the country.



Tables at Brainerd Springs Campground, South National Forest, in Arkansas, are always ready for picnics, campfires, and high-temperature roasts in 40-minute time for an excellent meal.



A picnic is a great American habit and the days are filled with it. Here the forest provides the perfect place for such a picnic. There is no need for a picnic table.



Sliding Rock on Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina furnishes fun and profits for thousands of persons, old and young, each year.



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High atop Brasstown Bald in Georgia is a Visitor Center and fire tower. One of several in the Southern National Forests, the Visitor Center offers a commanding view of the mountain forests of Georgia and surrounding states.



Ronan Mountain straddles the Tennessee-North Carolina line and each June (May in some years) becomes a field of color. The rhododendron gardens on the mountain make a colorful scene which attracts visitors from all over the nation.



Cool mountain streams offer fine trout fishing and once the daily meal is taken the setting is just as satisfying as was the sport of catching the fish.

The magic touch of nature in all the seasons.



LAND OF STILL WATERS

Nature's most beautiful presents in the forests of the Coastal Plain. The more colorful trees and evergreen waterfalls are back of the old South, the South of mountains and mountains. Woodland life seems to be in still motion, but the mood of the Coastal Plain is otherwise. The trees are some of the most spectacular in the Nation. Healthy in sugar, maple, hickory, cypress and other products.

There is much to see and do in the National Forests of the Coastal Plain. Swimming areas, picnic, fishing, and camping areas, and historic wilderness areas are some of the most spectacular in the Nation. Healthy in sugar, maple, hickory, cypress and other products.



National Forests are lands for hunting and fishing. The forest provides the perfect place for such a picnic. There is no need for a picnic table.

From the mountains to the Piedmont to the Coastal Plain, the varied scenery of National Forests in the South keeps changing. Each area has its own special attractions, unique to make the visitor feel at home and to enjoy himself.

These Forests are your Forests, leading you to enjoy their beauty and their outdoor whenever and wherever the mood strikes you.



The quiet beauty of the land beyond can be seen from this point on the Tallapoosa State Drive (under construction) in Alabama.



The Forest is for learning also. A Ranger shows visitors a squirrel and tells them how squirrels live and find food and a home among the trees.

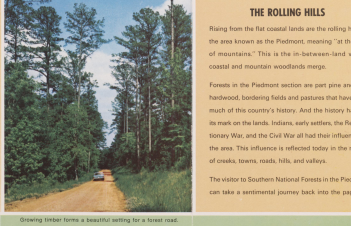
More and more people are enjoying outdoor recreation



MOUNTAIN HISTORY

There is history in the mountains of the Southern National Forests also. Forests in the United States got its start in the mountains of western North Carolina and the site is marked by the Circle of Forests in America. Here, America's first forestry school has been created with buildings just as they were in the turn of the century.

The mountains of the National Forests in the South are spectacular in themselves and have other "spectaculars" for the visitor. Brasstown Bald Visitor Center is atop the highest mountain in Georgia. Tallapoosa Scenic Drive winds over the Quachita Mountains of Arkansas and Oklahoma, and Brainerd Springs Scenic is a fascinating underground attraction in the Ozark section of Arkansas. A new program on the George Washington National Forest in Virginia is called "Outdoor Patterns for People". Its purpose is to bring the educational and recreational values of the outdoors closer to more of America's expanding population.



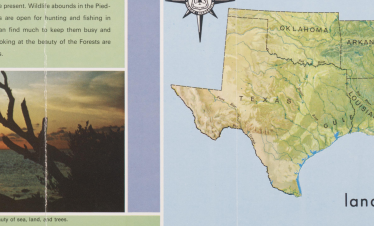
Growing timber forms a beautiful setting for a forest road.

THE ROLLING HILLS

Rising from the flat coastal lands are the rolling hills of the area known as the Piedmont, meaning "at the foot of mountains." This is the in-between-land where coastal and mountain woodlands merge.

Forests in the Piedmont section are part pine and part hardwood. Scouting fields and pastures that have seen much of this country's history. And the history has left its mark on the land. Indians, early settlers, the Revolutionary War, and the Civil War all had their influence on the area. This influence is reflected today in the names of oaks, towns, roads, hills, and valleys.

The visitor to Southern National Forests in the Piedmont can take a sentimental journey back into the pages of history or take part in the varied activities of the present. Wildlife is abundant in the Piedmont and the fishing is fine. National Forests are open for hunting and fishing in accordance with state laws. Bird watchers can find much to keep them busy and happy. Camping, picnicking, hiking, or just looking at the beauty of the Forests are other favorite activities in the Piedmont forests.



The setting just across the dark beauty of the lake, old and new.

Pause awhile in YOUR National Forests... Thirty-three National Forests in the South are busy working for you each day of the year.

