

SOUTHERN NATIONAL FORESTS - FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS



WELCOME

The South is a land of changing scenery and changing moods... and so are the National Forests of the South. From the moss-draped coastal forests to the cloud-covered peaks of the Appalachian Mountains, there are great lands here for outdoor living. Explore them and know that many moods. Whenever you seek in the way of recreation... for a quiet beauty or active participation... wherever you go, find what you want on the National Forests of the South.

These 12 million acres range from Virginia to eastern Texas. Visiting them you may see a deer or turkey and witness flight, low birds soaring through southern pines, listen to the hum of a mountain waterfall as we fall of a forest being harvested... and there are many others.

These Forests are scenic Forests, dedicated to use by and for the American people who open 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 lumpy carpet of scenic beauty and the mountain 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 weakening of the earth after its long, cold slumber. And the spring wind tells of beauty such as the dogwood, flame azalea, rhododendrons, and other plants that deck the mountains out in spring glory. The summer wind whispers of cool relief from the heat of the lower elevations. It tells of parties camped, swimming, and hiking during the day and the beauty of brilliant colors as nature has its thing before dawn in the amber colors of a mountain sunrise. Fall winds also whisper of big game hunting and duck trials as a carpet of color. Whenever 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 evening programs 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.



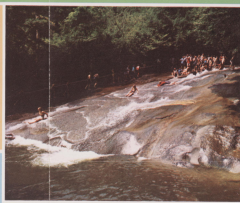
The Black Forest Lodge is located at the Crown of Pines in America, where Smokey was first protected in the South.



Beauty and the beach. Many lakes on the National Forests in the South make the spots for fishing, swimming, picnicking, or just sitting in the sun.



A picnic is a great American tradition and full dogs are a necessary part of any picnic. There's no time to lose for such an outing that in a forest setting.



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



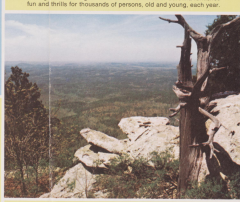
LAND OF STILL WATERS

Nature's mood is quiet and peaceful in the forests of the Coastal Plain. The moss-covered live oak and cypress swamps make one think of the Old South, the South of mountains and meadows. Woodlands like these are to be seen nowhere, but the mood of the Coastal Plain is everywhere. There are some of the most productive Forests in the Nation, helping to supply water, lumber, turpentine, and other products.

There is much to see and do in the National Forests of the Coastal Plain. Swimming, canoeing, fishing, and camping are some of the favorite activities. Occasional forest trails, A Head Hike down a steep canyon or a canoe ride in tropical surroundings can give one a sense of being suspended in time.



National Forests are great for fishing in accordance with the regulations.



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

- BOATING
- FISHING
- PICNICING
- CAMPING
- HUNTING
- HIKING
- SWIMMING
- SIGHTSEEING

OUTDOORS
IN YOUR SOUTHERN National Forests



High atop Brasstown Bald in Georgia is a Visitor Center and fire tower. One of our 12 Southern National Forests, the Visitor Center offers a commanding view of the mountain forests of Georgia and surrounding states.



Road Mountain straddles the Tennessee-North Carolina line and each June literally becomes a ring of beads. The rhododendron gardens on the mountain make a colorful scene which attracts visitors from all over the nation.

The magic touch of nature in all the seasons.



From the mountains to the Piedmont to the Coastal Plains, the mood and scenery of National Forests in the South keep changing. Each area has its own special attractions, opportunities to make the visitor feel at home and to enjoy himself.

These Forests are year Forests, inviting you to enjoy their beauty and their facilities whenever and wherever the mood strikes you.



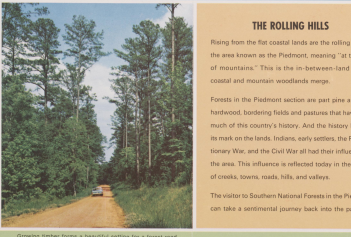
The Forest is for learning also. A Ranger shows visitors a squirrel and birds that have spruce tree and find food and a home among the trees.



MOUNTAIN HISTORY

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

The mountains of the National Forests in the South are spectacular in themselves and have other "spectacles" for the visitor. Brasstown Bald Visitor Center is atop the highest mountain in Georgia, Tallulah Gorge, where winds over the Ouachita Mountains of Arkansas and Oklahoma, and Blanchard Springs Cavern 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 home a beautiful setting for a forest road.

THE ROLLING HILLS

Flying from the forest-covered 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 past and part hardwood, bordering fields and pastures that have seen much of this country's history. And the history has left its mark on the lands. 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 creeks, 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 abounds 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 sun paints the dark beauty of sea, land, and trees.

More and more people are enjoying outdoor recreation

Relief Map of the Southern Region

National Forests lands of many uses

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



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