

The Uwharrie National Forest is in the Piedmont of North Carolina and includes portions of the Uwharrie Mountains. The forest provides an abundance of recreation opportunities and natural resources, including clean water, diverse scenery, wildlife habitat and wood products. The forest is also rich in cultural resources, with prehistoric quarry sites and historic mines and

settlements on rolling topography that ranges in elevation from 400 to 1000 feet above sea level

Nestled along Badin Lake's eastern shore, the Badin Lake Recreation Area is one of the most popular places on the Uwharrie National Forest. Every year, thousands of visitors enjoy swimming, boating, fishing, hunting, hiking trails, equestrian trails, fourwheel-drive trails, mountain biking trails and camping.

## **Rules for OHV Trails**

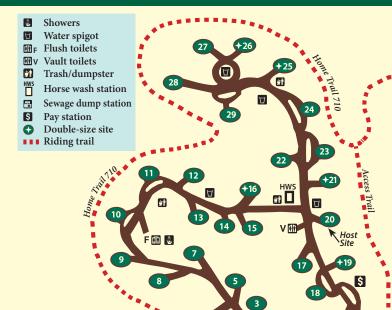
- Children under 8 may not operate ATV, UTV or motorcycles. Children under 12 may not operate any ATV, UTV 70cc or larger. Children under 15 may not operate any Off Highway Vehicle. Children under 16 may not operate any ATV or UTV 90cc or larger. Children under 16 must be under the continuous visual supervision of an adult over 18 when operating any ATV, UTV, motorcycle or Off Highway Vehicle.
- Unlicensed vehicles may not operate on Forest Service roads or in developed campgrounds.
- No passengers are allowed on all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), unless
- vehicles are designed to carry passengers. Trail permits are required to use OHV trails.
- Securely attach daily permits to ATV or dirt-bike handlebars.
- Attach permit to four-wheel-drive where visible from front.
- Permits are valid until midnight of the date written on permit.
- Display season permits on right rear fenders for ATVs and rear fenders for dirt bikes. Prominently display season permits on front of four-wheel-drive vehicles.
- Off-highway vehicles (OHVs) must stay on designated trails marked with **orange diamonds**.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all trail systems and in recreation areas.
- ATVs and motorcycle operators and passengers must wear Department of Transportation approved helmets and eye
- Spark arresters, mufflers and brakes are required, and working headlights and taillights for night-riding.
- OHV trails allow dirt bikes, ATVs, side-by-sides, full-size vehicles and mountain bikes with permits.



From Asheboro: Take NC 49S to NC 109S. Badin Lake Recreation Area is about two miles west of Eldorado.

From Troy: Take NC 109N about 12 miles north of Troy and just north of the Uwharrie River. Follow signs for Badin Lake Recreation Area.

# **Canebrake Horse Camp**



Offering 40 miles of nearby horse trails, Canebrake Horse Camp is a great getaway for equestrians who like to ride and camp. The camp has 29 sites with parking spurs for trailers.

There are single and double sites available for a fee. Each site has a picnic table, grill, fire ring, tack table, lantern and highline posts. All sites have electric hookups. Up to two vehicles are allowed at each campsite. Open all year, Canebrake Horse Camp offers spigots for drinking water, showers, flush toilets and a horse wash station. A dump station is available for sewer and drinking water for RVs.

Riders can choose from 24 trails. Trail names, mileages and ratings are listed on the trail map on the back.

Note: Alcohol is prohibited. Keep pets leashed and controlled at all



# **Primitive Camping Rules**

- Primitive camping is allowed, except in developed sites, designated wildlife fields, trailhead parking lots or where signs specifically state "No Camping."
- Vehicles must be parked adjacent to roads or trails and visitor must walk to primitive site.
- Do not drive vehicles behind barricades.
- Stay no more than 14 consecutive days within a 30-day period on forest.
- Camp at least 200 feet from streams and trails.
- Camping is not permitted at day-use areas. • Keep pets on a leash and under control at all times.
- Alcohol is allowed at primitive campsites.
- Pack out all trash. Learn to use *Leave No Trace* camping techniques.
- Make sure campfires are dead out.
- Open carry and concealed carry with permit are allowed.

#### Maps and Information

**Uwharrie National Forest** 

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# **Arrowhead Campground**

Shaded by loblolly pines and oaks, Arrowhead Campground's 50 campsites sit a quarter mile from Badin Lake—a hot spot for water sports. Open all year, the campground is suited for tent or RV camping. There are single and double sites available for a fee. Each site has a picnic table, grill, lantern post and fire ring. Thirty-four sites have electrical hookups.

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For drinking water, six water spigots are available. A bathhouse with flush toilets and showers is in the campground. A dump station is available for sewer and drinking water for RVs.

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For recreation, visitors can walk the 0.75-mile paved trail that loops around the campground. In addition, paved connectors from the campground lead to the 5.6-mile Badin Lake Trail for hiking. The trail follows Badin Lake's shoreline and loops back.

Off-highway-vehicle trails are 2.5 miles from Arrowhead, and Cove Boat Ramp is just a half-mile away. Badin Lake offers a boater's paradise, from waterskiing to cruising to sailing.

The lake offers a wealth of water recreation and fishing opportunities.

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Water spigot Trash/dumpste Pay station Sewage dump station Paved road Paved trail

# **Outdoor Ethics and Safety**

Unpaved trail

Double-size sites

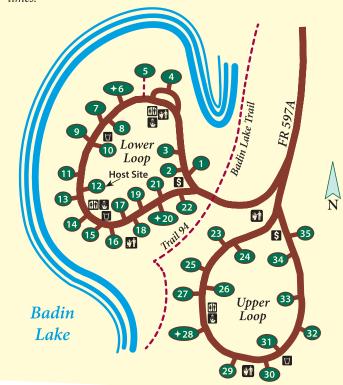
- Your safety is your responsibility. Many places in the forest do not have cell phone service. Plan and prepare accordingly. Check with the National Weather Service before your trip.
- Stay on designated trails. Mountain bikers can ride on offhighway vehicle (OHV) trails, but they must have an OHV trail permit.
- Resist the urge to create new routes and short cuts. Shortcutting switchbacks is prohibited.
- Some trails are very eroded and are closed. Help restore these trails by not riding on them. Avoid wet trails and wheel
- Be sure spark arresters work and make sure all campfires are dead out. Remember, you are responsible for any fire you
- Keep noise levels down. Please respect others who visit the forest to get away from noise.
- Keep pets leashed and under control at all times.
- Carry a litter bag and pack out all trash. Learn and use notrace camping techniques.
- Avoid temporarily tying stock to trees. Use a high line with tree-saver straps to tether animals.
- Don't feed or harass wildlife. If you see a snake, leave it alone. If you are bitten, stay calm and seek medical attention
- Help stop the spread of invasive insects. Use only local firewood instead of bringing it from home or other locations.
- Please enjoy the Uwharrie National Forest responsibly.

# **Badin Lake Campground**

Open all year, Badin Lake Campground offers 35 sites for camping. Each site has a picnic table, grill, fire ring and lantern posts. Drinking water spigots, flush toilets and showers are available. The campground is suited for tent or RV camping, but no electric hook-ups are available. There are single and double sites available

Launch a canoe from the lakeshore or drive two miles to Cove Boat Ramp to launch a motorized boat from a trailer. The 5.6-mile Badin Lake Trail is easy to access.

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- **\$** Pay station Restrooms
- Showers
- **□** Water spigot
- Trash/dumpster --- Hiking trail
- **♦** Double-size sites

# Reservations

To make reservations at Arrowhead, Badin Lake and Badin Lake group campgrounds and Canebrake Horse Camp; and King's Mountain Point pavilion, call 877-444-6777 or TDD: 877-833-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov.

Be sure to make reservations up to 240 days in advance or as late as three days before arrival.

## Other Places to Visit

## **Cove Boat Ramp**

For launching trailered motorized boats, a ramp on Badin Lake is near Arrowhead Campground. Access Badin Lake Hiking Trail from this area.

## **Badin Lake Group Camp**

Offering tent and RV camping, this camp has three sites with fire rings, tables, tent pads, showers and toilets. A nightly fee is charged. Each site accomodates 50 people. Available through reservation only.

## **King's Mountain Point**

The King's Mountain Point Day-Use Area offers four accessible fishing piers, 34 picnic sites, parking, a paved trail and access to the Badin Lake Trail. The picnic pavilion can be reserved through www.recreation.gov. The area is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

## Flintlock Valley Shooting Range

The outdoor range offers seven rifle benches and four pistol benches. Permits are required and are available through the Uwharrie National Forest office and local vendors. Range is open Tuesday through Saturday. Visit www.fs.usda.gov/nfsnc for hours of operation.

# **Sharing the Trail**

**OHVs** yield to **Mountain Bikers** yield to **Hikers and Runners** yield to **Horses** 



