

# Citico Creek Recreation Zone



## Tellico Ranger Station



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With more than 20,000 acres of wilderness in Citico Creek and Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness Areas, this Recreation Zone provides ample opportunities for solitude and backcountry experiences.

Fishing in Citico Creek and its tributaries offers plenty of opportunities to catch both native and stocked trout.

Little Citico Horse Trail system offers over 15 miles of trail with camping opportunities at Young Branch Horse Camp.

The main access into this Recreation Zone is Cherohala Skyway (TN 165), and Citico Creek Road (Forest Road 35).

The nearest communities are Tellico Plains, TN and Robbinsville, NC.

**Go Fishing!** Citico Creek, upstream from Little Citico Creek, is stocked with catchable-size rainbow trout from March 15 through September 15. This stretch also holds wild brown and rainbow trout. Fish for smallmouth bass and catfish in the lower reaches of Citico Creek. The creek's rugged tributaries teem with wild populations of brown, rainbow, and brook trout.

**Follow the Trail!** Bring your horse to the 15 mile Little Citico Horse Trail system. Trails are moderate with some rough terrain and stream crossings. Citico Creek Road and the 14 mile Forest Road 2659 loop, more than double the riding opportunities. Parking is limited. Citico Creek and Joyce Kilmer Wilderness Areas provide miles of trails which offer streamside hikes and rugged backcountry treks to elevations over 4,000 feet. A good map is recommended and available at Forest Service Ranger Stations.

**Sleep under the Stars!** Ride your horse all day on the Little Citico Horse Trail system and relax at Young Branch Horse Camp overnight. Seven sites allow up to five campers each with their horses. Horse facilities include a communal corral and 35 rustic horse stalls. Each campsite has a picnic table, grill, and lantern post. Portable toilets are located nearby. There is no potable water, but horses have easy access to Citico Creek. Young Branch is a primitive "pack it in, pack it out" facility, so be prepared to dispose of your trash responsibly. This campground is located 19 miles from Vonore and 28 miles from Tellico Plains, TN. Campsites are available by reservation only. Call (877) 444-6777 for reservations.

