PISGAH RANGER DISTRICT
RECREATION DIRECTORY

Pisgah National Forest, USDA Forest Service, Southern Region

THE FOREST HERITAGE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

This scenic 79-mile highway loops through the Pisgah Ranger District and nearby countryside. The route is rich in mountain beauty and forest history. A free pamphlet describing highlights is available at the visitor center.

PISGAH RANGER STATION VISITOR CENTER

Monday – Friday	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Winter Hours—Closed Holidays
Monday- Sunday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Peak Season Hours (mid April to early Nov.)

Located 1.5 miles north of NC 280 on US 276, east of Brevard. Phone: (828) 877-3265.

DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS

Name of Area	Sites	Showers	Toilets	Dump Station	Minimum Fee	Season
Davidson River	161	Yes	Flush	Yes	$22	Year-round
Sunburst	10	No	Flush	No	$15	Apr-Oct
N. Mills River	31	Yes**	Flush or Vault	Yes	$22	Year-round [1]
Lake Powhatan	98	Yes	Flush	Yes	$22	Mar-Nov

Most sites available first-come, first-served. Some sites reservable (with service fee) at Davidson River, Lake Powhatan, and North Mills River four to 240 days in advance: (877) 444-6777; TDD: (877) 833-6777); or www.recreation.gov . Maximum stay for all campgrounds is 14 days at one time; 30 days total between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Firewood is available at Davidson River and Lake Powhatan. *Riverside sites. [1]In winter: no water; vault toilet only; fee, $11.00. **Showers **NOT** available during winter season.

GROUP CAMPING AREAS

Name of Area	Capacity	Water	Toilets	Fee	Remarks
Upper Cove Creek	60	Yes	Vault	$100/night	
Lower Cove Creek	60	Yes	Vault	$100/night	
Kuykendall	60	Yes	Vault	$100/night	
White Pines	25	Yes	Vault	$55/night	Tents Only
Wash Creek Horse Camp	30	No	Vault	$25/night	10 Veh. Max.
N. Mills River-small site	30	Yes	Vault	$40/night	Tents Only

Areas are only by reservation (fee charged), four to 360 days in advance. Call (877) 444-6777; TDD: (877) 833-6777.

PRIMITIVE AND ROADSIDE CAMPING

Primitive camping is allowed at least ¼ mile away from any road open to traffic and outside of any developed recreation sites. Roadside camping is allowed ONLY along gravel roads where designated by this sign: In all cases, vehicles **MUST** remain on the road shoulder in widened pull-outs, where they won't interfere with traffic nor damage vegetation. No trash pick up is provided, so be sure to ***"Pack it in - Pack it out."*** It is **MANDATORY** to bury all human waste and toilet paper away from streams. Be sure to clean up before leaving. **NO FIREWOOD CUTTING** except for dead and downed wood. Maximum stay: 14 days in one location.

FOREST DISCOVERY CENTER
CRADLE OF FORESTRY IN AMERICA HISTORIC SITE

The site of the first forestry school in America is located 9.5 miles north of ranger station on US 276. **Highlights:** hands-on exhibits, gift shop, Hob Nob Café, guided walks on 3 paved trails with historic buildings, restored portable sawmill, and logging locomotive. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. mid-April through October. Fee: Adults $5; under 16 years old, free. Groups should call (828) 877-3130 for information.

PICNIC AREAS

Name of Area	Tables	Shelters	Toilets	Fee	Season
Sunburst	10		Flush*	No	Year-round
North Mills River [1]	39		Flush/vault*	Yes ($3/car) [3]	Year-round
Pink Beds	21	2	Flush*	No	Year-round
Sycamore Flats [2]	40	1	Flush	No	Year-round
Coontree	10		Flush/vault*	No	Year-round
US 276 (Roadsides)	17		No	No	Year-round

Shelters can be reserved at a cost of $50. The larger of the 2 at Pink Beds is reservable. [1] Open 8 AM to sunset. [2] Open 7 AM to 9 PM; NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED at Sycamore Flats. [3] Seasonal pass available at site; pass covers day use at North Mills River and Lake Powhatan Recreation Areas. *Water service turned off in cold weather to prevent plumbing damage.

SWIMMING AREAS

Name of Area	Flush Toilets	Day Use Fee *		Season
Lake Powhatan	Yes	$5 per car	$2per person to swim	Mar-Nov

No boats, canoes, or watercraft of any kind are allowed on Lake Powhatan. A lifeguard is on duty Memorial Day weekend (end of May) through Labor Day, 8 AM to sunset, unless posted otherwise. *Seasonal pass available at site; also covers day use at North Mills River Recreation Area.

OBSERVATION/WATER PLAY AREAS

Name of Area	Toilets	Parking Fee	Season
Looking Glass Falls	No	No	Year-round
Sliding Rock*	Yes*	$2 per person, age 6 & under are free *	Apr-Oct *

*Sliding Rock: A site manager is on duty 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Memorial Day weekend through mid-August. Weekend staffing is possible into mid- October. At other times, restrooms are closed, and no fee is charged. **NO PICNICKING & NO ALCOHOL** are permitted.

TRAILS

Approximately 380 miles of maintained recreation trails in the district offer a wide variety of length, difficulty, and terrain, with many trails open to horses and non-motorized mountain bikes. (**Some bike trails are seasonal.**). On all trails, always pack out trash, and please practice other **"Leave No Trace"** land ethics. Maps are available at the Pisgah Visitor Center; by mail order at The Forest Place, (800) 660-0671ext.228; or online at www.theforestplace.com.

WILDERNESS AREAS

Shining Rock and Middle Prong Wilderness Areas offer a primitive experience for hiking and backpacking. ***Trails are not signed or blazed***, so map and compass use are essential. To maintain wilderness quality, **no more than 10 people per group are allowed. NO CAMPFIRES** are permitted and **mountain bikes or wheeled carts may not be used**. No permit is required.

FOREST SERVICE (FS) ROADS

Most Forest Service roads are gravel-surfaced and open to the public. Some roads are gated and, **unless signed otherwise**, are available for use by foot, bike, and horse traffic. When parking along forest roads, use the widened pull-outs or park well over on the road shoulder. This prevents interference with road traffic or gates blockage.