Thunder Rock Campground

Ocoee-Hiwassee Ranger District
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Thunder Rock Campground is located 1.8 miles northwest of the Ocoee Whitewater Center, just behind TVA Powerhouse Number 3. Nestled alongside the Ocoee River, this facility provides 37 regular campsites and one group site. Thunder Rock is a popular destination for both whitewater and trail enthusiasts.

Trailhead parking is available free of charge for the Tanasi trail system, which includes approximately 30 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails. This system can be reached via Thunder Rock Express, Dry Pond Lead, or the Rhododendron Trail. Thunder Rock also provides access to the Benton-McKay Trail.

The nearby Ocoee River put-ins and Ocoee Whitewater Center, home of the 1996 Olympic Canoe/Kayak-Slalom Competition, makes this an ideal location for rafters and kayakers alike.

Recommended Season:
Campground is open March-October. 3 sites remain open November-March (Flush toilets and showers not available during this time). Reservations can be made by visiting www.recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777.

Directions: From the Ocoee Ranger Station, turn left onto Highway 64 and travel 10.9 miles to the TVA Ocoee Powerhouse Number 3. Turn right and cross the bridge to reach the campground on the right.

Site Amenities: Picnic tables, grills, and lantern posts are located at each site. Water hydrants are located throughout the campground. Bathhouse provide flush toilets and warm showers. Campground Hosts is located at the campground entrance next to the main bathhouse.

Requirements:
- Please limit occupancy to five people per campsite.
- Only two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.
- No fish or dish cleaning at water hydrants.

Fees:
- Tent Site without electric hook-ups - $12/site/day
- Tent Site with electric hook-ups - $15/site/day
- RV Site with electric hook-ups - $20/site/day

Passes:
- $12 site = $6 with pass
- $15 site = $10 with pass
- $20 site = $15 with pass

Safety: The following rules are in place for visitor safety:
- Campfires are permitted in grills only, do not leave fires unattended.
- Pets must be on a leash.
- Discharging firearms and fireworks is not permitted.
- No swimming allowed.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

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- Leave firewood at home.
- Use only local sources of firewood.
- If you bring firewood into the forest, burn it ALL.

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