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Digital Site Passes Now Available for Day Use Areas

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CLEVELAND, TENN, August 12, 2020 - USDA Forest Service Officials announced that beginning August 14 digital site passes will be available for day use recreation areas in the Cherokee National Forest.

To purchase a pass, go directly to <https://www.recreation.gov/sitepass/74437>, search “Cherokee National Forest Site Passes” at the Recreation.gov homepage, or scan the QR code below.

The Ocoee and Tellico Ranger Districts Pass is \$3/vehicle per day and good at the following sites:

- Kings Slough Boat Launch, Parksville Beach, Parksville Boat Launch, East Parksville Boat Launch, Mac Point Beach, Chilhowee Recreation Area, the Ocoee Whitewater Center, Powerhouse Boat Launch, Towee Creek Boat Launch, Spring Creek Shooting Range, and Indian Boundary Recreation Area.

The Unaka and Watauga Ranger Districts Pass is \$2/vehicle per day and good at the following sites:

- Bubbling Springs Shooting Range, Rock Creek Recreation Area, Scioto Shooting Range, Jacobs Creek Recreation Area, Little Milligan Boat Launch, Pond Mountain Shooting Range, Rat Branch Boat Launch, and Shook Branch Beach.

Please note, some sites may have limited cell phone reception, so visitors should purchase site passes before heading to their destination. Site passes can be printed and placed on the dashboard. Digital site passes can also be validated by Forest Service personnel through checking visitor license plates. Where cell service is available, site passes can be purchased on site using a mobile device.

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The Cherokee National Forest offers many outdoor activities such as hiking, biking and boating to name a few. Some of the facilities and services associated with these opportunities require fees to help maintain, manage and improve the amenities that you enjoy.

Recreation fee revenue helps protect natural resources and enhance recreation opportunities. These fees are critical to the operation and maintenance of recreation sites, including but not limited to cleaning, maintaining, and updating bathroom facilities, replacing sand at beaches, removing trash, mowing and maintaining grounds and parking lots, and replacing picnic tables and other amenities.

For more information on digital site passes please visit <https://www.recreation.gov/pass/>. For Cherokee National Forest information visit the website at <http://fs.usda.gov/cherokee> or call the Forest Supervisor’s Office at (423) 476-9700.



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