

2022 Recreation Activity Overview
CONASAUGA RANGER DISTRICT, Chattahoochee National Forest



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CAMPGROUNDS

Campground Name	# of Sites	Open Season	Facilities and Activities	Reservations	Comments	2022 Fees
Ball Field Dispersed Camping Area	dispersed	3/3/2022-1/03/2023		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TRAILS- Emery Creek Trail 6.4 mile hiking trail •CAMPING- -Large open grassy field -No amenities 	FREE
Cottonwood Patch CAMPGROUND	9	YEARLONG Currently no drinking water.		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TRAILS- Iron Mountain Trail 12 mile trail open to horses, mountain bicycles & foot travel •CAMPING- -Horse camping available 	Camping: \$8/site/night
Hickey Gap Campground	5	YEARLONG		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CAMPING- -Located along Mill Creek -Sites have picnic tables, fire rings, tent pads & lantern poles -Vault toilet 	FREE
Jacks River Fields Campground	6	YEARLONG		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CAMPING- -Vault toilet -Sites have picnic tables, fire rings, tent pads & lantern poles -Horse camping available 	Camping: \$5/site/night
The Pocket Recreation Area CAMPGROUND	27	04/01/22-10/31/22		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TRAILS- Pocket Foot Trails 3.5 mile loop hiking trail 1.0 mile loop interpretive trail •CAMPING- -Flush toilets; No showers -Each site has a parking spur, tent pad, fire ring & picnic table -1 accessible site available 	Camping: \$15/site/night

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Lake Conasauga CAMPGROUND	31	04/15/22- 10/31/2022 Delayed opening possible due to contracted waterline repairs		None Required	<p>●CAMPING- -Flush toilets -Sites have picnic tables, fire rings, tent pads & lantern poles -1 accessible site available -Located next to Cohutta Wilderness -Road to area is steep and winding; unsuitable for RVs >23 feet</p> <p>●TRAILS- <i>Grassy Mountain Tower Foot Trail</i> 2.0 miles <i>Lake Conasauga Foot Trail</i> 1.2 mile loop</p> <p>●WATER ACTIVITIES- -Canoes and boats with electric motors only -17 acre lake for swimming and fishing</p>	Camping: \$15/site/night
Lake Conasauga OVERFLOW CAMPGROUND	6	3/03/22 - 1/3/23		None Required	<p>●CAMPING- -Vault toilet</p> <p>●TRAILS- <i>Songbird Foot Trail</i> 1.5 mile loop <i>Windy Gap Cycle Trail</i> 4.1 mi foot, mountain bike, motorcycle trail</p>	Camping: \$8/site/night









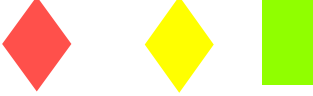





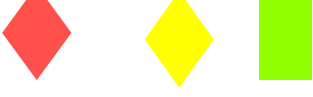
TRAILS

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Trail System Name	Length	Open Season	Open To	Trailheads/Facilities	Comments	2022 Fees
Pinhoti Trailhead at Highway 136 & Pinhoti Trailhead at Highway 100		YEARLONG	 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TRAILS-<i>Pinhoti Trail</i> 	FREE
Cohutta Wilderness Trailheads (11 Trailheads)	Varies	YEARLONG, Weather permitting	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •3-Forks , Betty Gap, Chestnut Lead, Tearbitches Trailheads open 3/04/19-12/31/19 	Some trails open to horses.	FREE
Iron Mountain Trail	12 miles	YEARLONG	 	<i>Cottonwood Patch Trailhead and Campground</i>	Camping: horse camping available adjacent to trailhead, \$8/night	FREE
Dry Creek Equestrian Trailhead		YEARLONG	 	<i>Dry Creek Trailhead -</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TRAILS-<i>Pinhoti Trail</i> •Area has accessible horse spur located next to ADA toilet area. •Gravel parking for 30 horse trailer rigs. 	Special Recreation Permit for Specialized Trail System: \$5/vehicle/day



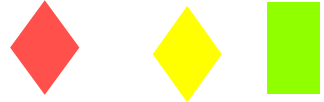

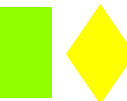

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Houston Valley ORV Trails 	24 miles	4/01/22 – 12/31/22 * inclement weather closures apply throughout season	  (vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	Houston Valley Trailhead 	•Area has designated paved parking for 35 tow vehicles, ADA loading ramp	1-Day Permit: \$5/operator/day OHV Annual Pass: \$50/operator/year Forest Annual Pass cannot be used at this trailhead. Dispersed Camping: FREE (3 sites)
Rock Creek ORV Trail 	5.4 miles	4/01/22 - 12/31/22	  (Vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	Trailhead with off-loading ramp located on FS3A, Peeples Lake Road	•TRAILS- Rock Creek connects to Tatum Lead ORV Trail	FREE
Tatum Lead OHV Trail 	7 miles	YEARLONG	  (Vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	No trailhead parking available. ATV and motorcycle riders should use Rock Creek ORV Trailhead	•TRAILS- -IMPORTANT: No unlicensed vehicles first 2 miles across R-O-W via Hwy 52 -Tatum Lead connects to Rock Creek ORV Trail	FREE
Tibbs Trail 	2.0 miles	4/01/22 - 12/31/22	  (Vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	Only access is via Windy Gap & Milma Creek.	•TRAILS- Tibbs Trail connects to Windy Gap and Milma Creek	FREE

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Windy Gap Trail 	4.1 miles	4/01/22 - 01/03/2023	  (Vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	Trailhead with off-loading ramp located off FS18, Muskrat Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TRAILS-IMPORTANT: ATVs prohibited above Milma Creek Trail intersection Windy Gap Trail connects to Milma Creek and Tibbs. 	FREE
Bear Creek Trail	6.7 miles	YEARLONG	 	Bear Creek Camping Area / Trailhead -Area includes graveled parking lot & vault toilet Dispersed camping available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TRAILS- Bear Creek Trail connects to Pinhoti Trail 	FREE















DAY USE

Recreation Site Name	Group Facilities	Open Season	Facilities and Activities	Reservations	Comments	2022 Fees
Chestnut Mountain Shooting Range <i>Rifles and handguns only</i>	No	CLOSED EVERY SUNDAY May-August Open Mon-Sat 9am-8pm Sept-April Open Mon-Sat 9am – 5pm		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bring your own paper targets (no cans or bottles may be used). •Skeet Shooting not allowed. •Alcohol is <u>not</u> permitted on the range, in the parking lot, or on the shooting range access road. •Located within the John's Mtn. WMA •Area has shooting benches for rifles and handguns, covered shooting shed over benches, accessible benches. •Area has a 100 yard shooting range with intervals of 25, 50 and 100 yards. Gravel parking for 10 vehicles, signage. Gravel access route to toilet and shooting shed. 	Shooting Range: \$5.00/user/day Annual permit is also available \$25/shooter/year American the Beautiful Pass not valid here.
John's Mountain Overlook <i>Observation Site located off the Ridge and Valley Scenic Byway</i>	No	3/3/22 - 01/03/2023		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TRAILS- Johns Mountain 3.5 mile hiking loop •A steep gravel road leads to an overlook deck and small gravel parking area. 	FREE
Keown Falls Picnic Area and Trailhead	No	YEARLONG		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •PICNICKING- 14 picnic sites •TRAILS- Keown Falls Trail 1.8 miles •Pinhoti Trailhead 	FREE

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Lake Conasauga PICNIC & SWIM SITE	Yes	4/15/22 - 10/31/22		None Required	<p>•PICNICKING- -Area constructed in 1940 by the CCC -Picnic shelter & 15 individual picnic tables available</p> <p>•TRAILS- <i>Grassy Mountain Tower Foot Trail</i> 2.0 miles <i>Lake Conasauga Foot Trail</i> 1.2 mile loop</p> <p>•WATER ACTIVITIES- -Canoes and electric motors only -17 acre lake for swimming and fishing</p>	Picnic & Swim Site: \$5/vehicle/day
Mill Creek Overlook	No	3/3/22 - 1/03/2023		None Required	<p>•SCENIC VIEWING -Observation site has a 2 car parking area</p>	FREE
Mountaintown Overlook	No	3/22/22- 1/03/23		None Required	<p>•SCENIC VIEWING- -Observation site has a 2 car parking area</p>	FREE
Peeples Lake	No	YEARLONG		None Required	NO CAMPING ALLOWED	FREE
The Pocket Recreation Area GROUP PICNIC SHELTER	Yes	YEARLONG		<p>Suggested To reserve, call 1-877-444-6777 or go to www.Recreation.gov</p> <p><i>If not reserved, the picnic shelter is available first come, first serve</i></p>	<p><i>This area is located off the Ridge and Valley Scenic Byway. It was once a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp from 1938 until 1942. Some of these remains can still be seen in this area.</i></p> <p>•TRAILS- <i>Pocket Foot Trail</i> 3.5 mile loop hiking trail</p> <p>•PICNICKING- -Shelter can accommodate up to 75 people -Accessible facility -Paved parking for 20 vehicles -Vault toilet</p>	Picnic Shelter Cost to reserve: \$35/day + \$10 reservation fee


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The Pocket Recreation Area FAMILY PICNIC AREA	No	YEARLONG	    	None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●PICNICKING- -11 picnic sites -Parking for 12 vehicles ●TRAILS- <i>see above</i> 	\$5/vehicle/day
Sumac Creek Shooting Range <i>Rifles and handguns only</i>	No	YEARLONG <i>Closed Tuesdays until noon for clean-up and repairs</i>	  	None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Bring your own paper targets (no cans or bottles may be used). ●Skeet Shooting not allowed. ●Alcohol is <u>not</u> permitted on the range, in the parking lot, or on the shooting range access road. ●Located within the Cohutta WMA ●Area has shooting benches for rifles and handguns, covered shooting shed over benches, a 10-yard shooting area with target intervals marked at 25, 50 and 100 yards. 	Shooting Range: \$5.00/user/day Annual permit is also available \$25/shooter/year
Barnes Creek Picnic Area	No	YEARLONG		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●PICNICKING- -1 picnic site, waterfall ●TRAILS- <i>0.1 mi Waterfall Trail</i> 	FREE
Cohutta Overlook	No	YEARLONG	  	None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●TRAILS- <i>Pinhoti Trail</i> 4.2 miles ●Area located off Highway 52; provides a walk-up scenic overlook but very rustic 	FREE

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SYMBOL LEGEND


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