

**2019 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	2019 Fees
<b>Ball Field Dispersed Camping Area</b>	dispersed	03/4/19-12/31/19		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>TRAILS-</b> <b>Emery Creek Trail</b> 6.4 mile hiking trail</li> <li>•<b>CAMPING-</b> -Large open grassy field -No amenities</li> </ul>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Cottonwood Patch CAMPGROUND</b>	9	YEARLONG  Currently no drinking water.		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>TRAILS-</b> <b>Iron Mountain Trail</b> 12 mile trail open to horses, mountain bicycles &amp; foot travel</li> <li>•<b>CAMPING-</b> -Horse camping available</li> </ul>	Camping: <b>\$8/site/night</b>
<b>Hickey Gap Campground</b>	5	YEARLONG		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>CAMPING-</b> -Located along Mill Creek -Sites have picnic tables, fire rings, tent pads &amp; lantern poles -Vault toilet</li> </ul>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Jacks River Fields Campground</b>	6	YEARLONG		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>CAMPING-</b> -Vault toilet -Sites have picnic tables, fire rings, tent pads &amp; lantern poles -Horse camping available</li> </ul>	Camping: <b>\$5/site/night</b>
<b>The Pocket Recreation Area CAMPGROUND</b>	27	03/29/19-10/31/19		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>TRAILS-</b> <b>Pocket Foot Trails</b> 3.5 mile loop hiking trail 1.0 mile loop interpretive trail</li> <li>•<b>CAMPING-</b> -Flush toilets; No showers -Each site has a parking spur, tent pad, fire ring &amp; picnic table -1 accessible site available</li> </ul>	Camping: <b>\$15/site/night</b>

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Campground Name	# of Sites	Open Season	Facilities and Activities	Reservations	Comments	2019 Fees
Lake Conasauga CAMPGROUND	31	04/16/19-10/31/19  Delayed opening possible due to water leak in camping loop and picnic area.		None Required	<p>●<b>CAMPING-</b> -Flush toilets -Sites have picnic tables, fire rings, tent pads &amp; lantern poles -1 accessible site available -Located next to Cohutta Wilderness -Road to area is steep and winding; unsuitable for RVs &gt;23 feet</p> <p>●<b>TRAILS-</b> <i>Grassy Mountain Tower Foot Trail</i> 2.0 miles <i>Lake Conasauga Foot Trail</i> 1.2 mile loop</p> <p>●<b>WATER ACTIVITIES-</b> -Canoes and boats with electric motors only -17 acre lake for swimming and fishing</p>	Camping: <b>\$15/site/night</b>
Lake Conasauga OVERFLOW CAMPGROUND	6	3/04/19-12/31/19		None Required	<p>●<b>CAMPING-</b> -Vault toilet</p> <p>●<b>TRAILS-</b> <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: <b>\$8/site/night</b>



# TRAILS

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Trail System Name	Length	Open Season	Open To	Trailheads/Facilities	Comments	2019 Fees
<b>Pinhoti Trailhead at Highway 136 &amp; Pinhoti Trailhead at Highway 100</b>		YEARLONG	 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•TRAILS-<i>Pinhoti Trail</i></li> </ul>	FREE
<b>Cohutta Wilderness Trailheads (11 Trailheads)</b>	Varies	YEARLONG, Weather permitting	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•3-Forks , Betty Gap, Chestnut Lead, Tearbitches Trailheads open 3/04/19-12/31/19</li> </ul>	Some trails open to horses.	FREE
<b>Iron Mountain Trail</b>	12 miles	YEARLONG	 	<i>Cottonwood Patch Trailhead and Campground</i>	Camping: horse camping available adjacent to trailhead, \$8/night	FREE
<b>Dry Creek Equestrian Trailhead</b>		YEARLONG	 	<i>Dry Creek Trailhead -</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•TRAILS-<i>Pinhoti Trail</i></li> <li>•Area has accessible horse spur located next to ADA toilet area.</li> <li>•Gravel parking for 30 horse trailer rigs.</li> </ul>	Special Recreation Permit for Specialized Trail System: <b>\$5/vehicle/day</b>

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<b>Houston Valley ORV Trails</b> 	24 miles	4/01/19 – 12/31/19 delayed opening possible due to contract delay; * inclement weather closures may 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: <b>\$5/operator/day</b>  OHV Annual Pass: <b>\$50/operator/year</b>  Forest Annual Pass cannot be used at this trailhead.  Dispersed Camping: <b>FREE (3 sites)</b>
<b>Rock Creek ORV Trail</b> 	5.4 miles	4/01/19 - 12/31/19	  (Vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	Trailhead with off-loading ramp located on FS3A, Peeples Lake Road	• <b>TRAILS-</b> Rock Creek connects to Tatum Lead ORV Trail	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Tatum Lead OHV Trail</b> 	7 miles	YEARLONG	  (Vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	No trailhead parking available. ATV and motorcycle riders should use Rock Creek ORV Trailhead	• <b>TRAILS-IMPORTANT:</b> No unlicensed vehicles first 2 miles across R-O-W via Hwy 52  -Tatum Lead connects to Rock Creek ORV Trail	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Tibbs Trail</b> 	2.0 miles	4/01/19 - 12/31/19	  (Vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	Only access is via Windy Gap & Milma Creek.	• <b>TRAILS-</b> Tibbs Trail connects to Windy Gap and Milma Creek	<b>FREE</b>

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<b>Windy Gap Trail</b> 	4.1 miles	4/01/19 - 12/31/19	  (Vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	Trailhead with off-loading ramp located off FS18, Muskrat Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•TRAILS-<b>IMPORTANT:</b> ATVs prohibited above Milma Creek Trail intersection</li> <li>Windy Gap Trail connects to Milma Creek and Tibbs.</li> </ul>	FREE
<b>Bear Creek Trail</b>	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"> <li>•TRAILS- Bear Creek Trail connects to Pinhoti Trail</li> </ul>	FREE



**DAY USE**

Recreation Site Name	Group Facilities	Open Season	Facilities and Activities	Reservations	Comments	2019 Fees
<p><b>Chestnut Mountain Shooting Range</b></p> <p><i>Rifles and handguns only</i></p>	No	<p><b>CLOSED EVERY SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>May-August</b> Open Mon-Sat 9am-8pm</p> <p><b>Sept-April</b> Open Mon-Sat 9am – 5pm</p>		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Bring your own paper targets (no cans or bottles may be used).</li> <li>•Skeet Shooting not allowed.</li> <li>•Alcohol is <u>not</u> permitted on the range, in the parking lot, or on the shooting range access road.</li> <li>•Located within the John's Mtn. WMA</li> <li>•Area has shooting benches for rifles and handguns, covered shooting shed over benches, accessible benches.</li> <li>•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.</li> </ul>	<p>Shooting Range: <b>\$5.00/user/day</b></p> <p>Annual permit is also available <b>\$25/shooter/year</b></p> <p><b>American the Beautiful Pass not valid here.</b></p>
<p><b>John's Mountain Overlook</b></p> <p><i>Observation Site located off the Ridge and Valley Scenic Byway</i></p>	No	3/4/19 - 12/31/19		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>TRAILS- Johns Mountain</b> 3.5 mile hiking loop</li> <li>•A steep gravel road leads to an overlook deck and small gravel parking area.</li> </ul>	FREE
<p><b>Keown Falls Picnic Area and Trailhead</b></p>	No	YEARLONG		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>PICNICKING-</b> -14 picnic sites</li> <li>•<b>TRAILS- Keown Falls Trail</b> 1.8 miles</li> <li><b>Pinhoti Trailhead</b></li> </ul>	FREE

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Lake Conasauga PICNIC & SWIM SITE	Yes	4/16/19 - 10/31/19  possible delayed opening due to water leak.		None Required	<p>●<b>PICNICKING-</b> -Area constructed in 1940 by the CCC -Picnic shelter &amp; 15 individual picnic tables available</p> <p>●<b>TRAILS-</b> <i>Grassy Mountain Tower Foot Trail</i> 2.0 miles <i>Lake Conasauga Foot Trail</i> 1.2 mile loop</p> <p>●<b>WATER ACTIVITIES-</b> -Canoes and electric motors only -17 acre lake for swimming and fishing</p>	Picnic & Swim Site: <b>\$5/vehicle/day</b>
Mill Creek Overlook	No	3/4/19 - 12/31/19		None Required	<p>●<b>SCENIC VIEWING</b> -Observation site has a 2 car parking area</p>	<b>FREE</b>
Mountaintown Overlook	No	3/4/19- 12/31/19		None Required	<p>●<b>SCENIC VIEWING-</b> -Observation site has a 2 car parking area</p>	<b>FREE</b>
Peeples Lake	No	YEARLONG		None Required	<b>NO CAMPING ALLOWED</b>	<b>FREE</b>
The Pocket Recreation Area GROUP PICNIC SHELTER	Yes	YEARLONG		<p>Suggested <b>To reserve, call 1-877-444-6777 or go to <a href="http://www.Recreation.gov">www.Recreation.gov</a></b></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>●<b>TRAILS-</b> <i>Pocket Foot Trail</i> 3.5 mile loop hiking trail</p> <p>●<b>PICNICKING-</b> -Shelter can accommodate up to 75 people -Accessible facility -Paved parking for 20 vehicles -Vault toilet</p>	Picnic Shelter Cost to reserve: <b>\$35/day + \$10 reservation fee</b>

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

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**SYMBOL LEGEND**

-  Camping
-  Group Camping
-  Group Picnicking
-  Sightseeing
-  Mountain Bicycle Trails
-  Shooting Range

-  Hiking Trails
-  Equestrian Trails
-  Accessible Facilities
-  Fire Tower
-  Restrooms  
(Flush, Vault, Chemical, Port-a-John)

-  Drinking Water
-  Garbage Bins/Dumpsters
-  Elevator
-  Visitor Information
-  Picnic Sites

-  Canoe Launch
-  Boat Launch
-  Photography
-  Dogs on Leash
-  Playground

-  Swimming Beach
-  Picnic Shelter
-  Store
-  Warm Showers
-  Motorbike Trails

-  Fishing
-  Hunting
-  Shuttle
-  ATV Trails
-  Full-Size 4WD Trails