

Standing Indian Recreation Area



Getting Here:

From Franklin, take US 64W for 12 miles. Turn left on West Old Murphy Road (State Route 1448) and watch for a directional sign for the campground. Go 1.9 miles and turn right onto paved Forest Road (FR) 67 at the Standing Indian Campground sign. Continue 1.7 miles and turn right into the campground.

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With forested peaks, natural trout streams, and easy access to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Nantahala National Forest's Standing Indian Recreation Area offers a variety of trail, camping, and picnicking options.



Follow the Trail. The Standing Indian Recreation area offers access to many hiking opportunities in the Nantahala Ranger District. A hiking trail complex encircles the campground, and there are two "Blue Blaze" trails that access the world-famous Appalachian Trail. The Southern Nantahala Wilderness lies just south of the campground. Equestrians can access a 20-plus mile pack and saddle trail system off FR 67 near Hurricane Creek Campground.



Sleep under the Stars. There are three options for camping at Standing Indian. At 3,880 feet above sea level, the main campground features five camping loops for tents or RVs. Amenities include campfire rings, lantern posts, and picnic tables. Drinking water, flush toilets, showers, and a dump station are also available.

Groups can stay at Kimsey Creek Group Camp. Three sites can accommodate up to 25 people in each site, equipped with a group gathering area, vault restroom, drinking water, and grassy areas for pitching tents. Limited RV space is available. RV's must remain on gravel and are not to impede traffic or turnabout.

Open April 1 – Oct. 31, several individual sites and the three group sites are available by reservation at www.recreation.gov or (877) 444-6777. See map on page 2. No electrical hookups are available. Parking in the grass is prohibited, and horses are prohibited in the campground or on hiking trails.

More primitive camping, as well as horse camping, opportunities are available two miles away at Hurricane Creek Campground. The horse trail complex connects with the campground. Hurricane Creek Campground is open April 1 – Dec. 31.



Get in the Water. Try wading, tubing, or fishing here in the headwaters of the Nantahala River. A fishing license is required to fish in the national forest. Watch wildlife or just enjoy the cool mountain climate while eating your picnic lunch at individual picnic tables and a group pavilion, available near the main campground. You can reserve the pavilion at the campground concession operator's store

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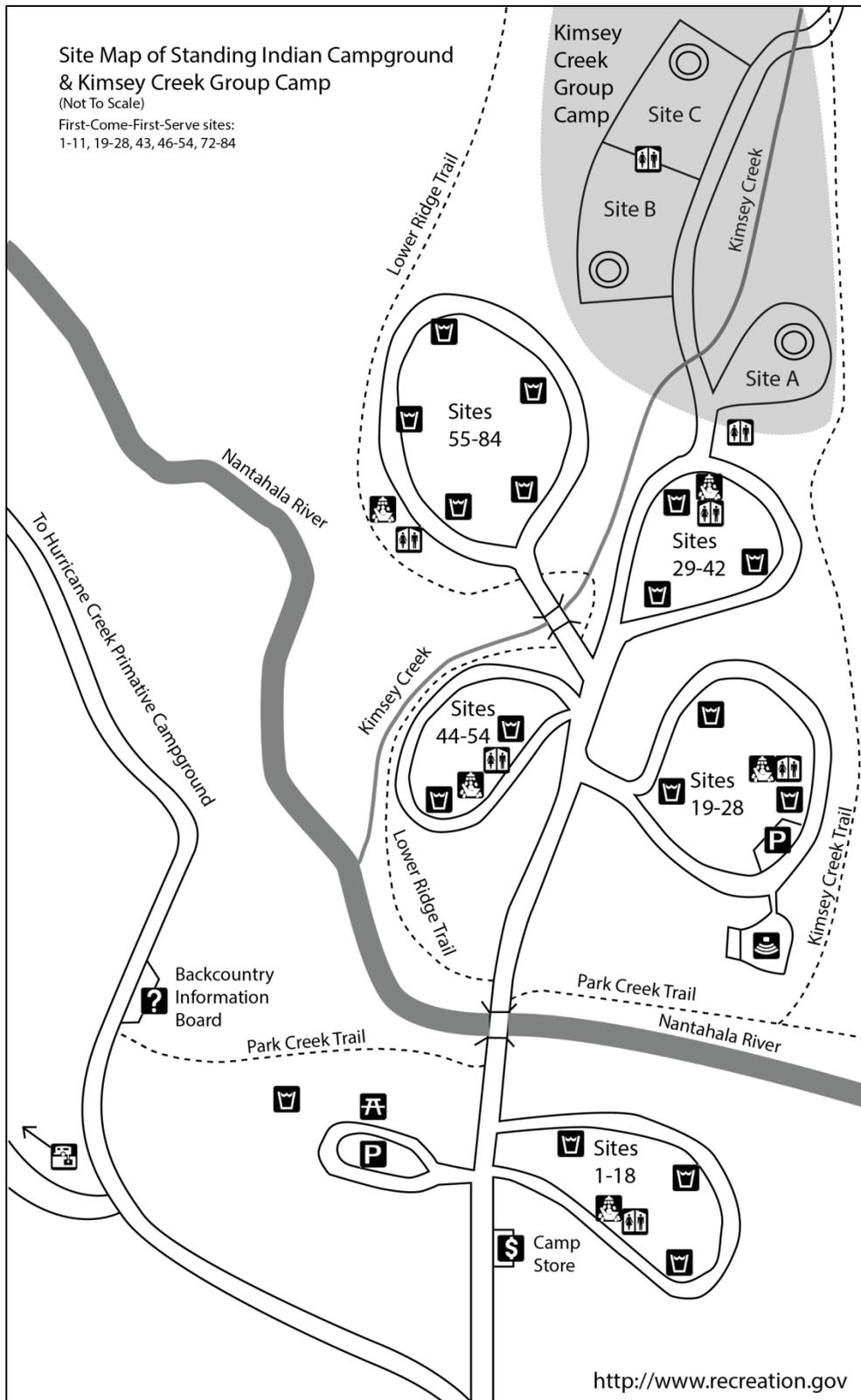
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Site Map of Standing Indian Campground & Kimsey Creek Group Camp

(Not To Scale)

First-Come-First-Serve sites:
1-11, 19-28, 43, 46-54, 72-84



Campers may stay at Standing Indian for up to 14 days. Pets must be leashed.

Safe Camping Tips:

- Scout your campsite for hazards including poison ivy, bees, ants, and sharp objects.
- Store all food in vehicles or tight food containers and away from sleeping areas. Resist the temptation to feed or handle wild animals, for their safety and yours.
- Watch for vehicles on campground roads.
- Wear shoes and carry a flashlight when walking at night.
- Keep your campfire small, within the fire ring provided. Make sure your campfire is out and cold before you leave.