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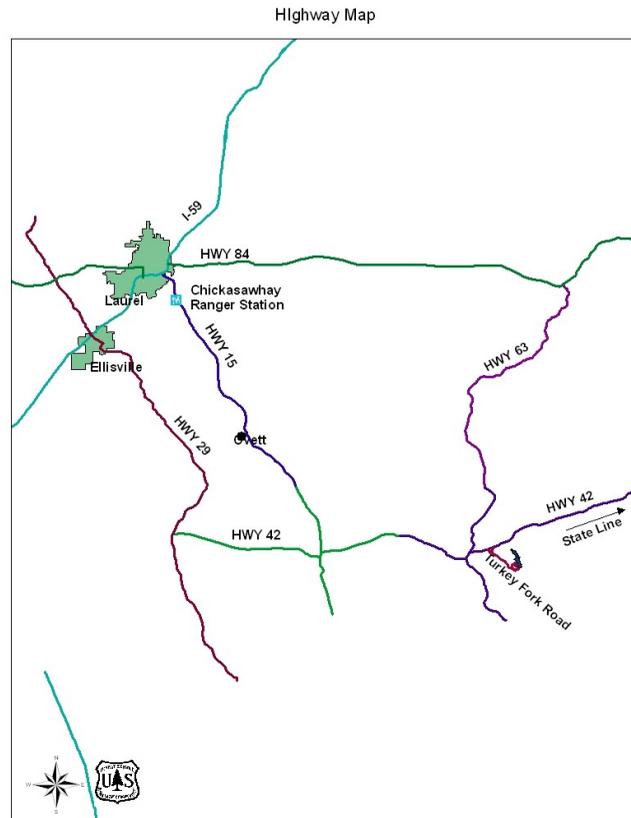
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Directions

From Hattiesburg

Travel East on U.S. Hwy. 42 approximately 21 miles to Richton. From Richton continue east on Hwy. 42 approximately 12 miles to Sandhill.

From Laurel

Travel South on Hwy. 15 approximately 27 miles to Richton. Turn left onto U.S. Hwy. 42 and travel 12 miles to Sandhill.

From Mobile, Alabama

Drive approximately 55 miles on U.S. Hwy. 45 North to the MS-AL state lines and travel west on Hwy. 42 for 19 miles to Mississippi County Road 232. Turn left (south) and travel two miles to Turkey Fork.

Fee Schedule

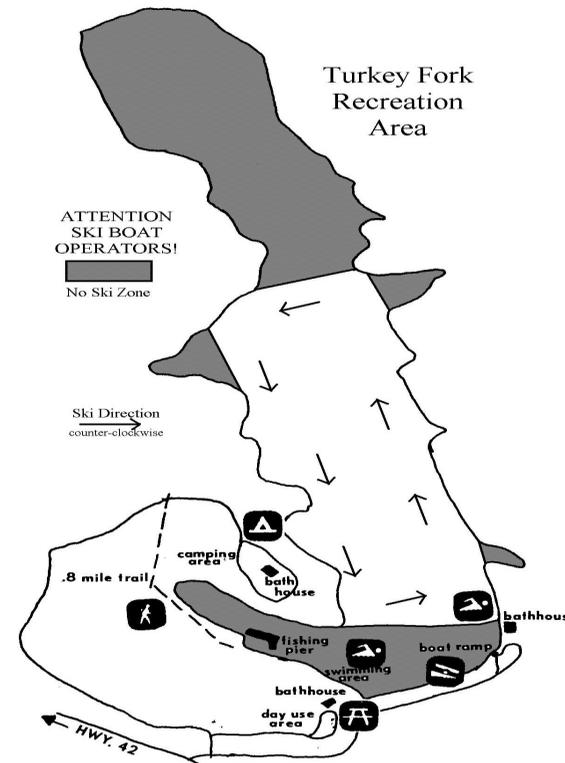
Entry Fee- \$3.00 per vehicle per day
[Over 6 people add \$1.00]

Fee covers day use area, picnic area, and boat launch. Please use Fee Tubes.

Campground Fee- \$13.00 per campsite per night. Fee covers the use of all other areas. Please use Fee Tubes.

Pavilion Reservation Rental Fee- \$40.00 per day. Entry Fees still apply. Reservation Fee payable only at the District Office located at 968 Highway 15 South in Laurel.

Attention Boat Operators



**Turkey Fork
Recreation Area**



**Chickasawhay Ranger District
De Soto National Forest**



Introduction

Turkey Fork Recreation Area encompasses a 240-acre lake situated among the towering pines of the Chickasawhay District of the De Soto National Forest. Recreational opportunities at Turkey Fork include fishing, hiking, camping, swimming, skiing, and picnicking.



What To Expect

The day use visitor will find shaded, secluded picnic areas convenient to the lake and swimming area. The grassy beach provides a few trees for lounging in the shade and an open area for sunbathers. The day use area also features showers, a bathhouse, and a covered pavilion.

Turkey Fork Campground provides visitors with seclusion and scenery. Campsites are situated among pines, magnolias, and sweet bays. Several campsites feature lake-side views and easy access to the water.

A short hiking trail connects the day use area to the campground area. The trail takes the hiker through wooded areas to scenic lake views.

Fishing & Boating

The Boat Ramp Area features a concrete boat launch, a swimming area, and a bath house.

The fully stocked lake is a fisherman's dream. Please be aware of the limit when fishing. Flyers with information on the fishing limit are available at fee stations.

Water skiing is also allowed at Turkey Fork. Jet propelled boats and boats with an open exhaust are not allowed.



Swimming

There are two swimming areas at Turkey Fork. The day use swim area is convenient to the picnic area and Turkey Fork trail. There is also a swim area situated near the boat ramp.



Camping

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The Campground provides campers with:

- Twenty Campsites; 16 Singles / 4 Doubles
- Double Campsites are #1, #6, #12, #19
- Fire Grills & Rings, Picnic Tables, Lantern Posts, and Gravel Camping Pads.
- Electric and Water Hook-ups
- Dump Station
- Bath House
- Paved Accessibility for RV Use
- Open Year Round

Picnicking

This Day Use Area features twelve picnic areas equipped with tables and grills. The Picnic Area is convenient to a bathhouse, water fountains, a swimming area, and a grassy beach. A Pavilion can be rented daily for \$40.00. Use fees still apply. For reservations contact the Laurel Office (601) 428-0594.



Hiking

A short hiking trail, less than one mile, connects the Day Use Area to the campground. The hiker gets to enjoy beautiful forest and lakeside views with a variety of terrain and slopes.



Safety Regulations

- Hunting is not allowed in the area.
- Discharging fire arms is prohibited.
- Only 12 recreational boats are allowed on the lake at one time; **fishing boats excluded.**
- Skiing not permitted in or near areas posted "NO BOATING AREA".
- Ski Hours 10:00am-6:00pm.
- No fishing between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am
- Trail Bikes and other unlicensed ORV's are not permitted in this area.
- Jet propelled boats or boats with open exhaust systems are not allowed on the lake.
- Horses or ATV's are not permitted.
- Visitor's must use available fire rings, grills, or personal gas stoves in recreation area.
- Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet.