

Chattooga Trail



Sumter National Forest



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Many habitats are covered by this extensive trail. It runs along the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River and connects with the extensive trail systems of two other national forests and privately owned land. This trail provides hikers with a chance to leave civilization and rely on their own strength and skills. Special rules are necessary to protect the forest ecosystem along these trails. Specific regulations are found in the Andrew Pickens Ranger District Trail Guide.

Winter hiking

Winter-weather hiking can be quite enjoyable, but only for experienced backpackers who keep informed of changing weather and have proper equipment to meet emergency conditions. Always go prepared for zero-degree weather along ridgetop trails during winter months. Snow, wind, rain, sleet and low temperature sometimes hit the ridges while pleasant weather still prevails on lower slopes and valleys.

Surrounding area

Because this trail covers such a large area, surrounding areas are extensive. The Wild and Scenic Chattooga River is, of course, close by, with its whitewater boating, hiking and trout fishing opportunities. Horseback riding is also available on nearby Rocky Gap/Willis Knob Horse Trail.

For more information

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Mountain Rest, SC 29664
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Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.– 12 p.m.
and 12:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
On the Web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms>

Directions: Major access point is near Highway 76 at the South Carolina/Georgia state line parking lot (on the Georgia side). Consult a Chattooga River map to find various other trail access points.

Camping: Primitive camping is allowed, but campsites must be more than 50 feet from streams and trails, and more than 0.25 miles from roads.

Difficulty Level: Trail is primitive, varying from moderately to extremely difficult, depending on the terrain.

Length: 18.3 miles

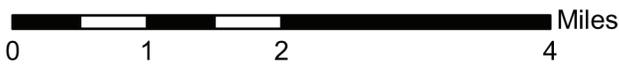
Safety: Venomous snakes live in these habitats. Practice water safety near the river and be aware of other natural hazards.

Season: Year round. Winter can bring very cold temperatures and hazardous trail conditions.

**Volunteers for trail maintenance are
always needed and welcomed.
Contact the district office.**

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Features

	Trailhead		Waterbody
	Chattooga Trail		Town/City
	Roads		Private Ownership
	Streams		

