Campground

Ocoee-Hiwassee Ranger District

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Located in the Chilhowee Recreation Area, Chilhowee Campground offers 79 campsites accommodating RVs and tents. The campground is open from early April to late October. The overflow camping and day-use area remain open year-round.

The 7-acre McKamy Lake offers a swim area with sand beach, fishing opportunities, and picnic sites. Boats are allowed, but gasoline motors are not. A scenic waterfall and approximately 25 miles of hiking and biking trails are located within this recreation area.

On the drive up to the Campground, stop at one of the many observation overlooks to enjoy the beautiful mountain and lake views. Wildlife are abundant in this area, so have your camera ready and tread lightly.

Directions: From the Ocoee Ranger Station, turn left onto paved Forest Road 77. Travel approximately 7.3 miles to the campground entrance sign and turn right.

Site Amenities: This campground offers RV and tents sites, many with electric hookups. Loops A & B also offer walk in tent sites with electricity. Picnic tables, grills, and lantern posts are located at each site. Water hydrants are located throughout the campground. Bathhouses provide flush toilets and warm showers. An RV dump station is located at the end of E Loop. The day-use area includes McKamy Lake, a swim area with sand beach, picnic sites, a group picnic area, and a bathhouse.

Requirements: Please limit occupancy to five people per campsite. Only two vehicles are allowed per campsite.

Campsite Fees: Tent Site without electric hook-ups - $12/site/day
- Tent Site with electric hook-ups - $15/site/day
- RV Site with electric hook-ups - $20/site/day

Day-Use Area Fee is $3/day/car. Permit must be visibly displayed in vehicle. Camping receipt serves as day-use area permit.

- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.
- No fish or dish cleaning at water hydrants.
- Campground host is located at the entrance to A & B Loops.

PASSES: Fees with an America the Beautiful or Golden Pass are:
- $12/site = $6 w/pass; $15/site = $10 w/pass; $20/site = $15 w/pass;
- $3.00 day-use fee = $1.50 w/pass.

Safety: The following rules are in place for visitor safety:
- Campfires are permitted in grills only, do not leave fires unattended.
- Pets must be on a leash and are not allowed on the beach.
- Discharging firearms and fireworks is not permitted.
- No lifeguards on duty, swim at your own risk.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

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