

Parson's Mountain Lake and Tower Trails



Located in the northern portion of the Long Cane Ranger District, the linear Tower and Lake trails at the Parson's Mountain Recreation Area intersect and allow hikers to choose the length of their trip.

Visitors looking for a more relaxing experience can walk the Lake Trail stealing glimpses of dogwood, wild ginger, sparkleberry and red bud as they trace the shore of the lake. Those seeking more of a challenge can hike the Tower Trail that will take you past Civil War-era gold mines to the historic fire tower that sits atop the 800-foot "monadnock," a mound of rock left when all the surrounding land erodes away.

Surrounding area

- The Opera House and Burk-Stark Mansion in Historic Abbeville
- Fell Camp
- Parson's Mountain OHV Trail
- Cedar Springs OHV Trail
- Midway Camp
- Candy Branch Rifle Range

For more information

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Fees:

- \$3 day-use fee per vehicle for visitors to Parson's Mountain Recreation Area
- **Self-serve fee station**

Directions: From Anderson, travel south on Hwy. 28 to the four-way stop in Abbeville. Turn right and travel 3.3 miles to the intersection of Hwy. 28 and Hwy 72. Continue on Hwy 28. for 2.1 miles. Turn left onto Parson's Mountain Road (S 1-251), and travel for 1.5 miles. Entrance is on the right.

Length: Tower Trail 1.4 miles (one way); Lake Trail 1.3 miles (one way)

Surface Type: Natural, some rocky areas.

Trail blaze: White

Requirements: No motorized vehicles, mountain bikes, horses or alcoholic beverages.

Safety: Avoid trail use during first two weeks of rifle deer season. Wear blaze orange the entire hunting season. Be mindful of traffic when traveling on or crossing roads.

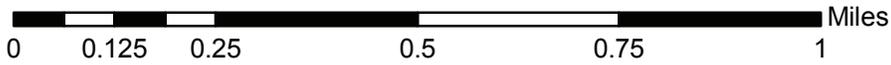
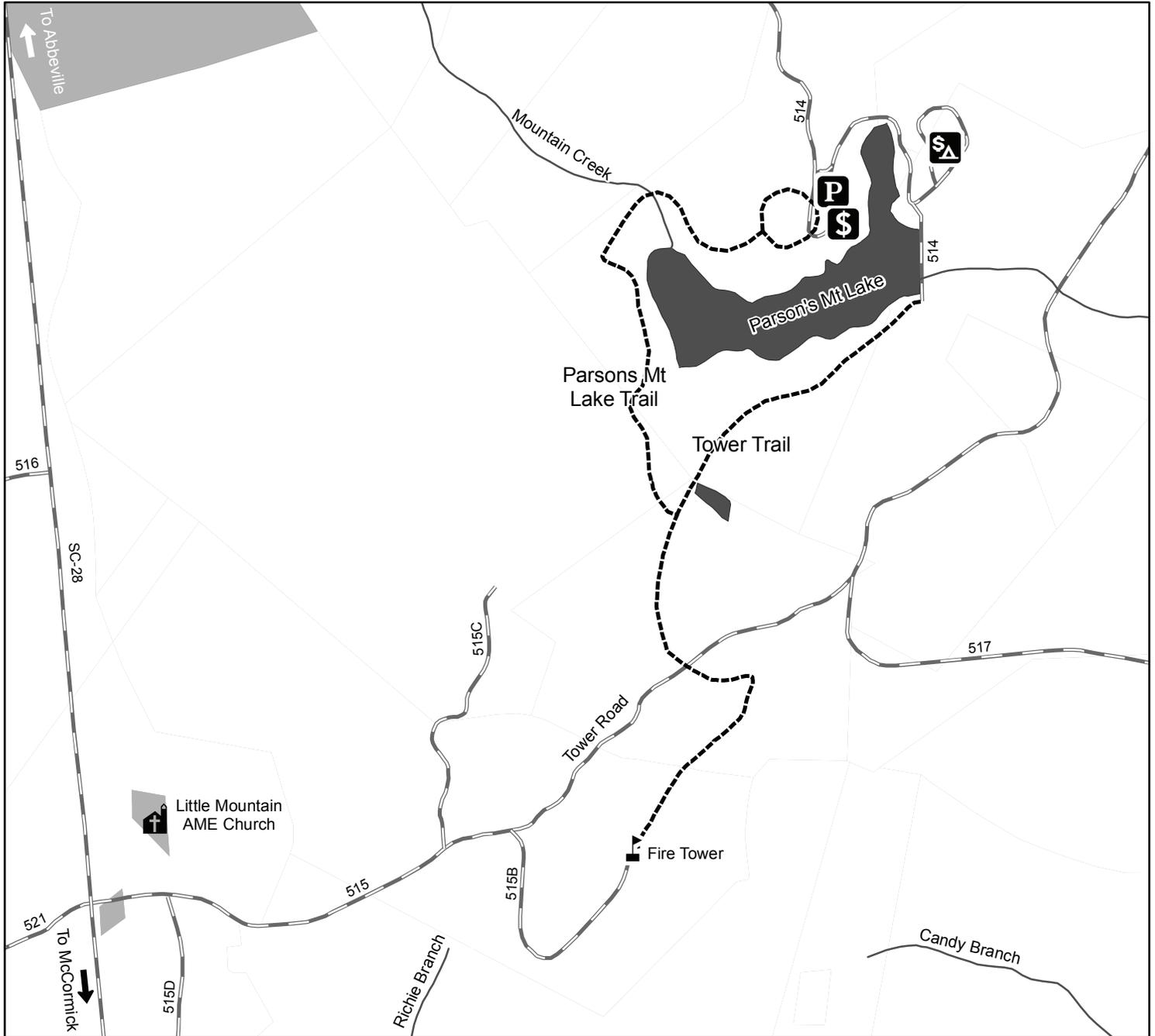
Amenities:

- Paved parking
- Information board
- Garbage can

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	Parking (Fee)		Waterbody
	Hiking Trail		Town/City
	Stream		Private Ownership
			USFS Ownership

