

Spoonauger Falls



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Set back into a hillside and surrounded by an explosion of rhododendron, Spoonauger Falls runs down a stepped rock face in a broad sheet. The 50-foot high waterfall is among the more popular in this area of the Chattooga River watershed, in part due to the easy 20-minute hike. Like its cousin, King Creek Falls, this waterfall is picturesque, especially in the summer when foliage is leafed out and afternoon light highlights the innumerable horizontal slashes of the rock.

Warning: Waterfalls can be very dangerous! Do not climb on the rocks surrounding the falls.

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Directions: From Walhalla, drive north 9.5 miles on Highway 28 to the junction with SC 107. Bear right (north) onto SC 107. Drive 10.4 miles and turn left onto Burrells Ford Road (FS 708, paved for first 0.3 miles). Drive about three miles to the Chattooga Trail parking area on the left (look for bulletin board). Hike the trail north, which roughly parallels the Chattooga River for 0.25 miles and cross Spoonauger Creek. Take a right at the trail sign to reach the waterfall.

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: Easy

Height: 50 feet

Length of Hike: 0.5 miles

Season: Year round

Surface Type: Dirt

Hiking Travel Time: 20 minutes (one way)

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