

Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area



Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area was established by Congress in 1975. Encompassing 9,012 acres, this wilderness area spreads across the corners of South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. It also straddles the 15,432-acre Chattooga River Wild and Scenic Corridor. The steep terrain of the Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area offers numerous mountains and waterfalls to explore.

The wilderness is located near the area that has the highest recorded rainfall in the east. Be prepared for wet weather. In addition, temperatures in the wilderness are typically ten or more degrees cooler all year than in nearby Walhalla.

Leave No Trace

- Campfires are allowed in the wilderness
- To minimize your impact, use a backpack stove or an existing fire ring
- Do not make new fire rings
- Remove any evidence of camping before you leave
- Pack it in/Pack it out - take your trash and any that others may have left behind

For more information:

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Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Directions: Various access points exist. Several popular points are: Burrells Ford Road off Hwy. 107; the Chattooga Picnic Area (east fork of the Chattooga); and the Foothills Trail off Hwy. 107. Maps are sold at the ranger station.

Camping: Primitive camping is allowed. Please respect specific limitations when posted. Campsites and fires must be more than 50 feet from trails, 50 feet from the Chattooga River or any tributary stream, and .25 miles from any road.

Group size: Limited to 12 people.

Hiking difficulty level: Varies from moderately difficult trails to extremely challenging off-trail opportunities.

Safety

- Take a map and compass and know how to use them.
- Always leave your itinerary with someone you know.
- Be prepared for weather changes.
- Keep alert for poisonous snakes and plants.
- Don't depend on cell phone coverage.

Season: Year round. Access will vary with weather conditions.

Site amenities: Primitive conditions. No developed sites.

Requirements: Numerous. Please see Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area map.

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