

**2013 Recreation Activity Overview**  
**CONASAUGA RANGER DISTRICT, Chattahoochee National Forest**

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**CAMPGROUNDS**

Campground Name	# of Sites	Open Season	Facilities and Activities	Reservations	Comments	2013 Fees
<b>Ball Field Dispersed Camping Area</b>	dispersed	3/01/13-1/02/14		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•TRAILS- <b>Emery Creek Trail</b> 6.4 mile hiking trail</li> <li>•CAMPING- -Large open grassy field -No amenities</li> </ul>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Cottonwood Patch CAMPGROUND</b>	9	<p><b>YEARLONG</b></p> <p>Full Services: 3/1/13-11/01/13</p> <p>Limited Services: 01/01/13 - 02/28/13 &amp; 11/02/13-02/28/14 (no water)</p>		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•TRAILS- <b>Iron Mountain Trail</b> 12 mile trail open to horses, mountain bicycles &amp; foot travel</li> <li>•CAMPING- -Horse camping available</li> </ul>	Camping: <b>\$8/site/night</b>
<b>Hickey Gap Campground</b>	5	<b>YEARLONG</b>		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•CAMPING- -Located along Mill Creek -Sites have picnic tables, fire rings, tent pads &amp; lantern poles -Vault toilet</li> </ul>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Jacks River Fields Campground</b>	6	<b>YEARLONG</b>		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•CAMPING- -Vault toilet -Sites have picnic tables, fire rings, tent pads &amp; lantern poles -Horse camping available</li> </ul>	Camping: <b>\$5/site/night</b>
<b>The Pocket Recreation Area CAMPGROUND</b>	27	4/05/13 - 10/31/13		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•TRAILS- <b>Pocket Foot Trails</b> 3.5 mile loop hiking trail 1.0 mile loop interpretive trail</li> <li>•CAMPING- -Flush toilets; No showers -Each site has a parking spur, tent pad, fire ring &amp; picnic table -1 accessible site available</li> </ul>	Camping: <b>\$10/site/night</b>

**CAMPGROUNDS- Continued**

Campground Name	# of Sites	Open Season	Facilities and Activities	Reservations	Comments	2013 Fees
Lake Conasauga CAMPGROUND	31	4/12/13-10/31/13		None Required	<p>●<b>CAMPING-</b> -Flush toilets -Sites have picnic tables, fire rings, tent pads &amp; lantern poles -1 accessible site available -Located next to Cohutta Wilderness -Road to area is steep and winding; unsuitable for RVs &gt;23 feet</p> <p>●<b>TRAILS-</b> <i>Grassy Mountain Tower Foot Trail</i> 2.0 miles <i>Lake Conasauga Foot Trail</i> 1.2 mile loop</p> <p>●<b>WATER ACTIVITIES-</b> -Canoes and boats with electric motors only -17 acre lake for swimming and fishing</p>	Camping: <b>\$10/site/night</b>
Lake Conasauga OVERFLOW CAMPGROUND	6	3/01/13-1/02/14		None Required	<p>●<b>CAMPING-</b> -Vault toilet</p> <p>●<b>TRAILS-</b> <i>Songbird Foot Trail</i> 1.5 mile loop <i>Windy Gap Cycle Trail</i> 4.1 mi foot, mountain bike, motorcycle trail <i>Milma Creek ATV Trail</i> 3.9 mi ATV, mountain bike, motorcycle trail <i>Tibbs ORV Trail</i> 3.5 mi ATV, mountain bike, motorcycle trail</p>	Camping: <b>\$8/site/night</b>



# TRAILS

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Trail System Name	Length	Open Season	Open To	Trailheads/Facilities	Comments	2013 Fees
<b>Pinhoti Trailhead at Highway 136 &amp; Pinhoti Trailhead at Highway 100</b>		YEARLONG	 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•TRAILS-<i>Pinhoti Trail</i></li> </ul>	FREE
<b>Cohutta Wilderness Trailheads (11 Trailheads)</b>	Varies	YEARLONG, Weather permitting	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•3-Forks , Betty Gap, Chestnut Lead, Tearbitches Trailheads open 3/01/12-1/02/13</li> </ul>	Some trails open to horses.	FREE
<b>Iron Mountain Trail</b>	12 miles	YEARLONG  <b>Full Services:</b> 3/01/13-11/01/13  <b>Limited Services:</b> 1/01/13 - 02/28/13 11/02/13 - 02/28/14 (no water)	 	<i>Cottonwood Patch Trailhead and Campground</i>	Camping: horse camping available adjacent to trailhead, \$8/night	FREE
<b>Dry Creek Equestrian Trailhead</b>		YEARLONG	 	<i>Dry Creek Trailhead -</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•TRAILS-<i>Pinhoti Trail</i></li> <li>•Area has accessible horse spur located next to ADA toilet area.</li> <li>•Gravel parking for 30 horse trailer rigs.</li> </ul>	Special Recreation Permit for Specialized Trail System: <b>\$5/vehicle/day</b>

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<b>Houston Valley ORV Trails</b> 	24 miles	4/01/13 – 1/02/14	  (vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	Houston Valley Trailhead 	•Area has designated paved parking for 35 tow vehicles, ADA loading ramp	1-Day Permit: <b>\$5/operator/day</b>  OHV Annual Pass: <b>\$50/operator/year</b>  Forest Annual Pass cannot be used at this trailhead.  Dispersed Camping: <b>FREE</b>
<b>Rock Creek ORV Trail</b> 	5.4 miles	YEARLONG	  (Vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	Trailhead with off-loading ramp located on FS3A, Peeples Lake Road	•TRAILS- Rock Creek connects to Tatum Lead ORV Trail	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Tatum Lead OHV Trail</b> 	7 miles	YEARLONG	  (Vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	No trailhead parking available. ATV and motorcycle riders should use Rock Creek ORV Trailhead	•TRAILS- -IMPORTANT: No unlicensed vehicles first 2 miles across R-O-W via Hwy 52  -Tatum Lead connects to Rock Creek ORV Trail	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Tibbs Trail</b> 	3.5 miles	YEARLONG	  (Vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	Trailhead with off-loading ramp located on FS68 near Lake Conasauga	•TRAILS- Tibbs Trail connects to Windy Gap and Milma Creek	<b>FREE</b>

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<b>Windy Gap Trail</b> 	4.1 miles	YEARLONG	  (Vehicles must be = or < 50" wide)	<i>Trailhead with off-loading ramp located off FS18, Muskrat Road</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>TRAILS-IMPORTANT:</b> ATVs prohibited above Milma Creek Trail intersection</li> <li>Windy Gap Trail connects to Tibbs and Milma Creek</li> </ul>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Bear Creek Trail</b>	6.7 miles	YEARLONG	 	<i>Bear Creek Camping Area / Trailhead</i> -Area includes graveled parking lot & vault toilet Dispersed camping available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>TRAILS-</b> Bear Creek Trail connects to Pinhoti Trail</li> </ul>	<b>FREE</b>



**DAY USE**

Recreation Site Name	Group Facilities	Open Season	Facilities and Activities	Reservations	Comments	2013 Fees
<p><b>Chestnut Mountain Shooting Range</b></p> <p><i>Rifles and handguns only</i></p>	No	<p><b>CLOSED EVERY SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>May-August</b> Open Mon-Sat 9am-8pm</p> <p><b>Sept-April</b> Open Mon-Sat 9am – 5pm</p>		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Bring your own paper targets (no cans or bottles may be used).</li> <li>•Skeet Shooting not allowed.</li> <li>•Alcohol is <u>not</u> permitted on the range, in the parking lot, or on the shooting range access road.</li> <li>•Located within the John's Mtn. WMA</li> <li>•Area has shooting benches for rifles and handguns, covered shooting shed over benches, accessible benches.</li> <li>•Area has a 100 yard shooting range with intervals of 25, 50 and 100 yards. Gravel parking for 10 vehicles, signage. Gravel access route to toilet and shooting shed.</li> </ul>	<p>Shooting Range: <b>\$5.00/vehicle/day</b> fee is proposed to increase to \$5/shooter</p> <p>Annual permit is also available <b>\$25/shooter/year</b></p>
<p><b>John's Mountain Overlook</b></p> <p><i>Observation Site located off the Ridge and Valley Scenic Byway</i></p>	No	<b>3/01/13 – 1/02/14</b>		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>TRAILS- Johns Mountain</b> 3.5 mile hiking loop</li> <li>•A steep gravel road leads to an overlook deck and small gravel parking area.</li> </ul>	<b>FREE</b>
<p><b>Keown Falls Picnic Area and Trailhead</b></p>	No	<b>YEARLONG</b>		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>PICNICKING-</b> 14 picnic sites</li> <li>•<b>TRAILS- Keown Falls Trail</b> 1.8 miles</li> <li>•<b>Pinhoti Trailhead</b></li> </ul>	<b>FREE</b>

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Lake Conasauga PICNIC & SWIM SITE	Yes	4/12/13-10/31/13		None Required	<p>●<b>PICNICKING-</b> -Area constructed in 1940 by the CCC -Picnic shelter &amp; 15 individual picnic tables available</p> <p>●<b>TRAILS-</b> <i>Grassy Mountain Tower Foot Trail</i> 2.0 miles <i>Lake Conasauga Foot Trail</i> 1.2 mile loop</p> <p>●<b>WATER ACTIVITIES-</b> -Canoes and electric motors only -17 acre lake for swimming and fishing</p>	Picnic & Swim Site: <b>\$2/vehicle/day</b>
Mill Creek Overlook	No	3/01/13-1/02/14		None Required	<p>●<b>SCENIC VIEWING-</b> -Observation site has a 2 car parking area</p>	<b>FREE</b>
Mountaintown Overlook	No	3/01/13-1/02/14		None Required	<p>●<b>SCENIC VIEWING-</b> -Observation site has a 2 car parking area</p>	<b>FREE</b>
Peeples Lake	No	YEARLONG		None Required	<b>NO CAMPING ALLOWED</b>	<b>FREE</b>
The Pocket Recreation Area GROUP PICNIC SHELTER	Yes	YEARLONG		<p>Suggested <b>To reserve, call 1-877-444-6777 or go to <a href="http://www.Recreation.gov">www.Recreation.gov</a></b></p> <p><i>If not reserved, the picnic shelter is available first come, first serve</i></p>	<p><i>This area is located off the Ridge and Valley Scenic Byway. It was once a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp from 1938 until 1942. Some of these remains can still be seen in this area.</i></p> <p>●<b>TRAILS-</b> <i>Pocket Foot Trail</i> 3.5 mile loop hiking trail</p> <p>●<b>PICNICKING-</b> -Shelter can accommodate up to 75 people -Accessible facility -Paved parking for 20 vehicles -Vault toilet</p>	Picnic Shelter: <b>\$35/day + \$10 reservation fee</b>

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<b>The Pocket Recreation Area FAMILY PICNIC AREA</b>	No	YEARLONG	    	None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●<b>PICNICKING-</b> -11 picnic sites -Parking for 12 vehicles</li> <li>●<b>TRAILS-</b> <i>see above</i></li> </ul>	FREE
<b>Sumac Creek Shooting Range</b> <i>Rifles and handguns only</i>	No	YEARLONG <i>Closed Tuesdays until noon for clean-up and repairs</i>	  	None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Bring your own paper targets (no cans or bottles may be used).</li> <li>●Skeet Shooting not allowed.</li> <li>●Alcohol is <u>not</u> permitted on the range, in the parking lot, or on the shooting range access road.</li> <li>●Located within the Cohutta WMA</li> <li>●Area has shooting benches for rifles and handguns, covered shooting shed over benches, a 10-yard shooting area with target intervals marked at 25, 50 and 100 yards.</li> </ul>	Shooting Range: <b>\$5.00/vehicle/day</b> fee is proposed to increase to \$5/shooter Annual permit is also available <b>\$25/shooter/year</b>
<b>Barnes Creek Picnic Area</b>	No	YEARLONG		None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●<b>PICNICKING-</b> -1 picnic site, waterfall</li> <li>●<b>TRAILS-</b> <i>0.1 mi Waterfall Trail</i></li> </ul>	FREE
<b>Cohutta Overlook</b>	No	YEARLONG	  	None Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●<b>TRAILS-</b> <i>Pinhoti Trail</i> 4.2 miles</li> <li>●Area located off Highway 52; provides a walk-up scenic overlook but very rustic</li> </ul>	FREE

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## SYMBOL LEGEND

 Camping	 Hiking Trails	 Drinking Water	 Canoe Launch	 Swimming Beach	 Fishing
 Group Camping	 Equestrian Trails	 Garbage Bins/Dumpsters	 Boat Launch	 Picnic Shelter	 Hunting
 Group Picnicking	 Accessible Facilities	 Elevator	 Photography	 Store	 Shuttle
 Sightseeing	 Fire Tower	 Visitor Information	 Dogs on Leash	 Warm Showers	 ATV Trails
 Mountain Bicycle Trails	 Restrooms (Flush, Vault, Chemical, Port-a-John)	 Picnic Sites	 Playground	 Motorbike Trails	 Full-Size 4WD Trails
 Shooting Range					