

SPECIAL DAY-USE AREAS



Prices subject to change

Operated by private concessionaire

MAP NUMBER

PICNIC AREA

RESTROOMS

DRINKING WATER

TRAILS

OTHER ACTIVITIES

FEE (\$)

*one day-use or season pass valid



NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST									COMMENTS
BALSAM LAKE From TUCKASEGEE, take NC 281S for 8.75 miles. Turn left on SR 1756, go about 6 miles (1 mile past lodge).	30		F					No fee	Open all year. Walk or fish along Wolf Creek. No water or restrooms in winter. Picnic shelter. Near Balsam Lake Lodge. By reservation only at 877-444-6777.
CHEOAH POINT BEACH From ROBBINSVILLE, take U.S. 129N for 7 miles. Turn left at sign, go 0.8 mile.	20		V					No fee.	Open April to November. Swimming beach on San-teetlah Lake, boat ramp, picnic shelter, RV sites, flush toilets. Cheoah District: 828-479-6431.
CHEROHALA SKYWAY From ROBBINSVILLE, take U.S. 129N for 1 mile, turn left on NC 143W, and follow signs for 10 miles.			V					No fee	Open all year. Drive 30 miles on crest of North Carolina mountains. Scenic overlooks, picnic spots, trails. Cheoah District: 828-479-6431.
CLIFFSIDE LAKE ♦ From HIGHLANDS, take U.S. 64W for 4.5 miles. Turn right at sign.	24		F					\$3/car. 2 shelters by reservation: 828-877-4023	March 30-Nov. 5. Bathhouse with showers, seven short trails: 0.5 to 1.5 miles. No fee in winter. Site manager (Apr.1-Oct. 31): 828-526-5912.
DRY FALLS From HIGHLANDS, take U.S. 64W for 3.5 miles, falls on left.			V					No fee	Under construction. Opens later summer. Walk under waterfall without getting wet. Nantahala District:
FIRES CREEK From HAYESVILLE, go 5 miles on U.S. 64W. Turn right on NC 175 for 2.5 miles and left on Fires Creek Rd. (SR 1344).	3							Under construction.	Open all year. Hike 0.7-mile loop to Leatherwood Falls or 53 miles of trail open to hikers and horses. Tusquitee District: 828-837-5152.
JACKRABBIT From HAYESVILLE, take U.S. 64E for 6.2 miles. Turn right on NC 175 for 2.5 miles. Turn right on SR 1155.	5		F					\$3/car.	May 2-Sept. 30. Swimming beach on Chatuge Lake. Popular for watersports. Hot showers, picnic shelter. Tusquitee District: 828-837-5152.
JOYCE KILMER From ROBBINSVILLE, take NC 129N for 1 mile. Turn left on NC 143W, right on SR 1134, go 2 miles.	18		V F					No fee	Open all year. Walk through this rare, outstanding example of an old growth forest on two two-mile loop trails. Flush toilet. Cheoah District: 828-479-6431.
CHEROKEE LAKE From MURPHY, take U.S. 64W for 8 miles. Turn right on NC 294, go 3 miles.	1		F					No fee.	Apr. 1-Oct. 30. Accessible fishing pier on Lake Cherokee. Picnic shelter. Tusquitee District: 828-837-5152.
NANTAHALA GORGE Take U.S. 19 between ALMOND and TOPTON. Travel through gorge.	14/ 15		F					Use fee: \$1/person \$5/person/season	Open all year. Popular rafting on 8.5 miles of white-water. Picnicking at Ferebee Memorial. Nantahala District: 828-524-6441.
STANDING INDIAN PICNIC AREA ♦ From FRANKLIN, take U.S. 64W for 9 miles. Turn left on old U.S. 64, follow signs.	8		F					\$2/car for day use	March 30-Nov. 27. Picnic shelter can be reserved for \$30 by calling Nantahala District, 828-524-6441.
TSALI From BRYSON CITY, take U.S. 19S for 9 miles. Turn right on NC 28 for 5.5 miles, turn right at the sign, go 1.5 miles.	22		F					\$2/trail user \$15 trail user season pass	Closed in winter. Trails open year-round. Near Fontana Lake. 40 miles of bike and horse trails. Bike-wash rack.. Cheoah District: 828-479-6431.
WAYAH BALD From FRANKLIN, take U.S. 64W. Turn right on old US 64 to SR 1310 (Wayah Rd.). Turn right on FR 69 for 4.5 miles.	10		V					No fee	Open all year. Enjoy panoramic views from historic fire tower. Crossed by Appalachian and Bartram trails. Nantahala District: 828-524-6441.
WHITESIDE MOUNTAIN From HIGHLANDS, take U.S. 64E about 5 miles. Turn right on SR 1680. Follow signs.	28		V					\$2/car \$15/season ♦	Open all year. Hike two-mile-loop trail to 4,930-foot summit for outstanding views. Nantahala District: 828-524-6441.
WHITewater FALLS From CASHIERS, take NC 107S for 10 miles to NC-SC line. Drive 1 mile, take first road to left. Follow signs.	29		F					\$2/car \$15/season ♦	Open all year. The East's highest waterfall at 411 feet. Two picnic shelters. Nantahala District: 828-524-6441.