

PIEDMONT & COASTAL CAMPING

The Uwharrie and Croatan National Forests offer a range of camping experiences, from primitive camping with no facilities to highly developed campgrounds. Arrowhead Campground, near Badin Lake in Uwharrie National Forest, offers electric hook-ups at 35 sites. Campsites are \$15 with electricity and \$12 without. Cedar Point Campground on the Croatan National Forest has electricity at all campsites. Neuse River has six sites with electricity.

UWHARRIE NATIONAL FOREST

*Primitive camps with undesignated campsites.

MAP NO.	NAME	CAMP-SITES	SHOW-ERS	TOILETS		FEE	COMMENTS
				Flush/Vault			
3	Arrowhead	50, 35 with electricity	yes ♿	F ♿		\$12 \$15	Open all year. From TROY, take NC 109-N 10 miles, turn left at Badin Lake sign and go 0.25 mile. Take FR 576 west (gravel) for 3 miles and follow the signs.
2	Badin Lake	37	no		V	\$8	Open all year. Same directions as above.
2	Badin Lake Group	3	no		V	\$40	Open all year. By reservation ONLY through the district office, 910-576-6391.
5	Badin Horse Camp	*	no		V	\$5	Open all year. From TROY, take NC 109-N for 11 miles, turn left on Mullinix Rd., go 1.5 miles to camp on right.
6	Uwharrie Hunt Camp	8	no		V	\$5	Open all year. No water. From TROY, take NC 109-N 10 miles, turn left at Badin Lake signs. Camp on right.
8	West Morris Mtn.	14	no		♿	\$5	Open all year. No water. From TROY, take NC 109-N for 8 miles, turn right on SR 1303 and go 1.5 miles. Camp on right.
7	East Morris Mtn.	*	no			none	Open Sept.-Mar. No facilities. From TROY, take NC 109 for 4 mi., turn right on NC 1134 and go 4 mi. Walk-in rest of year.
9	Yates Place	*	no		V	\$5	Open Sept.-Mar. No water. From TROY, take NC 109-N for 4 miles, turn left on SR 1134 to Mt. Carmel Church, turn right on SR 1146 and go 2 miles.
10	Deep Water	*	no		V	\$5	Open all year. From TROY, take NC 109-N 10 miles, turn left at Badin Lake sign, go 0.25 mile. Take FR 576 west (gravel) for 6 miles and follow signs.

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2	Fishers Landing	9	no		V	none	Open all year. Tents only. From NEW BERN, take U.S. 70-E., turn left across from Riverdale Fuel Market.
3	Neuse River	25 6 with electricity	yes ♿	F ♿		\$10 \$15	Open all year. From NEW BERN, take U.S. 70-E, turn left, go 1.5 miles on SR 1107. \$15 for sites with electricity. Also called Flanners Beach.
10	Great Lake	*	no			none	Open all year. No facilities. From MAYSVILLE, take NC 58-E to Kuhns, turn left on SR 1100, then left on 1101.
11	Catfish Lake	*	no			none	Open all year. No facilities. From MAYSVILLE, take NC 58-E, turn left on SR 1105 to FR 158, turn left.
8	Long Point	*	no			none	Open all year. From MAYSVILLE, take NC 58-E, turn right on FR 120.
6	Cedar Point	40 all with electricity	yes ♿	F ♿		\$15	Open all year. From MAYSVILLE, take NC 58-E. Turn right on SR 1114, then left on FR 153-A.

Croatan, Uwharrie: lands of diversity

From the rolling hills of the Piedmont to coastal saltwater estuaries, the Uwharrie and Croatan National Forests encompass enormous diversity.

AT THE CROSSROADS

Although the Uwharrie National Forest, with just over 50,000 acres, is the smallest national forest in North Carolina, it packs in great recreation opportunities and a whole range of multiple uses.

Timber managers work with wildlife biologists to ensure both good-quality wood products and good wildlife habitats. Hunters benefit from healthy populations of deer, turkeys, squirrels, and rabbits. Many enjoy the colorful songbirds, magnificent wildflowers, and the sight of bald eagles over Badin Lake in the winter.

The Uwharrie is at the crossroads of both prehistoric and historic settlements, with more archeological sites per acre than any other Southeast forest! The area even played a part in America's first gold rush in 1799.

LAND OF WATER & FIRE

The Croatan National Forest's 160,000 acres have coastal forests, saltwater estuaries, bogs, and raised swamps, called pocosins. Bounded on three sides by tidal rivers and Bogue Sound, the forest is defined by water.

Blackwater creeks originate deep in the forest; over half the Croatan is pocosins! All this water provides a variety of fishing and canoeing, as well as a diversity of wildlife—from deer, black bears, and turkeys to wading birds, ospreys, and alligators.

Fire plays a big role in the forest ecosystem. Some plants and animals depend on periodic fires for their survival. The forest managers use controlled burns to maintain the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker's habitat.

The Croatan's most unusual plants, the carnivorous Venus' fly trap, sundew, and pitcher-plant, need fire to remove competing vegetation. Although fire is a part of the natural cycle, like some medicines, it must be "prescribed." In the case of fire, it must be administered for the right time of year and weather conditions.