



# Cherokee National Forest

## BACKBONE ROCK CAMPGROUND



Welcome to Backbone Rock Campground! There are 11 campsites, including two double-unit campsites. This campground may be reserved for groups up to 55 people.

### To help ensure a safe and enjoyable visit for all visitors, please follow these rules and regulations:

- **FEE:** If you do not have a reservation, and the site you want is currently not reserved, we recommend you pay for no more than 2 nights at a time, as campers with reservations may be scheduled. You are responsible for paying your fee at the FEE STATION within 30 minutes of your arrival. Display your fee envelope stub in the plastic sleeve on the post at your campsite. Please contact the campground host if you have any questions.
- **RESERVATIONS:** All Backbone Rock campsites are on the National Recreation Reservation System (NRRS) indicated by a "RESERVED" placard on the campsite post. To reserve a campsite, contact NRRS online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or call 1-877-444-6777. Campground hosts cannot make, modify, or cancel any reservations. You may reserve a campsite between four days and six months in advance of your visit.
- **YOUR STAY:** You may Check-in to your site between 2:00 pm and 10:00 pm of your arrival day, and check-out is no later than 11:00 am of your departure day. For walk-in sites, you must occupy your campsite the first night, and cannot leave it unattended for more than 24 hours after that. For reserved sites, you have until 2:00 pm the second day of your reservation to arrive. After that, the campsite is subject to cancellation. The maximum length of stay on a campsite is 14 days. You must leave the campground for 7 days before you return.
- **YOUR SITE:** Upon initial arrival, all camping gear must be set up and remain within the designated gravel campsites. Vehicles must remain on roads and spurs. Parking is limited to 2 vehicles overnight per campsite, and campsites are limited to no more than 5 people overnight. Fires may be built only in the grills and firerings provided. Only burn wood, paper or charcoal – it's the law. Please only bring wood that is from Tennessee.
- **PROHIBITED:** Alcoholic beverages, fireworks, firearms, and nudity are prohibited. It is illegal to carve, chop, cut or damage any standing trees or shrubs. Horses, golf carts, or ATV's (or any other kind of off-highway vehicles) are not allowed within the campground. This campground is not a day-use picnic facility. Occupying campsites solely for picnicking is prohibited.
- **YOUR SAFETY:** All food (including pet food) and other scented products must be properly stored in vehicles or in a food storage box when not in use to prevent attracting bears and other wildlife. Refer to the Storage Food Box Supervisor's Order for more information. Throw away all trash in campground dumpsters or trash cans.
- **CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS:** Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am. Visiting hours are from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. All visitors must leave the campground by 10:00 pm. If you are using a generator, it must remain on the designated campsite and must be turned off during quiet hours. All pets must be on a leash at all times. Please throw fish entrails in the water rather than trash bins to prevent noxious odors.
- **CAMPGROUND ACCESS:** The entrance gate is locked from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am daily. Parking is permitted outside the gate at your own risk.
- **SWIMMING:** There is no designated swimming area at Backbone Rock. All swimming is at your own risk.
- **HOSTS:** There are volunteer campground hosts at site 11. When hosts are on duty, they can provide visitor information. If they are not on duty, you can direct your questions to the Watauga Ranger Station.



EMERGENCY CONTACTS:	Johnson County Law Enforcement	911
OTHER CONTACTS:	Backbone Rock Campground Host	276-475-5049
	US Forest Service Watauga R.D.	423-735-1500
	4400 Unicoi Dr. Unicoi, TN 37692	Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm