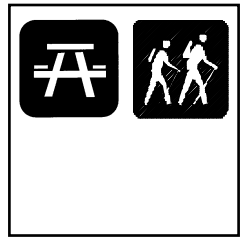


Cherokee National Forest

Tennessee

Watauga Point Recreation Area



Southern Region, USDA Forest Service

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Overview

Watauga Point Recreation Area (elevation 1980 feet) is located on the southern shore of Watauga Lake in Carter County. Large shade trees scattered throughout grassy areas provide a park setting for picnicking. In addition to picnic facilities, there is a gravel trail that loops through the nearby forest.

Other Opportunities

Both water-based and land-based recreation activities abound near Watauga Point Recreation Area. Forest Service facilities within three miles include Cardens Bluff Campground, Shook Branch (picnicking and swimming), Rat Branch Boat Ramp and Pond Mountain Shooting Range. Watauga Lake is a 6430-acre TVA lake providing fishing, boating, and water-skiing opportunities.

For More Information

Watauga Ranger District
4400 Unicoi Drive
Unicoi, TN. 37692
(423) 735-1500
www.fs.usda.gov/cherokee
(Recreation Tab)

(The
Ranger
Station is
located off
Exit 32 of
I-26 in

Unicoi.)

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Directions: From Elizabethton, take US 19E/321 south for five miles to Hampton. Turn left on US 321/TN 67 south for five miles, then turn left into Watauga Point.

LATITUDE: N 36° 19' 15"

LONGITUDE: W 082° 05' 08"

Site Information: Day-use facilities include several picnic tables, large grassy areas for picnicking, and a 0.41 mile loop foot trail (Watauga Point Trail #59). Accessibility is limited: the bathroom meets ADA requirements, but only a limited number of picnic sites are accessible. A portion of the area can be reserved for one-day group gatherings during certain periods of the year. There is no boat ramp.

Site Amenities: Pedestal grills are located in picnic areas. There is a drinking fountain and a trash dumpster on-site for visitors use. There is a centrally-located ADA accessible restroom with flush toilets.

Fee Information: The Pavilion and/or Shady Area may be reserved in advance for \$30/day, each. To reserve the Pavilion or the Shady Area, go to Recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777.

Requirements: Day use only, 6:00 am to sunset. No overnight camping. Pets must be leashed at all times. Alcoholic beverages and fireworks are prohibited. See information board on site for a complete list of regulations.

Safety: Watauga Point is located off a busy state highway. The entrance is narrow and congested with two-way traffic on summer weekends. Park as close to the edge of pavement as possible.

Season: Usually early-April to mid-October. Call Ranger Station for current information.

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