

Sumter National Forest

South Carolina

Ellicott Rock Wilderness



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Highlights

Ellicott Rock Wilderness was established by Congress in 1975. Encompassing 8,274 acres, this wilderness spreads across the corners of South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia. It also straddles the 15,432-acre Chattooga River Wild and Scenic Corridor. The steep terrain of the Ellicott Rock Wilderness offers numerous mountains and waterfalls to explore.

The wilderness is located near the area that has the highest recorded rainfall in the east. Be prepared for wet weather. In addition, temperatures in the wilderness are typically 10 or more degrees cooler all year than in nearby Walhalla.

Camping

Campsites and fires must be greater than:

- 50 feet from trails
- 50 feet from the Chattooga River or any tributary stream
- 1/4 mile from any road

Leave No Trace

- Campfires are allowed in the wilderness
- To minimize your impact, use a backpack stove or an existing fire ring.
- Do not make new fire rings
- Remove any evidence of camping before you leave
- Pack it in, Pack it out
- Take your trash, and others with you as you leave

For More Information

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Directions: Various access points exist. Several popular points are: Burrell's Ford Road off Highway 107; the Chattooga Picnic Area (east fork of the Chattooga); and the Foothills Trail off Highway 107. Maps are sold at the ranger station.

Camping: Primitive camping is allowed in the Chattooga River Corridor and the Ellicott Rock Wilderness. Please respect specific limitations when posted.

Hiking Difficulty Level: Varies from moderately difficult trails to extremely challenging off-trail opportunities.

Safety:

- Take a map and compass and know how to use them.
- Always leave your itinerary with someone you know.
- Be prepared for weather changes.
- Keep alert for poisonous snakes and plants.

Season: Year-round. Access will vary with weather conditions.

Site Amenities: Primitive conditions. No developed sites.

Requirements: Numerous. Please see Ellicott Rock Wilderness map.

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