

**A Guide to Camping and Hiking Sites for
Physically Handicapped Scouts in the Upstate of
South Carolina**

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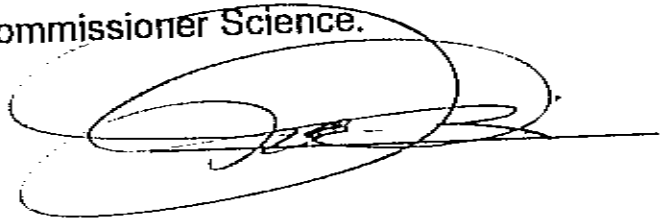
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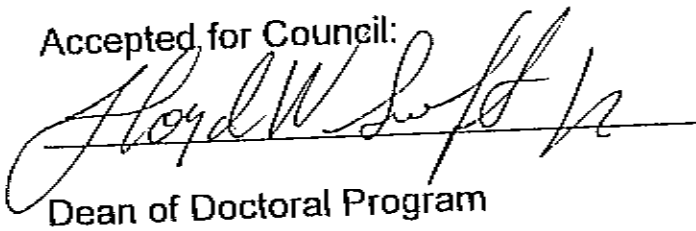
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Preface

The purpose of this project was to establish a guide to campsites and hiking trails in the Upstate region of South Carolina, which would be accessible to handicapped scouts. Currently, there is no such information available in a single piece of work. In addition, this project would describe the site or trail in detail. Currently, most guides are inadequate, simply having a handicapped symbol affixed to an area listed, offering no useful information at all.

This guidebook will be helpful to scout leaders who wish to include handicapped scouts in their programs. It will give them a start in developing an outdoor program suitable to the physically disabled.

The information contained within was gathered by personal visits or by information relayed by other scouters. Each site was approached from the viewpoint of a boy in a wheelchair or on crutches. Conclusions of suitability were made with this in mind.

Hopefully, by developing a list of suitable camping and hiking sites for the disabled, adult leaders will be encouraged to recruit the handicapped youth in the Upstate of South Carolina to join the Boy Scout program.

The Mission Statement for the Boy Scouts of America reads:

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and in other ways prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential.

To realize the aims of this statement, the Boy Scouts of America designed a program utilizing eight training methods:

- 1) Ideals: These are set forth in the Scout Law, Oath and motto.
- 2) Patrols: Utilizing the patrol method, the Scout is able to practice citizenship first hand through shared responsibility.
- 3) Outdoors: Scouting was designed as an outdoor program, where Scouts might practice their skills, culminating in leadership, self-reliance and citizenship.
- 4) Advancement: Along the trail to Eagle, Scouting provides goals and challenges, which promote mental, physical and emotional growth.
- 5) Adult Association: Skills are learned through example and association.
- 6) Personal Growth: This is realized through goal setting and its eventual attainment.
- 7) Leadership Development: By progressive assumption of duties, the Scout develops citizenship and character.
- 8) Uniform: The uniform is the symbol of commitment to the Scouting Program.

Since its founding in 1910, The Boy Scouts of America has served America's youth. They have also recognized and supported the Scout with mental, physical and/or emotional handicaps. Although encouraging the handicapped Scout to participate fully in the Scout programs, the Boy Scout organization has recognized that some handicaps prohibit the boy from doing so. The outdoor and advancement methods are the most likely to create the greatest difficulty for the handicapped Scout. Therefore, modifications to the programs have been developed for those Scouts with severe disabilities. Over the years, Scouting publications have become available in a Braille version; training manuals have been developed for unit leaders in how to deal with particular handicaps; advancement requirements have been permitted to be modified to allow the handicapped Scout to obtain his Eagle rank. Creation of an outdoor program has been left up to the Scout leaders and relies upon what is available for the handicapped in their particular region.

According to the Department of Special Education Services for the School District of Greenville County, approximately 8675 of the 57,550 school-aged youth, or about 15%, are classified as having a disability. When one looks at the number of registered Scouts in the Reedy Falls District who are handicapped versus those who are not, that ratio is much lower. The question then arises, why are the handicapped youth of Greenville County not involved in Scouting? This became the initial focus of this paper.

To look into this, discussions were held with current and past Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders. Their reactions to having a handicapped Scout in their unit and the possible difficulties associated with their unit program were explored. The Scout leaders all expressed being comfortable with having disabled youth within their units. However, one recurring concern among the Boy Scout units was designing an outdoor camping and hiking program which would allow involvement of the handicapped youth, without taking away from the experience of the non-handicapped boys in the unit.

Interviews were also set up with handicapped teenagers and their parents. These families were selected from those who received physical and/or occupational therapy at the Center for Developmental Pediatrics or were patients of the Department of Pediatric Neurology of the Children's Hospital of the Greenville Hospital System. For the majority of the parents, their image of Scouting was of a boy hiking, camping, crossing rope bridges and climbing observation towers. Scouting, to these parents, emphasized to the boy what he could not do. The severely physically handicapped boys also had difficulty visualizing themselves in an outdoor setting of hiking and camping. All agreed on the merits of Scouting, but concern was expressed regarding the outdoor program. Contributing to this concern was Greenville's location in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The hiking and camping terrain is fairly rugged, challenging the abilities of even the most fit, non-handicapped youth.

Ultimately, the need to identify what was available and suitable for the handicapped Scout in this region became apparent. If hiking and camping sites could be located, which were handicapped friendly, then possibly more handicapped youth would be attracted to the Scouting program. Likewise, if Scout leaders were aware of what was available in this region for handicapped camping and hiking, then they would be able to design an outdoor program for their unit in hopes of recruiting handicapped boys. This, then, became the topic of this paper: to explore the Upstate of South Carolina, defined as the regions encompassing Greenville, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg Counties, and determine what was available in regards to camping and hiking sites that would be suitable for the handicapped Scout. The findings would then be formulated into a guidebook.

To locate potential camping sites, a listing was obtained from the Internet of all National, State and City parks in existence within the Upstate as defined above. Identified were 3 National Parks and Forests, 12 State Parks and 7 City Parks. The US Army Corps of Engineers were also contacted. They supplied a list of 6 camping sites owned by the Corps and leased to private organizations. A questionnaire (Appendix A) was sent to each agency, exploring whether their site was felt to be handicap friendly for camping or hiking. Questionnaires were also mailed to currently popular Scouting sites located outside the defined Upstate region. These included primarily National Military Parks and National Forests. Those agencies that felt their site was able to accommodate the handicapped Scout were then visited and personally assessed. Those agencies that did

not feel their site was suitable for the handicapped were contacted by phone to confirm their limits. Those that did not respond were also contacted by telephone.

For the upstate region, all 3 National Parks or Forests were felt to be handicapped accessible in at least one of the 3 categories (camping, hiking or day facilities). Ten of the 12 State Parks considered themselves to be handicapped accessible for camping only, while only 3 of the 7 City Parks responded as being suitable for the handicapped.

The concept of what was 'Handicapped Accessible' varied greatly. Some sites' concept of handicapped accessible meant a designated parking spot was provided. All 10 of the accessible State Parks were billed as having handicapped camping. But upon inspection, this merely meant a reservable RV site next to the 'handicapped restroom'. Some of the older parks with 'handicapped restrooms' did not even meet current standards. Some parks offered handicapped cabins for rent, but the cost was fairly prohibitive for Scouts. RV camping did not appear to be the solution to the camping situation.

With site visitation, it was found that many of the parks also offered primitive campsites to youth groups at nominal fees. These were inspected to see if they offered a solution for handicapped camping. Surprisingly, many of the sites were found to be excellent campsites for wheelchair maneuverability. All could be accessed by car. The sites were, in general, clear of debris, with wide and maneuverable pathways among the tent sites. A few primitive areas even had onsite

drinking water. As a result, 5 State Parks had primitive campsites that were felt to be accessible for the severely physically handicapped. A disadvantage was that you were in a State Park, not totally isolated from RVs or other tent campers. Also, this was primitive camping, so if restrooms were needed, they were at a distance.

Of the City Parks, none permitted camping. Only 2 replies were received from questionnaires sent to the US Army Corps of Engineer sites. Neither considered themselves handicapped accessible. The remaining 4 were unable to be contacted since the addresses were PO numbers and were referred to only by their lease number. Two excellent campsites managed by the Corps of Engineers on Lake Hartwell, Chandler's Ferry and Glen's Ferry, were recently closed to public usage.

In order to assess hiking trails, a list was obtained from the office of the State Trail Coordinator of all recorded trails in the 4-County Upstate region. In all, 85 trails were identified. This list is included in Section 5 of the guide. Then either these trails were hiked or published trail descriptions were reviewed to judge whether they were handicapped accessible or not. Of the 85 trails found in the Upstate, only 4 were felt to be compatible for wheelchairs. These trails were city park trails. Unfortunately, no information was received regarding one of these trails, the Cottonwood Trail in Spartanburg.

Locating handicapped-suitable hiking trails in the wilderness appeared to be an unobtainable goal. However, the Forest Service staff at

Sumter National Forest provided an unexpected solution to this dilemma. Although heavily forested and with very rugged terrain, the rangers suggested the use of logging roads as alternative trails. The roads were packed gravel and meandered throughout the National Forest. They pointed out that many of the roads were gated, allowing for safe, traffic-free usage. Though a permit would be required, it was free upon request. The rangers would help chose which roads were most appropriate for the season and would allow both hiking and camping on the roads. The idea of using logging roads for a hiking trail led to a reassessment of sites previously felt to be nonaccessible. Caesars Head State Park proved to be one of these.

The information obtained was put together into the following guide. Hopefully it will aid Scout leaders in creating an outdoor program suitable for physically disabled Scouts and thus encourage a handicapped boy to join Scouting. It must be remembered that this is just a guide and as with anything, time changes. Before embarking on any hike or camping trip, it is imperative to call ahead to see if changes occurred which may affect its suitability for your Scouts.

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Handicapped Outdoors Program Survey

Name of Facility: _____

1. Do you consider your facility accessible to the handicapped? Yes _____
No _____

If 'No', please skip to the last question and then return this form in the enclosed envelope.

2. Do you have handicapped parking spaces? Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you have handicapped bathroom facilities? Yes _____ No _____

Camping

1. Do you permit tent camping? Yes _____ No _____
1a. Do you have primitive campsites for youth organizations? Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you have tent campsites, which are car accessible? Yes _____ No _____
3. Would these campsites be wheelchair accessible? Yes _____ No _____
4. Are there water facilities at these campsites? Yes _____ No _____
5. Do you have tent campsites, which are not car accessible? Yes _____ No _____
6. Would a wheelchair be able to reach the campsite? Yes _____ No _____
7. Would a child on crutches be able to reach the campsite? Yes _____ No _____
8. Approximate distance from parking to the campsite.

Comments:

Hiking

1. Do you have hiking trails at your facility? Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you have trails, which are wheelchair accessible? (ie. Mild grades with minimal obstacles, single or double steps) Yes _____ No _____
3. Approximate length of the trails:

4. Are there teaching stations along the trail? Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

5. Do you have trails, which are accessible to boys on crutches? (ie. Mild to moderate grades with some mild obstacles)? Yes ___ No ___

6. Approximate length of the trails:

7. Are there teaching stations along the trail? Yes ___ No ___

Day Trips

1. Do you have educational areas (ie. Museum, historical sites) at your facility for day trips which are handicapped accessible? Yes ___ No ___

2. Please give a short description:

Comments:

Do you know of any other facility in the region or the state which would be suitable for the handicapped for outdoor activities?

I'd like to thank you for taking the time in filling out this questionnaire. I hope to visit each site that can accommodate the handicapped. This way I can give a more personalized description in the booklet.

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South Carolina State Parks

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Cleveland, SC



Contact References:

Agency: State of South Carolina
Address: Caesars Head State park
8155 Greer highway
Cleveland, SC 29635
Telephone: (864) 836-6115



General Information:

Caesars Head State Park's 7467 acres rises to 3266 feet above sea level to offer visitors panoramic views of nearby valleys, watershed areas, Table Rock and Pinnacle mountains, and other peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Housed within its depths is the beautiful Raven Cliff Falls.



Directions:

Caesars Head State Park is located on US 276, about 37 miles north of Greenville.



Handicapped Accessibility:



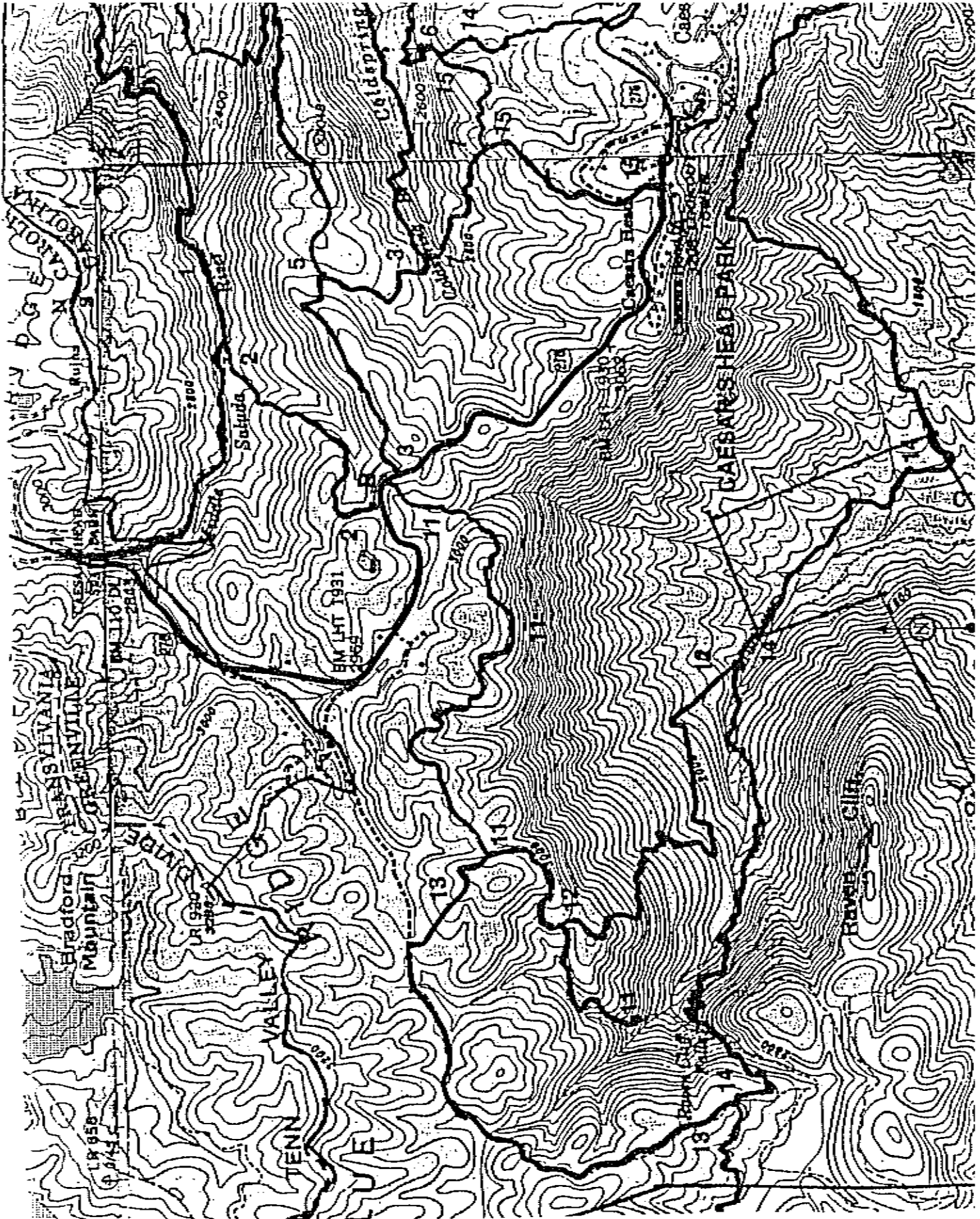
Camping: Caesars Head offers no main camping sites. It does offer numerous trailside campsites. These are inaccessible by wheelchair.



Hiking: All the designated trails are too rugged to allow wheelchair use. However, a few tenths of a mile north beyond the Raven Cliff Falls parking lot on the left is a dirt fire road which gradually descends toward the swinging bridge located at the falls. It is gated, but once around the gate should provide wheelchair access to this area.



Facilities: No facilities are available to the handicapped.



LEGEND:

- FIRE ROAD
- HWY 276
- B RAVEN CLIFF FALLS PARKING LOT

Keowee-Toxaway State Park

Sunset, SC



Contact Reference:

Agency: State of South Carolina
Address: Keowee-Toxaway State Park
100 Residence Drive
Sunset, SC 29685
Telephone: (864) 868-2605



General Information:

Keowee-Toxaway State Park is a 1000-acre park situated along the northern shores of Lake Keowee. It provides impressive views of the Foothills and Blue Ridge Mountains. The park has a museum and four outdoor kiosks that depict the history of the Cherokee Indians who once lived in this area.



Directions:

Keowee-Toxaway State Park is located at the intersection of SC 133 and SC 11 at Lake Keowee. It is about 15 miles northwest of Pickens.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: The primitive campsites are located along the shores of Lake Keowee. They are accessible only by a 2-mile, moderately strenuous trail or by water.



Hiking: The designated trails in this rugged area are not suitable for wheelchairs.



Facilities: The museum is wheelchair accessible and may be driven to from the parking lot. Restrooms are available. The Interpretive trail and kiosks involve manipulating a number of steps, and so are not felt to be accessible.

Kings Mountain State Park

Blacksburg, SC



Contact References:

Agency: State of South Carolina
Address: Kings Mountain State Park
1277 Park Road
Blacksburg, SC 29702
Telephone: (803) 222-3209



General Information:

Kings Mountain State Park is a huge, 6471-acre playground stretching along the South Carolina and North Carolina border. It is adjacent to the Kings Mountain Military Park. The park's "Living History Farm" gives one a glimpse of early pioneering life in this region. Besides 16 miles of hiking and nature trails, there is also a lake for fishing, swimming and boating.



Directions:

Kings Mountain State Park is located near Blacksburg, SC on SC Hwy 216. From I-85 northbound, take NC Exil 2. Travel through the National Military Park to the State Park entrance at the SC 161 junction.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: Primitive sites are located within the open forest. They are accessible by car. The terrain is flat, packed dirt and should pose no problems for an assisted wheelchair.



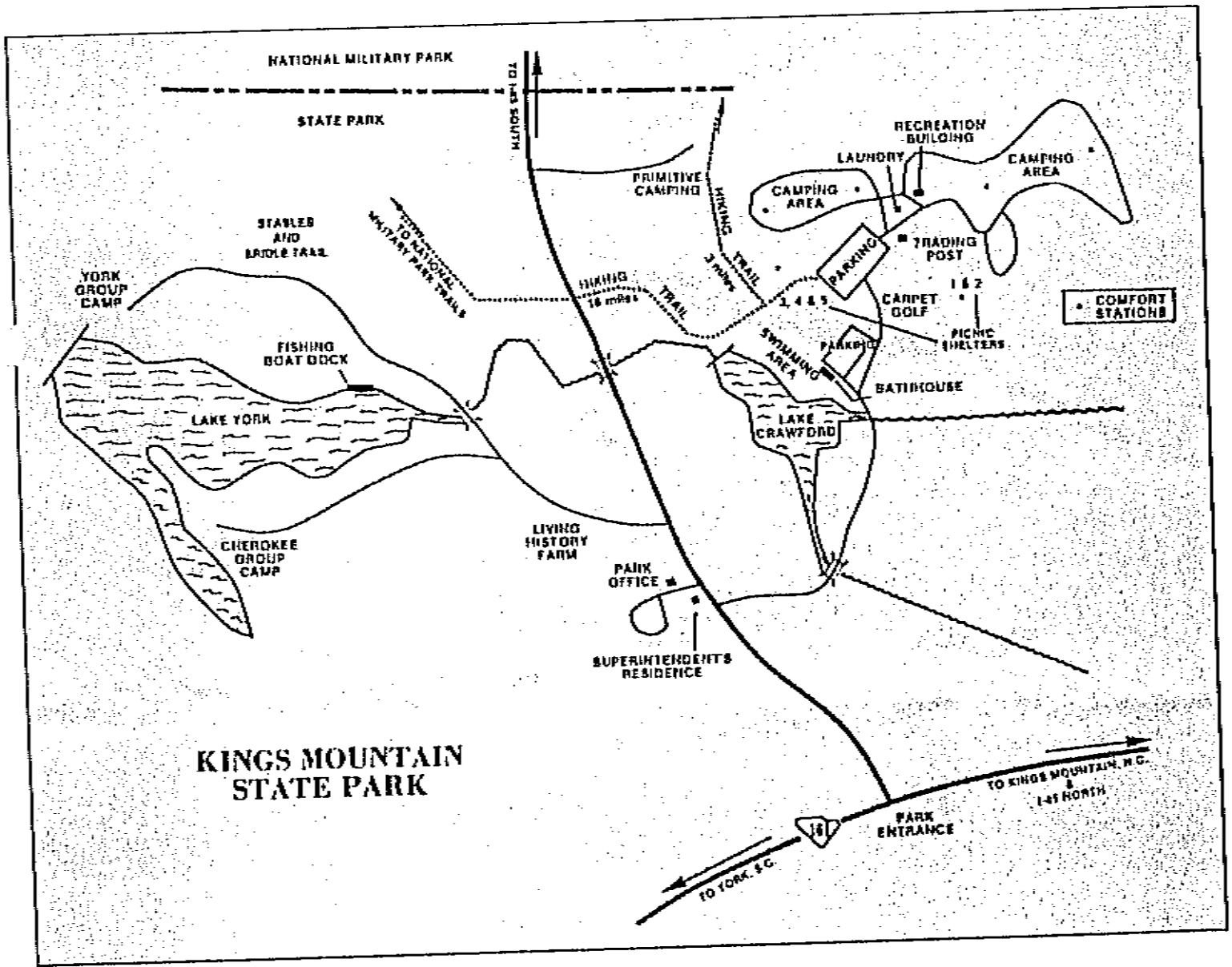
Handicapped Accessibility:



Hiking: The designated trails have too rough a terrain to allow wheelchair passage. However, across Hwy 216 are equestrian trails and logging roads which run throughout the park and should prove well for wheelchair travel.

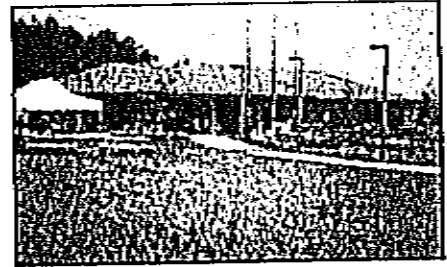


Facilities: In the RV campsite there is a designated handicapped restroom. The 1840's homestead recreated here comprises of a two-story log farmhouse, a barn, smoke house, corncrib and cotton gin. All except the log house can be well viewed from the outside.



Lake Hartwell State Park

Fair Play, SC



Contact References:

Agency: State of South Carolina
Address: Lake Hartwell State Park
19130-A South
Highway 11
Fair Play, SC 29643
Telephone: (864) 972-3352



General Information:

Lake Hartwell State Park is a beautiful mid-sized park. Though only 680 acres, it has over 14 miles of meandering shoreline on Lake Hartwell. Though swimming is not allowed, there is a boat ramp and plenty of spots for fishing. The park is open year round, with limited campsites available November through March.



Directions:

Take I-85 south toward the SC/GA border. Take exit 1, Hwy 11 north. The park is about 1 mile on your left.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: Though two handicapped camping spots are advertised, these are your typical RV sites located across from the handicapped accessible bathroom. There are 31 primitive campsites divided among four sites at the waters edge. There is a 50 to 100 yard walk to these sites, but the trails are wide and well groomed. No sites allow for easy access to the lake shoreline. There is about a 3-foot drop down to the shore. Water is available at each of the four sites. Designated tent sites are framed packed soil. Two tents per site are allowed and a total of 6 people per site. The fee is \$7.49 per night per site.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping (cont.): Tent sites 1-6 are probably the best for wheelchairs. Although there is a gradual slope down to the area, the campsites are flat. Tent sites 7-15 and 22-31 are probably the next best choices. The trails are a little rougher and the campsite less flat. Tent site 16-21 is situated on a slope with a fairly steep drop-off.

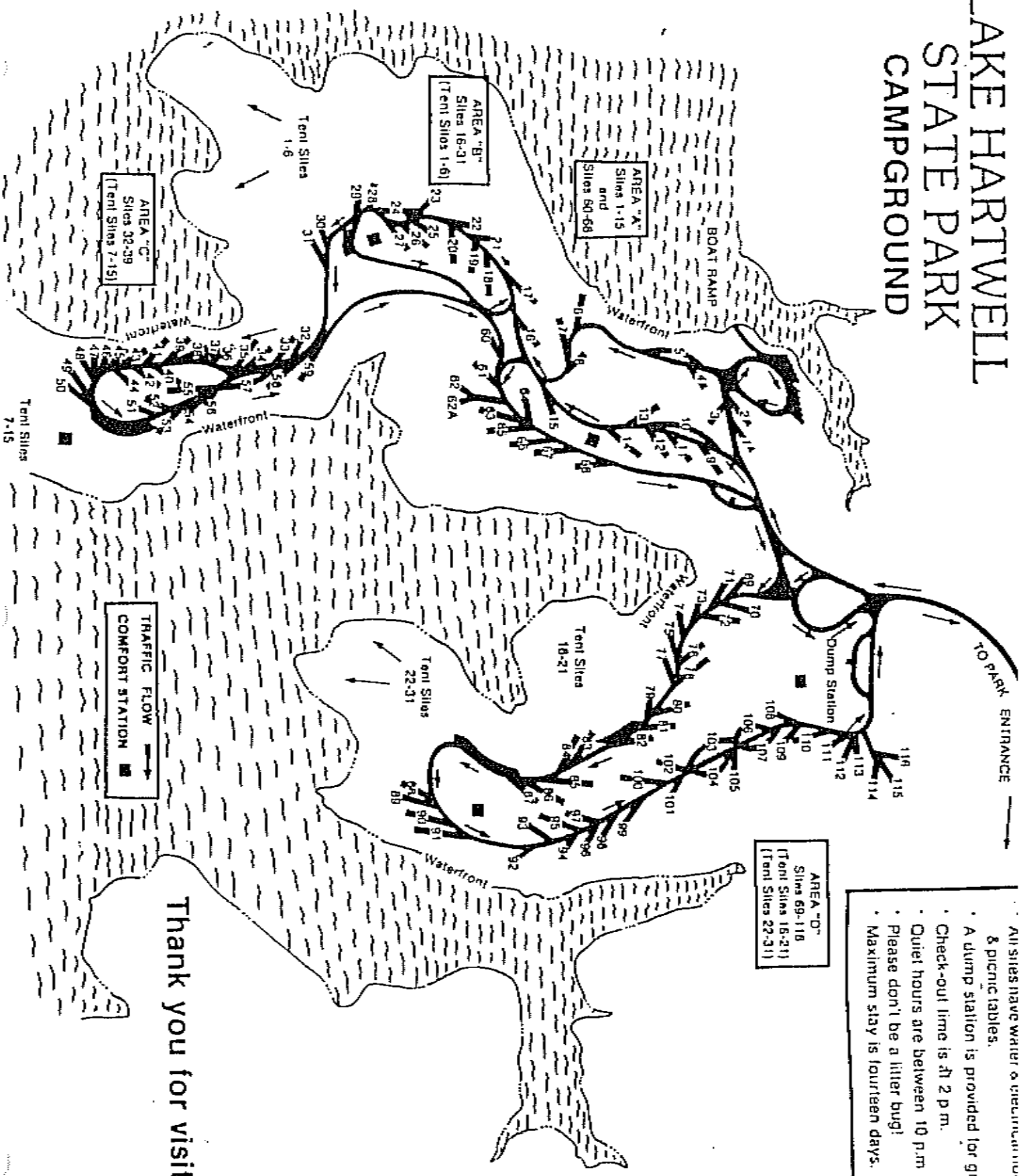


Hiking: None of the trails in the State Park are conducive to wheelchair traveling.



Facilities: There is a designated handicapped restroom. The park has a limited grocery store and souvenir shop.

LAKE HARTWELL STATE PARK CAMPGROUND



- All sites have water & picnic tables.
- A dump station is provided for gray water.
- Check-out time is at 2 p.m.
- Quiet hours are between 10 p.m. & 7 a.m.
- Please don't be a litter bug!
- Maximum stay is fourteen days.

Thank you for visiting !

Oconee State Park

Mountain Rest, SC



Contact References:

Agency: State of South Carolina
Address: Oconee State Park
624 State Park Rd.
Mountain Rest, SC 29664
Telephone: (864) 638-5353



General Information:

Oconee State Park is a large park covering 1165 acres on a plateau in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Nestled within the park are a 20-acre and a 12-acre lake filled with bass, bream and stocked trout, an outdoors 3-D archery course, 5 hiking trails and a CCC museum.



Directions:

Take US 123 from Greenville through Clemson and to Seneca. In Seneca, turn north onto SC 28 through Walhalla. Turn off SC 28 onto SC 107. Oconee State Park is about 14 miles northwest of Walhalla.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: Although there is a primitive campsite, the primary focus of this State Park appears to be Cabin camping and RVs. There are only 10 primitive tent sites and they are not very isolated. Located only about 20 yards from a public shelter, the positive side is you're allowed to sleep under the shelter if it rains. The fee is the standard State Park fee of \$7.49 per night per site.



Hiking: None of the 5 hiking trails is accessible to the handicapped. One is able to get to the fishing pier.

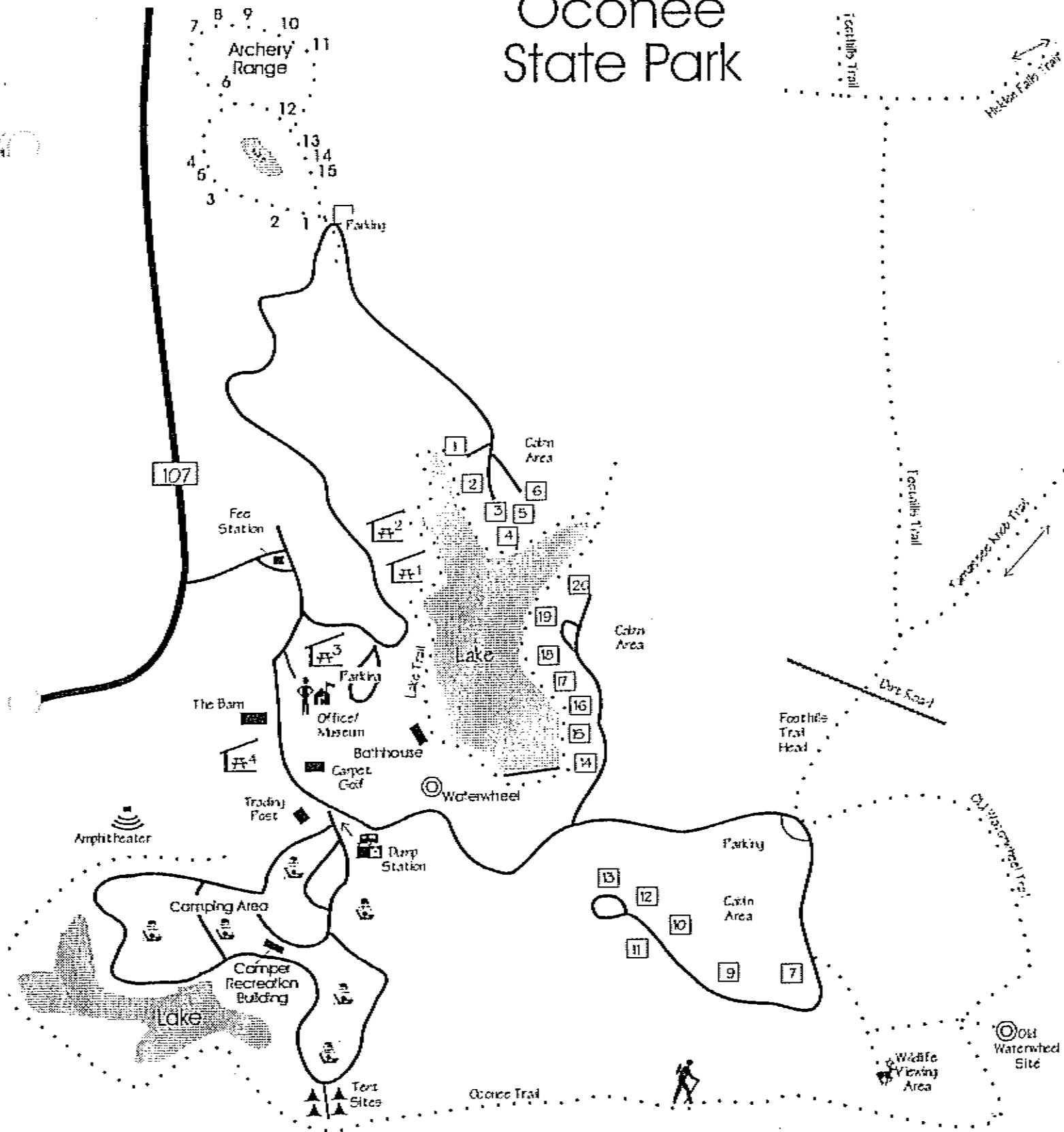


Handicapped Accessibility:



Facilities: At the present, the museum is not accessible to the handicapped. There are plans in the future for all State Parks to become more handicapped friendly.

Oconee State Park



Oconee Trail: Easy 2-3 hours (Green Markers)
 Old Waterwheel Trail: Moderate 1 hour (Orange Markers)
 Running Pine Trail: Easy 1 hour (Light Blue Markers)
 Lake Trail: Easy 1 hour (No color)
 Tamassese Knob Trail: Moderate 2 hours (No color)
 Hidden Falls: Moderately Strenuous: 3-4 hours (Yellow - HF)

	Comfort Station
	Picnic Shelter

Paris Mountain State Park

Greenville, SC



Contact References:

Agency: State of South Carolina
Address: Paris Mountain State Park
2401 State Park Road
Greenville, SC 29609
Telephone: (864) 244-5565



General Information:

Paris Mountain State Park is located in the heart of Greenville County. It is one of the oldest protected areas in the state. This 1275-acre park offers hiking trails, a lake for swimming, fishing and pedal boating and numerous picnic shelters. There are 50 RV campsites.



Directions:

Paris Mountain State Park is located 6 miles north of Greenville on SC 253.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: There is a primitive campsite available for Scout groups. It is located at the top of Paris Mountain toward Camp Buckhorn. About 30-feet beyond the gate for Camp Buckhorn, on your left, is a dirt road. Up the road, about 100 yards, is the campsite. There is a small, designated parking area. The site consists of 6 tent sites. The road continues for about 15 yards around the tent site to an open field. Flag poles and a table are stationed at one end of the field. Tents may be set up in the field.



Hiking: The designated trails at Paris Mountain are not conducive for wheelchairs. The Lake Placid Nature Trail encircles Lake Placid. Only that part of the trail near the swimming and boating areas is suitable for wheelchair traffic.



Handcapped Accessibility:



Facilities: There is one handicapped restroom, but doesn't appear to be up to today's regulations.

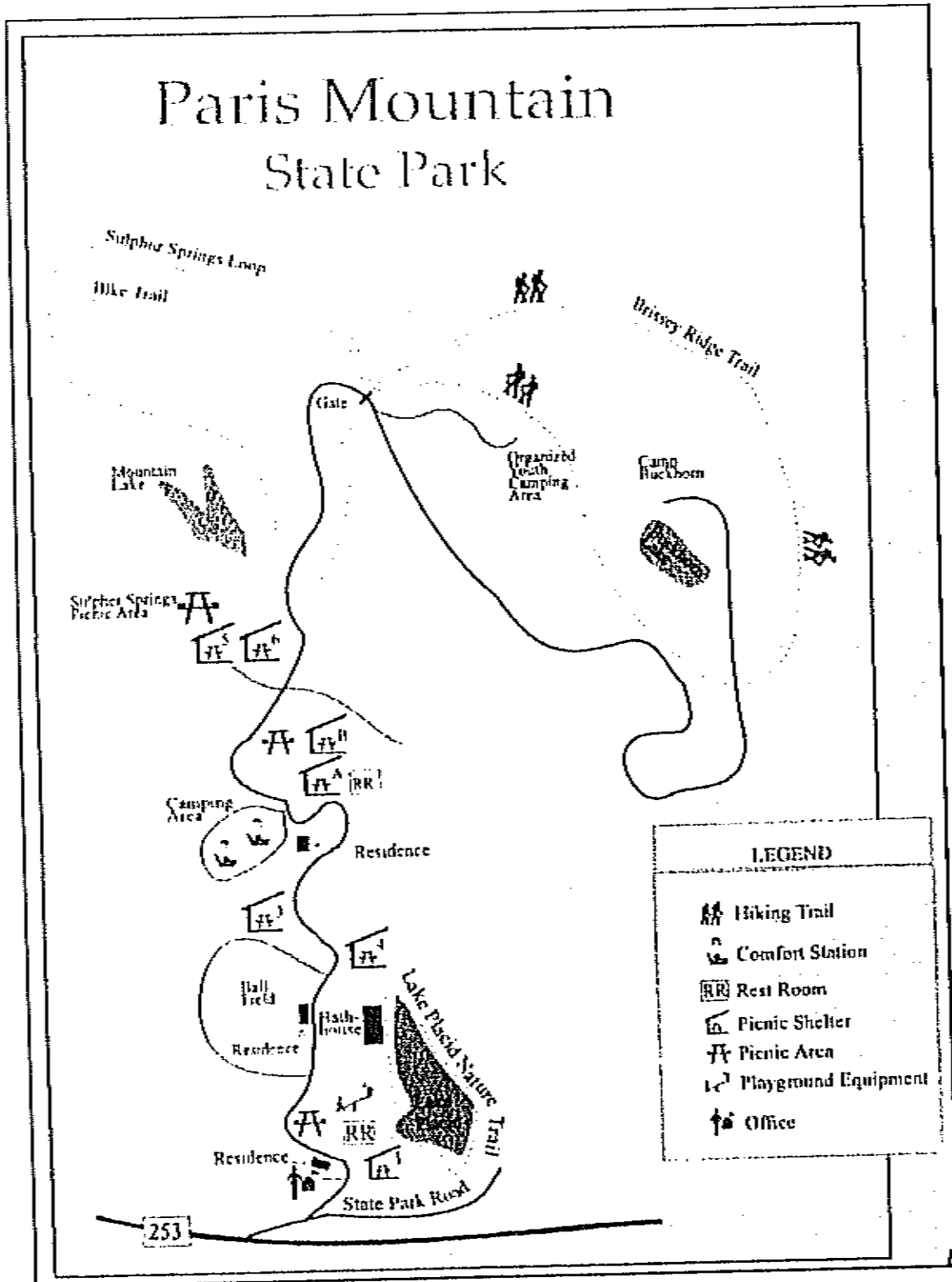


Table Rock State Park

Pickens, SC



Contact References:

Agency: State of South Carolina
Address: Table Rock State Park
246 Table Rock State Park Rd.
Pickens, SC 29671
Telephone: (864) 878-9813



General Information:

Table Rock State Park is probably the most visually recognized of the State Parks. It encompasses 3083 acres and features the most challenging hiking trail in the state park system. Pinnacle Lake and Lake Oolenoy provide for all types of boating, swimming and fishing. There are 100 campsites, a Nature Center and a restaurant. Table Rock State Park appears of the National Historic Register. Unfortunately, what Table Rock State Park does not have are opportunities for the handicapped. According to the Rangers, that should change over the next few years.



Directions:

Table Rock State Park is located on SC Hwy 11, about 12 miles north of Pickens. There are 2 gates, an East Gate and a West Gate. The restaurant is located at the East Gate.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: At the present there are no primitive campsites available. Two primitive sites are currently being developed, with an anticipated opening in April 1999. They will be located across SC Hwy 11, opposite the East Gate, overlooking Lake Oolenoy. The Rangers feel that they should be accessible to the handicapped. There are 12 cabins rated handicapped accessible.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Hiking: None of the trails at Table Rock State Park are fully accessible to the handicapped. The first 200 yards of the Carrick Creek Nature Trail is paved and usable by wheelchairs.



Facilities: The only facility that is wheelchair accessible is a restroom. The restaurant is not handicapped accessible.

Section 2

National Park Service

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Fort Moultrie National Monument

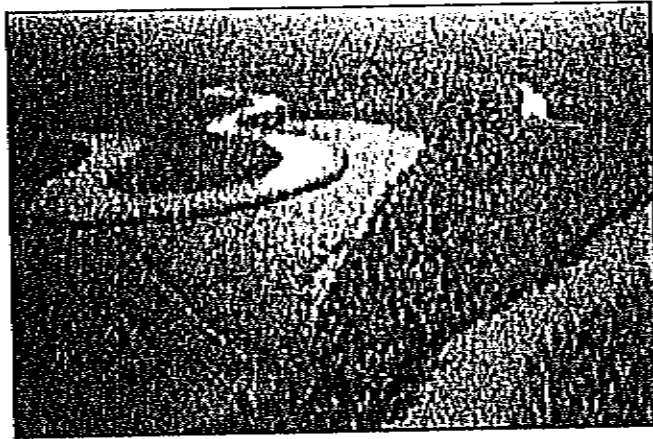
Fort Sumter National Monument

Kings Mountain National Military Park

Ninety Six National Historic Site

Congaree Swamp National Monument

Hopkins, SC



Contact References:

Agency: National Park Service
Address: Congaree Swamp National Monument
200 Caroline Sims Road
Hopkins, SC 29061
Telephone: (803) 776-4396



General Information:

Congaree Swamp National Monument represents the last significant stand of old growth riverbottom hardwood forest. It contains approximately 90 species of trees, many holding state and national records for size. Congaree Swamp boasts 25 miles of hiking trails, 2 boardwalks, canoeing, fishing and camping.



Directions:

Congaree Swamp is located 20 miles southeast of Columbia, SC. From Columbia, take I-26 east. Take Exit 116 turning onto I-77 heading northeast. On I-77 take Exit 5 onto SC 40 (Bluff Road) heading east. The Swamp is well marked from there.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: Primitive camping is allowed with a free permit. Call ahead if there has been a lot of rainfall. If the river is high, frequently the campsite is under water.



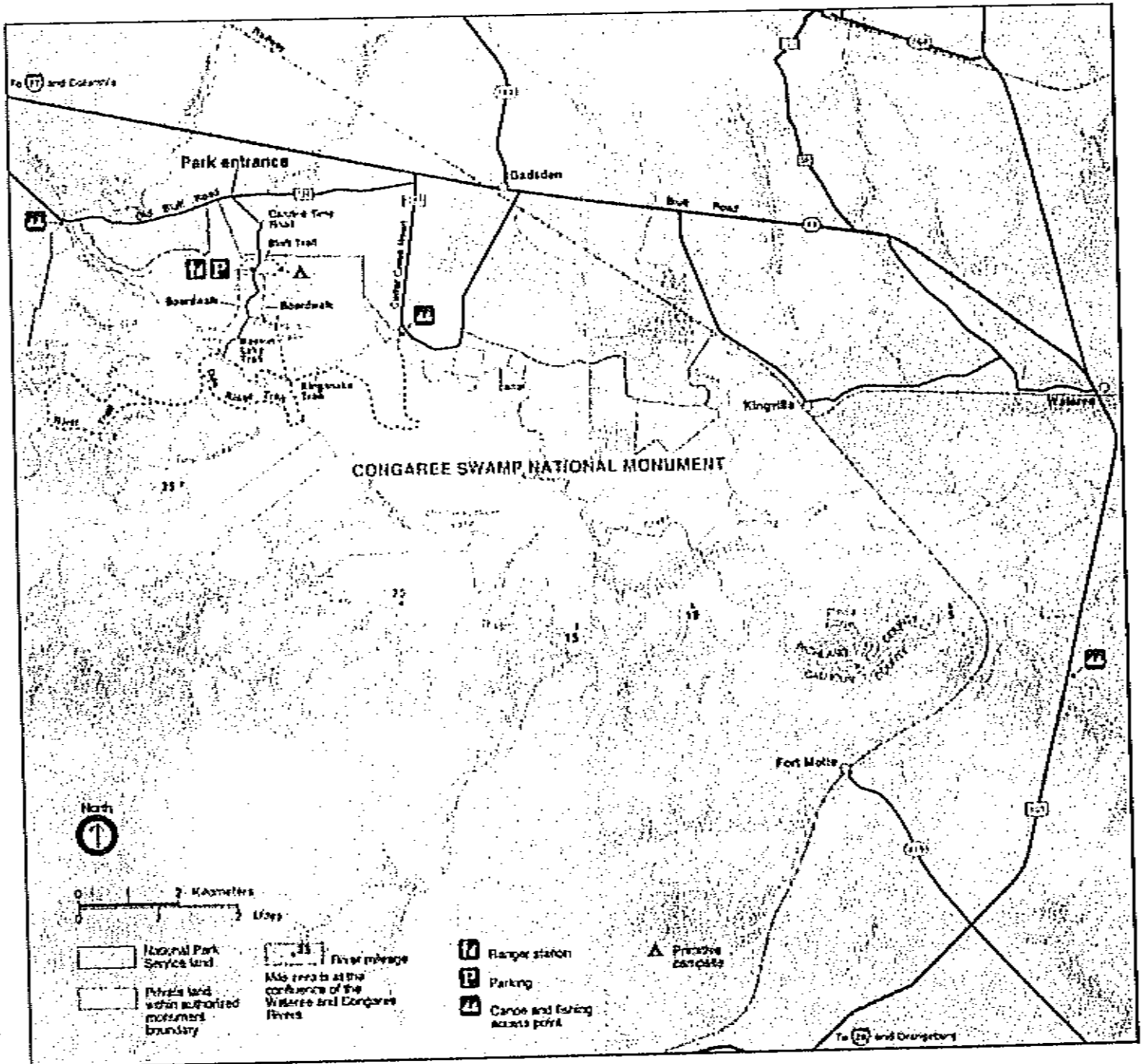
Handicapped Accessibility:



Hiking: There are 2 boardwalks accessible to wheelchairs. However the elevated boardwalk is connected to the low boardwalk by stairs at the end, so you may have to do each individually, forward and back. Some of the other trails are wide and compact enough to allow for wheelchair travel if there has been no rain.



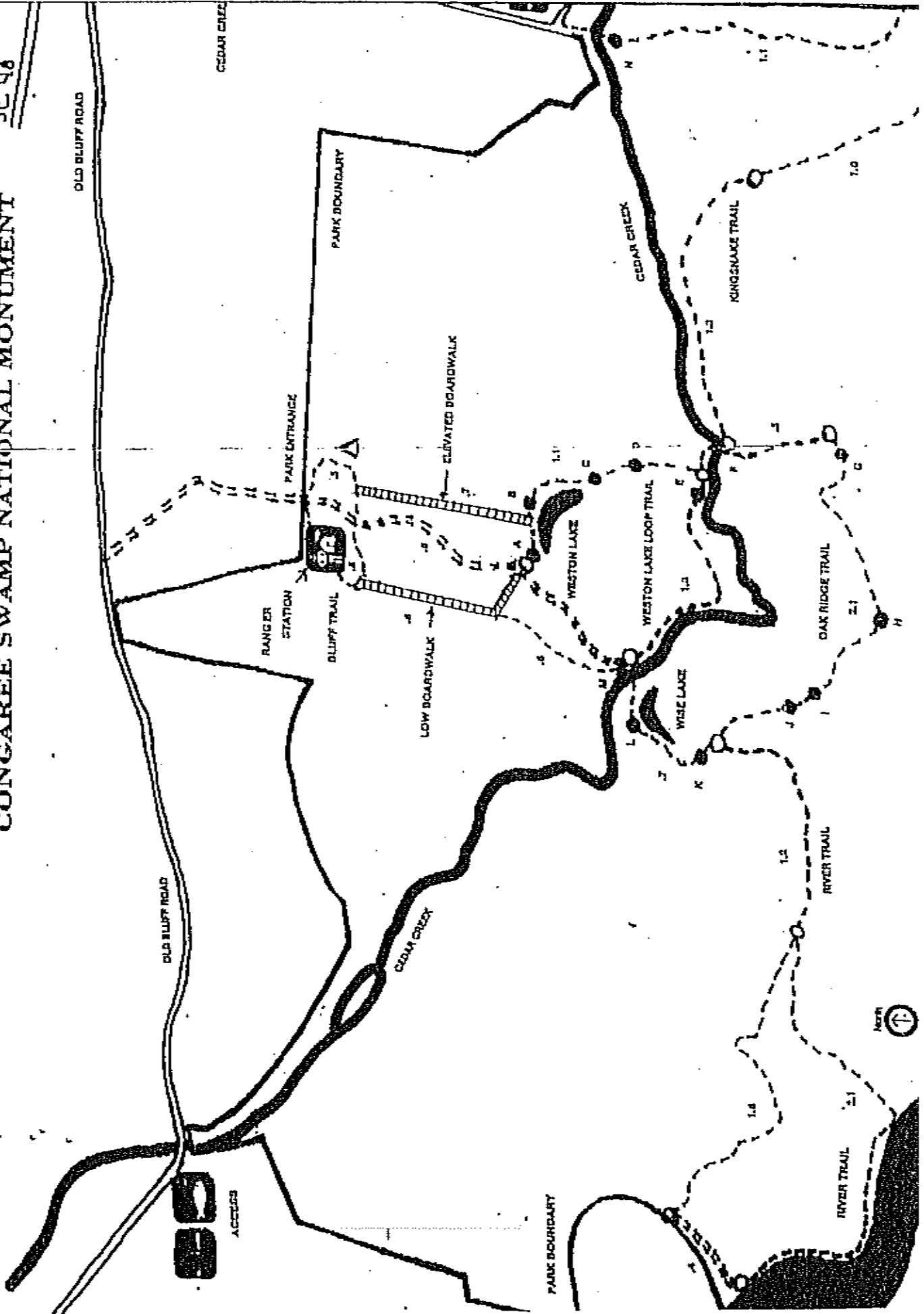
Facilities: The Ranger Station and restrooms are wheelchair accessible.



TRAIL MAP

CONGAREE SWAMP NATIONAL MONUMENT

SC 46



Cowpens National Battlefield

Chesnee, SC



Contact References:

Agency: National Park Service
Address: Cowpens National Battlefield
P.O. Box 308
Cowpens, SC 29323
Telephone: (864) 461-2828



General Information:

Cowpens National Battlefield commemorates the site of one of the decisive battles of the American Revolution. On this field on January 17, 1781, Daniel Morgan led his army of Continentals and backwoods militia to a victory over a larger force of British regulars commanded by Banastre Tarleton. A special "Cowpens National Battlefield Historic Trail" patch is available from the Palmetto Council for \$2.00 for hiking the historic trail and passing a test on the battle.



Directions:

Cowpens National Battlefield is located on SC Highway 11 at the intersection of SC Highway 11 and 110. From I-85 northbound, take exit 78, Hwy 221 north into Chesnee. In Chesnee, turn right onto Hwy 11 and proceed 3 miles to the National Battlefield entrance.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: There are no on-site camping facilities available. The nearest campsite available is BSA Camp Lea.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Hiking: The Battlefield Trail is a 1½-mile self-guiding loop trail around and through the battlefield. The terrain is flat and the trail is well maintained, being fully suited for wheelchairs.

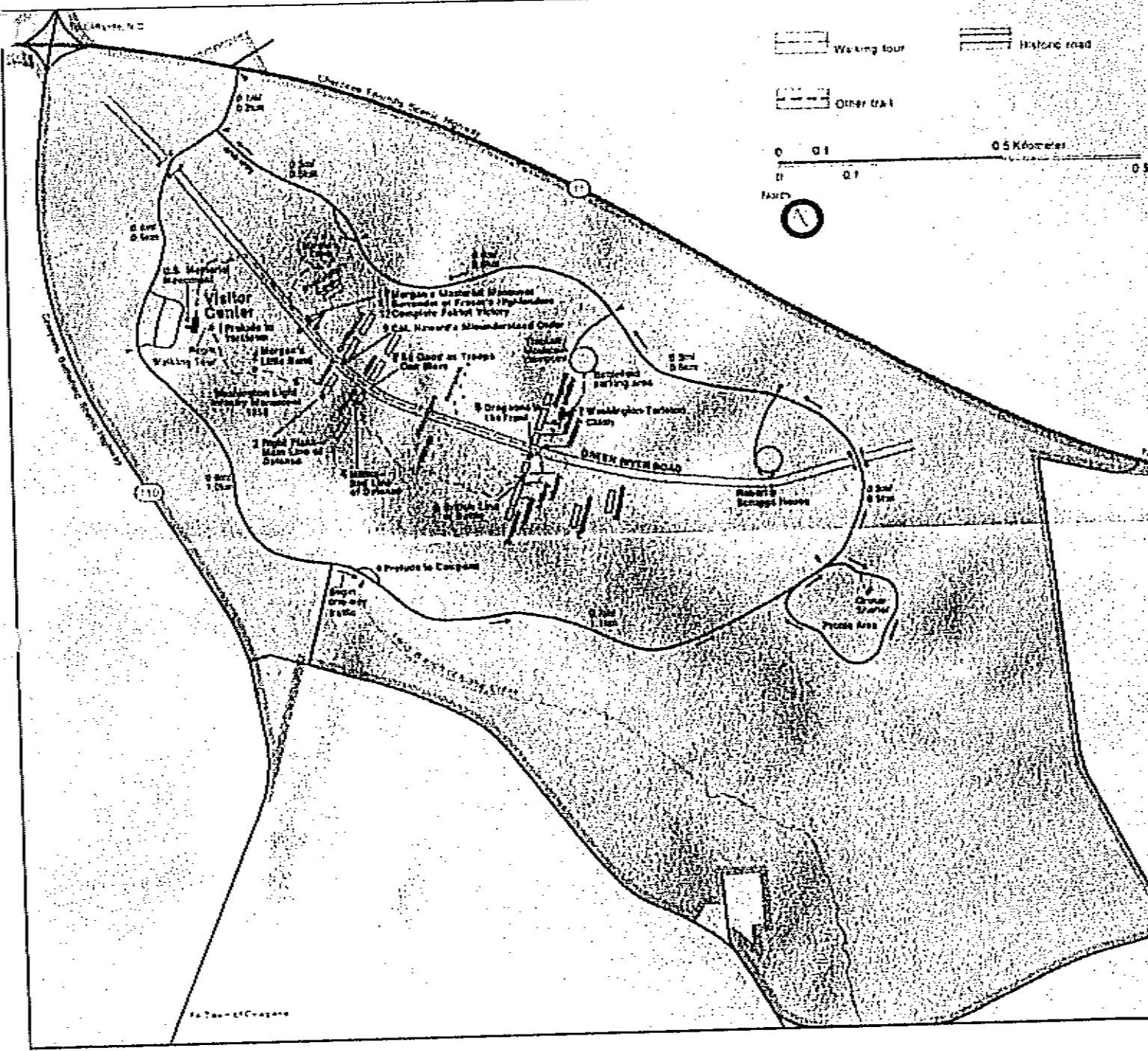


Facilities: The Visitor Center and museum is fully accessible to wheelchairs. It includes a fiber optic map display of the battlefield, exhibits of uniforms and weapons and a bookstore. There is also a film entitled "Daybreak at the Cowpens" for a fee of \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for children ages 6-12 and organized groups.

Walking tour Historic road

Other trail

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Fort Moultrie National Monument

Sullivan's Island, SC



Contact References:

Agency: National Park Service
Address: Fort Moultrie National Monument
1214 Middle St.
Sullivan's Island, SC 29482
Telephone: (843) 883-3123



General Information:

Fort Moultrie has played an important role in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. During the Revolutionary War, Fort Moultrie was a fort with palmetto log walls. When the British, in trying to take Charleston, fired their cannons at the fort, the cannon balls bounced off. From thence, South Carolina has become known as the "Palmetto State". Later, when a second fort was built on the site of the first, the Confederates fired upon Fort Sumter from it during the first battles of the Civil War.



Directions:

Fort Moultrie is located on Sullivan's Island. From Charleston take US 17 north to Mount Pleasant and turn right onto SC 703. At Sullivan's Island, turn right onto Middle St; the fort is 1.5 miles from that intersection.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: There is no camping allowed at the National Monument.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Hiking: There are no hiking trails at the National Monument.



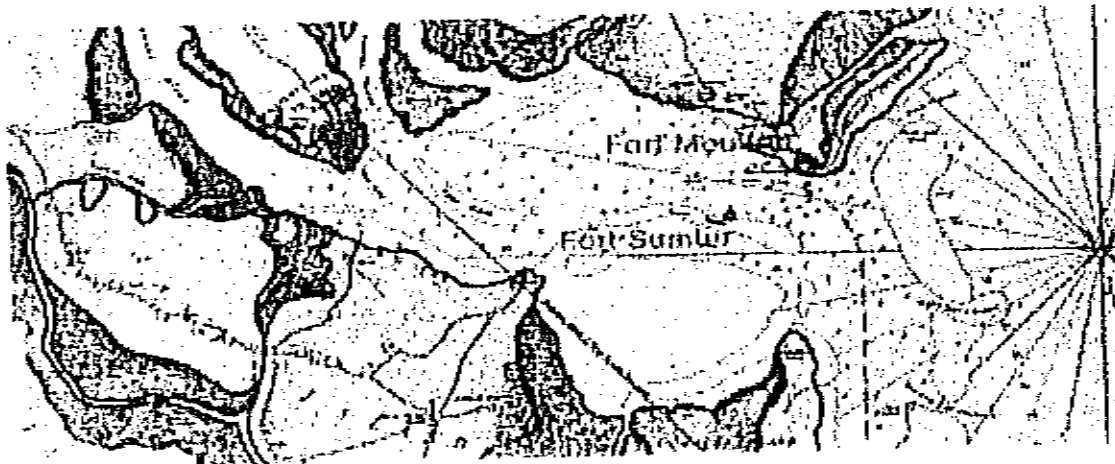
Facilities: All but one structure is handicapped accessible. The upper section of the fort, which houses the World War II display, is not accessible. There is a 20-minute orientation film, as well as exhibits of the service of the fort during its 171-year history.

Harbor Defense

Fort Moultrie was well situated to guard Charleston Harbor. Because of shoals at the harbor entrance, ships were forced to enter

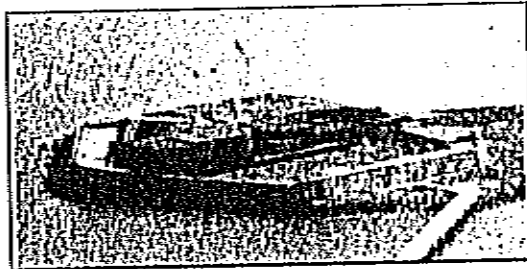
the harbor from the south and sail toward the fort on Sullivan's Island (dotted line). In this position they could not fire on the

fort until they turned into the harbor. In the mid-19th century Fort Sumter added its firepower to keep ships out of the harbor.



Fort Sumter National Monument

Charleston, SC



Contact References:

Agency: National Park Service
Address: Fort Sumter National Monument
1214 Middle Street
Sullivan's Island, SC 29482
Telephone: (843) 883-3123



General Information:

Fort Sumter is the site of the first engagement of the Civil War. On April 12 and 13, 1861, the Union surrendered the fort to the Confederates. From 1863 to 1865, the Confederates at Fort Sumter withstood a 22-month siege by Union forces. During this time, the fort was reduced from a 3-story masonry fort to a 1-story pile of brick rubble.



Directions:

Fort Sumter National monument is located in Charleston Harbor and can be reached by boat only. Tour boats leave from the City Marina on Lockwood Drive, just south of US 17 in Charleston and from Patriots Point in Mount Pleasant. It is recommended that wheelchair persons leave from the City Marina. The ramps onto the tour boats are more accommodating to wheelchairs at the Marina.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: Camping is not permitted at Fort Sumter.



Hiking: There are no specific hiking trails at Fort Sumter.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Facilities: Fort Sumter has three elevators, giving access to the upper levels of the fort. There is an onsite orientation program given by the Park rangers. Handicapped restrooms are available. The small museum shop is not accessible by wheelchair.

Kings Mountain National Military Park

Blacksburg, SC



Contact References:

Agency: National Park Service
Address: Kings Mountain National Military Park
P.O. Box 40
Kings Mountain, NC 28086
Telephone: (864) 936-7921



General Information:

Kings Mountain National Military Park commemorates the site of a significant victory for the Americans during the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution. On October 7, 1780, a fiercely patriotic force of mountain men from the Carolinas and Virginia defeated British led American Loyalists. This victory essentially ended the spread of British control in the Carolinas, ultimately leading to Lord Cornwallis' retreat to Yorktown.



Directions:

Kings Mountain National Military Park is located near Blacksburg, SC on SC Hwy 216. From I-85 northbound, take NC Exit 2.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: There are no on-site camping facilities available. Camping facilities can be found at the adjoining South Carolina Kings Mountain State Park.



Handicapped Accessibility:

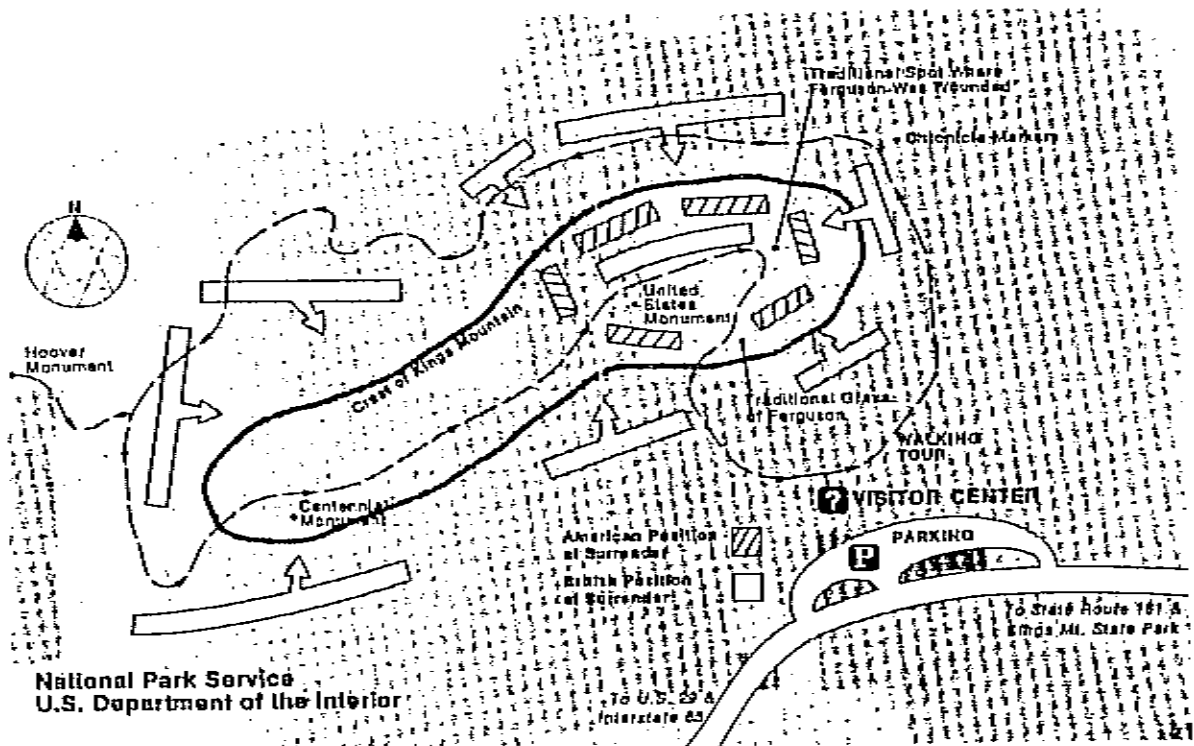


Hiking: The Battlefield Trail is a 1½-mile loop around the battlefield site. The trail is paved, but there are some steep sections as it winds around the mountain. Adult assistance up and down these grades will be needed.

The 2½-mile trail connecting the Military Park to the South Carolina State Park's primitive campsite is not handicapped accessible.

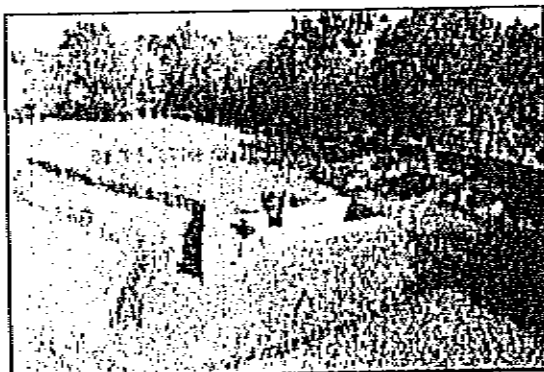


Facilities: The Visitor's Center and Museum is fully accessible. There is a free movie on Kings Mountain, as well as exhibits and bookstore.



Ninety Six National Historic Site

Ninety Six, SC



Contact References:

Agency: National Park Service
Address: Ninety Six National Historic Site
P.O. Box 496
Ninety Six, SC 29666
Telephone: (864) 543-4068



General Information:

Ninety Six National Historic Site was the site of a 28 day siege by American forces, led by Nathanael Greene, against the British fort. Though Greene lost the battle, the British abandoned and destroyed the fort. The British forces in western South Carolina were weakened by the loss of this stronghold.



Directions:

From Greenville, take US 25 south through Greenwood. Turn left onto SC 246 near Cokesbury and follow 246 into Ninety Six. Follow the signs to the Historic Site.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: Primitive camping is allowed for scout groups in a designated area by Star Fort Lake. It is situated in an open field. Depending on when the field was last mowed would determine how easily a wheelchair can be maneuvered. Reservations are required. Forms attached.



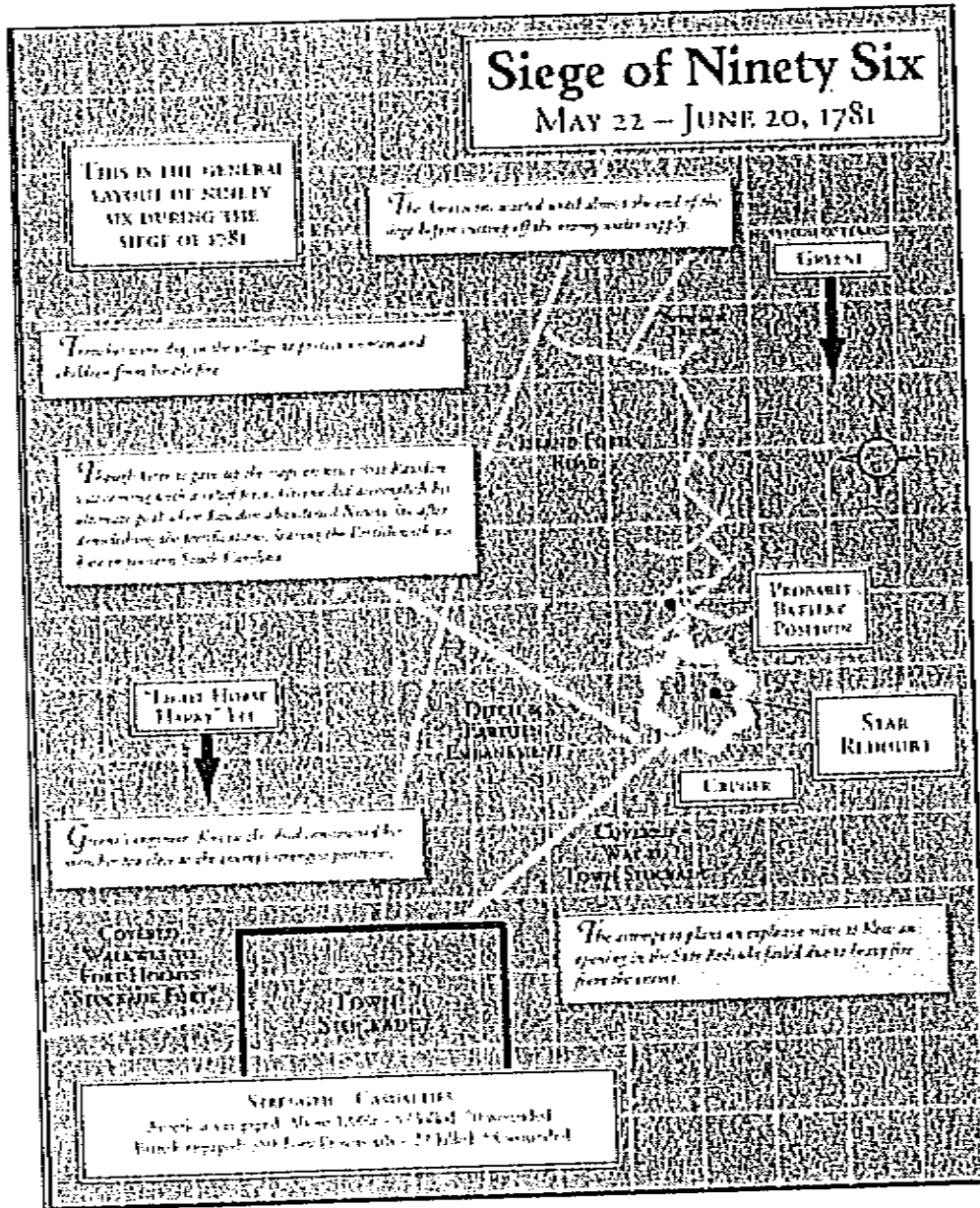
Hiking: There is both a 1 mile Interpretive loop trail and a 1½ mile primitive loop trail, the 'Gouedy Trail', which are handicapped accessible.



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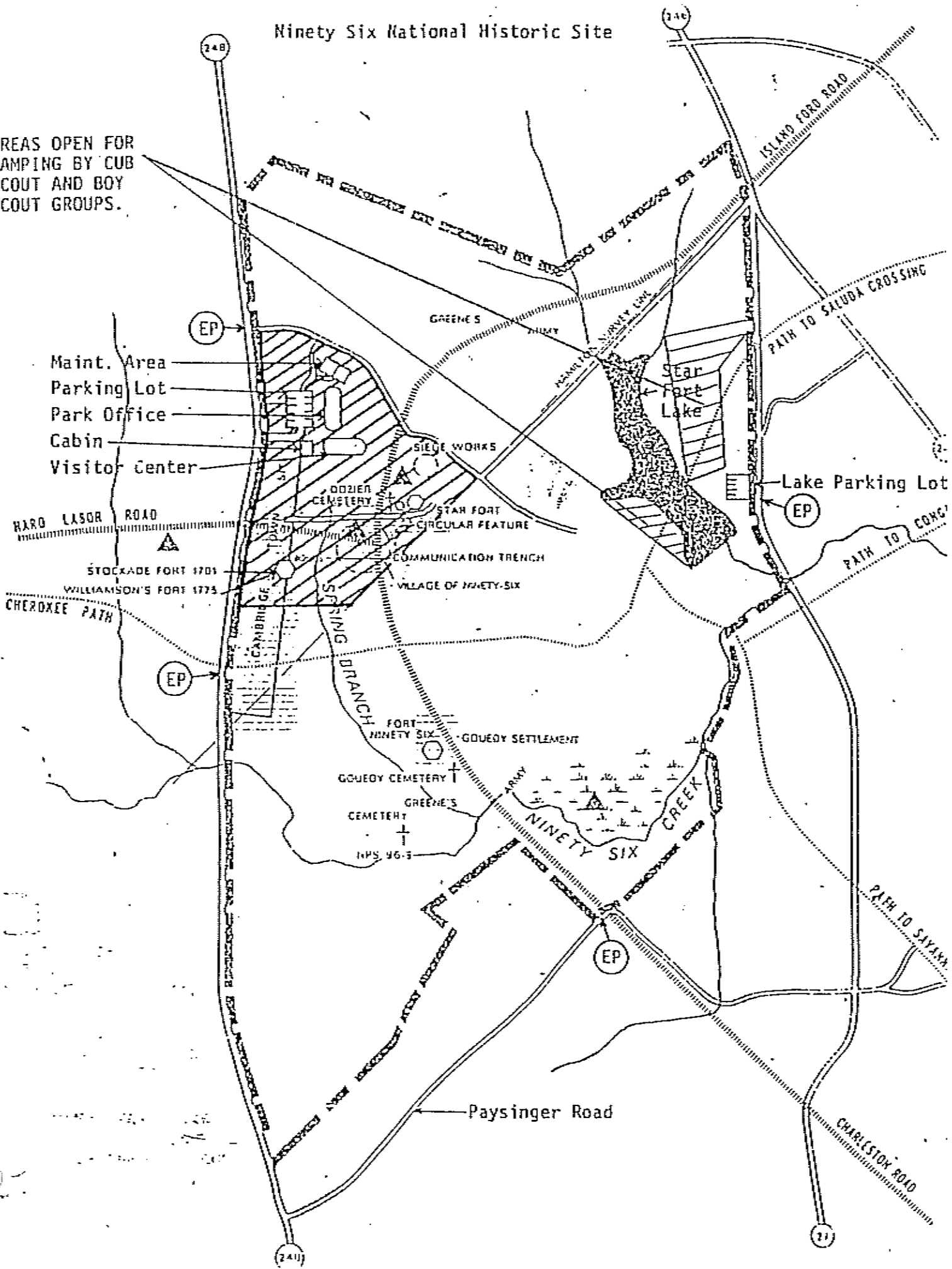


Facilities: The Visitor Center and Museum are all accessible. There are exhibits and a short video depicting the siege. Handicapped restrooms are available.



Ninety Six National Historic Site

AREAS OPEN FOR CAMPING BY CUB SCOUT AND BOY SCOUT GROUPS.



- Maint. Area
- Parking Lot
- Park Office
- Cabin
- Visitor Center

Paysinger Road

CHARLESTON ROAD

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Ninety Six National Historic Site

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT
FOR SUPERVISED CAMPING BY SCOUTS AND OTHER GROUPS.**

In accordance with park regulations as contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter 1, you are hereby authorized to camp in the designated area during the specified period provided all conditions stated below and on additional pages are followed. You will be the primary responsible individual for your group. Please read the conditions of the agreement below prior to signing.

NAME OF PERSON IN CHARGE _____

ADDRESS _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

GROUP NAME _____

NUMBER OF SCOUTS IN GROUP _____ ADULTS _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL _____ TIME _____

DATE OF DEPARTURE _____ TIME _____

I have read and understand the regulations and will be responsible for all aspects of the agreement. I will make all conditions of the permit known to the participants prior to the camping date.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Ninety Six National Historic Site
Post Office Box 496
Ninety Six, South Carolina 29666

IN REPLY REFER TO:

AGREEMENT FORM FOR PRIMITIVE CAMPING AT NINETY SIX NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

I hereby agree to assume responsibility for the campers under my supervision during our primitive campout at Ninety Six National Historic Site. I also agree to make the attached National Park Service rules and guidelines known to the campers under my supervision prior to our campout and to be responsible for compliance with these guidelines for the duration of our stay.

NAME _____

TITLE _____

DATE _____

CONDITIONS OF PERMIT

1. CAMPING IS RESTRICTED TO THE AREA BORDERING STAR FORT LAKE.
2. DIGGING IS LIMITED TO FIRE PITS AND LATRINES. PLEASE REPLACE SOD UPON DEPARTURE AND ENSURE THAT ALL FIRES ARE OUT. BARBECUE GRILLS ARE PERMITTED, BUT THE CAMPING GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFELY DISPOSING OF THE COALS.
3. EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION WHILE OPERATING VEHICLES IN THE PARK.
4. THE GATHERING OF WOOD FOR USE AS FUEL SHALL BE LIMITED TO DEAD MATERIAL ON THE GROUND. CUTTING OR UPROOTING OF PLANTS AND/OR TREES IS NOT ALLOWED.
5. NAILS OR OTHER OBJECTS SHALL NOT BE HAMMERED INTO TREES.
6. THE 27-ACRE STAR FORT LAKE IS OPENED TO FISHING JUNE 1 - NOVEMBER 1 EACH YEAR. STATE FISHING REGULATIONS APPLY.
7. ADULTS/LEADERS WILL BE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP AND SHOULD EXERT NECESSARY CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OVER THE PARTICIPANTS.
8. BICYCLES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ANY PARK TRAIL.
9. FIREWORKS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
10. ANY ARTIFACT/RELIC FOUND IN THE PARK SHOULD BE TURNED IN TO A UNIFORMED NATIONAL PARK SERVICE EMPLOYEE.
11. WEAPONS SUCH AS B.B. GUNS, SLINGSHOTS, ETC. ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
12. DO NOT DISTURB ANY HISTORIC, ARCHEOLOGICAL, OR NATURAL FEATURE.
13. CAMPING EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS MUST BE COMPLETELY REMOVED AND THE SITE CLEANED BEFORE DEPARTURE. GARBAGE BAGS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVOKE THIS PERMIT AT ANY TIME SHOULD IT APPEAR THAT THE ACTIVITIES OBSERVED AT THE CAMPSITE PRESENT A DANGER TO THE NATURAL OR CULTURAL RESOURCES OF THE PARK.

Section 3

Forest Services

Forest Services

Contents Section

Francis Beidler Forest in Four Holes Swamp

Sumter National Forest – Andrew Pickens Ranger District

Francis Beidler Forest In Four Holes Swamp Harleyville, SC



Contact References:

Agency: National Audubon Society
Address: Francis Beidler Forest
336 Sanctuary Road
Harleyville, SC 29440
Telephone: (843) 462-2150



General Information:

The Francis Beidler Forest in Four Holes Swamp is the largest virgin blackwater cypress-tupelo swamp forest left in the world. This 11,000-acre riverine sanctuary contains groves of cypress trees, many reaching a height equivalent to a ten-story building. Four Holes Swamp is also well known to historians as the campsite for Francis Marion, the Swamp Fox. From here, he would make guerrilla like strikes against British forces garrisoned in the area.



Directions:

Francis Beidler Forest is located in Harleyville, SC. From Columbia, take I-26 east to Exit 177. Travel south of SC 453 to US 178. Turning east on US 178, travel through Harleyville; then follow the Beidler Forest signs to the Sanctuary.



Handicapped Accessibility:

Camping: No camping is allowed in the sanctuary. For those who remember being allowed to camp beside an old cabin in the sanctuary, that policy has been changed and is no longer permitted.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Hiking: There is a wonderful winding, elevated boardwalk that is a little over 1½ miles in length and is fully wheelchair accessible. Along the boardwalk are interpretive stations describing the swamp forest and its inhabitants. It is unusual not to see a water snake or alligator along the way.



Facilities: The Visitor's Center offers exhibits, a knowledgeable staff and a gift store, all barrier-free to the handicapped.

Sumter National Forest

Mountain Rest, SC



Contact References:

Agency: USDA Forest Service
Address: Andrew Pickens Ranger District
112 Andrew Pickens Circle
Mountain Rest, SC 29664
Telephone: (864) 638-9568



General Information:

Andrew Pickens Ranger District of the Sumter National Forest offers 79,000 acres of some of this earth's most scenic, most rugged, most wild woodlands and rivers known to man. Although one would not think of this area as being handicapped friendly, the Rangers have been a pleasure to work with and go out of their way to make this area accessible for everyone's enjoyment.



Directions:

From Greenville, take US 123 through Clemson to Seneca. In Seneca take SC 28 north through Walhalla. The Ranger Station is approximately 7 miles outside of Walhalla on SC 28.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: Scattered throughout Sumter National Forest are numerous primitive campsites. Most are car accessible. A list of these sites are attached. Brasstown Falls is the campsite felt by the Rangers to be most handicapped friendly. Burrell's Ford is a developed campsite along the Chattooga River. There is a gated ¼ mile gravel road down to the campsite from the parking area. With help, a wheelchair should be able to access this site. Also see hiking.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Hiking: None of the designated trails are handicapped accessible. However, meandering throughout the National Forest are scores of logging roads. These are all open to the public. The Rangers recommend speaking with them first. There are some roads gated for no vehicle traffic. These they feel would be best for hiking and also for camping. Arrangements might also be made for an adult to obtain a key to the gate to allow the scout vehicle to enter the road. A permit is necessary for any of these activities, but seems to be easy to obtain from the Rangers. The packed gravel logging roads are marked with small, long rectangular, brown signs. But if you were unfamiliar with the area, it would be easy to get lost. I would not try to reach a site at night. Also, the Rangers recommend these areas not be used during hunting season, either deer (October – December) or turkey (April) season. Recommended roads were Fall Creek #2364, State Park #716 A, Crooked Creek #743 C or Pine Mtn. #752 D, C, or A. A copy of Sumter National Forest, Andrew Pickens Ranger District map is a must, and can be purchased at the Ranger Station.



Facilities: There are a number of facilities available throughout Sumter National Forest to the handicapped.

The Cedar Creek Rifle Range is located just north of the Ranger Station. There are 5 shooting tables, 3 under shelter. There are paved paths to the targets, which can be located at 50 and 100 feet.

North of Oconee State Park on SC 107 is the Walthalla National Fish Hatchery. Here there is an accessible boardwalk and fishing pier, as well as a picnic area. The restrooms at the picnic area are not wheelchair accessible, but those at the Fish Hatchery are.

Primitive Designated Sites

Sumter National Forest

Andrew Pickens Ranger District

These small campsites, have few, if any, facilities. Saddle, pack, and draft animals are not permitted except at Riley Moore Ford and Tamassee Camp.



King's Creek: Beginning at Highway 107, travel west on the Burrell's Ford road about .5 mile. Turn right (north) on a dirt road and travel about 100 yards to the campsite, which is next to King's Creek. The road may be impassable to low clearance vehicles.

Big Bend: Located near the end of road 709, which begins at Highway 107 across the highway from Cherry Hill Campground. Road 709 is a primitive road which is impassable to some vehicles.

Tamassee Camp: On Winding Stairs (Cheollee Valley) Road, about 1 mile west of Lake Cherokee. Located on the south side of the road where Townes Creek crosses road. This camp is open to saddle, pack, and draft animals.

Mitter Field: Off Whetstone Road, take road 737 to the right, drive to the end of the road and walk in on the closed road (1/4 mile) to campsite on the Chauga River.

Grapevine: Located at the end of road 764 off Chattooga Ridge Road, approximately 1.5 miles south of the intersection with Whetstone Road.

Hell Hole: Located at the end of road 738A, off Cassidy Bridge Road. A high clearance, four-wheel drive vehicle may be necessary to drive the last 200 yards.

Riley Moore Falls: Off Spy Rock Road (748) take Riley Moore Falls Road (748C) to the small parking area, on the fork to the right. A high clearance, four-wheel-drive vehicle may be needed on road 748C. A new trail, which begins near the parking area, leads to the campsite near Riley Moore Falls on the Chauga River. The trail is open to horseback riders and hikers. Saddle pack and draft animals are not permitted in the campsites.

Riley Moore Ford: Off Spy Rock Road (748), and take the Riley Moore Ford Road (748B). The last section of the road is temporarily closed to vehicles until it can be graveled. Until it is reopened, you may walk 1/4 mile down the closed road across to the campsite on the Chauga River. (Recent logging of trees, killed by southern pine beetles has resulted in a large amount of debris in the area.) This campsite is open to saddle, pack, and draft animals.

Chauga Bottoms: Located on the Chauga River at the end of road 748D. Road 748D begins at the Spy Rock Road. Road 748D is closed to vehicles from November through June, and may be impassable to low clearance, two-wheel drive vehicles when it is open.

Timmy Place: Located at the end of Whetstone Road. Drive through the first parking lot on left at end of Earl's Ford Road. Continue on old primitive road to campsite at the end. The primitive road may be impassable to low clearance, two-wheel vehicles

Turpin Branch: From Chattooga Ridge Road (SC 196), turn onto Fall Creek Road and then turn left onto road 722. The campsite is on the right, 100 yards, past the intersection with road 769.

Fall Creek: Same as above, except turn left onto road 768 and drive to end. Campsite is on the left before the loop at the end of the road.

Thrifts Ferry: Travel 1 mile east of the Chattooga River on Highway 76. Turn north (left) on road 795. The campsite is on short spur road on the left about 100 yards from Highway 76.

Woodall Shoals: Located 50 yards past parking lot on old road to river. Camping prohibited in parking lot on the beach area at the river. Class six rapid nearby on the Chattooga River (Woodall Shoals).

Brasstown Falls: One mile east of Long Creek on US 76, turn right onto paved Brasstown Road and continue past where paved road ends. One mile beyond end of pavement, turn right onto road 75) and drive to the end. Campsite is located on the left at the top of Brasstown Falls near Brasstown Creek.

Owl Branch: Turn onto Orchard Road off Hwy. 76 in Long Creek. Travel 1/4 mile south and turn right onto road 757. After 1.5 miles, turn left onto 757A. Park on the right after traveling 300 yards. The site is 200 feet off the road to the right.

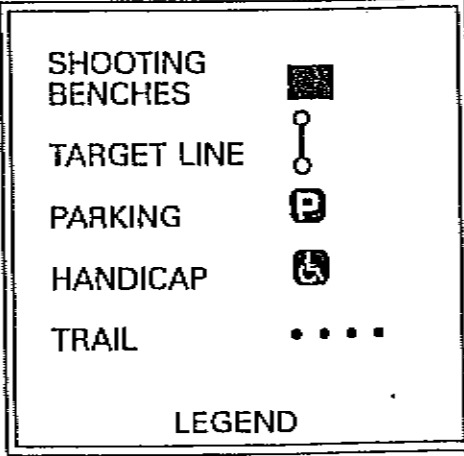
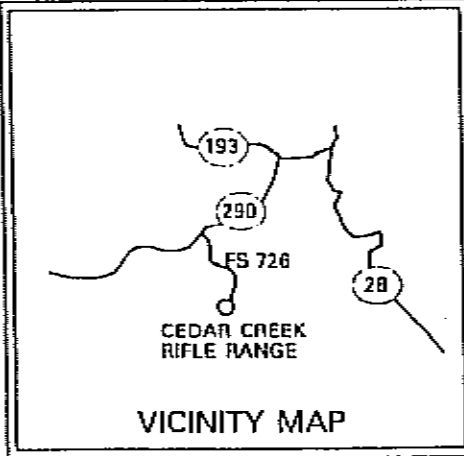
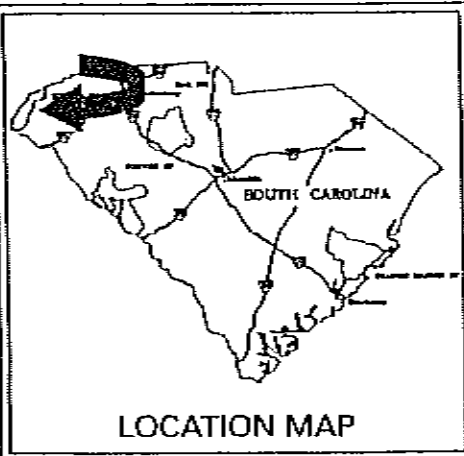
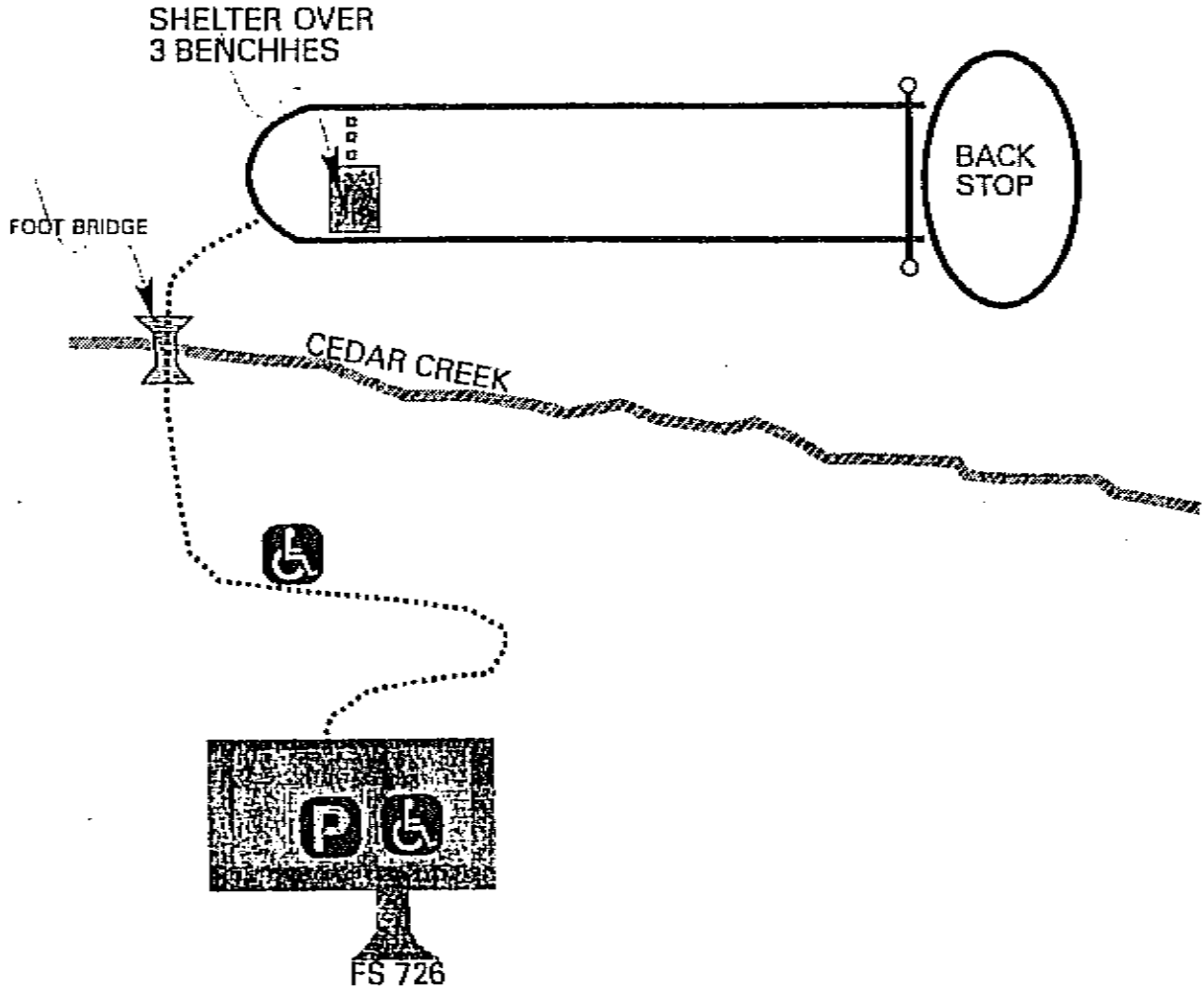
Long Bottom Ford: Approximately 7 miles NW of the Stumphouse Ranger Station. Turn left off of Hwy. 28 onto Low Water Bridge Road. Campsite is .5 mile on left.

Adeline: Continue past Long Bottom .5 mile and walk in on the closed right ford of the road (about 1/4 mile). Campsite is at the end of the road.

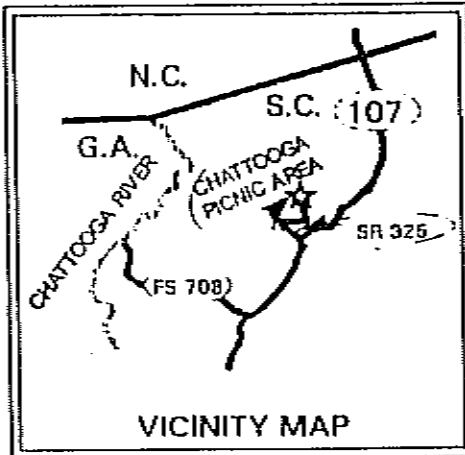
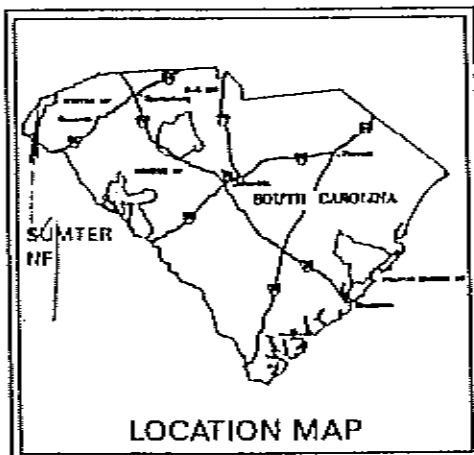
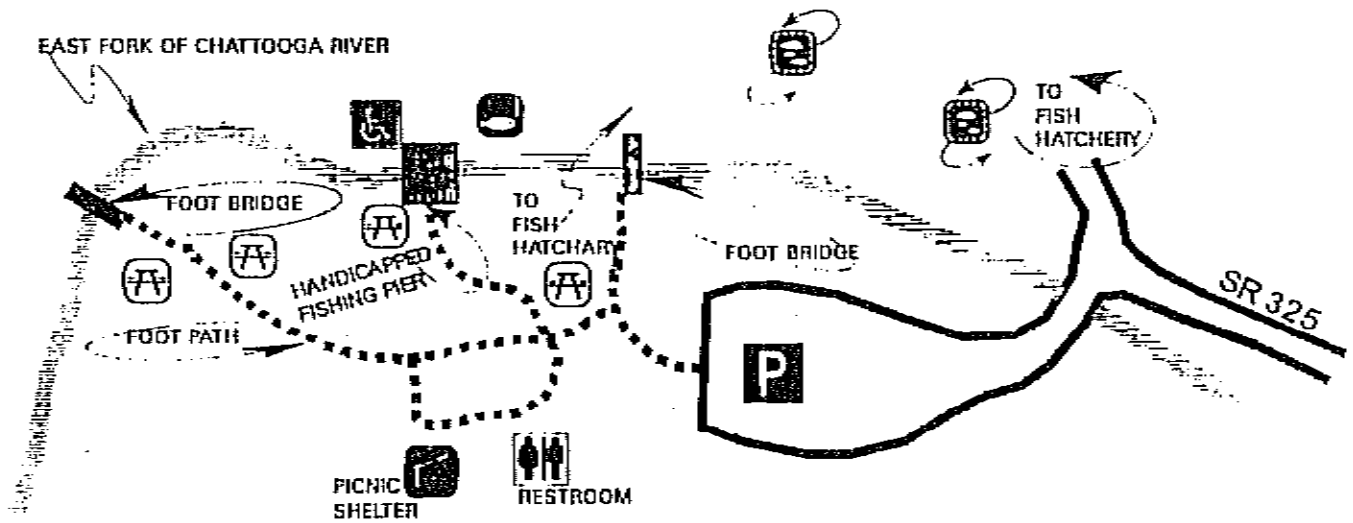
Nicholson Field: Continue past Long Bottom Ford .5 mile; take the middle fork. Campsite is at the end of the road. A high clearance four-wheel drive vehicle may be required to drive to the site.

Blackwell Bridge: Located on the north side of the Whetstone Road by the Chauga River Bridge.

CEDAR CREEK RIFLE RANGE



CHATTOOGA PICNIC AREA



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Section 4

City Parks

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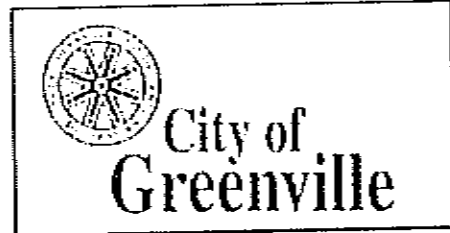
Cleveland Park

Mauldin Park

Greenville, SC

Mauldin, SC

Cleveland Park Greenville, SC



Contact References:

Agency: City of Greenville
Address: Parks and Recreation Services
P.O. Box 2207
206 South Main Street
Greenville, SC 29602
Telephone: (864) 467-4350



General Information:

Cleveland Park was created after the Cleveland family donated to the city some 126 acres of land in 1928 along the Reedy River near downtown. This park features tennis courts, picnic shelters, nature and bicycle trails, and the Greenville Zoo.



Directions:

Cleveland Park's main entrances are located off East Washington Street at Cleveland Park Drive and off McDaniel Avenue.



Handicapped Accessibility:



Camping: No camping is allowed in the park.

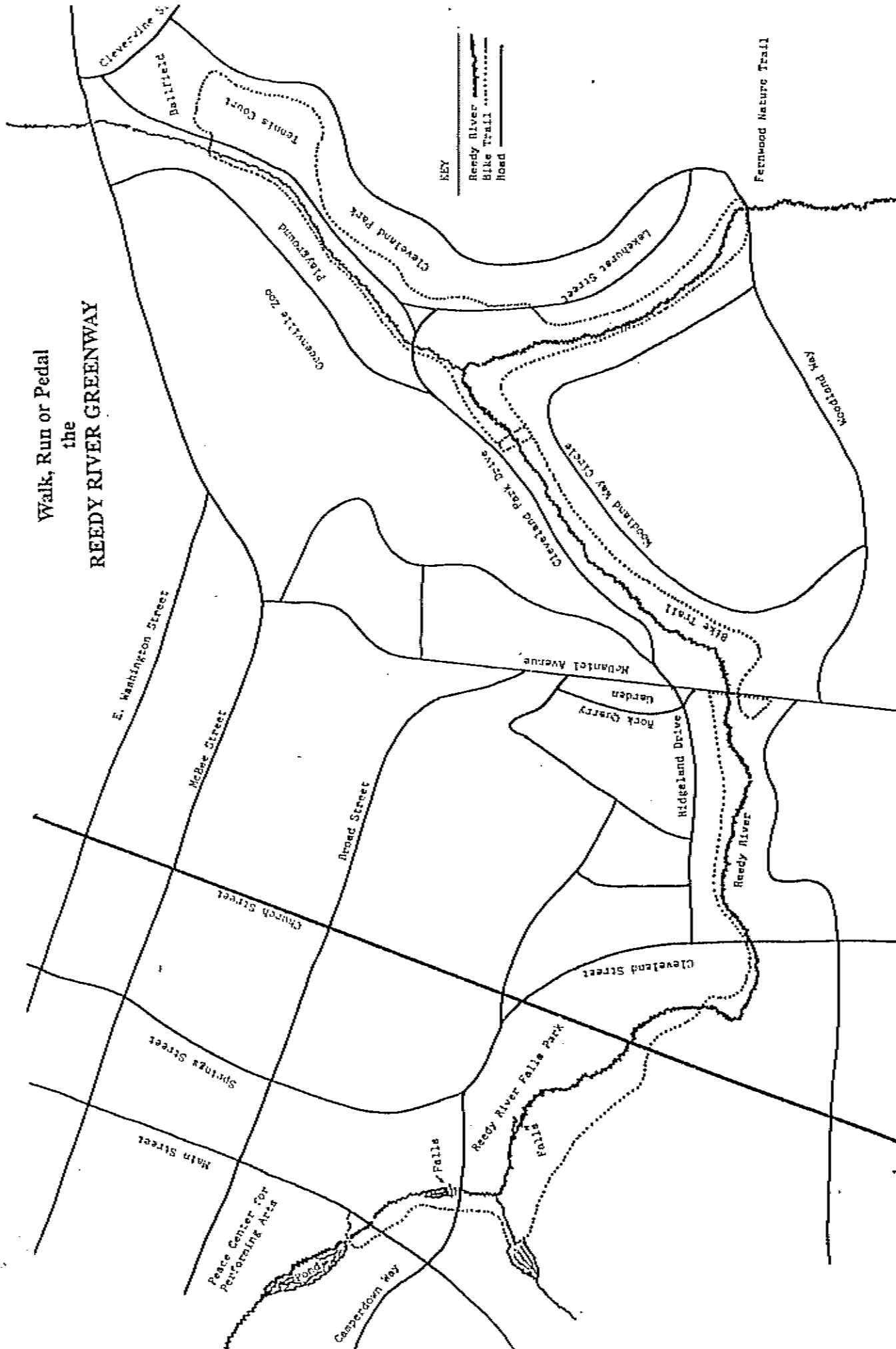


Hiking: The Cleveland Park Trail has approximately 2.5 miles of paved path that meanders through the park and connects to Reedy River Falls. It is used by walkers, runners, rollerbladers and cyclists, so be alert. Fernwood Nature Trail is not accessible to wheelchairs.



Facilities: The Greenville Zoo is 14 acres of an exotic animal kingdom. All trails are paved, though some are hilly, and all buildings are wheelchair accessible.

Walk, Run or Pedal
the
REEDY RIVER GREENWAY



Mauldin Park

Mauldin, SC

Contact References:

Agency: City of Mauldin
Address: Recreation Department
203 Corn Road
Mauldin, SC 29607
Telephone: (864) 288-3354

The Recreation Department has stated that the city is in the process of building a new park in Mauldin. I was told it will be handicapped accessible and will have nature trails that will be suitable for wheelchairs. Specific information will not be available until the summer of 1999.

Section 5

Upstate South Carolina Hiking Trails

Directory of Upstate South Carolina Trails

The following is a listing of the hiking and Interpretive trails of Oconee, Pickens, Greenville and Spartanburg counties, as compiled by the State Trail Coordinator of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism. The agencies overseeing the trails were sent a questionnaire regarding the suitability of the trail for handicapped people. Those trails that were felt to be suitable were hiked by the author to see if, in his judgment, the trail indeed was appropriate. Either the author or members of his Scout troop have hiked the majority of trails listed. For those trails designated handicapped accessible, please refer to the appropriate section for further details of the trail.

Greenville County

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Trail Name</u>	<u>Handicapped Accessible</u>
Asbury Hills United Methodist Church	(864) 836-3711	Asbury	No
Asbury Hills United Methodist Church	(864) 836-3711	Blue	No
Asbury Hills United Methodist Church	(864) 836-3711	Gold	No
Camp Greenville	(864) 836-3291	Rainbow Falls	No
City of Greenville Park and Recreation	(864) 467-4350	Cleveland Park	Yes
City of Greenville Park and Recreation	(864) 467-4350	Reedy River Falls	Yes
City of Greenville Park and Recreation	(864) 467-4350	Fernwood Nature	No
Greer Parks and Recreation	(864) 877-9289	Tryon Park	No
Mauldin Parks and Recreation	(864) 288-3354	Mauldin Park	Yes
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Raven Cliff Falls	No*
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Jones Gap NRT	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Rim of the Gap	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Coldspring Branch	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Coldspring Connector	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Hospital Rock	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Tom Miller	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Naturaland Trust	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Gum Gap	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	The Dismal	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Wildcat Nature	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Falls Creek	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Cleveland Connector	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Pinnacle Pass	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	John Sloan	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	6 & 20 Connector	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Bill Kimball	No
Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area	(864) 836-6115	Frank Coggins	No
Paris Mountain State Park	(864) 244-5565	Brissy Ridge	No
Paris Mountain State Park	(864) 244-5565	Lake Placid	No*
Paris Mountain State Park	(864) 244-5565	Sulphur Springs Loop	No
Pleasant Ridge County Park	(864) 836-6589	Pleasant Ridge Nature	No
Simpsonville Parks and Recreation	(864) 967-9533	Simpsonville Nature	No

Oconee County

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Trail Name</u>	<u>Handicapped Accessible</u>
Devils Fork State Park	(864) 944-2639	Oconee Bells Nature	No
Duke Power	(864) 443-5193	Lower Whitewater Falls	No
Duke World of Energy	(800) 771-0004	World of Energy nature	No
Foothills Trails Conference	(864) 467-9537	Foothills	No
Lake Hartwell State Park	(864) 972-3352	Beech Ridge	No
Oconee County PRC	(864) 638-9585	Chau-Ram	No
Oconee State Park	(864) 638-5353	Hidden Falls	No
Oconee State Park	(864) 638-5353	Tamassee Knob	No
Oconee State Park	(864) 638-5353	Oconee	No
Oconee State Park	(864) 638-5353	Old Water Wheel	No
Oconee State Park	(864) 638-5353	Lake	No
Oconee State Park	(864) 638-5353	Foothills Trail Assess	No
Oconee Station State Historical Site	(864) 638-0079	Oconee Station	No
Pendleton District Commission	(864) 646-3782	Issaqueena Falls	No
Pendleton District Commission	(864) 646-3782	Blue Ridge Railroad Hist.	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Big Bend	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	East Fork	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Fall Creek	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Thrill's Ferry	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Sandy Ford	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Woodall Shoals	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Riley Moore Falls	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Earlis Ford	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Long Mountain Tower	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	King Creek	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Chattooga Picnic	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Lee Falls	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Moss Mill Creek	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Yellow Branch	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Chattooga	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Burrells Ford	No*
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Stallion Cove	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Hwy 76 Portage	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Fork Mountain	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Opossum Creek	No
Sumter NF – Pickens RD	(864) 638-9568	Winding Stairs	No

Pickens County

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Trail Name</u>	<u>Handicapped Accessible</u>
Clemson Univ. Dept. Forest Research	(864) 656-4826	Indian Creek	No
Clemson Univ. Dept. Forest Research	(864) 656-4826	Treaty Oak	No
Eastatoe Creek Heritage Preserve	(864) 734-3893	Eastatoe Creek	No
Foothills Trail Conference	(864) 467-9537	Foothills NRT	No
Keowee-Toxaway State Park	(864) 868-2605	Cherokee Interpretive	No
Keowee-Toxaway State Park	(864) 868-2605	Raven Rock Hiking	No
Keowee-Toxaway State Park	(864) 868-2605	Natural Bridge Nature	No
Sadlers Creek State Park	(864) 226-8950	Pine Grove	No
Table Rock State Park	(864) 878-9813	Pinnacle Ridge	No
Table Rock State Park	(864) 878-9813	Carrick Creek	No*
Table Rock State Park	(864) 878-9813	Mill Creek Pass	No
Table Rock State Park	(864) 878-9813	Pinnacle Mountain	No
Table Rock State Park	(864) 878-9813	Table Rock NRT	No

Spartanburg County

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Trail Name</u>	<u>Handicapped Accessible</u>
Campobello-Gramling Elem. School	(864) 472-6495	Campobello-Gramling	No
Spartanburg Conservation Endowment	(864) 597-0088	Coltonwood	Yes
Spartanburg Parks and Recreation	(864) 596-3737	River Birch	No
Spartanburg Parks and Recreation	(864) 596-3737	Duncan Park	No

* Denotes some possible handicapped access. Please refer to the main text under the appropriate section.

Abbreviations used in this list:

- NF: National Forest
- NRT: National Recreation Trail
- PRC: Parks and Recreation Commission
- RD: Ranger District

Section 6

Scouting Resources for Serving Youth with Disabilities

SCOUTING RESOURCES FOR SERVING YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES



FOR COUNCILS AND DISTRICTS

The following resources are used to increase the awareness of council and district Scouters as well as help the council develop working relationships with other local agencies/organizations working with people with disabilities:

Scouts with Special Needs Fact Sheet, No. 2-508

Scouting for Youth with Emotional Disabilities, No. 32998

Scouting for Youth with Physical Disabilities, No. 33057

Scouting for Youth with Mental Retardation, No. 33059

Scouting for the Hearing Impaired, No. 33061

Scouting for the Blind and Visually Impaired, No. 33063

Scouting for Youth with Learning Disabilities, No. 33065

Woods Service Award Nomination Form, No. 89-258 (is revised and sent to councils every September with a December 31 deadline. One person is selected each spring to receive this national award.)

Torch of Gold Certificate (for local council use in recognizing adults for outstanding service to youth with disabilities), No. 33733

Council Advisory Committee on Youth with Disabilities, No. 89-239A

Sign Language for the Deaf, No. 89-230

Camp Director's Primer to the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, available from the American Camping Association bookstore, 1/800/428-CAMP (Concise description of the implications of the Act for local council outdoor programs.)

Design Standards for barrier-free facilities (order from the Engineering Service, BSA)

Accessibility Standards for Camp Facilities, No. 190, 20¢

Barrier-Free Troop Site, No. 191, 10¢

Barrier-Free Tent Frame, No. 192, 20¢

Barrier-Free Latrine/Shower for Campsite, No. 193, 5¢

Existing BSA Facilities and the Americans with Disabilities Act, No.194, 20¢



FOR CUB SCOUT PACKS

Understanding Cub Scouts with Disabilities, No. 33839. Helps Cub Scout Leaders with methods for adapting den meetings, rank advancement, Cub Scout outings, and developing a sensitivity for different disabilities.

Closed Caption Cub Scout Fast Start video, AV-022CC

Audio Recordings of Cub Scout Leader, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Books are available on loan through the free library service provided by the National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress. Families should ask their cooperating library for *Cub Scout Leader Book* (RC41931), *Wolf Cub Scout Book* (RC 41935), *Bear Cub Scout Book* (RC 41936), or *Webelos Scout Book* (RC 41397). Braille editions of these handbooks will be available in the fall of 1997. For more information, including eligibility requirements and the nearest cooperating library, call 1/800/424-9100 or contact the Internet at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/vls> or <http://www.loc.gov/nls>.

Understanding Cub Scouts with Disabilities Training Outline (found in the 1995-96 *Spotlight on New and Updated Cub Scout Program Elements*, No. 13-604) to help Cub Scout Leaders increase disability awareness for adapting den meetings, rank advancement, and Cub Scout activities.

Videos on rank advancement: *Wolf*, No. 34615, *Bear*, No. 34616, *Webelos*, No. 34618. Videos provide an action version of each handbook for viewing by boys, parents, and entire dens. Can be used with *Wolf*, *Bear*, and *Webelos* Scout books.

Braille printings of *Tiger Cub Activity Book*, *Parent's Guide*, *Bobcat*, *Wolf Cub Scout Book*, and *Big Bear Cub Scout Book*. Available from The Lighthouse of Houston, Houston, TX, 713/527-9561

Braille printings of *Bear Cub Scout Book*, *Webelos Scout Book* (1984), and *Parent's Guide*. National Braille Association, Rochester, NY, 716/427-8260



FOR BOY SCOUT TROOPS

A Scoutmaster's Guide to Working With Scouts with Disabilities, No. 33056

Closed Caption *Boy Scout Fast Start* video, AV 026CC

Disabilities Awareness Merit Badge Pamphlet, No. 33370

My Scout Advancement Trail, No. 33499 (a record book to help a boy use the Boy Scout recognition bead system to recognize small, bite-sized attainment of individual requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks.)

Application for Alternate Eagle Scout Merit Badges, No. 58-730

Boys' Life Magazine in braille. Library of Congress for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC, 202/707-5104

Recordings of the *Boy Scout Handbook* and various merit badge pamphlets. Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, Princeton, NJ, 800/221-4792

Boy Scout Handbook in braille. The Lighthouse of Houston, Houston, TX, 713/527-9561

BSA merit badge pamphlets. National Braille Association, Rochester, NY, 716/427-8260



FOR EXPLORER POSTS

Explorers With Disabilities Program Helps, No. 33674 (Used by posts carrying out service projects for people with disabilities as well as posts with members who have disabilities.)



FOR LEARNING FOR LIFE GROUPS

Champions Program: A resource for Special Needs Classrooms, No. 32115 (55 lesson plans)

Incentive Stickers for Champions: Special Needs, No. 32145

Champions Honor Wall Chart: Special Needs, No. 32146

Learning for Life Champions, videotape, No. AV-09V017



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

ADVANCEMENT RESOURCES FOR SCOUT LEADERS

The Boy Scout Division uses an inclusionary approach to working with Scouts with disabilities. Scout leaders have the ability to adapt any literature (such as *Woods Wisdom*) for the individual need. Specific literature to promote advancement for Scouts with disabilities is listed below.

Resource: *A Scoutmaster's Guide to Working with Scouts with Disabilities*

Summarizes leadership techniques and basic instruction/supervision for working with Scouts with disabilities. Outlines guidelines for membership and advancement, the use of the alternate merit badge application and the program for alternate rank requirements (Tenderfoot through First Class).

Resource: *Alternate Requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class*

This program is outlined in the *Scoutmaster's Guide to Working with Scouts with Disabilities*. Plans are approved by the local council and carried out by the unit leader. (No application is needed to use this program at this time. Applications may be available at end of year 1996.)

Resource: *Application for Alternate Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges, No. 58-750*

It is possible to earn alternate merit badges for any badge required for the Eagle rank by using the *Application for Alternate Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges* (obtained through your local council). While specific alternates have been suggested, other alternates may be used. Remember that merit badges can be earned at any time; however, merit badges earned under this program must be preapproved. This program is carried out by the local council.

Resource: *Boy Scout Requirements, No. 33215*

Requirement 1b in the Second Class Rank states: "If you are using a wheelchair or crutches, or it is difficult for you to get around, you may substitute 'trip' for 'hike'..."

For swimming requirements in the Second Class and First Class ranks: "This requirement may be waived by the troop committee for medical or safety reasons."

Resource: *Advancement Policies and Procedures Committee Guide, No. 33088*

Contains overall policies for advancement. The section titled "Program for Youth Members with Disabilities," pages 20 and 21, explains what is required of a Scout with a disability and outlines registration policies after age 18.

Resource: *My Scout Advancement Trail, No. 33499*

This record book was devised for use by all Scouts but is particularly useful as a recognition program for youth who advance at a slower pace. Use leather tong and beads.



BOY SCOUT DIVISION

Alternate Requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class

A Scout who is unable to complete any or all of the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, or First Class rank because he is physically or mentally disabled may complete alternative requirements if the following criteria is met:

1. The physical or mental disability must be of a permanent rather than a temporary nature.
 2. A clear and concise medical statement concerning the Scout's disabilities must be submitted by a physician licensed to practice medicine, or an evaluation statement must be certified by an educational administrator. The medical statement must state the doctor's opinion that the Scout cannot complete the requirement(s) because of a permanent disability.
 3. The Scout, his parents, or leaders must submit to the Council Advancement Committee, a request that the Scout be allowed to complete alternate requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, or First Class. The request must explain the suggested alternative requirements in sufficient detail so as to allow the advancement committee to make a decision. The request must also include the medical statement required in paragraph two above.
 4. The Scout must complete as many of the regular requirements as his ability permits before applying for alternate requirements.
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APPLICATION FOR ALTERNATE EAGLE SCOUT RANK MERIT BADGES

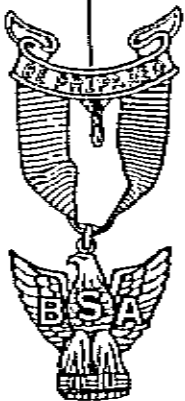
INSTRUCTIONS

This application includes the necessary information to properly apply for alternate merit badges on the route to Eagle Scout. Below, you will find the steps to follow from the initiation of the application to the awarding of the Eagle Scout rank.

1. The unit leader (Scoutmaster, Coach, or Advisor) initiates this application on behalf of a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or qualified* Explorer (candidate).
2. Follow the instructions on this application to determine the alternate merit badge(s).
3. Secure a clear and concise medical statement from a physician licensed to practice medicine, or a school administrator, concerning the Scout's disability.
4. The unit leader and unit committee chairman hold a conference with the candidate and his family present. They determine the alternate merit badges for those requirements which physical or mental disability prevents him from doing.
5. The district or council committee then reviews the proposed alternate merit badges. (If approved by the district, its recommendations would be forwarded to the council committee for final approval.)
6. After council approval, the candidate starts to qualify.
7. Upon completion of the Eagle Scout rank requirements, using the alternate merit badges, the candidate appears before the board of review. This application should be attached to the Eagle Scout rank application.
8. Following a successful board of review, the council processes both applications and forwards them to the National Eagle Scout Service. The local council action on the use of alternate merit badges for the Eagle Scout rank does not require National Council approval.

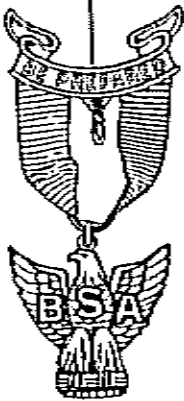
*In order for an Explorer to be an Eagle Scout candidate, he must have achieved First Class rank as a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



GUIDELINES FOR ADVANCEMENT TO EAGLE SCOUT RANK FOR SCOUTS WITH DISABILITIES

1. The Eagle Scout rank may be achieved by a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or qualified* Explorer (candidate) who has a physical or mental disability by qualifying for alternate merit badges. This does not apply to individual requirements for merit badges. Merit badges are awarded only when all requirements are met as stated.
2. The physical or mental disability must be of a permanent rather than a temporary nature.
3. A clear and concise medical statement must be made by a physician licensed to practice medicine, or a school administrator, concerning the Scout's disability.
4. The candidate must earn as many of the required merit badges as his ability permits before applying for an alternate merit badge.
5. The candidate must complete as many of the requirements of the required merit badges as his ability permits.
6. This form, Application for Alternate Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges, must be completed prior to the candidate's qualifying for alternate merit badges.
7. The alternate merit badges chosen must be of such a nature that they are as demanding of effort as the required merit badges.
8. When alternates chosen involve physical activity, they must be approved by the physician.
9. The unit leader and the board of review must explain that to attain the Eagle Scout rank a candidate is expected to do his best in developing himself to the limit of his resources.
10. This application must be approved by the council committee responsible for advancement, utilizing the expertise of professional persons involved in Scouting for the disabled.
11. The candidate's application for Eagle Scout must be made on the Eagle Scout Rank Application, No. 58-720, with this form and the *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook* attached when submitted to the council for his Eagle Scout board of review.



The Purpose of the Eagle Scout Award

A recipient of the Eagle Scout Award is a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or qualified* Explorer who applies the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life. He has achieved the qualities listed below because of determination and persistence through the advancement program.

- Concern for others
- Ability to help others through skills he has learned
- Ability to live and work cooperatively with others by meeting his responsibility to his patrol and troop
- Concern for self by improving his physical fitness to the limits of his physical resources
- Capacity for leadership

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APPLICATION FOR ALTERNATE EAGLE SCOUT RANK MERIT BADGES

To: The District Advancement Committee

_____ District
_____ Council

Gentlemen:

We are submitting this application in behalf of _____
_____ (Name of candidate) of Unit No. _____,
chartered to _____
and located in _____
Community State

Because of the disability (see the medical or administrative statement below), we believe that he is physically or mentally unable to complete the requirements for the following merit badge or badges required for the Eagle Scout rank:

Because of his excellent performance, perseverance, and Scouting spirit, and following a personal conference with him and his family, we recommend that the following alternate merit badge or badges be assigned to him, feeling that they will be equally challenging and useful, but within his capability:

Date _____

Signed _____
Unit leader

Signed _____
Unit committee chairman

Parent Statement

In view of the medical or administrative statement (below), and following a conference with _____'s Scouting leaders, we approve the alternate method of application for Eagle Scout rank merit badges and the merit badges recommended as alternates.

Date _____

Signed _____
Parent or guardian

Medical or Administrative Statement

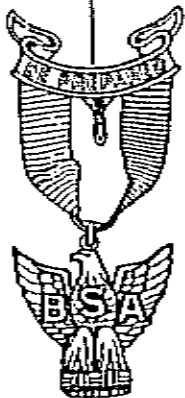
As a result of a thorough examination or testing of _____
_____ (Name of candidate) on _____
Date

I find that he has a physical or mental disability that would prevent him from completing the requirements for the merit badge or badges as shown above.

REASONS FOR INABILITY:

Date _____

Signed _____



District Certificate

We have reviewed the situation regarding _____

Name of candidate

and in review of the medical or administrative statement, and his excellent record in Scouting, we feel he could follow the alternate Eagle Scout rank merit badge method of achieving the Eagle Scout rank. We recommend to the council advancement committee that the merit badge or badges on the preceding page be assigned to him as alternates.

Date _____

Signed _____
District representative

Signed _____
District

Council Committee Action

The recommendations of the _____ District
in regard to alternate merit badge(s) for _____

Name of candidate

have been reviewed, and the merit badges recommended have been approved as alternate merit badges for Eagle Scout rank requirements.

Date _____

Signed _____
Council chairman

Signed _____
Scout executive

(The local council action on the alternate merit badges for the Eagle Scout rank does not require National Council approval.)

Possible alternates for required merit badges*

CAMPING

Cooking
Cycling
Hiking
Rowing

COMMUNICATIONS

Electronics
Journalism
Photography
Graphic Arts
Public Speaking
Radio

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OR LIFESAVING

Fire Safety
Motorboating
Public Health
Radio
Rowing
Traffic Safety

PERSONAL FITNESS, SWIMMING, OR SPORTS

Archery
Canoeing
Cycling
Golf
Hiking
Horsmanship
Orienteering
Pioneering
Rowing
Skating
Skiing
Waterskiing

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Fish and Wildlife Management
Geology
Nature
Soil and Water Conservation
Weather

PERSONAL MANAGEMENT

Consumer Buying
Agribusiness

SAFETY

Fire Safety
Public Health
Traffic Safety

*These possible alternates are suggested to give each person involved in selecting an alternate a list to choose from that could provide similar learning experience. If, after a careful review of the requirements, it does not seem possible that the individual can meet the requirements of one of the suggested alternates, apply for other alternates using this form.

It is important that unit leaders use reasonable accommodation and common sense in the application of the alternate merit badge program. This plan is designed to provide advancement opportunities for Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, or Explorers with disabilities.

