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RATES: Tent & Camper sites: \$5 per night

BACKPACK CAMPING

Linville Gorge Wilderness Area

828.652.4841

DIRECTIONS: Three main access points: 1. Turn right on NC 183 at Linville Falls and continue for 3/4 of a mile. At left curve in road continue straight onto US Forest Service Road. There are five trailheads into the Gorge along this road. 2. Turn right on NC 183 at Linville Falls and continue to NC 181. Turn right, travel 3 miles to Forest Service Road 210 (Gingercake Rd.) and turn right again. At first fork, turn left and continue on to 3 parking areas. 3. See directions under "Linville Falls."

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RATES: Camping permits are required on weekends and holidays from May 1 -Oct. 31 through the Grandfather Ranger District of Pisgah National Forest. Group sizes are limited to ten campers or less. Permits are restricted to one stay per group per month, and for no longer than three days and two nights per visit. Please practice no-trace camping. Hunting and fishing are also allowed but permits are required also.

PUBLIC AREAS

Lake James State Park

828.652.5047

DIRECTIONS: From I-40, ext. 90 go N and follow signs to Park. From Marion, take US Hwy 70 E. five miles to NC 126, follow signs.

Featuring 585 acres with 18 water-front primitive campsites with tent pad, grill, picnic table. Must pack in gear. Two sites w/ vehicle access available for disabled. No RV facilities. Pets must be leashed. Water bathhouse, showers and restrooms nearby. Park day-use offers swimming beach, concession stand, canoe rentals, boat dock, seasonal nature programs, and picnic area. Open March 15-Nov. 30.

RATES: \$17 per night, firewood: \$4

Mount Mitchell State Park

828.675.4611

DIRECTIONS: 28 miles from Marion Visitor Ctr. via NC 80 and Blue Ridge Parkway.



At Buck Creek Gap, milepost 344, go S on Parkway. At milepost 355.5 take NC 128 (5-mile access road) to crest of 1,9000-acre park.

Highest peak in eastern US, 6,684 ft. Nine primitive campsites (no RVs), restrooms (no showers). Featuring observation tower, concessions, restaurant, museum, camping, picnic area, and hiking are available. Open May 11-Oct. 31.

RATES: \$20 per night.

Black Mountain Campground, Pisgah National Forest

828.675.5509 reservations/828.689.8716 Ranger District

DIRECTIONS: From Marion, take NC 80 N for 16 miles, cross under BRP and continue 3 miles, look for campground signs on left. Turn on Forest Service Rd. 472 1.5 miles, take sharp right turn at rock building, continue 1 mile to campground entrance on right.

Large group camping, picnic pavilion reservation: \$40. Open mid April-Oct. 31.

RATES: \$19 per night/\$55 group rate

Carolina Hemlocks, Pisgah National Forest

828.689.8716

DIRECTIONS: From Marion, take NC 80 N for 16 miles, cross under BRP and continue 5 miles to campground .

Offers 36 campsites. Open mid April-Oct. 31.

RATES: \$19 per night/\$55 group rate/\$40 Picnic Pavilion

Crabtree Meadows, Blue Ridge Parkway

828.298.0398/No electric or water hookups, some w/dump stations/all w/flush toilets/no showers.

DIRECTIONS: Milepost 339.5

253-acre park with 3,850 ft. of elevation. 22 RV/trailer sites, 71 tent sites, 82 picnic sites, gift shop & restaurant. Crabtree Falls is a 30-minute hike and less than 1.5 miles. Open mid-May 11-Oct. 31.

RATES: \$16 per night.

Linville Falls, Blue Ridge Parkway

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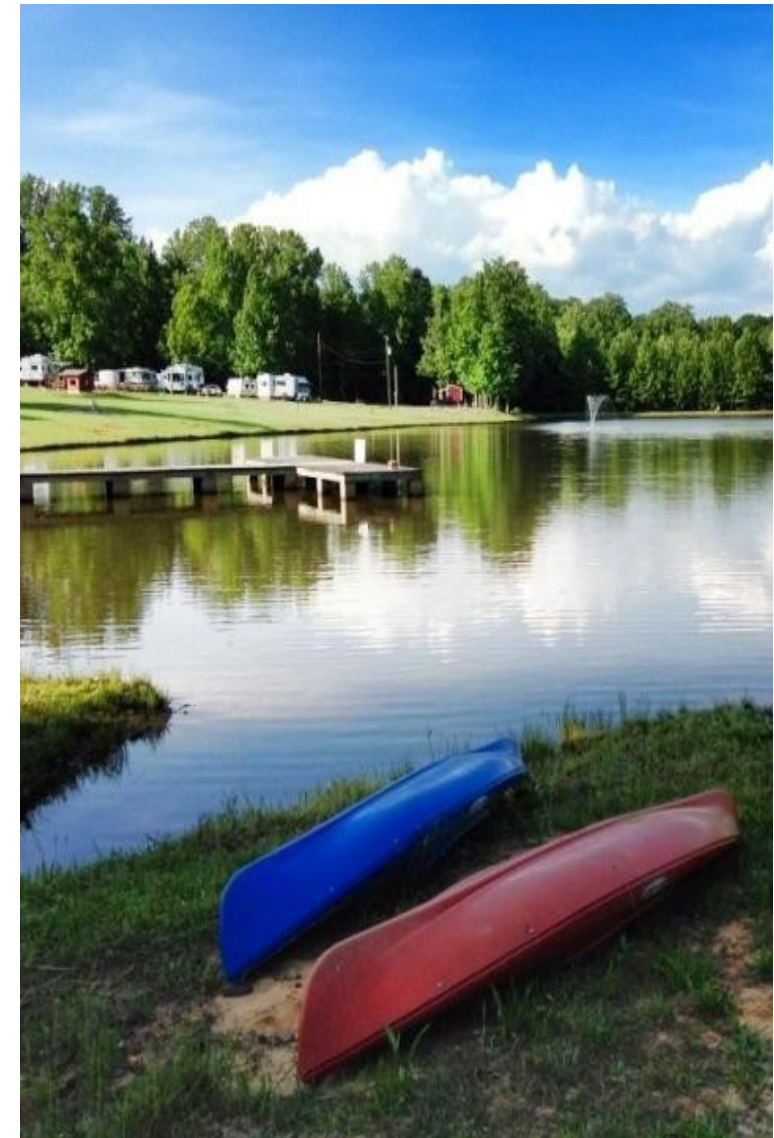
DIRECTIONS: Milepost 316.3

3,000-acre park with 3,250 ft. of elevation. 20 trailer sites, 55 tent sites, 100 picnic sites. Incredible views of the Falls and the Gorge Open early May 11-Oct. 31.

RATES: \$16 per night.



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CAMPING GUIDE



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Bear Creek Marina

608 Marina Dr., Marion NC
828.655.1400
marinaatlakejames.com



RV spaces, tag-a-longs & 5th wheelers. Cabins w/ kitchen, full bath, porch. Marina, bar & grill, store. Beach swimming, tennis courts, playground, pond & pavilion.
RATES: Cabins: Day-\$150, Wk.-\$800; RV Park: \$2,500-\$3,500 annually

Bear Den Mtn. Resort

600 Bear Den Mountain Rd., Spruce Pine NC
828.765.2888
bear-den.com

144 sites; tent, pull-throughs, camping cabins. RV Park; full hookups, bath house, picnic tables & fire ring. Fishing, swimming, trading post, playground, pavilion, paddle boats. Open March-November
RATES: Tent & RV sites: \$28-\$48; Cabins: \$50-\$75, Honeymoon Cabin: \$90-\$120

Buck Creek Campground/RV

2576 Toms Creek Rd., Marion NC
828.724.4888
buckcreekcampground.com

74 RV sites, security, full hookups, restrooms, showers, dump station, private phones, cable TV, Wi-Fi, laundry. Stream/trout fishing, swimming, horseshoes, golf driving range, hiking trails. Open April 1-Oct. 31.
RATES: \$36-\$48

Camp Grier

985 Lake Refuge Rd.
Old Fort, NC
828.668.7793
campgrier.org



Rustic cabins w/ electricity. Tent sites & camping shelters with bathhouses. Fire circle, dining hall, cookout shelters, chapel, pavilion, lake, pool, mountain streams, rock slide & hiking. Open Year Round.
RATES: Tent sites: \$25; Cabins: \$100-\$250; Lodges: \$150-\$625 annually.

Lake James Landing RV

4510 Lake James Rd. Marion NC
828.652.2907

lakejameslandingrv.com

Permanent RV Campground. Now taking applications for 94 new 50'X100' RV sites. Full hook-ups, two boat ramps, security gates. Bath houses, swimming pool, horse shoes, basketball, playground, volleyball. Open Year Round.
RATES: RV Park: \$4,500-\$4,800 annually

Linville Falls Campground, RV Park & Cabins

MP 316 on Blue Ridge Parkway, NC
828.765.2681/winter: 318.645.4704
linvillefalls.com

RV sites, full hook-ups, tent sites, fire ring, grills, picnic tables. Full-service cabins, laundry, bathhouse, camp store, playground, badminton, basketball, horseshoes, volleyball, pavilion. Open May-Nov.
RATES: RV sites: \$32-\$35; Tent sites; \$20; Cabins: \$85-\$150; Camping Cabin: \$60.



Mountain Stream RV Park

6954 Buck Creek Rd, NC
877.724.9013
mountainstreamrvpark.com

35 gravel sites, most along the stream, full hookups, 30-50 amp. Security, restrooms, showers, ice, public phone, fishing, horseshoes, basketball, cable TV, Wi-Fi throughout the park. Open April-Nov.
RATES: RV sites: \$38-\$54

River Breeze Campground

100 River Breeze Dr. Marion NC
828.925.8524
riverbreezecampground.com

All sites have full hookups, city water & sewer, fire pits. Catawba River beach swimming, horseshoes, bathhouse, laundry, walking trails, playground, fishing, ice, firewood, tubing, canoeing, picnic area, state, and Wi-Fi available. Open Year Round
RATES: Campsites; Day: \$30, Wk.: \$150, Mo.: \$175, Yr.: \$1,800. Campsites w/ water, electricity & border: \$15, Primitive campsites: \$10 (No credit cards)

**More Primitive/Backpack Camping Info:
828.652.2144/Grandfather Ranger District**

Springmaid Mountain Cabins & Campgrounds

2171 Henredon Rd., Marion NC
828.765.2353
springmaidmountain.com

400-acre mountain retreat near BRP. Houses, bunkhouses, cabins. Camping & RV sites, water & electric. Ponds and river on site, hiking, horseback riding, tubing, fishing, hayrides, also on site. Open Year Round
RATES: Camp sites: \$25-\$40

Tom Johnson Camping World

1885 US 70 West, Marion NC
800.225.7802
tomjohnsoncamping.com

70 RV sites, full hookups. Rally Park: 200 sites, 30 full hookups. Bathhouse, laundry, walking trails, café, pavilion, fire pits, horseshoes, basketball, volleyball, stream, tubing, playground. Open: Year Round, Rally Park: April-Oct.
RATES: Please call.

Hidden Creek Camping Resort

1210 Deacon Dr., Marion NC
828.652.7208
hiddencreekcampingresort.com

Full service cabins, full hookups, RV sites, tent w/ electric & primitive tent sites. Bathhouses, security, camp store, fishing lake, pool, waterslide, mini-golf, arcade, shuffleboard, volleyball, basketball, badminton, playground, horseshoes, pavilions, ice cream shop. Open March-Nov.
RATES: Camp sites: \$30-\$69; Cabins: \$128-\$150.



Primitive, Backpack & Public Camping

PRIMITIVE CAMPING

Curtis Creek

DIRECTIONS: Take US Hwy. 70 E from Old Fort for 1.7 miles, turn left on Forest Service Road 482.