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NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST												DESCRIPTION
AMMONS BRANCH Open all year. From HIGHLANDS, follow Main Street east out of town about 4.5 miles through Horse Cove. At the end of the pavement, bear right on Bull Pen Road; go 1.5 miles.				₩v				5	K		4	On Ammons Branch. Nantahala District: 828-524-6441
BALSAM LODGE Mar. 1-Nov.30. From TUCKASAGEE, take NC 281 south for 8.75 miles. Turn left on SR 1756 and go about 5 miles. Lodge will be on your left.				₽		7		5	K	\$		The lodge has 16 beds twin beds with the maximum capacity of 20. Reserva tions through reserve America Nantahala District: 828-524-6441
BLUE VALLEY Open all year. From HIGHLANDS, follow NC 28S 5.5 miles. Turn right at the sign.				₩V				5	K			Dispersed sites, some located along Overflow Creek. Nantahala District: 828-524-6441
BRISTOL HORSE CAMP Open all year. From HAYESVILLE, take SR 1307 for 3 miles to SR 1300, go 5.7 miles to SR 1344 (FR 340). Go 7 miles on FR 340.				₩V				5	₹ **	\$	7	On Fires Creek. Offers horse camping and tethering posts. Tusquitee District: 828-837-5152.
CABLE COVE Apr. 1-Oct. 31. From FONTANA VILLAGE, take NC 28S, 4.7 miles, turn left on FR 520 for 1.4 miles.			7	₩v		(T)		5	K	8	26	Near Fontana Lake. One-mile nature trail. Cheoah District: 828-479-6431.
CHEOAH POINT Apr. 1-Oct. 31. From ROBBINSVILLE, take NC 129N 5.8 miles, left on SR 1145 for 0.3 mile, right on SR 1147 for 1 mile.	*			∰F &	E.				K	\$	26	6 sites with electrical hook-ups; 2 walk-in cabins, electrical hookup out side. Cheoah District: 828-479-6431.
HANGING DOG May 14-Sept. 17. From MURPHY, take NC 1326W for 5 miles.	*	2	7	∰ _V		T		5	**************************************	\$	33	On Hiwassee Lake. Tusquitee District: 828-837-5152.
HORSE COVE Apr. 1-Oct. 31. From ROBBINSVILLE, take US 129N for 1 mile, left on NC 143W for 10 miles, right on SR 1159 for 2.3 miles, right at Joyce Kilmer Road for 0.5 mile.				∰ ^F V				5	*	\$	18	Five sites all year. In winter, no water. Cheoah District: 828-479-6431.
HURRICANE CREEK ♦ Mar. 15-Dec.15 (depending on weather) Go south from Standing Indian on FR 67 (gravel) for 2 miles.		2	7	∰ _V				5	A Riv	8	*	Undesignated sites. Nantahala District. Campground office: 828-369-0442.
JACKRABBIT MOUNTAIN May 1-Sept. 30. From HAYESVILLE, take US 64E for 6.2 miles, turn left on NC 175 for 3 miles, turn right on SR 1115.	*	2	7	∰F €	(A)	T	2	5	★	8	100	On Chatuge Lake. Some lakefront sites. Tusquitee District: 828-837-5152.

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STANDING INDIAN ◆ Apr. 1-Nov. 27. From FRANKLIN, take US 64W for 9 miles, turn left on old US 64 and follow signs.	*	2	7	∰F €	8	E.			8		On Nantahala River. Nantahala District. Campground office: 828-369-0442.
TSALI Apr. 1-Oct. 31. From BRYSON CITY, take US 19/74S for 9 miles. Turn right on NC 28 for 3.5 miles. Turn right on SR 1286; go 1 mile.			7	∰F &		E.		A A	8		On Fontana Lake. Adjacent to Tsali mountain bike and horse trail com- plex. Cheoah District. 828-479-6431.
VAN HOOK GLADE ♦ April1-Oct. 30. From HIGHLANDS, take US 64W for 4 miles, turn right at sign.	*			∰ F				K	\$		Campers may use Cliffside Lake facilities. Nantahala District. Campground Manager: 828-526-5918.
WINE SPRING HORSE CAMP Open all year. From FRANKLIN take US 64, turn right onto Old Murphy Road. Immediately turn left onto Wayah Road. Go approximately 10 miles and turn right onto FS 711. Go 4.5 miles to the Wine Spring Horse Camp.	*			₽PV						5	Reservations through the district office at no cost. Nantahala District 828-524-6441.

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DISPERSED CAMPING

To limit impact, dispersed camping is only allowed at designated sites in these areas on the Nantahala National Forest: along Snowbird and Santeetlah Creeks and around Santeetlah Lake in the Cheoah Ranger District; and along the Tellico River in the Tusquitee Ranger District.

Areas closed to dispersed camping include Balsam Lake; the Coweeta Experimental Forest; US 64's Cullasaja Gorge corridor; Fontana Lake's Finger Lake Day-Use Area; the 1,000-foot corridor along the Nantahala River between Silvermine Creek and Junaluska Road, including any island in the river; developed day-use sites and campgrounds; and many wildlife openings. For site-specific information; call the ranger districts listed.

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BALSAM LAKE Open all year. From TUCKASEGEE, take NC 281S for 8.75 miles. Turn left on SR 1756, go about 6 miles (1 mile past lodge).	# &	An F	(& E	.		No water or restrooms in winter.	
CHEOAH POINT BEACH Open April to October. From ROBBINSVILLE, take NC 129N for 5.8 miles. Go left on SR 1145 for 0.3 mile, and right on SR 1147 for 1 mile.	# E	Anv E					Swimming beach on Santeetlah Lake. Boat ramp and campground nearby. Cheoah District: 828-479-6431.	
CHEROHALA SKYWAY Open all year. From ROBBINSVILLE, take US 129N for 1 mile. Turn left on NC 143 for 10.2 miles to Santeetlah Gap.	## &	(A) v		K			Drive 43 miles across crest of North Carolina/Tennessee mountains. Scenic overlooks, picnic spots, trails. Cheoah District: 828-479-6431.	
CHEROKEE LAKE Apr. 1-Oct. 30. From MURPHY, take US 64W for 8 miles. Turn right on NC 294, go 3 miles. Turn right on FR 313 for 0.5 mile.	71	AN F		K			On Cherokee Lake. Tusquitee District: 828-837-5152.	
CLIFFSIDE LAKE ♦ Apr. 1-Oct. 31. From HIGHLANDS, take US 64W for 4.5 miles. Turn right at sign and go about 1 mile.	7	∯i r∨	T	*	25	6 *	Bathhouse with showers; 7 short trails. 2 shelters can be reserved for a fee. Nantahala District. Site manager: 828-526-5918.	
DRY FALLS (Closed APR SEP. 2012) Open all year. From HIGHLANDS, take US 64W for 3.5 miles, falls on left.	#	∰îv Ł		K	•		Walk under waterfall without getting wet. Access scenic overlook. Nantahala District: 828-524-6441.	
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Hike 0.7-mile Cover Trail, (NC birding trail). 0.7-mile loop to waterfall; 53-mile hiking system. Horse trails and trail heads nearby. Tusquitee District: 828-837-5152.
Swimming beach on Chatuge Lake. Popular for watersports. Tusquitee District: 828-837-5152.
Walk through this old growth forest on short loop trails. NC birding trail also offers great wildflower views. Cheoah District: 828-479-6431.
Rafting on 8.5 miles of whitewater. Fee bracelets and season passes at river outfitters. Picnicking at Ferebee Memorial. Nantahala District: 828-524-6441.
On Snowbird Creek. Cheoah District: 828-479-6431.
To reserve picnic shelter, call campground office at 828-369-0442. Campground nearby. Nantahala District: 828-524-6441.
Near Fontana Lake. 42 miles of bike and horse trails. Season pass at district office and two local vendors. Cheoah District: 828-479-6431.
Enjoy panoramic views from historic fire tower. Crossed by Appalachian and Bartram trails. Nantahala District: 828-524-6441.
Hike two-mile-loop trail to 4,930-foot summit for outstanding views. Season pass available at district office. Nantahala District: 828-524-6441.
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