

Great Smoky Mountains National Park 2014 Facility Operating Schedule

March 5, 2014

Notes about dates:

- **FACILITIES ARE OPEN THROUGH THE SEASON DATES.** Campgrounds will close at noon the following day.
- **ROADS WILL CLOSE AT SUNSET ON SEASON END DATE.**
- Closing dates may occasionally be extended depending on staffing, weather and the day of the week on which the closing date falls. Such extensions will be made on a case by case basis and coordinated by local R&VP, Res.Ed. and Facility Mgt supervisors. Temporary public notices may be posted where appropriate, i.e. campground bulletin boards.

Legend

A = means accessible sites

DS = RV dump station/potable water

* designates facilities reservable through www.Recreation.gov--see Recreation.gov info below

Family Campgrounds

Abrams Creek	5/23 – 10/13	16 sites, \$14, trailers <= 12', elev. 1125'
Balsam Mt	5/23 – 10/13	46 sites, \$14, trailers <= 30', elev. 5310'
Big Creek	4/11 - 10/26	12 sites, \$14, tents only, elev. 1700'
Cades Cove*	Year Round	159 sites (Ax7), \$17 (\$20 during reservation period 5/15-10/31). Trailers 35', motorhomes 40'. Elev. 1807'. 865-448-4103. C1-12 and 26-61 are open year round. <u>Spring</u> : C 13-25 and 62-76 (last two loops) open on April 11. B loop opens on 4/11. <u>Fall</u> : B loop and C13-25 and 62-76 (last two loops) closed after 11/30. DS : 1 station open year round subject to weather closures, other stations open 4/11-11/3; subject to weather closures in Apr., Oct. and Nov.
Cataloochee*	3/14 - 10/31	27 sites, \$20, trailers <= 31', elev. 2610'. Reservations required.
Cosby*	4/11 - 10/31	157 sites (Ax2), \$14, trailers <= 25', elev. 2459', DS , 423-487-2683. B loop open May 23 – Oct. 31. Most sites are tents only. Some sites available for reservation via Recreation.gov .
Deep Creek	4/11 - 10/31	92 sites (Ax1), \$17, trailers <= 26', elev. 1800', 828-488-3184. DS
Elkmont*	3/14 - 11/29	220 sites (Ax10) \$17 (\$20/\$23 during reservation period 5/15-10/31.) Trailers ≤ 32', motorhomes ≤ 35'. Elev. 2150'. 865-430-5560 <u>Spring</u> : Loops A, B, C & D open 3/14 w/ 3 comfort stations; E&F open 4/11; G&H open 4/25 J-N open 5/15. <u>Fall</u> : Loops G-N closed after 10/31; A-F closed after 11/29. DS : 6 miles away at Sugarlands VC. Open Mar 28-Nov 5. Additional operating dates, concurrent w/ campground schedule, are weather dependent.
Look Rock	To Be Determined	68 sites, \$14, no size limit for RVs, elev. 2600', DS
Smokemont*	Year Round	142 sites (Ax6) \$17 (\$20 during reservation period 5/15-10/31). Trailers ≤ 35', motorhomes ≤40'. Elev. 2198'. 828-497-9270. DS. Dump station closed 11/1 – 3/27. <u>Spring</u> : C, D & F loop open May 15. C Loop may be available Easter Weekend if needed. <u>Fall</u> : C, D & F loop closed after 10/31.

***Recreation.gov - Reservations for campgrounds, horse camps, group camps and pavilions:**

The following facilities can be reserved via Recreation.gov at www.recreation.gov or 877-444-6777:

- Family campsites at Cades Cove, Elkmont and Smokemont campgrounds for dates between 5/15-10/31. The campgrounds operate on a first come, first served basis during other dates.
- 27 sites at Cosby when the campground is open; most sites operate on a first come, first served basis.
- All campsites at Cataloochee campground. Reservations are required.
- All group sites, all horse camps and all picnic pavilions. Reservations are required at group camps, horse camps and at the Twin Creeks pavilion. Impromptu use at other pavilions is allowed only when the pavilion has not been reserved.
- The Appalachian Clubhouse and Spence Cabin, open April 1 – October 31

Reservations may be made up to 6 months in advance for family and horse campgrounds, 1 year in advance for group campgrounds, picnic pavilions and the Appalachian Clubhouse and Spence Cabin

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Group Campgrounds

Big Creek*	4/11 - 10/26	1 @ 25 people (\$44); Reservations required.
Cades Cove*	3/14 - 10/31	2 @ 20 people (\$35), 1 @ 30 people (\$53), 1 @ 30 people w/ pavilion (A, \$65). Reservations required.
Cataloochee*	3/14 - 10/31	3 @ 25 people (\$35) (Ax1); Reservations required.
Cosby*	4/11 - 10/31	3 @ 20 people (26) (Ax1); Reservations required.
Deep Creek*	4/11 - 10/31	3 @ 20 persons (\$35) (Ax1); Reservations required.
Elkmont*	4/25 - 10/31	1 @ 15 people (\$26), 2 @ 20 people (\$35); 1 @ 30 people (\$53). Reservations required.
Smokemont*	5/15 - 10/31	3 @ 20 people (\$35) (Ax1); Reservations required.

Horse Camps

Anthony* Creek	4/1 - 11/11	3 campsites @ 4 horses, 6 people each (\$20). Reservations required.
Big Creek*	4/11 - 10/26	5 campsites (Ax1) @ 4 horses, 6 people each (\$25). Reservations required.
Cataloochee*	4/4 - 10/31	7 campsites @ 4 horses, 6 people each (\$20). Reservations required.
Round Bottom*	4/4 - 10/31	5 campsites @ 4 horses, 6 people each (\$20). Reservations required.
Tow String*	4/4-10/31	2 campsites @ 4 horses, 6 people each (\$20). Reservations required.

Picnic Areas

Big Creek	4/11-10/26	10 sites (Ax1)
Cades Cove	Year Round	81 sites (Ax3); closes at 8PM from 5/1-8/31, sunset on other dates.
Chimneys	3/15 - 11/25	68 sites; closes at 8 PM from 5/1-8/31, sunset on other dates. Lower loop open with vault toilet from 3/15-mid-April and from 11/1-last Tues in Nov. Lower and upper loops open with flush toilets from mid-April (weather dependent) to 10/31.
Collins Creek*	4/4 - 10/31	182 sites (Ax2) plus a 70-person pavilion; closes at 8PM from 5/1-8/31, sunset on other dates. Pavilion can be reserved for \$20 via Recreation.gov . Flush toilets open 4/12.
Cosby*	4/11 - 10/31	35 sites plus a 55-person pavilion. Pavilion can be reserved for \$20 via Recreation.gov . The hiker parking area will be open year round.
Deep Creek*	Year Round	58 sites plus a 70-person pavilion. Pavilion can be reserved for \$20 via Recreation.gov . Subject to closures to replace water lines- dates TBD.
Greenbrier*	Year Round	12 sites; 70-person pavilion at separate site can be reserved for \$10 via Recreation.gov . Vault toilets.
Heintooga	5/23 - 10/13	41 sites
Look Rock	To Be Determined	51 sites
Metcalf Bottoms*	Year Round - limited (Pavilion 4/11- 10/31)	122 sites (Ax2) 70-person pavilion can be reserved for \$20 via Recreation.gov . North half, including pavilion, and the southern, gated loop will operate 4/11 - 10/31. Remainder of the southern loop, and the central restroom, open year round. "Pack it out" picnicking only from 11/1-4/10 - all dumpsters will be removed during the winter. 10 ton wgt. limit on Metcalf bridge.—no busses, motorhomes, trailers, etc.
Twin Creeks*	4/1 - 10/31	150 person pavilion. By reservation <i>only</i> , through Recreation.gov . (\$35-75.)

Appalachian Clubhouse*	4/1 - 10/31	Facility is available for rental on a daily basis from 10 AM to 9 PM. \$250/day for Mon-Thurs; \$400 per day, Fri-Sun. Additional \$400 deposit fee. See Recreation.gov for more details.
Spence Cabin*	4/1/ - 10/31	Facility is available for rental on a daily basis from 10 AM to 9 PM. \$150/day for Monday - Thursday, \$200/day Fri-Sun. Additional \$400 deposit fee. See Recreation.gov for more details.

Miscellaneous: vault toilets	<p>Vault toilets associated with a facility, e.g. the Cataloochee group camp, will operate on the same schedule as the facility. Except as noted below, vault toilets not associated with a facility, e.g. at the Abrams Falls trailhead, will be open year round.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vault toilet at the Alum Cave Bluff trailhead will be open 3/14 – 11/25. • Palmer House 4/1 – 10/31. (Palmer House is open year round.)
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Roads		
Newfound Gap road	Year Round	Subject to one lane closures in 2014 for paving on the TN side; slide work in NC.
Balsam Mtn/Heintooga	5-23 – 10/14	Heintooga Ridge Rd is a two-way, paved road. Balsam Mountain Rd is a one-way, gravel road on which motor homes, buses, vans longer than 25 feet, and passenger vehicles towing trailers are prohibited.
Cades Cove bicycle closure	5/7 – 9/24	Bicycles only until 10AM on Wednesday and Saturday mornings during designated period.
Clingmans Dome	4/1- 11/30	
Forge Creek	3/7 -12/31	Subject to closures 12/1-12/31 and 3/7 – 3/31 due to snow, ice or muddy conditions.
Little Greenbrier	4/11 - 11/30	School groups will be supported 12/1 – 12/31, when scheduled in advance.
Parson Branch	4/11 – 11/16	One way road. Motorhomes, buses and vans longer than 25 feet, as well as any passenger vehicles towing a trailer, are prohibited.
Rich Mountain	4/11- 11/16	One way road. Motorhomes, buses and vans longer than 25 feet, as well as any passenger vehicles towing a trailer are prohibited.
Roaring Fork	4/11 - 11/30	One way road. Very steep. Motor homes, buses and vans longer than 25 feet, as well as any passenger vehicles towing a trailer are prohibited
Round Bottom/ Straight Fork	4/4 – 10/31	This two-way road provides access to Roundbottom horse camp.
Upper Tremont	Year Round	Subject to closures 12/1 – 3/31 due to snow, ice or muddy conditions.
Wear Gap road	Year Round	
TRAILS NOTE:		Chimney Tops trail will be closed from Monday through Thursday, from approximately May 5 – October 16.

Visitor Centers (hours)		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cades Cove	Year Round	9-4:30	9-5:30	9-6:30	9-7	9-7:30	9-7:30	9-7:30	9-7	9-6:30	9-6:30	9-5:30	9-4:30
Oconaluftee 828-497-1904	Year Round	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-5	8-6	8-6	8-7	8-7	8-7	8-6	8-6	8-5	8-4:30
Sugarlands 865-436-1291	Year Round	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-5	8-6	8-6	8-7	8-7	8-7	8-6	8-6	8-5	8-4:30
Clingmans Dome	Seasonal	X	X	X	10-6	10-6	10-6	10-6	10-6	10-6	10-6	9:30-5	X

Miscellaneous information
<p>Mar: 21 Cable Mill open (weather dependent);</p> <p>Apr: 11 Mingus Mill restroom; 20 Easter; 26 Music of the Mountains at SVC; 15-19 Wildflower Pilgrimage;</p> <p>May: 3 Old Timers Day at C.Cove, 17 Cosby In the Park, 26 Memorial Day;</p> <p>Jun: TBA Firefly event at Elkmont, 1 Little Cataloochee reunion; 7 TN Free Fishing Day (honored park-wide), 21 Women's Work Festival at Oconaluftee</p> <p>Jul: 4 (Friday); 4 NC Free Fishing Day (honored park-wide);</p> <p>Aug: 10 Big Cataloochee reunion,</p> <p>Sep: 1 Labor Day, 20 Mtn Life Festival at Oconaluftee; 27 Old Timers Day at C.Cove;</p> <p>Nov: 27 Thanksgiving</p> <p>Dec: 13 Festival of Christmas Past at Sugarlands; 20 Holiday Homecoming at Oconaluftee</p>

Concessions

Balsam Mtn	N/A	Concession services have been discontinued at Balsam Mtn Campground. Firewood is available at the private Mile High Campground in Maggie Valley or in Cherokee.
Cades Cove Campgrd Store	March 2 – November 30, closed Nov. 27	<p>Hours: June 1 – August 15, 9A – 9P, last bike rental at 4:30P; other dates: 9A – 5P, last bike rental 2:30 P. Rentals start at 7A on "bicycles only" mornings.</p> <p>Prices: Bicycle rentals are \$4/hr. single speed; \$6/hr. multi-speed. \$20/hr. electric assist. Major credit cards accepted.</p> <p>Services: Groceries, camper and convenience items, souvenirs and food service. Firewood and ice available 9A – 9P. Battery and device charging. Vending available 24-hours year round.</p> <p>Contact info: (865) 448-9034 or www.explorecalescove.com</p>
Cades Cove Riding Stable	March 8 – November 30, closed Nov. 27	<p>Hours: Guided horseback and carriage rides: Open 9 A, last ride 4:30 P; Hayrides offered June 1-August 15, first ride departs 10A, last ride departs 6P; other dates 9A-4:30P; Ranger-led hayrides, evenings in April and October (check local visitor centers for schedule.)</p> <p>Prices: Horseback rides: \$30/hr; Carriage rides and hayrides: \$12/person; Wagon rides: \$10/person; Ranger-led hayrides \$14/person. MasterCard and Visa accepted.</p> <p>Limits: Over 250 lbs and <= 5 years old may not ride.</p> <p>Services: Guided horseback rides, carriage rides and hayrides. Souvenirs.</p> <p>Contact info: (865) 448-9009 or www.cadescovestables.com</p>
Elkmont Campground	March 14 – November 30	<p>Hours: June 1 – August 15, 9A-9P; other dates during season, 4P-8P. Vending (excludes firewood and ice) available 24/7.</p> <p>Services: Firewood, ice, vending and camper convenience items.</p> <p>Contact info: http://elkmontcampgroundconcession.com</p>
LeConte Lodge	March 24 – November 25	<p>Prices: Adult \$132, child (4-12) \$85, child (3 and under) free (share parent's bed and meals.) Price includes bed and 2 meals, tax is extra.</p> <p>Services: Overnight cabin lodging. Bag lunch for dayhikers or backpackers, \$10; Beverages and baked snacks available to dayhikers and backpackers.</p> <p>Contact info: Reservations by phone at (865) 429-5704, fax (865) 774-0045 or email reservations@lecontelodge.com. Website is www.lecontelodge.com. Reservations for next year may be made beginning October 1.</p>
Smokemont Riding Stable	March 22 – November 2	<p>Hours: 9A - 5P (may extend in busy times)</p> <p>Prices: Horseback riding: \$30 for one hour ride; \$75 for 2.5 hr waterfall ride. \$120 for 4 hr ride. Wagon rides: \$10/person. Reservations accepted. Major credit cards accepted.</p> <p>Limits: Over 225 lbs or < 5 yrs old may not ride on horses. No doubling. No restrictions for wagon rides.</p> <p>Services: Guided horseback rides and wagon rides. Souvenirs and souvenir photographs; soft drink and snack vending, firewood and ice.</p> <p>Contact info: (828) 497-2373 or www.smokemontridingstable.com</p>
Smoky Mtn Riding Stable	March 7 – November 30	<p>Hours: Open 9A. Last ride at 5 P (summer) or 4P (spring and fall)</p> <p>Prices: Horseback rides: \$25 + tax for 45 min ride; \$45+ tax for 1.5hr ride; \$60 +tax for 2hr ride. MasterCard and Visa accepted.</p> <p>Limits: Over 225 lbs or < 5 yrs may not ride; 5 yrs + ride alone.</p> <p>Services: Guided horseback rides. Souvenir photographs, souvenirs and soft drink vending.</p> <p>Contact info: (865) 436-5634 or www.smokymountainridingstables.com</p>
Sugarlands Riding Stable	March 7 – November 30	<p>Hours: Open 9A. Last ride 5P (summer) or 4 P (spring and fall)</p> <p>Prices: Horseback rides: \$30/hr + tax. MasterCard and Visa accepted.</p> <p>Limits: Over 225 lbs or < 5 yrs may not ride. 5 yrs + ride alone.</p> <p>Services: Guided horseback rides. Souvenir photographs, souvenirs and soft drink vending.</p> <p>Contact info: (865) 436-3535 or www.sugarlandridingstables.com</p>