Jew's Harp Spring Hiking Trail



The Jew's Harp spring was used to provide water for Orange Hall, a nearby plantation, in the 1800s. Scattered bricks are the only remains of the house. The name of the spring is derived from its shape—that of a Jew's harp. It was carved from a solid piece of granite by J. E. Sherman in the 1860s.

Water from the ground comes into a hole in the center of the circular section. It then drains through a groove that runs from the bowl down towards the creek The water, which flows at the rate of 3.5 gallons per minute, never overflows the sides but keeps the bowl filled at all times. The six-inch deep bowl is sheltered by another granite slab and is surrounded on three sides by other stones.

The start of the trail is currently located at Collins Creek seasonal camp, when the camp is open.

Surrounding area

- Molly's Rock Picnic Area
- Collins Creek Seasonal Campground

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Directions: From Interstate 26: Take exit 72 and drive north 5.3 miles. Turn right onto Old Whitmire Hwy. (County Rd. 81) drive 0.4 miles to stop sign. Continue north on County Rd. 81, Brazzelmans Bridge Rd., and drive north 6.9 miles. Turn left onto Maybinton Rd., County Rd. 45, and drive north 2.3 miles. Turn left onto FS Road 393 and drive 0.3 miles to Collins Creek Seasonal Campground entrance on left

From Whitmire Junction Hwy. 176 & Hwy. 72:

Drive east for 2.5 miles. Turn right onto Maybinton Rd., County Rd. 45, and drive 4.4 miles. Turn right onto FS Road 393 and drive 0.3 miles to Collins Creek Seasonal Campground entrance on left.

Difficulty Level: Easy

Drinking Water: None. Spring and creek water is unsafe to drink

Fees: None

Length: 0.7 miles from Collins Creek Seasonal Campground; 0.2 miles from Maybinton Road (State Road 45), where trail crosses the road

Safety: Care should be taken in the woods during big-game hunting season. Wear blaze orange.

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