

Plan your trip: Terrestrial Trails in Ellicott Rock Wilderness

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South Carolina

Chattooga Hiking Trail

The Chattooga Hiking Trail has a trailhead that leads visitors into Ellicott Rock Wilderness. This trail is part of a longer system trail (15 miles) that traverses a larger portion of the district outside of wilderness. In wilderness, the Chattooga River trail is 4 miles long, leads visitors to the inconspicuous Ellicott's Rock, and shares intersections with the East Fork Trail and the Ellicott Rock Trail. The trail features a waterfall, a variety of primitive and undeveloped campsites, excellent fishing holes, and a scenic trek alongside the majestic Chattooga Wild and Scenic River. The Chattooga Hiking Trail is heavily trafficked, the most popular trail in Ellicott Rock Wilderness. **Directions:** This trailhead leading into Ellicott Rock Wilderness is located along Burrell's Ford Road, off Highway 107. The trailhead is located near Burrell's Ford Campground. The Burrell's Ford Road and Highway 107 junction is located 18 miles north of the city of Walhalla, South Carolina and 13 miles south of Cashiers, North Carolina.

Spoonauger Falls Trail (via the Chattooga Hiking Trail)

The Spoonauger Falls Trail is a short 0.1 spur trail located off the Chattooga Hiking Trail and ends at an impressive and well-visited waterfall. This Spoonauger Falls Trail junction is less than ¼ mile from the Chattooga River Trailhead described above. Visitation to this waterfall is heavily trafficked. **Directions:** The Chattooga Hiking Trailhead leading to the Spoonauger Falls spur trail is located along Burrell's Ford Road, off Highway 107. The trailhead is near Burrell's Ford Campground. The Burrell's Ford Road and Highway 107 junction is located 18 miles north of the city of Walhalla, South Carolina and 13 miles south of Cashiers, North Carolina.

East Fork Trail

The East Fork Trail is 2.5 miles long, largely follows the East Fork of the Chattooga River, and ends at a trail intersection with the Chattooga River Trail. It is also here where the East Fork of the Chattooga River and the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River merge. The trail features a variety of unique rock and water features as well as sparse primitive and undeveloped camping options. The East Fork Trailhead is adjacent to the Walhalla State Fish Hatchery, and is heavily trafficked. **Directions:**

The trailhead shares paved parking with the Walhalla State Fish Hatchery and the developed Chattooga River Picnic area, and is located at the end of the Fish Hatchery Road off of Highway 107. The Fish Hatchery Road and Highway 107 intersection is located 20 miles north of the city of Walhalla, South Carolina and 11.5 miles south of Cashiers, North Carolina.

Fork Mountain Trail

Fork Mountain Trail is a 6-mile winding trail with plentiful opportunities for solitude as well as high quality primitive and undeveloped campsites along beautiful creeks. A visitor will enter the official boundaries of the Ellicott Rock Wilderness after hiking around 1.5 miles, and the Fork Mountain Trail itself ends at an intersection with Ellicott Rock Trail in North Carolina. Visitors can continue on down Ellicott Rock Trail and catch the Chattooga River Trail with access to Ellicott's Rock. A 17-mile loop can be made between Fork Mountain Trail, Ellicott Rock Trail, Chattooga River Trail, Foothills Trail Connector, and the Foothills Trail, leading back to the Fork Mountain Trailhead. **Directions:** Fork Mountain Trailhead is located at the Sloan Bridge Picnic Area directly off of Highway 107. Sloan Bridge Picnic Area is 22 miles north of the city of Walhalla, South Carolina and 9 miles south of Cashiers, North Carolina.

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Ellicott Rock Trail

The Ellicott Rock Trail is a secluded 8-mile trail that both starts and ends in different locations along Bull Pen Road. Ellicott Rock Trail treks down to the Chattooga Wild and Scenic River and offers visitors to test their skills by fording the river itself (a 60 foot crossing without a bridge). The trail sees few visitors offering excellent opportunities for solitude as well as a couple primitive and undeveloped campsite areas. **Directions:** The trail has two signed trailheads at two different locations along Bull Pen Road located off Highway 107 with limited parking. The junction of Bull Pen Road and Highway 107 is located 24.5 miles north of the city of Walhalla, South Carolina and 7 miles south of Cashiers, North Carolina.