



Jackrabbit Mountain Recreation Area



Getting Here:

From Murphy, take US 64E about 15 miles to NC 175. Turn right and go 2.5 miles on NC 175. Turn right on SR 1155 to the recreation area.

From Franklin, take US 64W and travel 28 miles to NC 175. Turn left and go 2.5 miles on NC 175. Turn right on SR 1155 to the recreation area.

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Open May through September, Jackrabbit Mountain Recreation Area lies on a peninsula of Lake Chatuge – a TVA reservoir that boasts more than 130 miles of shoreline. This destination recreation area offers a large campground and numerous day use activities such as swimming, picnicking, mountain biking and hiking trails, fishing and motorized boating access to the lake.



Sleep under the Stars. Three campground loops offer 92 wooded sites, most of which provide views of Lake Chatuge (see map on page 2). Several sites in Loops A and B can accommodate RVs, but no hook-ups are available. Registered campers may access the on-site RV dump station. Reserve a site at visit www.recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777. A few sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each campsite has a picnic table, fire ring and lantern post. Accessible flush toilets, hot showers and drinking water are available. In the campground, a large picnic pavilion offers lakeside views and room to gather.



Follow the Trail. Ride your mountain bike along the area's 15-mile stacked-loop system.

Many of the trails border Lake Chatuge, while others meander through the woods or ridge-top. These trails appeal to riders of all skill levels.

If you are interested in hiking, try the Jackrabbit Mountain Trail. With a trailhead just outside the campground, this 2.4-mile easy trail loops through open woods and offers glimpses of Lake Chatuge.



Get in the Water. At Jackrabbit Mountain Recreation Area, a designated swimming area and sandy beach are surrounded by picnic tables on a large grassy lawn. A picnic pavilion offers group picnicking with views of the lake. A short trail connects the campground and beach. The lake is filled with a bounty of fish ranging from spotted, white and striped bass to catfish, crappie and sun-fish. Launch your boat and fish from the lake, or try the accessible fishing pier located near the swim beach.

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Don't have a boat? There are several marinas to rent boats and other small craft. For details, call the Clay County Chamber of Commerce at (828) 389-3704.

Be Safe. Your safety is your own responsibility.

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