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## WOOD RUN MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

The Wood Run Mountain Bike Trail provides a scenic and wonderful experience in North Carolina's Piedmont. The paths

cross high rocky ridges dotted with pine, scarlet and chestnut oak. Maples, tulip poplars, and beech trees line the creeks. Adding blooms of color in the spring are mountain laurel, dogwoods, azalea, and red buds. In Autumn, maple, oak and gum leaves lure bikers to the area with their brilliant colors.

A big drawing card for visitors is the area's variety of streams and wildlife. Wood Run, Little Island Creek, Dutchman's Creek, and

Cattail and Panther's Branches are some large creeks you will discover. When crossing these streams, please tread lightly and stay on the trail to protect creeks from erosion.

#### How the Forest is Managed

You may notice signs of timber harvesting activities from the trail corridor. These activities increase forage for wildlife and other herbaceous plant growth. The forest is also managed through controlled burns which stimulate plant growth for wildlife, while protecting den trees and other wildlife habitat.

# REMEMBER TO WEAR BLAZE ORANGE DURING HUNTING SEASONS

For more information about the Uwharrie National Forest Biking Trails, visit our website at: www.fs.usda.gov/nfsnc

## -TRAIL LOCATIONS

The Wood Run Trail head is located on NC Hwy. 24/27 between Albemarle and Troy. It is 10 miles west of the courthouse in Troy and two miles east of the bridges over Lake Tillery/Pee Dee River. There are three main bike routes:

#### SUPERTREE TRAIL (Trail #395)

Supertree begins where it connects to Wood Run Road 1.75 miles north of the parking lot. The trail is about four miles long. Ride this loop clockwise for more single track downhill experience. Supertree is an easy to moderate trail.

#### KEYAUWEE TRAIL (Trail #395A)

Keyauwee Trail begins 1.75 miles north of the parking lot on Wood Run Road. The trail is six miles long and is rated difficult. Ride this loop counter clockwise for more single track downhill experience.

#### WOOD RUN TRAIL (Trail #396)

Wood Run Trail is the gated and graveled road heading north from NC 24/27 parking lot. Approximately 0.75 mile north a new re-route has been constructed on the right side of the road just past the utility lines. Round trip is approximately 11 miles. This trail is easy. You can ride the road and the re-route.

#### Where Not to Ride

The Uwharrie and Dutchman's Creek hiking trails are not open to mountain bikes. These trails are blazed with single white or yellow blazes. Please respect this rule and only ride on the Wood Run Mountain Bike Trails. These trails will be marked with blue paint blazes. The trails are closed to motorized vehicles.

#### Remember the Rules of the Trail:

- Ride on open trails only
- Leave no trace
- Control your bicycle
- Always yield trail to hikers
- Plan ahead

## CAMPING AREAS

**Wood Run Camp:** Located 1.75 miles north of the NC Hwy. 24/27 trail head, this camp offers a one-acre open field and a vault toilet. Hunters often use this primitive camp and trails during hunting season.

**Yates Place Camp:** This camp is located along Dusty Level Road (SR 1146), about 0.25 miles off the Uwharrie Trail. Campsites with tables and fire rings are present. A pit toilet is available, but no drinking water.

### -CAMPING TIPS

- You may camp anywhere on National Forest Land, except in wildlife fields, at trail heads, and within 200 feet of creeks and where there are "No Camping" or "No Camping Here" signs posted.
- Please leave your campsite clean. Break up fire rings and other hand-built structures.
- Pack it in, pack it out.
- Boil, filter, or add tablets to any stream water before drinking or brushing teeth. Don't dump waste water in streams.
- Don't cut live trees for firewood. Use dead wood...it burns much better than green wood.
- Small campfires are permitted, but packstoves are recommended. If you must have a fire, make sure it is dead out before you leave.



#### Watch for Wildlife

This area is home to a variety of wildlife. You may spot deer, squirrel, quail, rabbits, chipmunks owls, and hawks as you venture through the forest and open fields. The flushing of a wild turkey or the night call of a whippoorwill adds to your biking experience.



The Wood Run Bike System offers 22 miles of trails to ride. The trails provide a perfect getaway for riders of all skill levels. From a leisurely ride on Wood Run Trail to a fast descent on the Keyauwee Trail, riders will discover a great combination of both challenging and relaxing trails.

The trail system's difficulty is rated from easy to difficult; because some areas are steep and others have rough and rocky surfaces.



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