

—HIKING THE UWHARRIE & THE DUTCHMAN'S CREEK TRAILS



The Uwharrie Trail, a national recreation trail, provides a scenic and wonderful experience in North Carolina's Piedmont. Additionally, Dutchman's Creek Trail offers hikers a shorter trail for one-day adventures.

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 hikers 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.

The trail system's difficulty is rated from easiest to more difficult; because some areas are steep and others have rough and rocky surfaces. Portions of trails parallel existing roads.



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

—TRAIL LOCATIONS

UWHARRIE TRAIL

The Uwharrie Trail begins on the left side of the bulletin board at the NC 24/27 parking lot and runs north for 20 miles to State Road (SR) 1306. The trail, marked with white blazes, intersects several state roads. The trail is also intersected by Highway 109. There are four access points that offer trail head parking for cars and buses.

DUTCHMAN'S CREEK TRAIL

This 11-mile trail begins on the right side of the bulletin board at the NC 24/27 parking lot. Marked with yellow blazes, the trail interconnects with the Uwharrie Trail to form a figure eight. The trail is an alternate route when hiking the south part of the Uwharrie Trail.

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 the hiking experience of these two trails.

Who Can Use the Trails?

The trails are closed to motorized vehicles under the Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan for the National Forests in North Carolina. Horseback riding and bikes on the hiking trails are not permitted. Please respect these rules, so hikers can enjoy their visit.

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**

—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.

West Morris Mountain Campground: Near intersection of paved SR 1303, this camp is 0.75 miles off the Connector Trail. The camp includes 16 camping spurs with fire grates, tables and vault toilets. No drinking water is available.

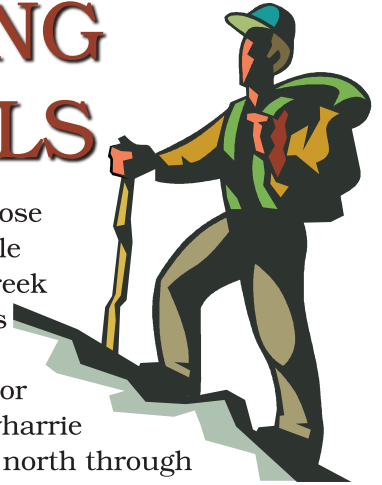
—CAMPING TIPS

- You may camp anywhere on National Forest Land, except in wildlife fields, at trail heads, 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 pack-stoves are recommended. If you must have a fire, make sure it is dead out before you leave.



UWHARRIE HIKING TRAILS

Hikers can choose from the 11-mile Dutchman's Creek Trail that forms a loop with the Uwharrie Trail or the 20-mile Uwharrie Trail that runs north through most of the Uwharrie National Forest.



Both trails cross many streams and wind through fields of wildflowers and pine and hardwood forests.



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