

Black Rock Mountain State Park, named for its sheer cliffs of dark-colored biotite gneiss, encompasses some of the most outstanding country in Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Located astride the Eastern Continental Divide at an altitude of 3,640 feet, Black Rock Mountain is the highest state park in Georgia. Numerous scenic overlooks provide spectacular 80-mile vistas of the Southern Appalachians, and several hiking trails lead visitors past wildflowers, streams, small waterfalls and lush forests. The summit visitor center and picnic tables are popular with visitors to northeast Georgia.

Activities and Facilities

• **Camping:** 44 campsites offer water, electrical and basic cable television hook-ups. The campground has three bathhouses with hot showers and restroom facilities. The bathhouses in the electric sites have coin-operated washer and dryer as an additional accommodation. There are 12 tent only walk-in sites located down Hickory Cove Lane. ADA sites are available. The 7.2 mile James E. Edmonds Backcountry Trail leads to 4 backcountry primitive campsites with no facilities provided. The Pioneer Camping Area, Camp Tsatu-gi, offers a central log cabin and 4 Adirondack shelters. This area is designed for organized groups. Advanced reservations are strongly encouraged. Backcountry and Walk-in sites have 1 bear proof container at each site. Pack it in - Pack it out for Walk-in and Backcountry sites.

• **Cottages:** There are 10 cottages for rent: two three-bedroom and eight two-bedroom. Reservations are accepted up to 13 months in advance. To reserve a cottage a 50% deposit is required. Dogs are allowed in cottages #5, #8, and #10. An additional pet fee will apply.

• **Picnicking:** The park provides three picnic areas and two covered picnic shelters. Guests are asked to use designated areas only. Shelters may be reserved 13 months in advance.

• **Fishing:** Black Rock Mountain offers a 17-acre fishing lake. Swimming is prohibited. Anglers age 16 or older must have a valid

resident/non-resident fishing license. **A trout stamp is not required for catch and release fishing. However, if the fisherman intends to keep the trout, a stamp is required.** The lake's fish include bass, bream, catfish and trout. An ADA accessible fishing pier is available at this location.

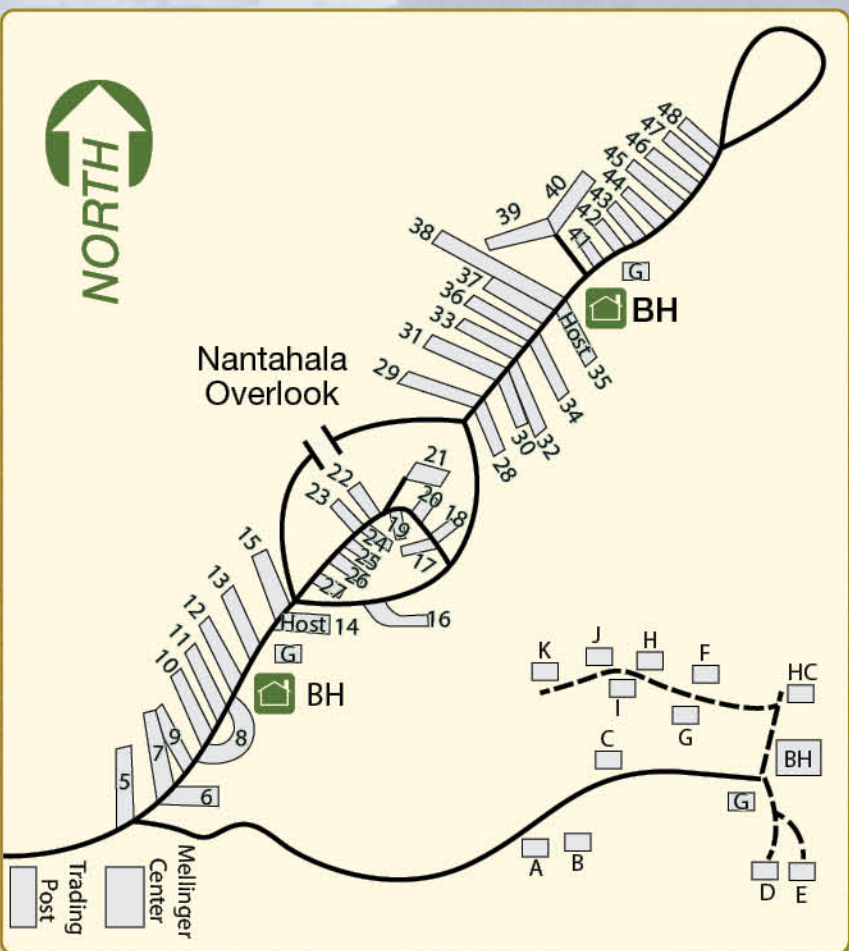
• **Hiking** — Black Rock Mountain has 12.25-miles of trails, including the popular Tennessee Rock Trail, which is 2.2-miles. This trail winds its way through lush forest taking visitors to the highest peak in the park. A inexpensive trail guide is available to interpret various features along the trail. The 7.2-mile James E. Edmonds Backcountry Trail is a difficult trail that leads visitors to Lookoff Mountain which overlooks Wolfork Valley. The quarter-mile Ada-Hi Falls Trail drops steeply into a pretty north-facing Appalachian cove filled with rosebay rhododendron. The 0.85-mile Black Rock Lake Trail includes several bridges spanning cascading streams and is perfect for beginners. The park's newest trail leads to Foxfire Museum, which is 8/10 of a mile one-way.

• **Boating:** Canoes, kayaks and other small boats are allowed on Black Rock Lake. No ramps exist, so boats must be carried a few yards to the water. Electric trolling motors are ok, but no gasoline motors of any kind are allowed. Boaters must remember to have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Personal Flotation Device for every occupant, and children under 16 years of age must wear a PFD/life jacket at all times.

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Park Information

Park Open All Year..... 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Daily
 Visitor Center Hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Daily
 Address P.O. Drawer A, Mountain City, GA 30562
 Location 3085 Black Rock Mountain Parkway
 3 miles north of Clayton off Highway 441
 County..... Rabun County
 Park Telephone..... (706) 746-2141
 Reservations..... GaStateParks.org or 1-800-864-7275
 Website..... GaStateParks.org/BlackRockMountain

In Case of Emergency

Park Emergency Phone..... (706) 746-2818
 Sheriff's Department..... 911
 Ambulance 911
 Fire Department 911

Mountain Lakes Medical Center is located just outside of Clayton. Exit the park and go to Highway 441. Turn right and drive approximately 1.5 miles. Turn right on 162 Legacy Point. The hospital is at the top of the hill.

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 2610 Hwy. 155, Stockbridge, GA 30281
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ParkPass — A parking fee is required and is valid for all parks visited that day. Proceeds go toward park maintenance. Frequent visitors can save money by purchasing an Annual ParkPass or membership in Friends of Georgia State Parks.

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