

At 5,804 acres, **Hard Labor Creek** is one of Georgia's largest state parks. Its name is taken from the large stream that runs through the property. The park is a product of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) which gave much-needed work and money to young men all over the United States. Between 1934 and 1941, they built our lakes, two picnic shelters, extensive water and sewer systems, and two group camps. To reclaim the old agricultural areas of the property, they redirected erosion channels, built stone walls to divert seasonal streams, and planted thousands of hardwood and pine trees. Many trees on our hiking and horse trails were planted by the CCC. Construction slowed by 1939 and came to a close with the onset of World War II in late 1941. In 1946, after nine years of operation by the National Park Service, Hard Labor Creek Recreation Demonstration Area was transferred to the State of Georgia for operation as a state park.

Activities and Facilities

Visitor Center/Trading Post — The Trading Post sells snacks, souvenirs, firewood and ice.

The Creek Golf Course — A challenging 18-hole golf course with pro shop, driving range, and light concession is located in the park. Tee times are required for weekends and holiday. Contact the course at 706-557-3006.

Cottages — Twenty cottages offer fully equipped kitchens, heat and A/C, fireplaces, porches and linens. Reservations are required and can be made up to 13 months in advance. Dogs are allowed only in select cottages with an additional fee. Kennels are not provided.

Camping — The park offers 51 tent/RV campsites, each with picnic table, grill, and water/electric. Comfort stations provide hot showers, flush toilets and a coin-operated washer and dryer. Campers must register at Visitor Center/Trading Post. Reservations are site specific.

Group Camps — Two group camps include a dining hall, central showers, sleeping cabins and staff quarters. Groups must provide their own linens, pillows, toilet tissue and soap. Camp Rutledge has a capacity of 120 and Camp Daniel Morgan a capacity of 75. No HVAC.

Pioneer Camping — Primitive areas are available to organized groups such as scouts, and provide an area for tents, a pit privy, and shelter for bad weather or equipment storage. Water is not available on site.

Fishing and Boating — Anglers age 16 or older must have a valid Georgia fishing license, which may be purchased at the Visitor Center. Bank fishing is permitted from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; boat fishing is allowed from 7:00 a.m. to sunset. Contact the Visitor Center for boat rental. Private boats are permitted (electric motors only in 48-acre Lake Brantley, and 10 horsepower or less in 275-acre Lake Rutledge).

Picnicking — Several picnic tables, three 35-person picnic shelters, and one 50-person picnic shelters are available. The park also offers two enclosed Group Shelters (85 and 120 person capacity). Picnic and Group Shelters can be reserved up to 13 months in advance.

Swimming Beach — A sandy beach is open year-round. Lifeguards are not provided; swim at your own risk and follow all posted rules. A ParkPass is required for each vehicle.

Stables and Riding — The park provides a 30-horse stable, riding ring and 22 miles of riding trails. The park does not rent horses. Owners must provide their own bedding, straw, water buckets and feed. A 12-site campground and comfort station with hot showers is adjacent to the stables. A picnic shelter is provided for groups. All horse owners must present proof of a negative equine infectious anemia lab test at the Trading Post.

Hiking — Two miles of nature trails are available. Equestrian and mountain biking trails can be used for hiking only on select days of the week. Contact the Visitor Center before accessing horse or bike trails.

Biking — Bicycles are allowed on paved roads and on mountain bike trails. Bicycles are not allowed on the nature trail or equestrian trails. Riders under age 16 are required to wear helmets.

Playground — Playgrounds are provided across the street from the Visitor Center/Trading Post.

Mini-Golf — Miniature golf is available during Visitor Center/Trading Post operating hours. There is a small fee and group rates are available.

Park Information

Park Hours 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Park Office Hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Address 5 Hard Labor Creek Rd., Rutledge, GA 30663
Location Three miles north of Rutledge, Ga.
County Morgan County
Park Telephone (706) 557-3001
Golf Course Telephone (706) 557-3006
Reservations GaStateParks.org or 1-800-864-7275
Website GaStateParks.org

ParkPass - A parking fee is required at all state parks, and proceeds go toward park maintenance. Frequent visitors can save money with an annual ParkPass. Join the *Friends of Georgia State Parks* and get a free Annual ParkPass. The daily ParkPass is valid at all state parks visited that day.

Camping Courtesies

To protect park resources, campsite occupancy is limited to one of the following combinations:

- One motorhome, two additional automobiles, and one tent.
- One automobile with pop-up trailer/travel trailer, one additional automobile, and one tent.
- One pickup truck with mounted camping rig, two additional automobiles, and one tent.
- Two tents and two automobiles.
- One boat trailer is also allowed at each site provided that the site is large enough.
- Camping rigs and tents are restricted to developed pads.
- Campers must check out by 12:00 p.m. Campers extending their stay must register again by 1:00 p.m.
- Visitors (not spending the night) must vacate prior to 10:00 p.m. Large gatherings are to be terminated prior to 9:45 p.m.
- Quiet time is strictly enforced between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- Pets must be kept leashed and attended to at all times.
- Deposit trash in the dumpster located at the campground entrance.
- Park gates are locked at 10:00 p.m.

Equestrian Camping Courtesies

- Equestrian campers must vacate stalls by 12:00 p.m.
- Equestrian campers use dumpster to dispose of trash.
- Horses must be kept in stalls overnight. No horses allowed in the campground.

Nearby Attractions

- Panola Mountain State Park
- Fort Yargo State Park
- Stone Mountain Park
- Oconee National Forest
- Madison-Morgan Cultural Center
- Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center
- Atlanta
- Antebellum Trail from Macon to Athens
- Athens, Ga.
- Furlong Farms
- Lake Oconee
- Historic Madison
- Rock Eagle

All park rules and regulations are posted for your convenience at the park office and must be observed by all park visitors.

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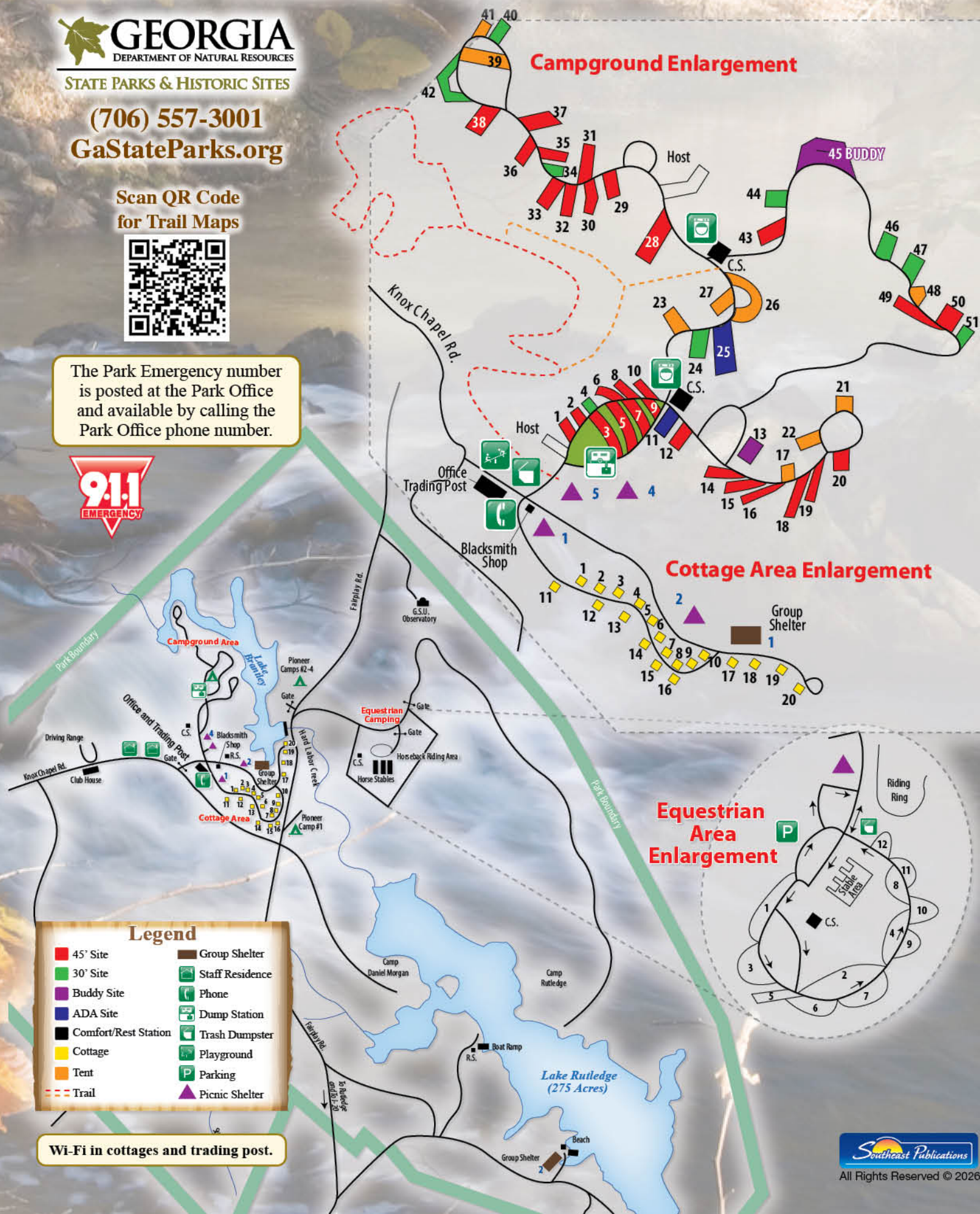
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The Park Emergency number is posted at the Park Office and available by calling the Park Office phone number.



Legend

45' Site	Group Shelter
30' Site	Staff Residence
Buddy Site	Phone
ADA Site	Dump Station
Comfort/Rest Station	Trash Dumpster
Cottage	Playground
Tent	Parking
Trail	Picnic Shelter

Wi-Fi in cottages and trading post.

