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### Legend

	Restrooms		Picnic Area		Camping
	Phone		Pavilion		Trail
	Laundry		Accessible		Playground
	Parking		Cottage		

### Arrowhead Pointe Golf Course

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### Campground

### Picnic Area & Beach

— Wheelchair Access

### Cottages

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Located on a 26,500-acre lake, Richard B. Russell State Park offers some of the state's finest fishing and boating. The park's campground and fully equipped cottages are located on or near the water's edge for a relaxing getaway. A nature trail follows the shoreline to one of the oldest steel pin bridges in the area, loops through the adjoining woods and returns to the beach.

Several Indian sites were excavated near the park in 1980 before the lake was filled, indicating that Paleo-Indians lived in the area more than 10,000 years ago. This area is now called Rucker's Bottom and lies deep within the waters of Lake Richard B. Russell. All park facilities are designed for wheelchair accessibility, including the swimming beach.

## Activities and Facilities

**Camping** — The park provides 28 tent and trailer campsites, all with water, electrical hookups, and Wi-Fi. A comfort station and laundry room are located in the campground, as well as a sanitary disposal station. Also available is a boat ramp and handicapped-accessible fishing dock.

**Cottages** — Twenty rental cottages are equipped with cooking facilities and utensils, towels and linens. All cottages have electric heat and air, TV, Wi-Fi and fireplaces. All cottages have dishwashers. Dogs are allowed only in selected cottages. A boat ramp is located within the cottage area, and a laundry room is also located within the cottage area. Boat docks are provided at most of the cottages.

**Lakeside Pavilion** — Many functions such as reunions, meetings, receptions and programs may be held in this facility. Seating capacity is 150. Restrooms, a commercial kitchen, fireplace and separate BBQ shelter are available.

**Picnicking** — Picnics are permitted at designated tables and covered shelters. Tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Picnic shelters may be reserved up to 13 months in advance. Please use trash receptacles provided.

**Fishing** — Park waters are open for legal fishing throughout the year. Persons age 16 or older must have a valid resident/non-resident fishing license. Licenses may be purchased at the park office or at local bait and tackle stores. Bank fishermen not registered as overnight guests must be off premises no later than park closing time.

**Boating** — Private boats are permitted on park waters, and there are no horsepower limitations. Water skiing is permitted. All boating must comply with the Georgia Boating Safety Law. Kayaks and canoes are available for rent seasonally from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

**Swimming** — Swimming is permitted at the beach at no charge; however, there are no lifeguards and visitors swim at their own risk. Beach rules are posted at the concession area, which is open seasonally from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Wheelchair ramp access into the swimming area is provided.

**Hiking** — A short hiking trail connecting the swimming area and picnic area is paved. A 1.3-mile nature trail loops from the beach to the group shelter and Blackwell Bridge. Multi-use trails connect the cottages, beach and campground for approximately 5 miles. A 1/3-mile trail connects the campground with the picnic area.

**Disc Golf** — A 27-basket course offers visitors a chance to throw Frisbees (discs) off cement pads into a basket. Discs are sold at the park office.

**Golf** — Arrowhead Pointe, an 18-hole, par-72 course offers beautiful lake views. A pro shop, clubhouse and driving range are available.

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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.

## Park Information

Park Hours ..... 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Office Hours ..... 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Address ..... 2650 Russell State Park Drive, Elberton, GA 30635  
Location ..... 9 miles northeast of Elberton on Ruckersville Road  
County ..... Elbert County  
Park Telephone ..... (706) 213-2045  
Reservations ..... GaStateParks.org or 1-800-864-7275  
Websites ..... GaStateParks.org/RichardBRussell

## Park and Area Facts

- Ruckersville, Ga. was named after John Rucker who came from Ruckersville, Va. in 1785. John Rucker's son, Joseph, ran the Bank of Ruckersville from 1838-1853, and managed a dozen large plantations.
- Blackwell Bridge, located on Lake Richard B. Russell, was moved from near Heardmont to the park by Army and Corps of Engineer officials in 1984. It is 157'10" long and 18'2" wide. It was built in 1917 by the Austin Brothers of Atlanta for \$2,850.
- Richard Brevard Russell, Jr. was born in Winder on November 2, 1897. He graduated from the University of Georgia Law School in 1918. In 1930, Russell was sworn in by his father as Governor of Georgia. He was 33 years old, the youngest governor in Georgia history. Russell was appointed to fill an unexpired term left by the death of William J. Harris in 1931 and ran for a full term in 1932. In 50 years of political life, Richard Russell never lost a campaign. As one of the most powerful men in Washington, he stayed active and passed away in January of 1971. President Lyndon B. Johnson reflected on Richard B. Russell saying, "I don't think I have ever known a greater legislator, a man of more ability, or a wiser or better man."

## Nearby Attractions

- Victoria Bryant State Park & Golf Course ..... 30 mi.
- Bobby Brown Park ..... 25 mi.
- Watson Mill Bridge State Park ..... 25 mi.
- Richard B. Russell Dam and Lake ..... 22 mi.
- Hartwell Lakeside Park ..... 18 mi.
- Georgia Guidestones ..... 7 mi.
- Granite Museum ..... 9 mi.

## In Case of Emergency

Park staff residences are indicated on the map.

Park Emergency Phone ..... (706) 408-7532  
Medical and Emergency Services ..... 911

To get to Elbert Memorial Hospital, go to the park entrance and turn left. This road (Ruckersville Road) deadends into Hwy. 77. Turn left. Proceed 1 1/2 miles to traffic light and turn right onto Hwy. 17/72. Proceed one mile and turn left on Laurel Drive at hospital sign. The hospital will be on the left, 1/2 mile down Laurel Drive.