

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

2010 Facility Operating Schedule v1.7

5/17/10

Dates for several facilities are different from the normal year due to construction work.

All construction related dates are subject to change.

Note about dates: Facilities close the day *after* the last date shown.

Closing dates may occasionally be *extended* a day or two depending on staffing, weather and the day of the week on which the closing date falls. Such extensions will be made on a case by case basis in the fall and coordinated by local R&VP, Res.Ed. and Facility Mgt supervisors. Temporary public notices may be posted where appropriate, i.e. campground bulletin boards.

1.6: Revised information about the Balsam Mtn campground and Heingtooga Road, the Cades Cove area, Elkmont campground, Deep Creek picnic area, the Gatlinburg bypass and the Smokemont stable.

1.6a corrected the Cades Cove Visitor Center closure.

1.6b: Changed opening date for the Sinks.

1.7: Revised dates for Clingmans Dome, Cherokee Orchard/Roaring Fork and Balsam Mtn road work.

Please report errors to Bob Wightman.

Family Campgrounds		(A means accessible sites, RVDS means RV dump station/potable water)
Abrams Creek	3/12 - 10/31	16 sites, \$14, trailers <= 12', elev. 1125'
Balsam Mt	6/17- 10/11	45 sites, \$14, trailers <= 30', elev. 5310'. Resurfacing will result in late opening—exact date is TBD. See Roads and check next update..
Big Creek	3/12 - 10/31	12 sites, \$14, tents only, elev. 1700'
Cades Cove	Year Round	159 sites (Ax5), \$17 (\$20 5/15-10/31). Trailers 35', motorhomes 40'. Elev. 1807'. 865-448-2472. <u>Spring:</u> B loop open on as-needed basis from 4/1-15; fully open on 4/15. <u>Fall:</u> B loop closed after 11/30. RVDS: 1 station open year round with ltd service; others open 4/1-11/3, subject to weather closures Oct., Nov. Apr. Note: Project work will close some restrooms and some campsites in 2010.
Cataloochee	3/12 - 10/31	27 sites, \$17, trailers <= 31', elev. 2610'
Cosby	3/12 - 10/31	157 sites (Ax2), \$14, trailers <= 25', elev. 2459', 423-487-2683. RVDS. (B loop open 5/28-9/6 and Oct.) Most sites are tents only. Some sites available for reservation via NRRS.
Deep Creek	4/1 - 10/31	92 sites (Ax1), \$17, trailers <= 26', elev. 1800', 828-488-3184. RVDS
Elkmont	3/12 - 11/30	220 sites (Ax2) \$17 (\$20/\$23 5/15-10/31.) Trailers ≤ 32', motorhomes ≤ 35'. Elev. 2150'. 865-436-1271. <u>Spring:</u> Loops A, C & D plus B1-20 open 3/12 w/ 3 comfort stations; E&F plus B21-36 open 4/9; G&H open 4/25; J-N open 5/15. <u>Fall:</u> Loops G-N closed after 10/31; A-F closed after 11/30. RVDS: 6 miles away at Sugarlands VC. Open Mar 26-Nov 7. Add'l operating dates, concurrent w/ campground schedule, are weather dependent. Note: Project work will close some restrooms and some campsites in 2010. Sites A1, 2 and 29 closed forever after 4/15—new accessible sites will replace A1 and A2. See Roads re trail closures.
Look Rock	5/14 - 10/31	68 sites, \$14, no size limit for RVs, elev. 2600', RVDS
Smokemont	1/1-3/9/10 5/28- 12/31/10	142 sites (Ax2) \$17 (\$20 during reservation period 5/15-10/31). Trailers ≤ 35', motorhomes ≤40'. Elev. 2198'. 828-497-9270. RVDS. <u>Spring:</u> C loop open subject to demand after mid-April. C, D & F loop open May 15. <u>Fall:</u> C, D & F loop closed after 10/31. Resurfacing of the road system will result in a complete closure from approx. 3/10 – 5/27. Stable will be closed approx. May 3-14 –call stable for exact dates. Dump station should remain available.

Group Campgrounds		(A means accessible sites)
Big Creek	3/12 - 10/31	1 @ 25 people (\$44); By reservation <i>only</i> , through NRRS.
Cades Cove	3/12 - 10/31	2 @ 20 people (\$35), 1 @ 30 people (\$53), 1 @ 30 people w/ pavilion (\$65). By reservation <i>only</i> , through NRRS. Group camp comfort station and group site 3 closed for construction in 2010.
Cataloochee	3/12 - 10/31	3 @ 25 people (\$35); By reservation <i>only</i> , through NRRS. New accessible vault toilet in 2010.
Cosby	3/12 - 10/31	3 @ 20 people (Ax1)(\$26); By reservation <i>only</i> , through NRRS.
Deep Creek	4/1 - 10/31	3 @ 20 persons (Ax1)(\$35); By reservation <i>only</i> , through NRRS.
Elkmont	4/10 - 10/31	1 @ 15 people (\$26), 2 @ 20 people (\$35); 1 @ 30 people (\$53). By reservation <i>only</i> , via NRRS. Group camp opened ca. 4/25. See Roads re trail closures.
Smokemont	5/28 - 10/31	3 @ 20 people (\$35); By reservation <i>only</i> , through NRRS. Resurfacing of the road system will result in a complete closure from approx. 3/10 – 5/27. Stable will be closed approx. May 3-14 –call stable for exact dates. Additional closures may impact dump station thru 6/30/10.
Horse Camps		(A means accessible sites)
Anthony Creek	4/1 - 11/14	3 campsites @ 4 horses, 6 people each (\$20). By reservation <i>only</i> , through NRRS.
Big Creek	4/1 - 11/14	5 campsites (Ax1) @ 4 horses, 6 people each (\$25). By reservation <i>only</i> , through NRRS.
Cataloochee	4/1 - 11/14	7 campsites @ 4 horses, 6 people each (\$20). By reservation <i>only</i> , through NRRS.
Round Bottom	4/1 - 11/14	5 campsites @ 4 horses, 6 people each (\$20). By reservation <i>only</i> , through NRRS.
Tow String	4/1 - 11/14	2 campsites @ 4 horses, 6 people each (\$20). By reservation <i>only</i> , through NRRS.

Picnic Areas		(A means accessible sites)
Big Creek	Year Round	10 sites (Ax1)
Cades Cove	Year Round	81 sites (Ax3); closes at 8PM from 5/1-8/31, sunset on other dates
Chimneys	Year Round	89 sites; closes at 8 PM from 5/1-8/31, sunset on other dates. Upper loop and flush toilets open 4/2-11/8. Lower loop and vault toilet open year round.
Collins Creek	3/12 - 10/31/10	182 sites (Ax2) plus a 70-person pavilion; closes at 8PM from 5/1-8/31, sunset on other dates. Pavilion can be reserved for \$20 via NRRS.
Cosby	Year Round	95 sites plus a 55-person pavilion. Pavilion can be reserved for \$20 via NRRS
Deep Creek	Year Round	58 sites plus a 70-person pavilion. Pavilion can be reserved for \$20 via NRRS. Comfort station is now open.
Greenbrier	Year Round	12 sites; 70-person pavilion at separate site can be reserved for \$10 via NRRS.
Heintooga	5/28- 10/11/10	41 sites. Opening will be delayed by construction. See roads.
Look Rock	5/14 - 10/31/10	51 sites. See roads.
Metcalf Bottoms	Year Round (Pavilion 3/12-10/31/10)	165 sites (Ax2) plus a 70-person pavilion. Pavilion can be reserved 3/12 – 10/31 for \$20 via NRRS. Central restroom open year round. <u>Spring</u> : North half, incl. pavilion and all but middle restroom, open 3/12. North half middle restroom and southern, gated loop open 4/10. <u>Fall</u> : North half, incl. pavilion, closed after 10/31. Southern, gated loop closed after 11/15. 10 ton wgt. limit on Metcalf bridge.—no busses, motorhomes, etc.
Twin Creeks	4/28 – 10/31/10	150 person pavilion. By reservation <i>only</i> , through NRRS. (\$35-75.)

Roads													
Balsam Mtn/Heintooga	6/17- 10/31/10	Heintooga Ridge Road is a two way, paved road. Balsam Mountain Road is a one way, gravel road on which trailers and vehicles >20' are prohibited. Normal opening date will be delayed for paving and likely subject to some one lane closures..											
Cades Cove Loop	1/1 – 2/28/10 4/24-12/31/10	Loop Road closure was due to resurfacing. Road is now open.											
Cades Cove bicycle closure	5/5 – 9/22/10	Bicycles only until 10AM on Wednesday and Saturday mornings during designated period.											
Cherokee Orchard	Year round see notes>	Will be resurfaced in spring of 2010. As of May 17, majority of work is complete. Some to some lane closures through May 28 or beyond. Short term full closure for final paving is pending.											
Clingmans Dome	6/19- 11/30/10	Opening delayed due to resurfacing. Subject to lane closures 6/19-7/2.											
Elkmont trailheads		Access to Elkmont trails, i.e. Little River and Jakes Creek, will be closed from 7/6 – 8/30/10 due to resurfacing, etc. Limited hiker parking for the Little River trail will be provided in the campground—check in at the office.											
Foothills Parkway East		Subject to lane closures and parking lot closures, 4/29-8/31/10, for resurfacing. One 2-week full closure, dates TBD.											
Foothills Parkway West	Year round	Subject to lane closures and parking lot closures, 5/10-6/30/10, for resurfacing.											
Forge Creek	4/24-12/31/10	Subject to closures 12/1 – 3/31 due to snow, ice or muddy conditions. Late opening was due to Cades Cove loop resurfacing.											
Gatlinburg Bypass		Closed for 3 weeks. Dates TBD.											
Little Greenbrier	3/12 - 12/31/10												
Little River	Year Round	The Sinks will be closed for construction from 1/5 – 6/28/10.											
Newfound Gap Road		Subject to lane closures in 2010, for resurfacing, i.e. the Two-mile section in TN and Collins Creek to Cherokee in NC.											
Parson Branch	4/24 - 11/21/10	One way road. Busses and large motorhomes prohibited. See Cades Cove loop.											
Rich Mountain	4/24 - 11/21/10	One way road. Busses and large motor homes prohibited. See Cades Cove loop.											
Roaring Fork	TBD - 11/30/10	One way road. Very steep. Busses and large motor homes prohibited. Opening delayed due to resurfacing-date will be after 5/28.. See Cherokee Orchard notes.											
Round Bottom/ Straight Fork	3/12– 11/15/10	This two-way road provides access to Roundbottom horse camp.											
Upper Tremont	Year Round	Subject to closures 12/1 – 3/31 due to snow, ice or muddy conditions.											
Visitor Centers (hours)		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cades Cove	Year Round	9-4:30	9-5	9-6	9-7	9-7	9-7	9-7	9-7	9-6	9-6	9-5	9-4:30
Oconaluftee 828-497-1904	Year Round	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30	8:30-5	8-6	8-6	8-6	8:30-6	8:30-6	8:30-4:30	8:30-4:30
Sugarlands 865-436-1291	Year Round	8-4:30	8-4:30	8-5	8-6	8-6	8-7	8-7	8-7	8-6	8-6	8-5	8-4:30

Miscellaneous information

Mar. ≈13 Mingus & Cable Mills (weather dependent);

Apr., 4 Easter; 10 Music of the Mtns at Sugarlands; 21-25 Wildflower Pilgrimage;

May: 1 Old Timers Day at C.Cove, 15 Cosby In the Park, 31 Memorial Day;

Jun: 5-13 Firefly event at Elkmont, 6 Little Cataloochee reunion , 19 Women's Work at Oconaluftee;

Jul: 4 (Sunday);

Aug: 8 Big Cataloochee reunion,

Sep: 6 Labor Day, 18 Mtn Life Festival at Oconaluftee; 25 Old Timers Day at C.Cove;

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving

Dec: 11 Festival of Christmas Past at Sugarlands; 18 Holiday Homecoming at Oconaluftee

NPS campground reservations:

• The following facilities can be reserved via the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) at <www.recreation.gov> or 877-444-6777:

- Family campsites at Cades Cove, Elkmont and Smokemont campgrounds for dates between 5/15-10/31.
- Limited sites at Cosby when the campground is open;
- All group sites, all horse camps and all picnic pavilions. These facilities can be reserved whenever they are open.

Reservations may be made up to 6 months in advance for family and horse campgrounds; 1 year in advance for group campgrounds and picnic pavilions.

Concessions

Balsam Mtn	N/A	Concession services have been discontinued at Balsam Mtn Campground. Firewood is available at the private Mile High Campground in Maggie Valley, or at Cherokee..
Cades Cove Campgrd Store	4/3/10-1/2/11 Closed 11/25, 12/22-25	Bicycle rentals are \$4/hr. single speed; \$6/hr. multi-speed. Store hours : 6/1-8/15 9A - 9P, last rental 4:30P;. Other dates: 9A-5P, last rental 2:30P. Rentals start at 7A on "bicycles only" mornings. Vending available 24-hours. Battery and device charging is now available. Food service available. Major credit cards accepted. (865) 448-9034. Late opening is due to Loop Road closure.
Cades Cove Riding Stable	3/22/10-1/2/11 Closed 11/25, 12/22-25	Horseback rides: \$25/hr, wgt. limit 250 lbs, <=5 yrs may not ride, , open 9A, last ride 5P; Carriage rides: \$10.00/person; Hayrides by reservation @ \$6/person; Ranger-led hayrides \$8/person, evenings, June-October (check local visitor centers for schedule). New in 2010: Souvenirs and souvenir photographs available. MasterCard and Visa cards accepted. (865) 448-9009. Late opening is due to Loop Road closure.
Elkmont Campground	Same as cmpgrd dates	Firewood, ice, vending and camper convenience items. Hours for firewood, ice and camper convenience items: 3/12-5/31: 4p-8P; 6/1-8/15: 9A-9P, 11/1-11/30: 4P-6P. Vending available 24/7.
LeConte Lodge	3/22 – 11/23/10	Reservations by phone at (865) 429-5704, fax (865) 774-0045 , Email: reservations@lecontelodge.com ; Website: www.lecontelodge.com ; Adult \$116.00, Child (10 and under) \$85.00. Child (3 and under) free (share parent's bed and meals). Prices include 2 meals, tax is extra. Bag or dining room lunch for dayhikers or backpackers \$9.00 (reservation required for dining room lunch). Baked snacks/beverages available to dayhikers and backpackers. 2010 reservation period begins 10/1/09.
Smokemont Riding Stable	3/27-11/1/10	\$25/hr; \$55 for 2.5 hr waterfall ride; wagon rides \$10/rider. 9 AM – 5 PM (may extend in busy times). Major credit cards accepted. Firewood and ice available 9:00AM. – 9:00PM June – August; 9:00AM. – 6:00PM. other dates during season. Soft drink and snack vending available . Souvenir photos, tee shirts and hats available. (828) 497-2373. Website: www.smokemontridingstable.com Closed approx. May 3-14 for paving. Call stables about specific dates.
Smoky Mtn Riding Stable	3/6 – 11/28/10	\$25/hr + tax; wgt. limit 225 lbs, < 5 yrs do not ride, 5 yrs + ride alone. Open 9A, last ride 5P (may be extended in busy times). Souvenirs and souvenir photographs available. Soft drink vending available. MasterCard and Visa cards accepted. (865) 436-5634
Sugarlands Riding Stable	3/13 – 11/28/10	\$25/hr + tax; 5 yrs + ride alone. Open 9A, last ride 5P (may be extended in busy times). \$25/hr + tax; >225 lbs or <5 yrs old do not ride. Souvenirs and souvenir photographs available. Soft drink vending available. MasterCard and Visa cards accepted. (865) 436-3535.