

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RECREATION AND PUBLIC FISHING AREA

VISITOR'S GUIDE



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Georgia Department of Natural Resources
In Partnership with
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RECREATION AND PUBLIC FISHING AREA is located in northern Floyd County, near Rome, Georgia, on 5,000 acres owned by Oglethorpe Power Corporation. The area includes two recreation lakes totaling 559 acres. Largemouth bass and sunfish are the most common game fish in the lakes; however, channel catfish, walleye, black crappie, and hybrid white-striped bass are also present. Whitetail deer, turkey, and waterfowl frequent the area providing visitors an opportunity to hunt or observe wildlife in a natural setting. The lakes, with a backdrop of forested ridge lines and Rock Mountain offer visitors a scenic and relaxed setting in which to enjoy fishing, hunting, picnicking, hiking, camping, and other outdoor activities.

DAILY FEES

Mandatory Parking Permit
\$5.00
**(REQUIRED FOR ALL PARKED
VEHICLES)**
RV Camp Sites (2 thru 37)
\$25/50.00
Walk-in Campsites (A thru I)
\$12.00
Group Camping
\$50.00

ANNUAL PARKING PERMIT

\$30.00
Available by Phone/Mail only
(Checks accepted for camping and annual permit. \$25 fee
assessed for all returned checks)



FISHING

HOURS: Fishing is permitted from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week, year around.

LICENSE: Persons under 16 years old are not required to have a recreational fishing license. Persons at least 65 years old or disabled may fish with an honorary fishing license. All other persons are required to have a Georgia annual recreational fishing license, a one-day fishing license, a Sportsman's license, or a lifetime license. A WMA stamp is not required or valid.

BOATS: Fishing boats only (jet skis, sail boats, sailboards, and skiing are prohibited). Idle speed (no wake) required regardless of boat or motor size. All State boat registration and boating safety requirements are enforced.

BOAT RAMPS: Located off Mountain View Drive (one in the west and east sub-impoundment of Antioch Lake). There is a boat passage-way under the causeway separating the Antioch Lake sub-impoundments. The Heath Lake boat ramp is off Angler's Haven Drive.

BANK ACCESS: Good access for bank fishing is located near all boat ramps, near the visitor center, along Mountain View Drive and causeway, in the campground (for use by registered campers only), and along the Wildwood Cove Drive parking lot, east of the beach.

Check "Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations" and the fishing guide for this area for more detailed information.

Check at visitor center for other rules and regulations that may only apply at Rocky Mountain.

HUNTING

Hunting and firearm use is prohibited except during posted hunting seasons in designated areas. Hunting is prohibited in safety zones as marked by signs or as shown on the area hunting map. Check the hunting regulations and pamphlets for more detailed hunting information.



GENERAL PUBLIC CAMPING

LOCATION: First public access road to the right off Wildwood Cove Drive.

PARKING: Parking permit required on all vehicles including cars, trucks, & RV's of registered campers & their guest. Registered campers are required to purchase only one permit per vehicle per visit regardless of the number of consecutive days (up to 14 days) visited.

RV/TENT/TRAILER SITES: 36 developed sites (2 thru 37) with grill, picnic table, 50 amp electrical hookup, and water hookup. Sites 8 and 37 are double sites.

WALK-IN TENT SITES: 9 wooded sites (A thru I) with picnic table, tent pad, and grill.

*Site 1 is reserved for a volunteer campground host, but a host may not always be on duty.

CAMPSITE OCCUPANCY: Limited to 14 consecutive days.

CAMPSITE CAPACITY: All campers using these facilities are confined to specified camping areas using designated sites within these areas. Camping between designated sites is prohibited. When sites are filled to their stated capacity, no other campers will be allowed to stay overnight.

*See "Campground Guide" for limits on number of persons and vehicles allowed per site.

TIME LIMITS: Campers must register within 30 minutes of setting up camp. Registered campers must check out by 3:00 p.m. on the last day paid or be subject to another days fee. There is no entry or re-entry allowed to the camping area after 10:00 p.m.

VISITORS: Visitors to campsites are welcome; however, visitors are required to display a valid parking permit in their vehicle and they must leave the area no later than 10:00 p.m.

NOISE: Consideration of others is a must at all times. Musical instruments, radios, televisions, or other noise making devices are not to be used between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and in moderation at other times.

OTHER INFORMATION: All camping in the general public camping area is on a first come basis, **NO RESERVATIONS OR RESERVING OF SITES PERMITTED.** Each site must be occupied overnight by someone each of the days registered or all fees are forfeited and all equipment/supplies may be removed from the site at the owners expense.

*See "Campground Guide" for more detailed information.

GROUP SHELTER/PRIMITIVE CAMPING AREA

LOCATION: First road to the left off Wildwood Cove Drive.

RESERVATIONS: (*Reservations are not accepted for General Public RV and Tent Camping Sites*). Reservation and payment can be made by telephone. Reservations can be made up

to one year in advance. **MasterCard and Visa are honored.** A \$25.00 fee will be charged for each returned check. **A reservation is not finalized until full payment is received.** Person making the reservation or other responsible on-site person must be 21 years of age or older. Members of the registered group are not required to buy a parking permit as long as their vehicle is in the group area. Persons parking in other areas must have a valid parking permit properly displayed for each vehicle.

*See "Group Camping Guide" for more detailed information and for a reservation form.



BEACH AREA

LOCATION: At the end of Wildwood Cove Drive.

SWIMMING: Restricted to the beach area only. Persons in the water outside the designated area at the beach are subject to arrest, fines, and/or removal from the area. No lifeguard is provided, swim at your own risk. An adult must accompany children under 14 years of age at all times.

SEASON & HOURS: Beach area is open for swimming from 7:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. daily, or as posted.

ALL VEHICLES parked at the beach must have a valid properly displayed parking permit.

*Other Beach Area rules are posted on a sign at the beach.



HIKING/BIKING

Trail use is restricted to pedestrians and designated bike trails during day use only. Most trails on the area are through hikes requiring a vehicle at departure and destination trail heads. The Oglethorpe Power chain link gate on Mountain View Drive is closed to all public vehicles. Foot/bike traffic is allowed inside this gate anytime between the posted area opening and closing times. There is no public access to cross the bridge in front of the power house. Pedestrian/bicycle traffic is allowed on most roads and trails from legal sunrise to legal sunset daily. Trail heads are located along Mountain View Drive, Angler's Haven Drive, and at the Fouce Gap hunter access.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOURS FOR ALL NON-CAMPING ACTIVITIES: Sunrise to Sunset.

PETS: Pets are allowed on the area and in campgrounds if kept on a leash no longer than six(6) feet or otherwise confined and accompanied by and under the direct control of their owner at all times. Owners are responsible for the conduct of their pets, and must clean up after them. Pets are **NOT ALLOWED** in restrooms, comfort stations, bathhouse, on the beach, or in the swimming area.

INTOXICANTS: Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or intoxicants is prohibited at **ALL** locations on the area, including vehicles, beach, campsites, and boats. It is unlawful to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while anywhere on this area. Violators are subject to arrest, fines, and/or removal from the area.

ACCESSIBILITY: The Georgia Department Of Natural Resources and Oglethorpe Power Corporation have made an effort to make this area accessible to individuals with disabilities.

MISCELLANEOUS: No supplies, food, snacks, or drinks are sold on the area. Fishing and Hunting license are not sold on the area.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Miles to Nearest Hospital – 18

Miles to Store – 6 (Some supplies are available across the road from Mountain View Drive).

Miles to Gasoline – 10

Miles to Rome – 18

DIRECTIONS FROM ROME:

US Highway 27 north 10.4 miles; left on Sike Storey Road 0.4 miles; left on Big Texas Valley Road 5.8 miles to Mountain View Drive, 6.7 miles to Wildwood Cove Drive, and 7.9 miles to Angler's Haven Drive.

