Uwharrie National Forest North Carolina (8)



CAMPING REGULATIONS

The purpose of the rules in effect in National Forest recreation areas is to insure your protection and maximum pleasure.

By observing these regulations, you and your camping neighbors will be able to enjoy the peace and serently of the forest environment.

- GENERAL RULES

 1. In developed recreation areas, put vehicles, tents, and trailers only in places provided.

 2. Occupy your campsite the first night you arrive; then don't leave it unoccupied for more than 24 hours at a time.

 3. Campling is not permitted in day-use areas such as picnicking sites, swimming areas, etc.
- 4. Length of stay; not more than 14 consecu-
- 6. Build fires only in stoves, grills, fireplaces and
- Help preserve all facilities and vegetation.
 Protect recreation areas for future generations.

Forests are vital to our Nation. Practice deliberate fire prevention — always!

1. Extinguish your match; break it in two before discarding.

- Crush out your smoke; use the ashtray in your vehicle.
- Stop to smoke. Find a safe place. Stamp out your smoke on mineral soil or rock never in dry grasses, leaves or needles.
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} 4. & {\it Never leave a campfire unattended-put it} \\ & {\it out before you leave.} \end{tabular}$
- Be especially careful with fire when the wind is blowing.
- is blowing.

 6. Never try to "smoke out" game. Look for game elsewhere, give that squirrel (and the forest) another chance.

 7. Drown your campfire; turn the sticks and drown them a second time. Make sure the fire is out DEAD OUT.

A permit is not needed for a campfire. How ever, you are responsible for your fire and any wildfire that escapes from your campfire. Re-member to keep your campfire small and leave 'dead out.''



CAMPING AND PICNICKING

Badin Lake Campground — Tent and trailer camping, drinking water, toilets, tables and

Uwharrie Hunt Camp — Drinking water, tables, grills, tent pads, chemical toilets.

Cove Boat Ramp — Grills, tables, chemical toilets, boat ramp and parking area.

GROUP CAMPING

Badin Lake Group Camp — Three separate areas, tables, tent pads, grills, toilets, hiking on lake trail. Reservations are required from the District Ranger's Office, Troy, N.C.



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The Uwharrie National Forest, named after its mountain range, offers a wide variety of outdoor activities. Hiking, camping, beating, picnicking, canceing, hunting and fishing are among the most popular.

The Uwharrie is considerably smaller in acreage than most units in the National Forest System. However, Forest Service management must still consider the full range of all its natural resources . . . timber, recreation, wildlife and water to provide for total management in harmony with nature. Examples of this multiple-use management can be seen throughout the Forest where activities such as timber operations and wildlife habitat management co-exist with a minimum of conflict. Many wildlife habitats are actually improved by logging activities while other species rely on the development of planned wildlife openings or fields strategically located for their benefit.

HISTORY OF THE UWHARRIE

As National Forests go, the Uwharrie is not old — dating back only to 1961 when President John F. Kennedy proclaimed 43,000 acres of Montgomery, Randolph, and Davidson Counties the Uwharrie National Forest. With mainly second growth pine and hardwood sprinkled over low hills and rolling uplands, and several meandering rivers — the Uwharrie, Vadkin, and Pee Dee — the Uwharrie National Forest is easy to negotiate. Efforts to consolidate landownership for more effective management have resulted in the addition of approximately 3,000 more acres giving the Uwharrie a total of 46,390 acres.

First identified as the Uwharrie Purchase Unit in 1931, the land was transferred to the Forest Service for administration in 1935. Cutover almost completely before Forest Service acquisition, these lands have been replanted over the years with a mixture of lobiolly, shortleaf and longleaf pine. The Forest is now producing wood products (pulp, timber, and firewood) for a developing Piedmont economy. Stand improvement work by the well-remembered Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930's helped produce these improved timber stands.

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According to archeologists, the Uwharrie
Mountains were once a chain of islands
crushed in a prehistoric collision between Africa and North America.

The America of the Carolina called
the Pledmont (meaning "foot of the mountains,") the 1,000-foot Uwharrie Mountains
are divided by the Pee Dee and Uwharrie Rivers which have eroded away much of what
some think may be the oldest mountain range
on the North American continent.

Some of the first gold mined in North
America came from the slate belts in Cabarrus City. Approximately 250 prospects
and mines have produced gold to one degree
or another since it was discovered in 1799.
Silver, copper, lead and zinc are also found
associated with the quartz veins.



HUNTING AND FISHING

The Uwharrie is open to hunting and fishing during designated seasons. It is a part of the North Carolina Gameland Program and State regulations apply. Deer, squirrel, quail, and dove are some of the vidilfie species native to the area. For information on hunting and fishing regulations call this toll-free number: 1-800-662-7137.

HIKING

- Please DO

 1. Pack out all trash.
 2. Use a backpacker stove to eliminate the need for firewood.
 3. Use only wood that is "dead and down" for fires.
 4. Extinguish campfires with water.
 5. Sternize all drinking water.
 6. Bury human waste.
 7. Carry a survival kit.
 8. "Take only pictures, leave only footprints."

- Please DON'T

 1. Litter.

 2. Kill or injure vegetation.

 3. Wash you, your clothes, or utensiles in streams.
- streams.

 4. Leave fires unattended.

 5. Deface rocks or trees.

 6. Fail to leave word with friends or family as to where you plan to hike, and when you will return.



For further information on the Uwharrie National Forest call or write the:



PLEASE



FOREST FIRES



