

# PLEASE PREVENT FOREST FIRES



The facilities, programs, and facilities of the Forest Service and the National Forests are for the use and enjoyment of all people. Our comprehensive system of permit, license, fee, pass, permit, and other regulations, and physical conditions to strictly control the use of the National Forest Service, and should be reported to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.



### WILDLIFE

The Oconee National Forest provides some of Georgia's best hunting for species such as deer, turkey, raccoon, squirrel, and duck. Area lakes and streams offer abundant bass, bream, and buggal. Other wildlife, including reptiles and birds, furnish opportunities for photographers and nature lovers. The Forest Service coordinates wildlife activities with the Georgia Game and Fish Commission to insure continuing populations of wildlife. Some regulations govern hunting and fishing.



### HUNTING AND FISHING

The Forest Service has responsibility for habitat management on the Oconee, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Game and Fish Division, regulates the hunting and fishing, and issues appropriate licenses. The Cedar Creek Wildlife Management Area, lying southwest of Dalton, is managed under cooperative agreement between the Forest Service and the State agency.



### RANGE

Certain areas of the Oconee National Forest are available through permits for cattle grazing. The forest understorey contains many species of plants that provide nutritious food for livestock to supplement normal pasturing.



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## Oconee National Forest

Welcome To The Oconee National Forest  
The Oconee, located in the rolling Piedmont of central Georgia, is one of two National Forests in Georgia. It was established in 1959 from lands that had been used as a soil conservation study area. Over 100,000 acres are now contained within this highly productive National Forest. The Oconee National Forest is managed for outdoor recreation, range, timber, watershed and wildlife.



### RECREATION

The Oconee National Forest offers thousands of people the opportunity to camp, hike, boat, swim, picnic, fish, hunt, and enjoy the Lake Sinclair Oconee River Recreation Area, Hilsboro Lake, and the Redlands and Swords Boat Ramps on Lake Oconee provide the settings for much of this recreation activity. Primitive camping is available for hikers and other visitors throughout the entire forest area.



### CULTURAL RESOURCES

The Oconee National Forest includes many areas of historic and cultural interest. One of these areas is the old village of South Shoals, the location of Georgia's first paper mill, cotton gin, and cotton factory. At the close of the Civil War, South Shoals was the second largest village in Green County. Now, only building foundations, walls, chimneys, and bridge abutments remain.

### MINERALS

Three types of minerals are mined on the Oconee National Forest. These are amethyst, feldspar, and granite. The feldspar operation, in operation since 1944, employs approximately 60 people from the local area.

### WOOD

The harvest of timber and pulpwood is an important part of the management of the Oconee National Forest. The average harvest of sawlogs from the forest exceeds 20 million board feet a year, enough lumber to build over 2,000 homes. Harvesting and processing wood from the Oconee National Forest provides direct livelihood for about 100 area families and an indirect livelihood for about 300 families.



### WATERSHED

The Oconee National Forest lies in the watersheds of three major Piedmont river systems. These watersheds not only provide recreational activities, but supply much of the drinking water for communities such as Milledgeville.

### IS THE WATER SAFE?

We hope your visit to the National Forests will be enjoyable and will be if you avoid hazards encountered in the great outdoors. One hidden hazard you should know about is from drinking untreated natural or raw water, an intestinal disorder called GIARDIASIS (Gee-ah-dye-ah-sis). Its effects on you can be quite severe. The disease is caused by a microscopic organism, Giardia lamblia.

**Protect Yourself**  
The most effective treatment for killing Giardia is to boil water vigorously for at least 3 to 5 minutes. Longer boiling time is required at higher elevations.

Chemical treatment with iodine or chlorine effectively kills bacterial organisms, but the same treatment will not reliably kill Giardia. A protozoa. Boiling is the only sure treatment for Giardia and all the other microscopic organisms found in raw water.

For short trips, take a supply of treated water from home or other treated domestic sources.

### Protect Others

Giardia can be readily transmitted between humans and animals. Feces from an animal waste can contain the disease. Waste should be buried 6 inches deep and at least 100 feet away from natural waters.

### RULES OF OUTDOOR SAFETY

By observing state hunting, fishing and trapping regulations, you help provide fish and game now and in the future. Remember to use caution and wear a brightly colored shirt or vest during hunting season if you are being in areas open to hunting.

- Public facilities are for everyone's use. Report vandalism and damage to the District Ranger's Office.
- Please leave your camp as you would expect to find it.
- Please camp where you can easily extinguish them. Be sure to put your campfire out when you leave.
- Watch out for poisonous snakes.
- Boil or treat all water taken from open sources before drinking it.

### Insects

If you are not prepared for them, insects can cause much discomfort and pain otherwise enjoyable hike. Chiggers (or redbugs) and ticks are common but they are easily prevented by applying insect repellent or powdered sulfur around your legs and ankles. Mosquitoes and yellow flies, present during the spring and summer months can be discouraged by applying insect repellent to exposed skin areas and by wearing fragrant lotions and skin creams. Campers can insure an uninterrupted sleep with a mosquito net or zipped tent.

### Snakes

Georgia has four species of poisonous snakes, rattlesnake, cottonmouth (moosehead), copperhead, and coral. Snakes defend themselves by striking, but when given the chance, will choose flight rather than aggression. A little care about where you sit or place your hands and feet can reduce the possibility of being bitten. However, it would be wise to take a snake bite kit as part of your gear.

### Hunting

If you come to fish, hunt or trap in the area, be sure to observe the state and local regulations.



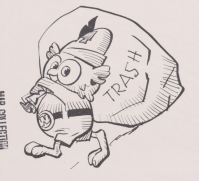
### GENERAL REGULATIONS

Certain rules are enforced on the Oconee National Forest in order to insure your safety and enjoyment. By observing the regulations posted at recreation sites, you and others will be able to fully enjoy all that the National Forests have to offer.

If you have questions, or would like maps and brochures, please contact:

Forest Supervisor  
208 Oak Street  
Cantonville, GA 30501  
Phone: (706) 536-0541

District Ranger  
249 Fourth Street  
Monticello, Georgia 31081  
Phone: (404) 468-2244



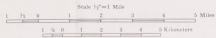
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# OCONEE NATIONAL FOREST GEORGIA

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|  | National Forest Boundary      |  | Interstate Highway              |
|  | Special Area Boundary         |  | U.S. Highway                    |
|  | Interstate Interchange        |  | State Highway                   |
|  | Primary Highway               |  | Forest Road or Trail            |
|  | Secondary Highway             |  | Recreation Site, Forest Service |
|  | Improved Road                 |  | Recreation Site, Other          |
|  | Primitive Road                |  | Hunt Camp/Check Station         |
|  | Trail                         |  | Located or Landmark Object      |
|  | District Ranger Office        |  | Recreation Control Station      |
|  | Other Forest Service Facility |  | House, Church, School           |
|  | National Forest Land          |  | Cemetery                        |

MAPS ARE AVAILABLE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING OCONEE NATIONAL FOREST ACTIVITIES MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

FOREST SUPERVISOR  
601 BROAD STREET, N.E.  
POST OFFICE BOX 1437  
GAINESVILLE, GA 30501

OCONEE RANGER DISTRICT  
345 FORSYTH STREET  
MONTICELLO, GA 31064

OCONEE NF RECREATION SITES	LOCATION	FREE AREA	CAMPING UNITS	TRAILER SPACE	TRAILER SANITARY FAC	BOAT LAUNCH	CONCESSIONS	DRINKING WATER	PICNICKING	SANITARY FACILITIES	BOATING	FISHING	HIKING TRAILS	SWIMMING
HILLSBORO LAKE	CR	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
OCONEE RIVER	ES	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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LAKE SINCLAIR	DJ	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SWORDS BOAT RAMP	ES	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

