

Uwharrie National Forest

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www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/recreation/uwharrie/index.htm

Uwharrie Recreation Map (945 kb pdf) -

www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/recreation/connections/page15_uwharrie_map.pdf

Canebrake Horse Camp (358 kb pdf) - www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/recreation/canebreak.pdf

The Uwharrie National Forest was first purchased by the federal government in 1931 during the Great Depression. The land was known as the Uwharrie Reservation. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed these federal lands in Montgomery, Randolph, and Davidson Counties the Uwharrie National Forest. It is one of the most recently formed in the National Forest System.

Though small, at only 50,189 acres, the Uwharrie provides a variety of natural resources, including clean rivers and streams, diverse vegetation for scenery, wildlife habitat and wood products. There is also a wide variety of recreational activities, and the Forest is a natural setting for tourism and economic development.

The **Uwharrie Trail** winds over the Piedmont's highest ridgetops for 21 miles through the Uwharrie National Forest. The trail intersects three State roads, where trailheads provide access, as it travels south from SR 1306 to NC 24/27. White blazes mark the trail.

Badin Lake Trail

Beginning at Cove Boat Ramp (near Badin Lake Campground- see below), the trail follows Badin Lake's shore for half of its distance and loops back through hardwood forest to the boat ramp. You can hike a 2.5 mile-loop or tackle the entire 5.6-mile trail. The area is covered in cedars, mosses, and wildflowers. Hikers will notice evidence of past gold mining.

Uwharrie National Forest Campgrounds

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Piedmont/Coastal Camping List (51 kb pdf) -

www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/recreation/connections/2005_connections/uwharrie_croatan_camping.pdf

Arrowhead

Arrowhead Campground has 50 sites for Tent/RV camping. All sites are accessible to people with disabilities. Each site has a table, grill, lamp post and camping pad. The campground has 6 spigots located around the campground for drinking water. A bathhouse with flush toilets, hot showers, and laundry sink is available. There is a family restroom located at the front of the bathhouse if privacy is desired. A 0.75-mile paved bicycle/walking path loops around the campground. The pay-station is located at the entrance to the campground.

From Troy, Hwy 109 N, go to Mullinix Rd. just past Macedonia Church. Turn left onto Mullinix Rd., and continue past Horse Camp. Turn right on FR 544 for 1.8 miles, then, turn left on FR 597 for 0.6 mile. Turn right on FR 597B to the entrance of the campground.

Arrowhead Campground (250 kb pdf) - www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/recreation/arrowhead_camp.pdf

Badin Lake Campground

Badin Lake Campground has 37 sites for tent and trailer camping. Some sites are located directly on the lakeshore. Each site has a table, grill, lamp post, and tent pad. There are 4 water spigots for drinking water located in the both loop. Flush toilets and showers are located in both the upper and lower loops. Pay stations are located at the entrance of both loops.

On Hwy 109 North, go to Mullinix Rd. just past Macedonia Church. Turn left (from 109 S. turn right on to Mullinix Rd.) and continue past Horse Camp. Turn right on FR 544 for 1.8 miles, then turn Right onto FR 597 for 0.1 miles. Then turn left on FR 597A. Take the road to the left leading to Badin Lake Campground (2 loops). Upper loop turns off to the left; lower loop is located at the end of the road.

Badin Lake Campground (121 kb pdf) - www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc/recreation/badin_lake.pdf

Badin Lake Group Camp

Badin Group Camp was developed for use by clubs, families and other groups. The camp includes three separate areas each with tables, grills and tent pads. Two toilet facilities, water spigots and showers are centrally located to serve all three sites. A \$40.00 fee is charged per site per night. Reservations must be made prior to camping in this area. Each site has a 15-35 person capacity. To make reservations call 877-444-6777 (toll free); TDD 877-833-6777; or visit the website at www.reserveUSA.com.

From Hwy. 109 north of Uwharrie, follow signs to Badin Lake recreation facilities. Badin Group Camp is on the right side of FR 597A, just beyond the turn-off to the Badin Lake Campground.

West Morris Mtn.

There are 18 campsites available at this location. Two toilet buildings are located within the camping area. All sites have a table, grill, lamppost and camping pad. These sites are suitable for either tents or RV's. There is no water at this location.

From Hwy 109, at the crossroads hamlet of Uwharrie, take Ophir Road (SR 1134). West Morris Mountain Camp is 2 miles on the right.

Uwharrie Hunt Camp

Uwharrie Hunt Camp has eight sites for tent camping. Each site has a table, grill, and tent pad. Toilet facilities are provided in the campground.

From Troy, on Hwy 109 North turn left on SR 1153. Uwharrie Hunt Camp is on the right.

Yates Place

Yates Place Camp was an old home site, but now serves as an attractive destination for tent and trailer camping. A toilet, tables, and grills are available at the site.

From Hwy 109 West of Troy, take SR 1147 and turn right on SR 1146. Yates Place is on the left.