

JEFFERSON NATIONAL FOREST
MAP
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WELCOME!

Welcome to your national forest. Here you will find thousands of acres for your enjoyment. Whether it be hiking, fishing, horseback riding, hunting, camping, or scenic drives. The maps details some of the facilities and trails available to help you enjoy your forest.



HIKING

More than 140 miles of trails wind their way through the district. These vary greatly in both length and difficulty, and many are designed to end at their starting point. The most famous of our trails is the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, which stretches from Georgia to Maine. This trail ascends its way through some of our most spectacular scenery. Whether you have all hour or several days to spend hiking, you will probably be able to find something that to exactly what you have in mind.

RECREATION AREAS FOR WYTHE RANGER DISTRICT

RECREATION AREAS	ACRES	TRAIL	VIEW	FISH	FLSH	N	N	N	ST	FJB	X	FF
STONY FORK	3320	N	Y	FLSH	N	N	N	N	ST	FJB	X	FF
DARK HORSE HOLLOW PICNIC AREA	N	S	N	V	N	N	N	N	ST	N	N	FF
BIG BEND PICNIC AREA	N	7	N	V	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
WOLF CREEK PICNIC AREA	N	11.75	N	V	N	N	N	N	S	F		

LEGEND

B = Bike	FL = Flush toilets	S = Stream, creek, river
D = Trailer dump	H = Horse	SH = Showers
F = Food	I = Interpretive	V = Vault toilets
Fee = Fee charged for camping or other use	N = No	X = Handicapped facilities
	PS = Picnic shelter	Y = Yes

Camping: Single units/Double units

FISHING

Many miles of streams provide fishing opportunities in the district and are stocked by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. More experienced anglers will be challenged by the native brook trout streams. All Virginia fishing regulations apply. A Virginia fishing license is required in addition to a USDA national forest stamp. Several fishing areas have special rules posted to protect the local trout resources. Please observe all laws and regulations when enjoying your fishing experience, and remember to take your trash with you so others can enjoy their national forest visit.



SCENERY

The scenery is superb! Because of the diverse topography, there is a wide variety of plants and animals in this area. There are many eye-catching scenes, such as lady slippers in bloom in the spring, a red-tailed hawk perched on a limb, and hardwoods bursting with color in the fall. The dogwood, Virginia's State flower, turns the woods into a springtime fantasy. With the winter's snow gone from the hardwoods, the forest is often ablaze with color. Dazzling white dogwoods contrast with azaleas to add color to the forest.



The Big Walker Mountain Scenic Byway showcases the natural beauty of Southwest Virginia and the history of the area. The byway passes through National Forest and private land in Blaine and Wythe Counties. Travelers will find it easily accessible from Interstates 77 and 81 near Wytheville, Virginia. It can be a refreshing alternative to interstate driving for those who might like to leisurely enjoy the scenery.



HUNTING

The district is a hunter's dream come true. Deer, black bear, and wild turkey are in abundant supply. Each year hunters come from far and wide to participate in the sport. From the rim of Buckles Garden to the peak of Big Walker Mountain, one can hear the gobbling of the male turkeys in the spring of the year. This magnificent sound, combined with fleeting glimpses of a mother deer and her fawn, causes quills to stir in the heart of the true outdoor enthusiast. The list of small game animals found on the district is rather impressive. Squirrels and grouse can usually be found throughout the district and offer many hours of hunting pleasure. Bats, mice, kangaroo, and muskshrews are all permitted during the appropriate seasons. Crossbows are not allowed.

WILDERNESS AREAS

There are two Congressionally designated wilderness areas on the District: The Bearfoot and the Kinsport Creek Wildernesses. The Forest Service is charged by Congress to manage these wildernesses to protect the natural conditions and provide opportunities for solitude or primitive types of recreation. Both forests have made a special effort to offer uniquely accessible facilities with varying degrees of access. These include fishing piers, campsites, day-use areas, and trails. Visitors should call the forest for specific information on accessible recreational opportunities.

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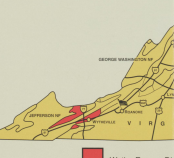
WILDERNESS AREAS



The Bearfoot Wilderness is located in Taylorwell County. The 8,275 acres that comprise this area are some of the most remote in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. The Appalachian Trail borders the southern edge of the wilderness area and provides hiker access. A path named Log, reported as Virginia's largest and highest in elevation, is located in this area.

Kimberling Creek Wilderness contains 5,240 acres, with elevations ranging from 2,280 to 3,200 feet. This area is located in Blaine County.

The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests cover nearly 1.1 million acres in Virginia and West Virginia. The Interstate 81 corridor parallels the forests from near Mineral, Virginia, to the Tennessee State line and provides easy access to most of the facilities on the combined National Forests.



JEFFERSON NATIONAL FOREST

The recreation program of the combined George Washington and Jefferson National Forests offers one of the greatest concentrations of recreational opportunities in the southeast. These range from highly developed recreation areas to the isolated solitude of wilderness.

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