



BALD MOUNTAIN Vicinity

Recreation Opportunities

Featured Activities



Follow the **T**rail! The easy 1/2-mile Sill Branch North Trail #115 culminates at a spectacular 25-foot waterfall; trailhead parking on Clark Creek Road #25 currently adds an additional two miles to the round-trip trek. Appalachian National Scenic Trail (A.T.) runs along the Tennessee-North Carolina state line. Almost half of Bald Mountain's trails are multiple use for horses, bicyclists and hikers.



Explore the **F**orest! Waterplay is popular in developed areas at Horse Creek and Old Forge. Forest Road #94, a high-clearance four-wheel drive road, culminates in five miles at Cold Spring Mountain trailhead where you can explore Big Butt and other high-elevation mountain balds on foot. Adventurous motorists may want to explore the forest along Upper Paint Creek Road #42 to Camp Creek Bald or FR #88 leading to Round Knob.



Go **F**ishing! Horse Creek, Dry Creek and Clark Creek are favorite trout-fishing destinations. Special regulations in effect at Horse Creek between May 1 and September 30 limits fishing to people 12 years old and under, 65 and older and physically-challenged who may catch up to two fish a day.



Picnic in the **W**oods! At Horse Creek Recreation Area, you'll find tables, grills and restrooms along with a reservable pavilion. For a unique experience, travel to the top of Round Knob along FR #88 to a covered pavilion with fireplace and other facilities. On a reservation-only basis, Katy Branch offers a covered pavilion with fireplace and open gathering area and is easily accessed off TN 107.



Sleep under the **S**tars! Listen to babbling creeks from your campsite!. Horse Creek contains 11 sites, equipped with picnic tables, firerings, lantern posts. Potable water and vault toilets are near the sites, with showers and flush toilets a short walk away in the day use area. Most sites can accommodate small pop-ups and trailers. Ten walk-in tent sites are available at Old Forge, along with a vault toilet and a group gathering area with firering.

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Welcome...

A range of gently rolling to steep, rugged slopes with high elevation balds characterize the Bald Mountain zone. The area is known for its diverse population of wildflowers and for a number of waterfalls including 60-foot fan-shaped Margarette Falls. Most of this zone is remote backcountry, including Bald Mountain Ridge Scenic Area, the 7992-acre Sampson Mountain Wilderness and 3069-acre Sampson Mountain Addition (recommended wilderness study area). Roads are limited, but 44 miles of trails access the forest interior. TN 350, 70 and 107 are the main routes into the zone, that lies between Greeneville and Erwin.

Nearby...

- Historic downtown Greeneville, including Andrew Johnson National Historic Site
- Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park
- Canoeing on Nolichucky River
- International Storytelling Center and Festival in Jonesborough

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