Welcome to Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area. The days are getting shorter, and the air is getting cooler, but there’s still plenty to see and do in the fall/winter months, and we know you are going to enjoy seeing the seasons change during your visit here.

Fall is a time of transition for Big South Fork. The park’s vibrant fall foliage peaks in late October, and once the leaves are gone, unobstructed views of panoramic vistas and detailed ice sculptures cannot help but be noticed. Wildlife is busy getting ready for the winter months by preparing their dens, growing out their winter coats, and storing up enough food to last them through spring. They can often times be clearly seen during this time of year, but please respect wildlife and observe them from a distance.

The temperatures during this time of year are ideal for exploring the park’s 400 plus miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. Be sure to pick up a map at any one of our Visitor Centers to learn which trails are available for your particular activity.

Take the opportunity to read this guide, so you can make the best use of your time at Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area. If you would like to learn more about the park, its resources, and its recreational opportunities, you can talk with a park ranger, join us on one of our free ranger-led programs, or visit us online at www.nps.gov/biso.

Welcome to the Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area!

As you explore the park, I hope you find something that provokes a question, makes a lasting impression, and leaves you wanting more. This stunning river inspired earlier visitors to want to protect it, and today, creates countless memories for thousands of visitors each year.

A visit to Big South Fork can begin a lifetime of experiences exploring your National Park System. In 2016, the National Park Service will celebrate its 100th birthday. As we engage the next generation of park visitors, supports, and advocates, we invite you to Find Your Park.

You found Big South Fork, but did you know Tennessee boasts 12 other national park sites? Each of these special places shares a unique story, preserves a part of our collective history, or offers an opportunity to view incredible landscapes.

As you Find Your Park and discover what these places mean to you, whether it is Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area, Obed Wild & Scenic River, or your neighborhood green space, take a moment to think about what makes these places so special. Explore Big South Fork, explore Tennessee, and explore the 400+ national park sites all across the country, in all 50 states.

I hope you’ve found your park at Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area.

Niki Stephanie Nicholas
Superintendent

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Superintendent

5 Hey Ranger!

See what the commonly asked questions are for the park. See if your questions are answered here.

6 Park Map

This map shows how to get to the most popular points of interest in our park.

10 Campgrounds

Find a campsite near your destination in the park.

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National Park Service
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FINDYOURPARK.COM
Events Calendar

All events are Eastern Time. All interpretive programs are subject to change.

Contact Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 (PARK) or the Blue Heron Interpretive Center at (606) 376-3787 or (606) 376-5073 for program details.

BLUE HERON GHOST TRAIN - SEPTEMBER 12
Blue Heron Mining Community
The fifth annual Blue Heron Ghost Train is sponsored by Big South Fork in cooperation with the Big South Fork Scenic Railway, McCreary County Heritage and the McCreary County Performing Arts Council.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 19
Bandy Creek Area starting at 9:00 a.m. ET
The 23rd annual “Haunting in the Hills” Storytelling Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2015. Make plans now to join thousands of folks who will come to the Bandy Creek Field and enjoy the beautiful Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area for a fun-filled day of stories, music, crafts and more. Craft classes and concerts are free and open to the public.

The featured tellers for 2015, are Carrie Sue Ayvar, Megan Hicks, Donna Washington, and Dan Keding. Each year, thousands of students in area schools get to experience dynamic storytelling programs by world renowned storytellers during festival outreach programs. Local schools will again have an opportunity to see these tellers in action during the week leading up to the event.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY - SEPTEMBER 26
Volunteers will be working on hiking, biking, horse and multiple-use trails. Public Lands Day is an annual event traditionally held on the last Saturday in September. Thousands of volunteers participate in work projects in national areas, parks and forests. If you would like to volunteer, contact Effie Houston for further information at (423) 569-9778 or online at www.publiclandsday.org.

CLOSURES FOR WINTER SEASON
The following areas will close on the dates listed. For more information, please contact us at (423) 286-7275 or by email at biso_information@nps.gov.
- Bandy Creek Group Camps November 17, 2015
- Blue Heron Campground December 1, 2015
- Bandy Creek Loops A, B, and C December 1, 2015
- Bear Creek Horse Camp December 1, 2015
- Station Camp Horse Camp December 1, 2015
BANDY CREEK LOOP D & ALUM FORD CAMP-GROUND ARE OPEN YEAR ROUND.

OPENING DATES FOR SPRING
The following areas will open for the season on the dates listed. For more information, please contact us at (423) 286-7275 or by email at biso_information@nps.gov.
- Bandy Creek Group Camps April 1, 2016
- Blue Heron Campground April 1, 2016
- Bandy Creek Loops A, B, and C April 1, 2016
- Bear Creek Horse Camp April 1, 2016

The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Free WiFi is available at the Bandy Creek Visitor Center and Blue Heron.

Front page photos: Trail Bridge along Angel Falls Overlook trail, Split Bow Arch near Bear Creek Overlook; Sunset Overlook.

STAY CONNECTED WITH US
Follow us on Twitter @BigSouthForkNPS
Like us on Facebook as Big South Fork NRRA
Visit our website at www.nps.gov/biso

BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER

Big South Fork has a Junior Ranger book and a badge for you to earn for your jacket or book bag. Kids from age 4 to 12 are invited to use this book to explore Big South Fork with Oscar, the river otter. Many activities will help you learn about animals, plants, rocks, rivers and a coal mining town.

BE A PART OF OUR TEAM... VOLUNTEER

For information on how you can become a National Park Service volunteer, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (423) 569-9778 or email us at biso_information@nps.gov. Visit us online at www.nps.gov/biso/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm to see what opportunities are currently available.
Fee Free Days at Big South Fork

On a variety of holidays, as well as the annual “National Park Week,” entrance fees are waived at all National Parks. Learn more about fee free days in the national parks at http://www.nps.gov/findapark/feeeparks.htm.

Although Big South Fork does not collect entrance fees, we do have use fees. The park’s superintendent is in support of fee free days for backcountry camping, swimming pool use, and camping at Alum Ford Campground. Permits will still be required, but there will be no charge when they are obtained at one of the park contact stations (see page 12). The following dates are the remaining official fee free days of 2015:

September 26 -- National Public Lands Day
November 11 -- Veterans Day

Fee Free Days for 2016 will be announced in late December.

Pets

Pets are allowed within Big South Fork. However, in order to protect your pet and the park’s wildlife, all pets must be kept on a leash (no longer than six feet) at all times even if you have your dog with you when riding a horse. Be sure to clean up after your pet especially in the campground.

During hunting season, a dog that is with a licensed hunter and actively following game does not have to be leashed. However, when entering a designated Safety Zone, hunting dogs must be restrained on a leash, crated or caged.

Know that some trails have steep ladders and rock ledges. Some pets may not be able to negotiate these areas without your help. Check with park rangers for trail information.

Weddings in the Park

Special events such as weddings, foot races, and endurance rides require a special use permit. If you need more information about how to obtain a special use permit, contact the Fee Program Manager, Letitia Neal, at (423) 569-2404, ext. 240, or by email at tish_neal@nps.gov. Information can also be found on our website at www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/permits.htm.

User Fees of Big South Fork NRRA

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A special use permit is required for groups of more than 25 persons

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GET YOUR INTERAGENCY PASS ONLINE AT store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html or at one of our visitor centers.

*Holders of the Interagency Senior or Access Passports pay only half the fee.
There are no motels or rental cabins located within Big South Fork other than Charit Creek Lodge. The lodge is located in the Station Camp Creek drainage and offers a full range of amenities including cabin and dormitory rentals, meals, restrooms and showers. Access to the remote lodge is by foot, bike, or horse only. Well-maintained hiking and horse trails lead you through interesting and beautiful places on your way to the lodge. For information about Charit Creek lodge or reservations call (865) 696-5611. You may also send an email to charitcreeklodge@gmail.com.

Communities surrounding the national park offer a wide choice of accommodations including hotels, cabins, bed and breakfasts, and campgrounds. For information about accommodations please contact the County Chambers of Commerce listed below.

**Tennessee**
- Fentress County (931) 879-9948 or (800) 327-3945
- Morgan County (423) 346-5740
- Pickett County (888) 406-4704
- Scott County (423) 663-6900

**Kentucky**
- McCreary County (606) 376-7275
- Wayne County (606) 348-3064

### Permit Vendors

These vendors provide backcountry camping permits at their locations near the park. Hours of operation will vary so be sure to call ahead.

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<td>One Stop</td>
<td>Whitley City, KY</td>
<td>(606) 376-9200</td>
<td>Intersection of Hwy 700 and US 27, Kentucky</td>
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<tr>
<td>McCreary County Tourism Office</td>
<td>Whitley City, KY</td>
<td>(606) 376-3008</td>
<td>Downtown Whitley City, Kentucky</td>
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<td>Lil South Fork General Store</td>
<td>Stearns, KY</td>
<td>(606) 376-3229</td>
<td>West of Yamacraw Bridge, Kentucky</td>
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<td>RM Brooks Store</td>
<td>Rugby, TN</td>
<td>(423) 628-2533</td>
<td>West of Rugby on Rugby Hwy, Tennessee</td>
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<td>Henbos Number 2</td>
<td>Jamestown, TN</td>
<td>(931) 879-0366</td>
<td>At the intersection of BYP 127 and Hwy 52</td>
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### Lodging

**Bandy Creek Stables**  
Horse Boarding, Camp Store, & Free Wifi  
(423) 286-7433  
www.bandycreekstables.com

**Big South Fork Scenic Railway**  
Ride the Train to Blue Heron  
(800)-462-5664  
www-bsfsry.com

**Blue Heron Concession Stand**  
Open every day the train runs  
(606) 376-5620

**Eastern National Bookstores**  
(423) 286-7275  
www.eparks.com/store

**Station Camp Horse Camp**  
(931) 319-6893  
www.stationcamphorsecamp.com

### Concessions

**Sheltowee Trace Outfitters**  
Guided River Trips, Equipment Rental and Shuttles  
P.O. Box 1060  
Whitley City, Kentucky  42653  
1-800-541-RAFT or (606) 526-7238  
www.ky-rafting.com

**Ace Kayaking School River Guide**  
2368 Old Federal Rd  
Ocoee, TN  37361  
865-385-3204  
acekayaking@gmail.com  
www.acekayaking.com

**Backwoods Adventures**  
Hiking and Backcountry Guide  
3144 Martha Washington Rd  
Clarkrange, Tennessee  38553  
931-863-3853  
931-397-3490  
http://backwoodsadventures.wix.com/backwoods-adventures  
backwoodsadventureshiking@gmail.com

**Borderland Expeditions**  
Rentals and Self-Guided Tours for Mountain Biking, Kayaking and Canoeing  
PO Box 384  
Jamestown, Tennessee  38556  
844-344-2109  
borderlandexpeditions.com  
andrew@borderlandexpeditions.com

**Wilderness Taxi and Tours**  
Shuttle services  
1171 Leatherwood Rd  
Oneida, Tennessee  37841  
423-215-4800  
423-569-2669  
wilderness-taxi.wix.com/wilderness-taxi  
wilderness.taxi.bsf@gmx.com

**Southeast Pack Trips**  
Guided Horse Rides  
299 Dewey Burks Rd  
Jamestown, Tennessee  38556  
931-879-2260  
www.southeastpacktrips.com

**RM Brooks General Store**  
Bike Rentals  
2830 Rugby Parkway  
Rugby, Tennessee  37733  
423-663-7503  
tiffanyterry7503@gmail.com
Hey Ranger!
Most commonly asked questions at Big South Fork....

Is hunting allowed in the park?
Yes. Check with the visitor center for the current open seasons and safety (no hunting) zones.

How many bears are in the park?
The most recent scientific study indicates there are approximately 300 bears living in Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area and nearby Daniel Boone National Forest.

Can I drink water out of the streams or river?
Yes, but you need to filter the water.

Can I bring firewood?
No. Firewood may be obtained from the local area. Only dead and down trees may be used for firewood.

Where does the Big South Fork River flow?
The river flows north from Tennessee to Kentucky into Lake Cumberland.

Why shouldn’t I throw away food scraps in my campfire?
Bears and other wild animals are attracted to food scraps and burned residue. Bears that become habituated to human food often stop foraging for food and are typically the animals that cause problems.

Can I camp in a rockshelter or historical buildings?
No. Park regulations have been established to protect the cultural and historical significance of these structures.

Do I need a backcountry permit to camp in the woods?
Yes. Backcountry camping permits are available online at http://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/permits.htm. Permits will also be sold at park visitor contact stations (see page 12) and at selected local vendors (see page 4). All locations will accept cash. In addition, the Bandy Creek and Blue Heron Visitor Centers can process credit card orders in person or over the phone.

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Yes, but you need to filter the water.

Is Big South Fork a National Park?
Yes. Big South Fork NRRA is one of over 400 park lands managed by the National Park Service.

Where can I buy one of the Interagency Passes?
You can purchase any of the Interagency passes at one of the visitor centers (see page 12 for locations and operational hours) or online at http://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html.

Safety Tips
Keep safe and enjoy your trip to Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area by following these precautions:

1. Stay alert for the signs of hypothermia. Know the signs and symptoms and how to treat it before you set out.

2. Plan ahead and leave information about your trip with someone at home. Check weather and trail conditions.

3. Remember that daylight hours are shorter in the winter and the sun goes down quickly. Begin your trip early in the day and be prepared with a headlamp and extra batteries.

4. Backcountry camping permits are required. These provide information to park rangers in case of emergencies. Obtain a permit online or at a park visitor center.

5. Store all food, food containers and coolers out of reach from wildlife. Hang food in the backcountry so bears cannot reach it. A copy of the food storage regulations can be obtained from the visitor centers or the campground kiosks.

6. Hiking sticks or trekking poles can help make your hike a little easier by reducing strain on your legs when going up or down slopes. They also help with stability on wet and icy trails. Watch for hanging icicles overhead. They can fall at any time.

Lost and Found
Report any lost items to rangers at Bandy Creek Visitor Center in Tennessee or at Blue Heron Interpretive Center in Kentucky. Found items should be turned in at Bandy Creek, Blue Heron or either campground kiosk.

Resource Protection Hotline Available
Any park visitor or neighbor who witnesses what they believe to be an illegal activity such as digging arrowheads, poaching wildlife or harvesting plants is encouraged to call the Resource Protection Hotline at (423) 569-2404, ext 505. All information will be treated confidentially. No name or phone number will be required; however, persons wishing to leave contact information may do so.

Trails Condition Reporting Hotline Available
Park visitors or neighbors are encouraged to report any trail conditions they find by calling the Trails Condition Reporting Hotline at (423) 569-2404, ext. 505.
DIRECTIONS TO BLUE HERON CAMPGROUND AND INTERPRETIVE CENTER

- Turn off US-27 onto KY 92W at Stearns, Kentucky.
- Travel on KY-92W for approximately 1.3 miles.
- Merge left onto KY-1651 and go approximately 1 mile to reach Revelo, KY.
- Turn right onto KY-742W and go approximately 5 miles. The campground entrance will be on your right.
- Continue on KY-742W for 3 more miles to reach the Interpretive Center at the Blue Heron Mining Camp.
# Popular Day Hikes

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<td>1</td>
<td>Angel Falls Overlook</td>
<td>Moderate/Difficult</td>
<td>6 miles round trip</td>
<td>half day</td>
<td>Begin this trail by hiking across HWY 297 Bridge from the parking area. The trail passes along the river for the first 2 miles then travels up a series of switchbacks for 1 mile to the bluff. Turn right at the junction and follow the green hiking blazes for 350 yards to Angel Falls Overlook.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Angel Falls Rapids</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>4 miles round trip</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
<td>Beginning at the lower end of Leatherwood Ford parking area, this trail passes along the river to Angel Falls rapids. Expect to see wildflowers along this route during late spring through early summer.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Bandy Creek Loop</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>1.3 miles round trip</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
<td>Starting at the visitor center, this trail provides hikers with a quiet stroll through the woods. Please yield to horses crossing the trail near the stables.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Charit Creek Trail</td>
<td>Difficult</td>
<td>2.8 miles round trip</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
<td>Departing the trailhead, hikers continue along Fork Ridge road to reach this hiking trail at the rear of the old parking area. Hikers descend along switchbacks passing by bluffs, large beech trees, and field stones. At the trail’s end, hikers walk across a swinging bridge and turn right to reach Charit Creek Lodge.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>East Rim Overlook</td>
<td>Easy/Paved</td>
<td>0.2 mile</td>
<td>10 minutes</td>
<td>Starting at the parking area at the end of East Rim Rd, this trail provides visitors the easiest access to a gorge overlook.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Fall Branch Trail</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>2.0 miles one way</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
<td>From the John Litton Farm Loop, this trail connects with the John Muir Trail (JMT). It threads through a rock passageway, passes a large rock shelter, rock bluffs and ascends along switchbacks to the JMT.</td>
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<td>Grand Gap Loop</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>7.0 miles round trip</td>
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<td>This trail provides spectacular views of formations and the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River. Please watch for mountain bikers who also enjoy this trail too.</td>
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<td>John Litton Farm Loop</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>5.6 miles round trip</td>
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<td>Descend into a valley where the John Litton historic farmhouse, barn and outbuildings provide hikers a glimpse of the lifestyle of Big South Fork families during the first half of the twentieth century.</td>
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<td>Middle Creek Loop</td>
<td>Easy/Moderate</td>
<td>3.5 miles round trip</td>
<td>1-2 hours</td>
<td>This trail begins on an old roadbed atop a ridge then descends below the bluff line. Large rock overhangs, rock houses, and high cliffs are a treat for hikers along the way.</td>
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<td>O&amp;W Trail</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>4.8 miles round trip</td>
<td>2-3 hours</td>
<td>Beginning at the front end of the Leatherwood parking area, this trail takes you southward up through the gorge to the old O&amp;W Railroad bridge that was built in 1915.</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Oscar Blevins Farm Loop</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>3.7 miles round trip</td>
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<td>This woodland trail takes visitors to the Oscar Blevins Farm. On your way to the farm enjoy wet-weather waterfalls, sandstone bluffs and rock shelters.</td>
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<td>Slave Falls Loop Trails</td>
<td>Easy/Moderate</td>
<td>3.2 miles round trip</td>
<td>1-2 hours</td>
<td>From Sawmill trailhead, this loop trail also provides short side trip to the 60-foot Slave Falls. Hikers can also enjoy geological formations such as Needle Arch and a large rockshelter along this route.</td>
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<td>Twin Arches Upper Loop</td>
<td>Easy/Moderate</td>
<td>1.2 miles round trip</td>
<td>1-1 1/2 hours</td>
<td>From the trailhead, this short loop trail travels to the Twin Arches. These double sandstone arches are considered the largest natural bridge in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee.</td>
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<td>Twin Arches Lower Loop</td>
<td>Difficult</td>
<td>4.1 miles round trip</td>
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<td>This loop trail takes hikers by a spectacular series of rock houses, cliffs, Jake’s place, and Charit Creek Lodge before ascending back up to the Twin Arches.</td>
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Driving Directions to Twin Arches from Bandy Creek Visitor Center: Make right turns at the following intersections in sequence-visitor center parking lot, Bandy Creek Road, TN-297, TN 154, Divide Road, and Twin Arches Road. The trailhead is located at the end of the road.
BANDY CREEK CAMPGROUND

98 hook-up sites—$22 per night
49 tent sites—$19 per night
Open year round
Reservation system period—April-October
Honor system period—November-March
Phone number: (423) 286-8368
Reservations: (877) 444-6777

Area-A offers 49 tent sites. Areas-B, C, and D offer 98 sites, which have electric/water hookups. Restroom/bathhouse facilities are located in Areas-A, C, and D, which have hot showers and are handicapped accessible. There are three accessible campsites in Area-A and four campsites in Area-D.

Although Area-A has no electric hookups on each site, RVs, pop-ups, and horse trailers are permitted in sites A1-A12. Sites A13-A49 are restricted for tents only.

Horseback riders staying at Bandy Creek Campground need to make separate reservations for their horses at Bandy Creek Stables. The stables are located a short distance across the road from the campground. Paddocks and stalls are available for rent. For more information, call (423) 286-7433.
BEAR CREEK HORSE CAMP

23 sites—$28 per night
Open April-November
Reservations: (877) 444-6777

Bear Creek Horse Camp offers 45 sites with water and electric hookups. There is a dump station provided. The bathhouse has hot water showers. Although a reservation system is in place, campers are still welcome on a first-come, first-served basis for unreserved campsites.

ALUM FORD CAMPGROUND

6 primitive sites—$5 per night
Open year-round
Phone number: (423) 286-7275

Alum Ford is a primitive campground and offers six campsites with a vault toilet facility. No drinking water is located at this area. Alum Ford also has a boat ramp. There are no fees to use the ramp.

BLUE HERON CAMPGROUND

45 hook-up sites—$17 per night
Open April-November
Phone number: (423) 286-7275
Reservations: (877) 444-6777

Blue Heron offers 45 sites, with one site designated as accessible to mobility impaired individuals. Restroom facilities are also handicapped accessible. There is a fire ring and a dump station provided. Although a reservation system is in place, campers are still welcome on a first-come, first-served basis for unreserved campsites.

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