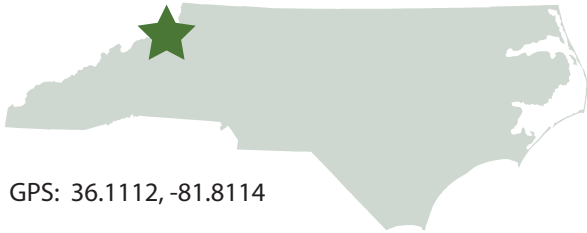


Grandfather Mountain STATE PARK



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Fun Facts

- Grandfather Mountain State Park was established in 2009.
- Grandfather Mountain and the surrounding area was once proposed to become a national park.
- In the early 1900s, most of the forested sections of the park were heavily logged to the point of nearly being clearcut.
- A narrow gauge railroad was used to haul timber to nearby sawmills.
- Grandfather Mountain is a unique geological formation known as "The Grandfather Window."
- Two species of salamanders were first recorded at Grandfather Mountain: the Wellers and the Yonahlossee.
- The swinging bridge, zoo and MacRae Meadows are all part of the privately owned attraction. There is an entrance fee to access those areas.
- Grandfather Mountain is considered one of the East's most significant peaks and is also a unit of the United Nations' Southern Appalachian Man and Biosphere Reserve.
- Over 70 species of rare, threatened or endangered species can be found in the park.
- The spruce-fir moss spider, a tiny tarantula, can be found at the highest elevations in the park.

Activities



Experience the Park!

OFFERS BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING



Peregrine falcons and ravens nest among the many rocky cliffs.



Grandfather Mountain is home to the highest concentration of Bent Avens, a rare and protected plant.

Grandfather Mountain is the highest peak in the Blue Ridge range at 5,946 feet.

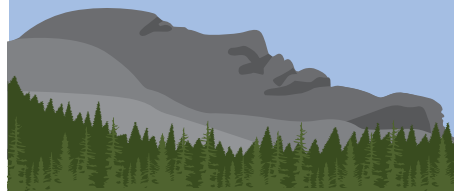


The area is known for some of the South's most severe weather.

Over
13 miles of
hiking trails



The mountain is named for Profile Rock, which looks like an old man's bearded face.



There are more than a dozen different ecological zones that can be found in the park.



The Grandfather Trail is one of the most challenging trails in the southeast and has 18 ladders to aid hikers in climbing the many cliffs and crags.



See the
Park Map

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