Activities

Education and Events: Park rangers offer regularly scheduled educational and interpretive programs at the park. Contact the park office to arrange a special exploration of Stone Mountain State Park for your group.

Educational materials about the park have been developed for grades 5-8 and are correlated to North Carolina's curriculum. The Stone Mountain State Park program introduces students to basic geologic concepts including the rock cycle, geologic time, weathering and erosion, igneous rocks, geologic processes, resource use and stewardship.

Camping: Campsites for tents and recreational vehicles include a tent pad, table and fire ring/grill. Drinking water and washhouses are nearby. Some sites have water/electric hookups. A dump station is located near the contact station for use by registered campers only. The campground and washhouses are open year-round. There is a fee for camping and a limit of six persons per site. Reservations are encouraged. Park gates are locked daily at posted closing hours. Please contact the park office or visit the website for more information about Group camping and Backpack camping.

Trails: Stone Mountain State Parks offers a variety of experiences for hikers, with moderate to strenuous trails. There is also a five-mile bridle trail. All visitors with horses must be able to provide proof of a negative equine infectious anemia. Hikers should stay on designated trails and exercise caution as waterfalls and steep, rocky terrain may create hazardous and slippery conditions.

Picnicking: 75 individual picnic sites and three large picnic shelters offer tables, grills, drinking water and restrooms. The shelters may be reserved for a fee. A short trail connects to the main loop trail to provide access to a waterfall and Stone Mountain’s summit.

Rock climbing is permitted in designated areas on the cliffs of Stone Mountain. Participants are responsible for their own personal safety, including securing proper training and equipment and adhering to safe practices. All climbers must register and possess a valid permit. A self-registration box is located at the climbing area. Contact the park office for additional climbing rules.

Fishing: More than 20 miles of park streams are designated trout waters. For season dates and regulations for each type of trout water, contact the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. Regulations of the WRC are enforced throughout the park. Bullhead and Rich Mountain creeks are strictly catch and release and are open for fishing year round. A special fishing permit is required for this area and may be purchased at the Bullhead Creek parking area.

Location

Stone Mountain State Park is located in Wilkes & Alleghany counties, seven miles southwest of Roaring Gap. From south, take U.S. 21 to Traphill Rd. (SR 1002) & follow it to the John P. Frank Parkway. From west, take N.C. 18 north & turn right on Hwy. 268 east. Go three miles, turn left on Airport Rd. Go six miles to Traphill Rd, turn left. Follow Traphill Rd. about 12 miles to the John P. Frank Parkway, turn left.

Park Hours

North Carolina State Parks are open every day, with the exception of Christmas Day. Park hours vary with the seasons.

Please visit the North Carolina State Park website or contact the park office for the most current information about seasonal hours, activities, alerts, camping fees, programs rules and weather.

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