

# Rocky Mountain Recreation and Fishing Area Visitor's Guide

Located on 5,000 acres and owned by Oglethorpe Power Corporation, the area includes two lakes and offers a scenic setting for fishing, camping, picnicking, hiking and biking.



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The 5,000-acre Rocky Mountain Recreation and Fishing Area includes two lakes that total 559 acres, where you will find largemouth bass, channel catfish, black crappie and walleye. Whitetail deer, turkey, and waterfowl frequent the area and provide visitors an opportunity to hunt in season or observe wildlife in a natural setting. The recreation area is ideal for picnicking, hiking, mountain biking and other outdoor activities.

#### **General Information**

- General hours for the recreation area are from sunrise until sunset.
- Pets are permitted but must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Pets are not permitted in restrooms, comfort stations, bathhouse, on the beach or in the swimming area.
- Alcohol and intoxicants of any kind are prohibited. Violators are subject to arrest, fines and/or removal from the area.
- The Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Oglethorpe Power Corporation have made an effort to make this area accessible to individuals with disabilities.
- More information is available at the kiosks and bulletin boards located throughout the park, or by calling 706-802-5087.

#### **Fishing**

**Hours:** Antioch Lake Hours: Fishing is permitted daily from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week, year-round. Heath Lake Hours: Fishing is permitted daily from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week, from the first to the 10th of each month.

**License:** Persons under 16 years of age are not required to have a recreational fishing license. Persons at least 65 years old, or those



who are disabled, may fish with an honorary fishing license. All other persons are required to have an annual Georgia recreational fishing license, a one-day fishing license,

a sportsman's license or a lifetime license. Catch and length limits are posted at each ramp and information kiosk.

**Boats:** Fishing boats are permitted. Outboard motors should only be operated at idle speed. Jet

skis, sailboats, sail boards and skiing are prohibited. All state boat registration and boating safety requirements are enforced.

**Ramps:** Boat ramps are located off Mountain View Drive. A boat passageway is located under the causeway separating the Antioch Lake sub-impoundments.



# Camping

General public camping is located on the first public access road to the right on Wildwood Cove Drive. The camping area includes 36 developed sites with a grill, picnic table, and electric and water hookups. These sites are available for tents, RVs and trailers. Nine additional walk-in tent sites are in a wooded area and include a picnic table, tent pad and grill.

All campsites must be occupied by someone 18 years of age or older. Campsite occupancy is limited to 14 consecutive days. After 14 days, campers must leave for seven consecutive days.

Consideration for others is a must at all times. Musical instruments, radios, televisions and other noise-producing devices may not be used between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.



# **Mountain Biking**

Mountain biking is available on a year-round basis. Please adhere to the following rules.

**Pedestrians Have the Right of Way:** The trails at Rocky Mountain are designated as dual-purpose trails. You may cross paths with hikers while riding. As with the laws and rules of the road, pedestrians have the right of way.

**Yield Appropriately:** Do your utmost to let your fellow trail users know you are coming. A friendly greeting or bell ring is a good way to let them know you are there. Cyclists traveling downhill should yield to cyclists traveling uphill. In general, strive to make each pass a safe and courteous one.

**Ride Trails Open to Mountain Biking Only:** Only certain parts of the Rocky Mountain Trail System are open to mountain biking. Please refer to posted signs and trail maps for applicable trails.

**Leave No Trace:** When the trails are soft, consider other riding options. Stay on existing trails and don't create new ones.

**Always Ride With a Partner:** Due to the remoteness of the Rocky Mountain Recreation Area, always ride with a partner and let someone know where you are going to be.

**Plan Ahead and Be Prepared:** The opening and closing times are sunrise to sunset daily. Plan your ride so you can enjoy yourself and be finished with enough time to be outside of the gate at sunset.

**Be Courteous to Hunters:** The Rocky Mountain Facility is open to hunting during the year. Hunting seasons are posted at the pay stations. During posted hunting seasons, the trails are closed to hikers and bikers until 10 a.m. to allow hunters equal use of the facility.

**Use Bike Helmets:** Approved helmets are required to be worn while using the trails.



### Hunting

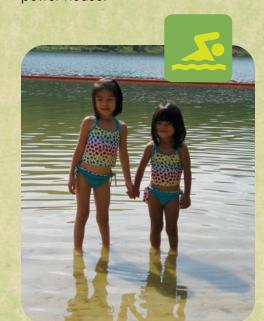
Only archery hunting is permitted. Hunting by firearms is only permitted during waterfowl season. For more information, please refer to the Rocky Hunting handout.



# **Hiking**

Hiking trails are available in the recreation area. All trails are for day use only, and camping is not permitted along any of the trails. Most of the trails are posted as "through" hikes and will require a vehicle at both the departure point and the destination. You will find the trails begin along Mountain View Drive, Angler's Haven Drive and at the Fouche Gap hunter access.

There is no public access to cross the bridge in front of the power house.



## Beach

The beach area is located at the end of Wildwood Cove Drive. Swimming is restricted to the beach area only. Swim at your own risk. No lifeguard is provided. All children under the age of 14 years must have adult supervision at all times.



# **Archery Range**

There is an Archery Range located at Heath Lake. There are three archery targets available year-round from sunrise to sunset daily.

All camp sites and pavilions are reserved through the Go Outdoors Georgia app. Reservations can be made through the link on the Rocky Mountain Recreation and Public Fishing Area website, by calling 1-800-366-2661, or at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com.

#### DAILY FEES

Mandatory Parking Permit	. \$5
Required for all parked vehicles.	
RV Campsites (2-37)	. \$30/\$6
Walk-in Campsites (A-I)	. \$12
Group Camping	. \$60
Pavilion Rental	. \$30

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