



Mount Mitchell State Park

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Activities

Education and Events: Rangers hold regularly scheduled educational and interpretive programs about Mount Mitchell State Park. Contact the park office to arrange a special exploration of Mount Mitchell State Park for your group or class. Educational materials about Mount Mitchell State Park have been developed for grades 3-6 and are correlated to North Carolina's competency-based curriculum. The program introduces students to the forest types of the Blue Ridge Mountains, focusing on the potential causes for forest decline in the mountains and at Mount Mitchell. The exhibit hall, located next to the gift shop, is open daily May through October. It offers visitors insight into the mountain's natural, cultural and historical aspects.



Camping: The family campground is open May 1 through October 31 with full facilities. Winter camping is available the remainder of the year with limited facilities. Only tent camping is allowed. Each site is equipped with a grill and picnic table. Restrooms are located nearby. Showers and hot water are not provided. Campers may leave vehicles in the park overnight to backpack into the Pisgah National Forest. Visitors who leave their vehicles in the park must register on the forms provided at the trailheads near the parking area or at the park office.



Picnicking: Forty picnic tables, grills and two day-use shelters are located at the north end of the summit parking lot. The two picnic shelters with fireplaces are perfect for groups and are free of charge unless reservations are requested.



Trails: Choose between a short stroll or a long hike into the woods. Hikers should wear appropriate clothing and carry proper gear as the high altitude makes the climate of Mount Mitchell chilly, even in summer. A short trail beginning at the summit parking lot leads to the observation area. On a clear day, visitors can see as far as 85 miles and enjoy spectacular views of the surrounding mountains.

Although no horses are permitted inside the park, horseback riders can enjoy a trail that travels along the perimeter of the park. For more information, contact the US Forest Service Appalachian Ranger District, (828) 689-8716.

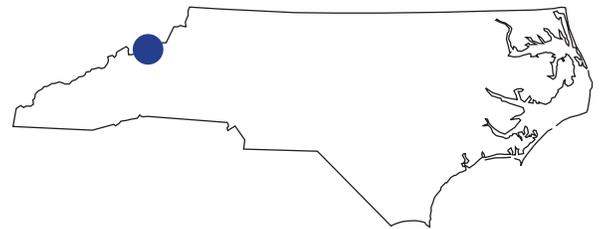


Concession stand/gift shop: A concession stand and gift shop, adjacent to the summit parking lot, is open daily from May through October.



Restaurant: Enjoy a relaxing meal in the restaurant located approximately half a mile from the park office. Open May through October, hungry hikers and tourists will enjoy the restaurant's food as well as its scenic views

Location



Mount Mitchell State Park is located in Yancey County, 33 miles north of Asheville off the Blue Ridge Parkway at mile marker #355.

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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