

Oconee District, BSA Fall 2011 Hike-O-Ree
November 5 - 6, 2011
Andrew Pickens District
Sumter National Forest
Burrell's Ford Campground

Where: Burrell's Ford Campground (see attached maps)

When: Saturday November 5 - Sunday November 6, 2011

Cost: \$7.00/person for patch, supplies, etc.; registration due by October Roundtable

Water: All water from river must be sanitized (purified, treated or boiled); there is no potable water supply at Burrell's Ford. Alternatively bring in water in containers

Food: You are in bear country. Hang food supplies on the bear poles installed by the Forest Service.

Latrine Facilities: We will have portable toilets available. Also see the Hygiene handout in this packet to share with your scouts.

Events for Boy Scouts:

- Backpacking by unit along one of trails that accesses Burrell's Ford Campground (see options below) on Saturday and backpack out by trail of your choice on Sunday. See Foothills Trail Map or Andrew Pickens Trail Map for locations of trails. A reduced map is enclosed for general location purposes only.
- Patrol Geocaching while at Burrell's Ford and Scavenger Hunt during the hike
- Campfire at Burrell's Ford campground on Saturday night
- Chapel Service on Sunday before troops depart on hike out

Events for Webelos:

Webelos may hike one of the routes in with a daypack in order to fulfill the hike/camping requirement for Arrow of Light (Req. # 5). Webelos are encouraged to visit the troops in their sites on Saturday afternoon (Req. 4 in Arrow of Light) but leave after the campfire. They may develop their own events if they do not want to hike.

Trail Options for Boy Scouts: See map labeled "Trail numbers" for starting points

Southern approaches:

- S1. Hwy 107 (Foothills trail crossing) to Burrell's Ford (9.5 miles)
- S2. Hwy 107 (Cherry Hill) to Burrell's Ford (4.9 miles)**
- S3. Hwy 28 to Burrell's Ford (10.9 miles)

Northern Approaches:

- N1. Fish Hatchery Road to Burrell's Ford (4.1 m)**
- N2. Fish Hatchery (via East Fork Trail) to Burrell's Ford (5.2 m)**
- N3. Sloan Bridge to Burrell's Ford via Foothills Trail (7.4 m)
- N4. Sloan Bridge via Fork Mountain Trail and Ellicott's Rock to Burrell's Ford (12.3 miles)
- N5. Burrell's Ford Parking Lot to Burrell's Ford campground (0.2m)**

We would expect that most troops will enter by Southern approach # 2 or Northern approach # 1 or 2 and exit by one of these again. Troops could begin Friday night and begin one of the longer sections if they have experienced scouts. Likewise, troops with limited backpacking experience may consider the Northern approach # 5 as an exit or entry option.

Whatever your approach option, you should plan to arrive at Burrell's Ford no later than 3 PM on November 5. If you arrive by 2 PM, you will have plenty of time to set up and participate in the geocaching.

The Scavenger Hunt list and the Geocache coordinates will be given to each unit in a sealed envelope before starting the hike. The units must therefore advise the camping committee when and where they will start their hike. Each unit must have at least one GPS unit.

WINTER CAMPING CHECKLIST
Saturday Morning through Sunday Afternoon
One Night Backpacking Trip

1 pair thermal underwear (tops & bottoms). Do not wear long underwear while hiking unless it is extremely cold and windy.

2 pair regular underwear

2 pair heavy socks (wool or wool blend is best).

2 pair polyester socks (worn under heavy socks).

1 winter jacket.

1 sweater, sweatshirt, vest or light jacket.

1 long sleeve shirt.

1 pair pants.

1 wool cap or hood on sweatshirt

1 bandana

1 pair boots (weather-proofed) – sneakers are OK in good weather but need two pair if wet.

1 pair mittens or gloves.

1 raincoat or poncho

1 sleeping bag rated for season

1 plastic ground cloth 8' x 6' (not necessary if using troop tent or sleeping in lean-to).

Foam pad.

Bowl (no larger than 6" diameter), cup, and spoon.

Toilet articles (soap, small pack towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)

Bottom of one gallon milk jug for use as portable wash basin.

Flashlight (small)

Canteen (At least one quart)

Personal first aid kit

This list does not include food, tent or patrol equipment which will take up at least one half the pack volume

PERSONAL HYGIENE AND HEALTH PROCEDURES IN THE BACKCOUNTRY

1. Required items to bring on all trips

- soap (biodegradeable such as Camp Suds) in plastic container
- small towel and washcloth
- toothbrush and toothpaste (put in small ziploc bag)
- plastic wash basin (cut off bottom 3" of gallon plastic milk container for an inexpensive and replaceable basin)

2. Keeping Clean

- Wash your hands before all food preparation and meals
- Wash your hands after using latrine
- Brush your teeth at bedtime using canteen for water; spit toothpaste on ground away from camping area; kick leaves over it.
- Give yourself a sponge bath away from water source on extended trips

DO NOT WASH IN STREAMS, LAKES OR SPRINGS. CARRY WATER AWAY IN BASIN AND WASH AT LEAST 200' AWAY FROM WATER SOURCE

3. Using the latrine

- Liquid waste: do not use campsite area, trail or areas close to water (at least 150' away from water).
- Solid waste: find out-of-way place; (at least 200' from water) dig small cat hole (6" deep) with small shovel or personal trowel; place toilet paper in hole also; put back soil, then leaves or other ground litter. There should be no trace that you were there!! Wash your hands with soap and water.

4. Washing dishes

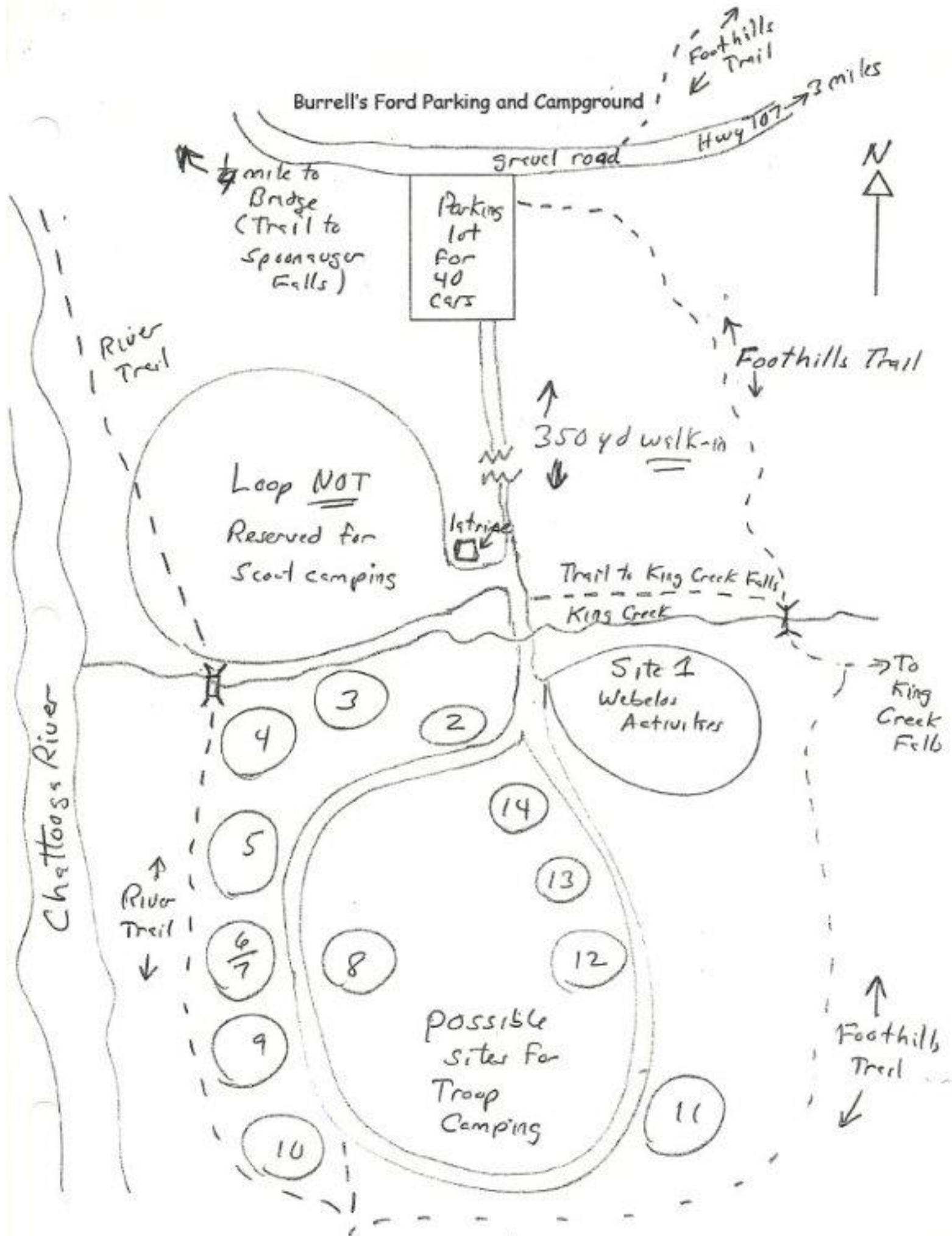
- fill one wash bucket to 3 inches from top; place on fire; heat until steaming (boiling if from lake or stream).
- fill another bucket half full; add half or less of hot water from 1st bucket to make wash water; add soap and do dishes; water remaining in 1st bucket is rinse--use hot pot tongs to dip dishes.
- clean off plates, pots, etc. with paper towels or leaves (burn or throw away). Do personal gear first; end with pots and pans.
- Dump water away from campsite; if possible strain out food particles and burn or carry out in plastic bag (a frisbee with 1/8" holes makes a good strainer)

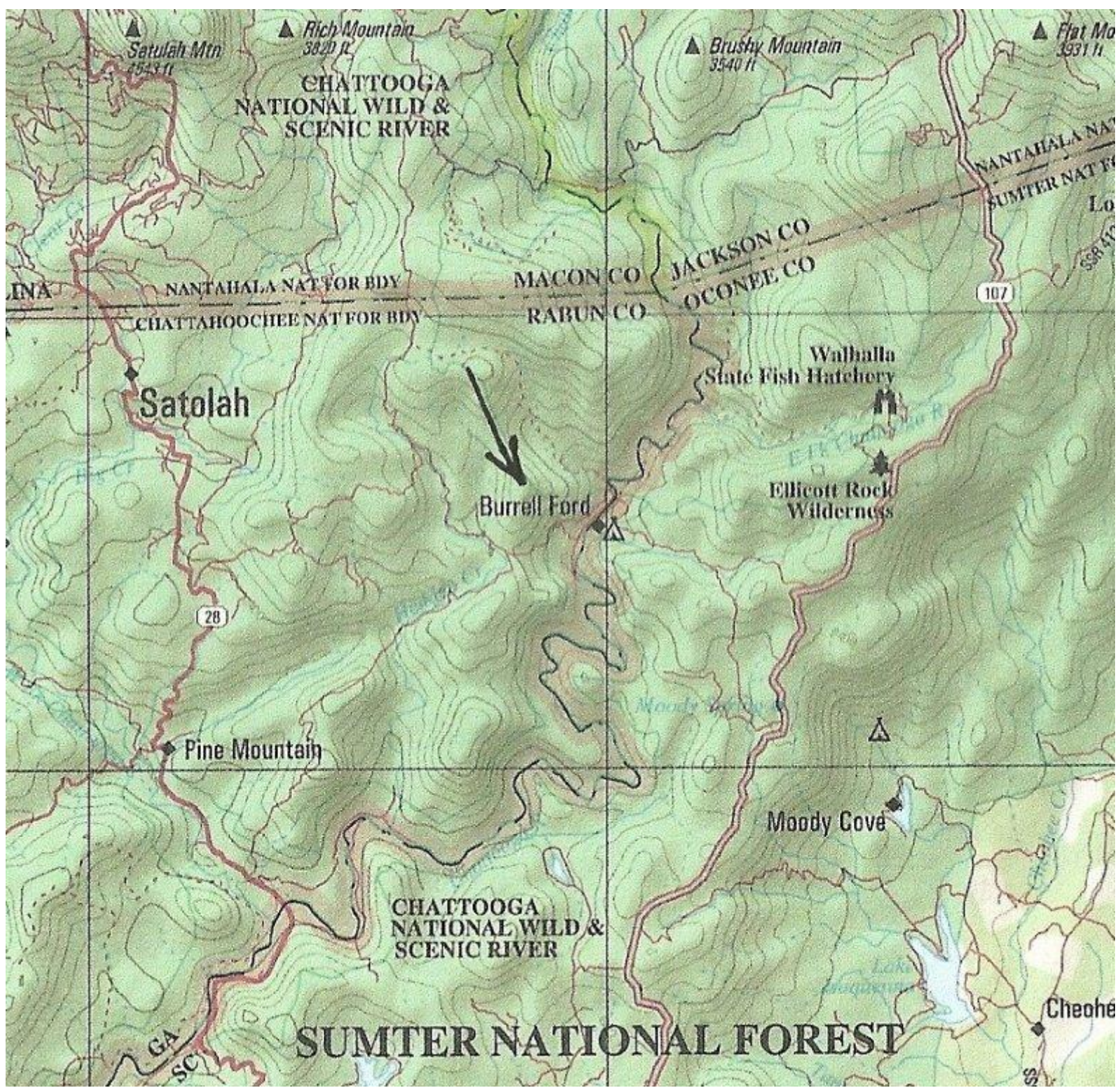
5. Grease Disposal

- follow procedures for solid waste disposal above

6. Tent pitching

- Never trench your tent; always pitch on small incline if possible and sleep with your head uphill to prevent a headache.





Satolah Mtn
7543 ft

Rich Mountain
3820 ft

Brushy Mountain
3540 ft

Flat Mo
3931 ft

CHATTOOGA
NATIONAL WILD &
SCENIC RIVER

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CHATTAHOOCHEE NAT FOR BDY

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Satolah

Burrell Ford

Walhalla
State Fish Hatchery

Ellicott Rock
Wilderness

Pine Mountain

Moody Cove

CHATTOOGA
NATIONAL WILD &
SCENIC RIVER

SUMTER NATIONAL FOREST

Cheochee

Big Bend Trail

(Oconee County)



- Big Bend Trail
- Chattooga/Foothills Trail
- King Creek Falls Spur
- Winding Stairs Trail
- P** Parking
- A** Camping
- Forest Service Road

SIDE B

- 5 Bearcamp Creek/Hilliard Falls
- 6 Bad Creek Trail Access
- 7 Upper Whitewater Falls Trail Access
- 8 Sloan Bridge Trail Access
- 9 Burrell's Ford Trail Access



FHT Map Side B

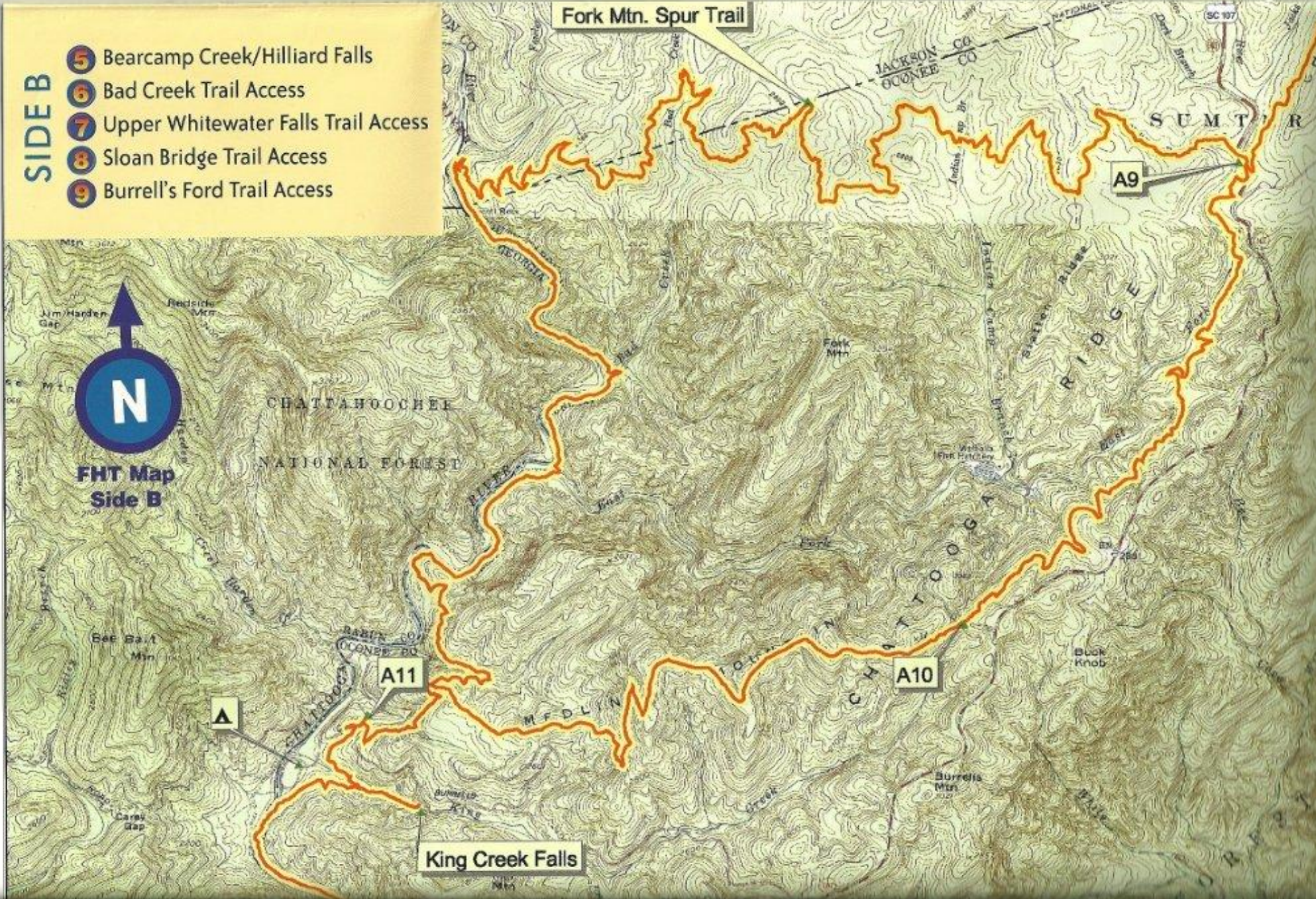
Fork Mtn. Spur Trail

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A11

A10

King Creek Falls



District Camporee
 Possible Start and
 End Points
 N=North S=South
 See Trail Options



FHT Map
 Side B

N-2 Fish Hatchery
 →

N-5
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N-1
 Fish H.
 Rd.

Borrell's
 Ford
 Campground
 →

King Creek Falls

ROAD

↑ Borrell's Ford
 Rd off
 Hwy 107
 begin here

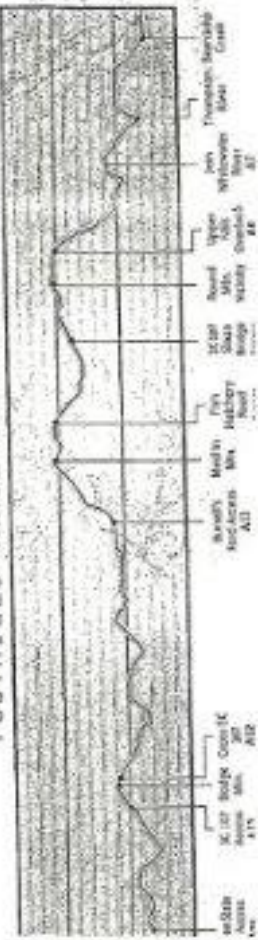
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 Cherry Hill

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FOOTHILLS TRAIL ELEVATION MAP



Oconee District Hike-O-Ree Geocaching Game

Background: Geocaching is a game played with GPS units to find “something” at a specific latitude/longitude. A “cache” can be a permanent thing already existing, or can be something hidden by the person creating the “cache”.

For the Hike-O-Ree, we will hide a series of containers, each containing a letter of a word. The idea is to have at least one cache near each trailhead and the majority of the caches near the campsite. Each troop participating will be supplied with each cache location marked on a map of the area, the latitude/longitude of the cache, and clues to location of the cache.

Points will be awarded for each troop that collects all letters and spells out the word. A second more advanced, bonus cache will also be set up with a secret code and a series of questions for those inclined to go beyond the basic game. Bonus points will be awarded. Each troop participating will need to have one GPS unit. See the attached information on the Geocaching Merit Badge. At the very least, you will need to instruct your scouts on how to set a waypoint on the GPS unit and navigate to the geocache safely.