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**FIND Outdoors Announces Reopening of
Carolina Hemlocks Recreation Area – April 15, 2025**

Yancey County, NC – FIND Outdoors is pleased to announce the reopening of the Carolina Hemlocks Restoration Area on April 15, 2025. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 12:00 p.m. on April 15.

Nestled along the South Toe River in Pisgah National Forest, Carolina Hemlocks has long served as a cherished destination for families, anglers and campers. Its reopening marks an important milestone in the recovery of the region following the devastating impacts of Hurricane Helene.

“Hurricane Helene caused substantial damage to this area, including riverbank erosion and debris accumulation,” said Brandon Haman, Director of Campground Operations for FIND Outdoors. “Restoration efforts in coordination with the US Forest Service and South Toe Conservation Fund, have returned the site to a safe and welcoming area for visitors to enjoy. We’re excited to welcome the public for the 2025 season.”

Carolina Hemlocks Recreation Area Details:

- **Day Use Hours:** 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. daily
- **Day Use Fees:** \$5 per vehicle, per day
- **Camping Reservations:** Reservations for campsites can be made through recreation.gov or by calling 877-444-6777



Address:

8516 Highway 80 South
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For more information, please visit: <https://gofindoutdoors.org/sites/carolina-hemlocks/>

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About FIND Outdoors

FIND Outdoors is the Southeast's leading provider of public land access, offering exceptional recreational experiences to inspire people to connect with nature. With well-managed outdoor recreation sites, campgrounds, visitor centers, guided tours, and educational opportunities for all ages and abilities, FIND Outdoors strives to make nature accessible to all. The organization also manages retail outlets that offer forest-related gifts and souvenirs, nature-based activities for children, local crafts, and trail guides. FIND is an over 50 year-old 501(c)(3) tax deductible nonprofit based in Pisgah Forest, NC serving over one million visitors annually in three states: North Carolina, Georgia, and Kentucky.