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FIND Outdoors Fee-Increase to Support Public Land Stewardship

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FIND Outdoors is a non-profit organization that has been stewarding public lands across the Southeast United States for over 50 years! Reinvesting all profits earned to ensure that the visitor experience at high-traffic public land sites remains at modern-day expectation levels.

Revenue collected through site fees, visitor center purchases, and camping passes goes directly to support forest improvement infrastructure at recreation sites and fund additional recreation staff during the season of operation. Recreation fees help provide quality recreation opportunities and create a more financially sustainable recreation program for future generations.

In 2026, several FIND Outdoors-managed sites in North Georgia will see an increase in entrance fees and camping pass fees to help ensure recreation opportunities remain at the highest level, and that large-scale capital improvements, such as new campsites, water systems, and safety features, are funded to steward these public lands for the benefit of all. Sites that will see fee-increases are Anna Ruby Falls, Morganton Point, Lake Rabun, and Brasstown Bald.

While not all recreation sites in the forest require a fee, the Federal Lands Recreation Act (REA), which allows the Forest Service to retain at least 80% of the money collected at recreation sites and use these funds locally to operate, maintain, and improve these sites, has dramatically increased the condition of well-beloved USFS sites across the nation.

FIND Outdoors will continue to honor certain recognized fee-free days at day-use sites.

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