

BIG BEND EAST on the CHATTOOGA from CHERRY HILL



DESCRIPTION: Big Bend Trail from Cherry Hill Recreation Area roughly parallels Big Bend Road (FS709). Follow the blue blazes as it winds generally downhill on mostly moderate grade, becoming steep as it nears the Chattooga. Within sight of the river, it joins the white and green blazed Chattooga/Foothills Trail (from Burrell's Ford). From there, it's less than an half mile along/above the Chattooga to Big Bend Falls...a scenic, 20 to 30ft cascade across the full flow of the river. The surrounding rockery and small beach are great for lunch and a close up whitewater encounter. The best overlook is from a small rock perch just downstream. The route is a classic forest mix of hardwood, some very large, and evergreens, rhodos and laurel. The 7 mile round trip includes only a few hundred feet of climb.



DIRECTIONS (34.94137, -83/08998)

Gather, and depart as usual: 830A from KKEPA and/or 900A from Walhalla. Go 8.2mi N on SC28, then 8.5mi N on SC107. Park in the Cherry Hill entrance and walk S 200 yds to the trail access, across the road, on the right. There are no fees and no potties after Walhalla. Expect to return by 230P.

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