

OPOSSUM OPOSSUM CREEK & FALLS/ Lower Chattooga



DESCRIPTION: Most of this moderate 5 mile hike ambles along a pleasant, forest service trail shaded by an assortment of hardwoods and bordered by many seasonal wildflowers. The trail follows the delightful Camp Branch for most of its noisy journey to the Chattooga River. Near the river, head left and follow about a quarter mile upstream along the beautiful Opossum Creek to its idyllic falls which tumble over a steep cliff in two major drops for a total descent of more than 100ft. A short scramble through its gateway rockery provides a memorable close up encounter. Returning from the falls we go 0.2 miles upstream on the Chattooga to a usually sunny rock shelf for a riverside lunch. Total elevation gain is about 800 ft.

DIRECTIONS: (GPS: 34.7736, -83.3048)

Meet and pool as usual. Depart KKEPA at 8:30 AM and/or Warther's in Walhalla at 9:00 AM. Head north on SC28. Within a mile, turn left, west, at Maple St. It becomes Coffee Rd. Follow for about 11 miles to US76. Turn right, go north for 13 miles. Turn left, west, onto Damascus Church Rd (OC S96) at the Long Creek Fire Station. Go about a mile then sharp right onto Battlecreek Rd (SC37). Continue about 2 miles and turn right on Turkey Ridge Rd (FS755) (sign often missing). Go 2.2 miles to the posted trailhead on the left. Park just beyond on the right. No fees or facilities after Walhalla. Expect a 230P return.

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