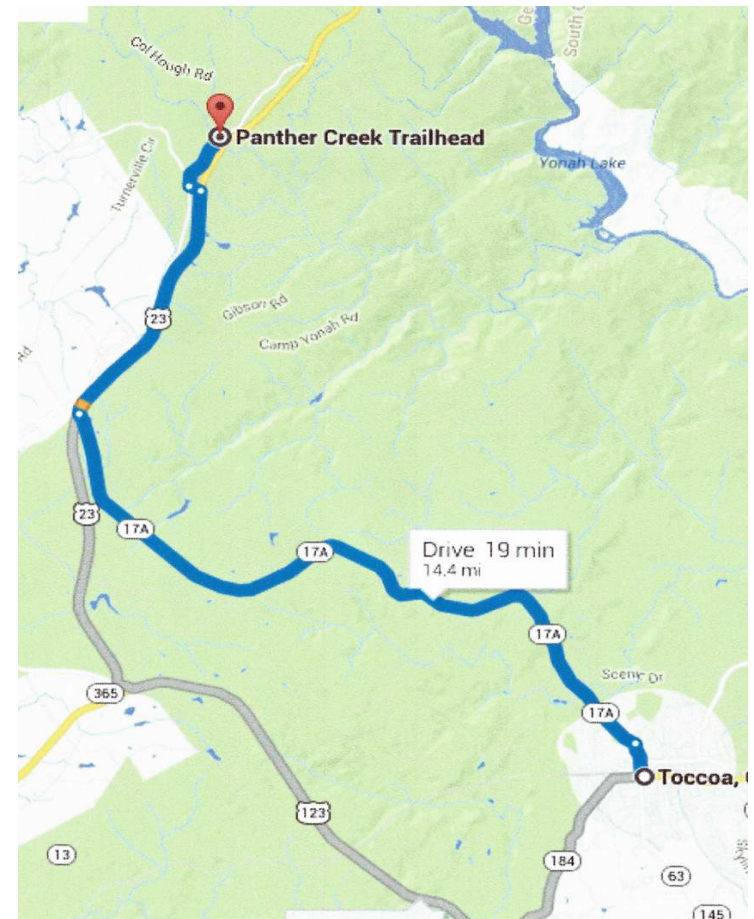
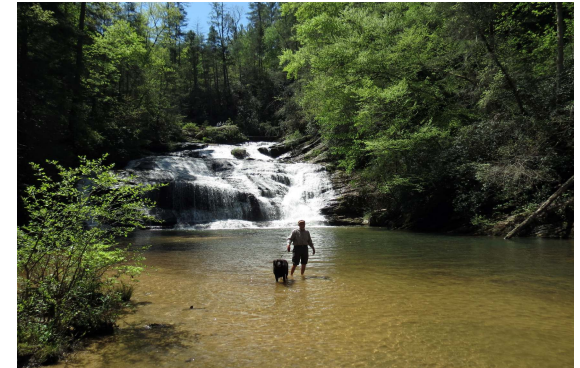


# PANTHER CREEK and FALLS in Georgia

DIRECTIONS (34.69895, -83.41996)

Meet and pool as usual: 830A from KKEPA and/or Warther's in Walhalla by 9A. From Walhalla go SW on SC183 7.5mi, then R on US123 for 16.6mi into GA. Go R onto Big A for 0.4mi, continuing onto E Tugalo for 0.8mi, then R onto Broad for 0.3mi. Then take the 2<sup>nd</sup> left onto GA17ANN Alexander/Toccoa Falls Rd for 9.5mi. Then go R on US23N for 3.4mi and L onto Travis Smith Rd, jog in 0.1to R onto US441 Historical N and entry on left at 0.8mi. There is a \$4/vehicle parking fee and facilities. The drive is about 40mi and 50min from Walhalla. Expect to return about 330P

DESCRIPTION: This popular 7 mile round trip travels diverse, rolling...mostly easy or moderate... terrain past a series of waterfalls to the multi-tiered, Panther Creek Falls which spills into a deep pool. The falls is one of Georgia's most beautiful. Total elevation change is about 750ft. The trail begins opposite the parking area on Historic 441. It follows downstream under the highway and descends through woodland on well worn, green blazed pathways. A bridged crossing at 1.4mi is soon followed by flat, sandy flood plane and more crossings. It then climbs again, on a sometimes narrow path with steep drop-offs and large rock overhangs. Turn left at 2.25mi to a set of small falls, then scramble over a large outcrop. Cross another bridge at 2.75mi then climb again to a chiseled outcrop and, at 3.2mi, hop across the creek. Climb once more to an outcrop atop Panther's upper falls, then follow downstream, steeply, to the lower falls at 3.5mi. Large boulders line a sandy flat...a good place to lunch and view the roaring falls.



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