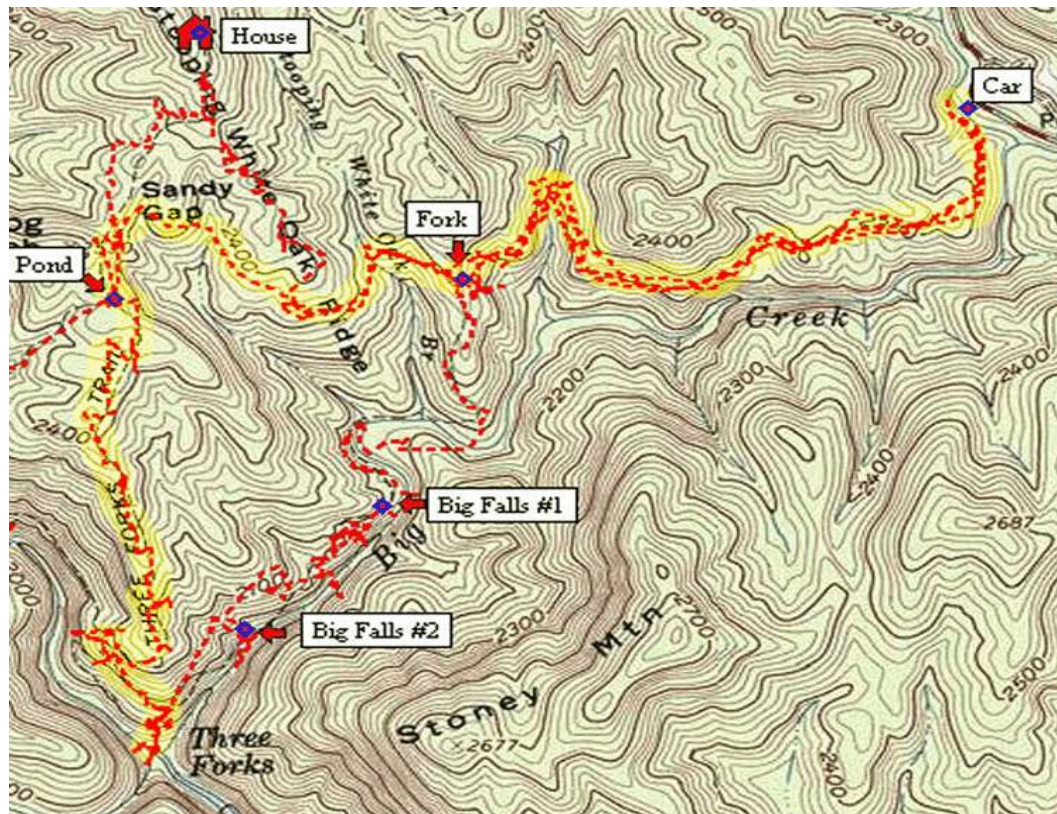


THREE FORKS on the UPPER CHATTOOGA

DESCRIPTION: The name refers to the junction of Holcomb, Overflow, and Big Creek which combine to form the West Branch of the Chattooga River in Georgia. The rocky junction, surrounded by rapids, falls, rocks and foliage, is truly beautiful and a great setting for lunch. Start from the open field parking area, head down hill and cross the stream. In high water, rock hop or drive across. Do not block the roadway. The route follows an old logging road west along mostly easy terrain, then gradually descends past a spur on the left, another two on the right. Take the second left, south, descending steeply to the Forks...a short scramble, in and out...definitely worth the effort. The hike totals almost 7 miles with multiple climbs totaling about 700ft. An alternate return trail along Big Creek includes two more falls, but is obscure, difficult, and is not advised.



DIRECTIONS (GPS: 34.84707, -83.19702) Meet and pool as usual from KKEPA at 830A and/or from Walhalla at 9A. Head north on SC28 for 16.5 miles into GA. Another 6.5 miles north of Russell Bridge (the SC/GA border) look for a clearing on the left. It's just uphill past a dip and modest bridge across Big Creek. Park there. There are no fees and no facilities after Walhalla. Expect to return by 3PM.

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