

Trek Notes:

Pine Mountain is a small, narrow region in the southwest portion of the Georgia Piedmont, extending eastward from the Alabama state border for 45 miles. The mountain contains Hollis quartzite-capped, steep-sloped ridges that rise 300-400 feet above the Piedmont surface and the Flint River to elevations in places over 1300 feet.

Moss Falls, Dripping Rocks, Matt Branch Falls, Long Branch creek, the Flint River, and the Meteor Impact Rim Crater adjacent to Lawhorn Scouting Base are all highlights you can observe in the Backcountry.

Please help us preserve this unique area by staying on the marked trails, take only pictures and leave only footprints. For your safety, do not attempt to climb the rocks or steep banks at the water falls.

Camp Thunder Trailheads:

Start at the pavilion near Howard Lodge, or next to the Dining Hall.

Flint River Trailheads:

Start next to the Family Picnic Pavilion at either end of the large parking lot.

Motor Vehicles:

Parking is available at both trailheads. Vehicles are restricted to camp staff, trail service groups, permitted hunters and for emergency response personnel.

Group Reservations:

Please make reservations for your desired activities and campsite(s) in advance by contacting the Flint River Council office at 770-227-4556. No crew should plan to enter the backcountry for day or overnight trips without first notifying the Flint River Council office, Camp Headquarters in Howard Lodge at 706-647-9539, or the Camp Ranger. Weekday activities are restricted during Sept-May hunting seasons from 3pm SUN – 12pm FRI.

All backcountry campsites are for primitive tent camping and are surveyed for the capacity to host specific crew sizes. A crew is equivalent to an 8 Scout Patrol and 4 adults. Camp only at designated durable campsites and fire rings to reduce impacts.

The 10 Essential “Systems”:

Don't begin a trek without bringing these items along for yourself and group members.

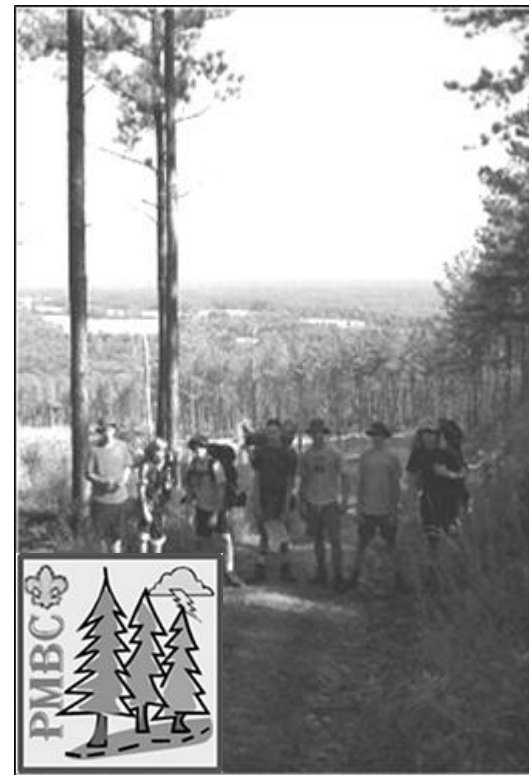
1. Repair kit and tools (knife, multitool, duct tape, cord)
2. First-aid supplies (individual and group needs)
3. Insulation (layers of clothing, hat, socks)
4. Emergency shelter (rain gear/poncho)
5. Hydration (extra water/filter/purification kit)
6. Illumination (headlamp/flashlight)
7. Nutrition (extra food)
8. Fire (waterproof matches/lighter/candles)
9. Sun protection (sunglasses/sunscreen/UPF clothing)
10. Navigation (map and compass, GPS)



Geocaches:

There are caches located on this hike. Contact the Camp Headquarters for details.

BACKPACKING TRAIL GUIDE



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Flint River Adventure Area



Bike & Hike Trail Ratings

Camp only in designated sites

| Trails and Blazes |
|------------------------------------|
| Muddy Slash W White |
| Dripping Rock M Maroon |
| Moss Falls Y Yellow |
| Water Tower T Turquoise |
| Valley Vortex B Berry Blue |
| Peak-to-Peak D Desert Brown |
| Falls View S Silver |
| Eagles View E Sky Blue |
| Deer Run L Lime Green |
| Switchback O Orange |
| Heart Attack R Red |
| Turkey Run T Pumpkin |
| Long Branch G Mint Green |
| Thunderbird C Cherry Red |
| Matt Branch F Forest Green |
| South River P Salmon Pink |
| Side Trail ■ Cobalt Blue |

1.1 Distance in 1/10 of mi



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Know Before You Go:

You will be challenged – physically and mentally – so be prepared for a great adventure. Your crew can practice some of the same **Leave No Trace** backcountry techniques here as required to navigate the North Georgia Mountains, the Appalachian Trail, Philmont, or the Northern Tier. Cell phones other than Verizon generally have poor coverage.

Water Sources:

Always carry sufficient water and treatment means for your planned activities. Campers can secure replacement drinking water from the Double Branch, Long Branch and Matt Branch Creeks year round. To be safe, all water from creek and river sources should be purified by filtering, boiling or chemicals before use. Carefully follow all treatment instructions.

Dispose of Waste Properly:
































All trash must be removed with your group. There are four campsites with latrines. Human waste must be buried at least 6 inches and 200 feet from water or camps.

Respect Wildlife:

Your food, smellable items and waste will draw the interest of animals of all sizes in the Backcountry. Armadillo, juvenile black bear, wild boar, chipmunk, coyotes, mice, raccoons, opossum, and squirrel all inhabit the Pine Mountain region. A smellable is anything that has an odor that might interest an animal. Animals are not attracted by human scent. A list of smellables includes food, candy, garbage, drink mixes, toothpaste (and toothbrush), soap, medicines, duct tape, batteries, film, deodorant, lotions, sunscreen, lip balm, pens, insect repellent, blood, soiled clothing, and any bottle that has EVER had anything besides water in it.

The Bear-muda Triangle

There should be four areas in your campsite. The first is where you prepare, cook and eat your food (near a fire ring). The second is where your smellables are stored. The third is the sump where wastewater is dumped. The fourth is where your tents are. The first three areas should roughly form a triangle. Your tent area should lay outside of this triangle.

| # | Campsite  | Location | Services | Capacity |
|----|--|------------------------|---|----------|
| 1 | Lumberjack | N32 57.492 W084 31.085 |  | 1 crew |
| 2 | Eagles Loft | N32 57.250 W084 31.080 |  | 2 crews |
| 3 | Hilltop | N32 57.329 W084 30.717 |  | 2 crews |
| 4 | Forest Glen | N32 57.329 W084 30.717 |  | 3 crews |
| 5 | Meadow View | N32 57.283 W084 30.151 |    BCS | 5 crews |
| 6 | Indian Camp | N32 57.084 W084 30.652 |      BCS | 2 crews |
| 7 | Upper Falls View | N32 56.880 W084 30.694 |  | 1 crew |
| 8 | Salt Lick | N32 56.863 W084 30.427 |  | 1 crew |
| 9 | Rocky Top | N32 56.876 W084 30.000 |  | 2 crews |
| 10 | Riverside | N32 56.741 W084 31.083 |      BCS | 3 crews |
| 11 | Mountain Man | N32.56.666 W084 30.663 |     | 3 crews |
| 12 | Scrub Oak | N32 56.667 W084 30.184 |  | 2 crews |
| 14 | Muddy Slash | N32 56.350 W084 30.351 |  | 3 crews |
| 15 | Crater Rim | N32 56.116 W084 30.645 |  | 2 crews |
| 16 | River View | N32 55.992 W084 30.705 |  | 1 crew |
| 17 | Arrowhead | N32 56.374 W084 30.058 |   | 3 crews |

 Campsite  Fire Circle  Drinking Water  Latrine  Shelter
 Info Kiosk/Board  Canoe Landing **BCS** Bear Cables & Waste Water Sump

Bear Bag Skills

You should always secure from animals at night your food, smellable items as described, and trash in a bag at least 12 feet off the ground. Do not leave smellables in your packs or tents.

Crews should plan on bringing sufficient rope and sacks to lift their vulnerable supplies and waste off the ground. Plan on lifting several sacks per crew, plus a late night "oops bag."

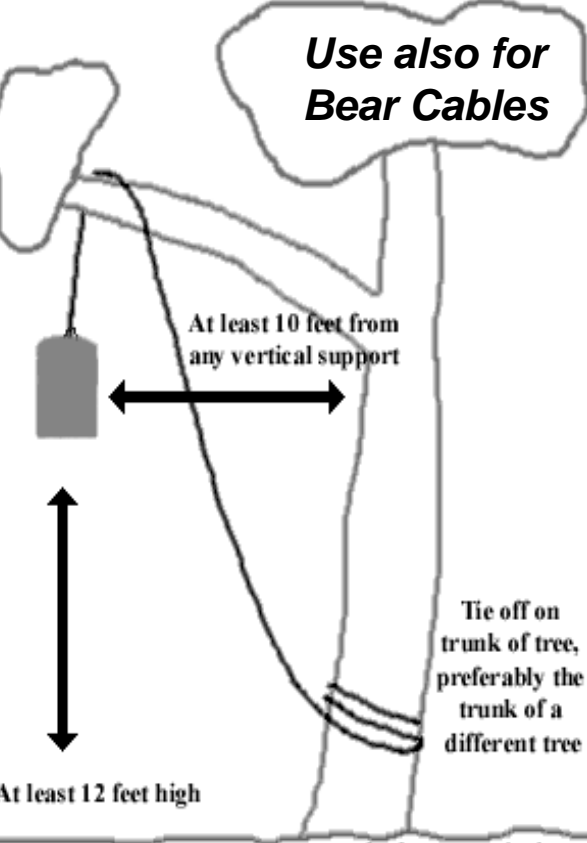
Here are some notes on how to put up bear bags.

- Select a pair of branches 20 feet apart and at least 15 feet off the ground.
- Attach one end of a 100-foot utility cord (3 mm) to a fist-sized rock that's heavy enough to drag the line through dense boughs.
- Tie the other end to a tree trunk or any nearby sturdy anchor. Throw the rock over both branches in succession.

- Tie a knotted loop (bight) in the cord midway between the branches. Attach the food bag (the stuff sack for a tent works fine) to the loop using a simple overhand or slip knot, or a carabiner to reduce friction.
- Pull on the unsecured end of the cord to lift the bag high enough up to be out of a bear's reach from the ground (at least 10 feet) or in either tree (4 feet). Ropes will stretch with weight. Tie off.

Single Tree Bear Bag Method

Use also for Bear Cables



Two Tree Bear Bag Method

Good for multiple bags but heavy to lift.

