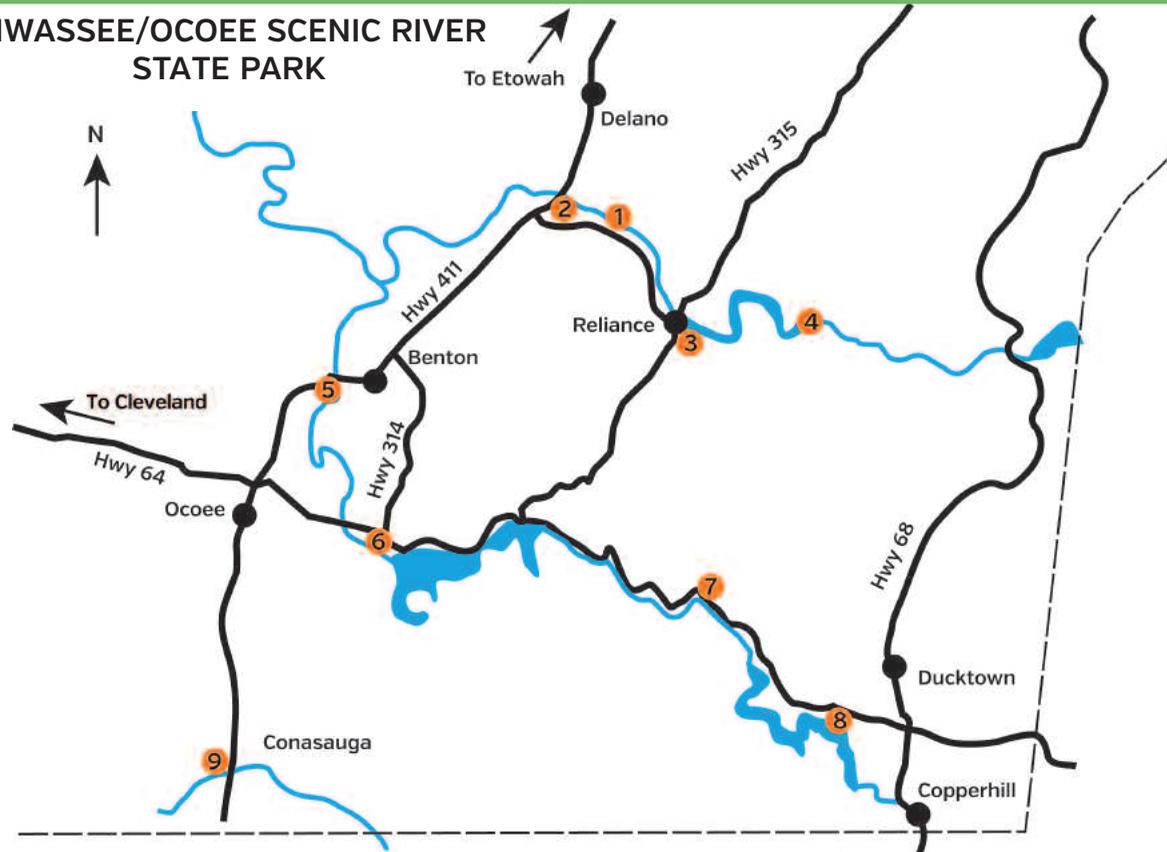
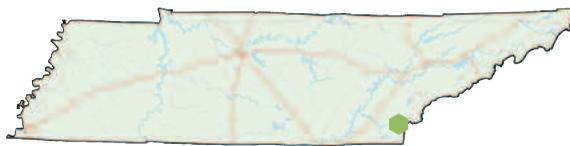


HIWASSEE/OCOEE SCENIC RIVER STATE PARK



Legend

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| 1. Office/Visitor Center & Gee Creek Campground | 6. Sugarloaf Mountain Day-use Area |
| 2. US 411 Boat Ramp | 7. Roger's Branch Put-In |
| 3. Reliance Boat Ramp & Picnic Area | 8. Ocoee Whitewater Center |
| 4. Powerhouse Access/Ramp | 9. Conasauga Boat Ramp |
| 5. Nancy Ward Gravesite | |



Directions

From I-75 travel north towards Chattanooga, take Cleveland Exit 20. From Knoxville, take I-75 South and take Calhoun Exit 36.

We're Mobile!

The Tennessee State Parks Pocket Ranger app is available at the Apple app store and Google Play.



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Hours of Operation
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Office
7 days a week/Memorial Day to Labor Day
Park closes at 10:00 PM

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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers and Friends assist in protecting, preserving and promoting the cultural and natural resources of their favorite state park, giving of their time and talents to ensure their park's integrity for future generations to enjoy. It's easy to show your support - join a Friends group or participate in one of the many volunteer opportunities we offer individuals, families and groups.



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These internationally-recognized white water sites are well known for their scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy rafting along the Ocoee and fishing for trout in the Hiwassee River.

Historical Significance

The Hiwassee River, included in the Tennessee Scenic River System, extends from the North Carolina line and turns west into Tennessee. This river, named after a Cherokee word meaning “a meadow place at the foot of the hills,” drains over 750,000 acres of mostly forested land. The Ocoee was the site of the canoe and kayak slalom races for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Hiking

Many miles of foot and horse trails meander through the Hiwassee and Ocoee areas and Cherokee National Forest. The John Muir State Scenic Trail also crosses this region in Reliance.



Picnic Areas

There are picnic areas with tables and grills located along the Hiwassee and Lower Ocoee rivers. These areas are operated by state and federal agencies.



Camping

Gee Creek Campground, located at the Hiwassee Scenic River site, has 47 primitive campsites and eight group campsites all with tables, fire rings and grills. Also available are horseshoe pits, a playground and an amphitheater with electricity. A public water supply and a bathhouse with hot showers serve the area. Additional campgrounds are available on the Ocoee River operated by the U.S. Forest Service. Please visit tnstateparks.itinio.com/Hiwassee-Ocoee to see a campground map, prices and make reservations.



Fishing

The Hiwassee, a popular trout stream, offers anglers fine catches of bass, yellow perch, catfish, brown and rainbow trout. A three mile stretch of the Hiwassee River from Big Ben parking area to Reliance offers trophy-sized trout and is designated as a delay-harvest area from October 1st to the last day of February, [only artificial lures are allowed during this time]. The daily limit is seven, of which only two may be brown trout.

Planned Programs

Planned interpretative activities are offered regularly between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Programs are listed weekly on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hiwasseeocoeestatepark.



Boating

Floating, canoeing and rafting constitute the major attraction for both the Hiwassee and Ocoee Rivers. Based on the International Scale of River Difficulty, the rivers have Class I - IV rapids. While both locations are exceptional white water settings, users should be aware that even calm looking streams are potentially hazardous for those unskilled and unfamiliar with the basic techniques of floating or water safety.



The Ocoee River requires a minimal Type 3 Coast Guard approved life jacket for private boaters. This river has many commercial outfitters that provide guided whitewater trips. Customers shall be at least 12 years of age.

The Hiwassee River requires a Type 3 Coast Guard approved life jacket be worn when on the water between the Powerhouse Dam and Highway 411 Bridge. The Hiwassee River flows through both private and public lands and permission must be obtained prior to entry for any purpose, on all private land. Glass bottles, aluminum cans, alcoholic beverages and Styrofoam are prohibited on both rivers.

Please be aware both rivers are dam controlled and may rise rapidly without warning. Please check www.tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels for the release schedule.



Nearby Attractions

- Fort Marr Blockhouse, Visitor Center
- Delano Daylilies, Etowah - 3 miles
- L&N Depot & Railroad Museum, Etowah - 6 miles
- Historic District of Reliance, Reliance - 7 miles
- Nancy Ward Historic Gravesite, Benton - 10 miles



Other Nearby State Parks

- Fort Loudoun State Historic Park - 34 miles
- Red Clay State Historic Park - 37 miles
- Harrison Bay State Park - 40 miles
- Booker T. Washington State Park - 52 miles

