

S to N

- 0.0 State Line, FT/AT, sandy FR 346B Yellow Blaze
- 0.6 Creek
- 1.0 Creek
- 1.3 Right on paved CR 38 (No road sign) White blazes
- 1.5 Creek
- 2.1 Creek
- 2.6 Left on sandy FR 311
- 5.0 Cross paved CR 4. Go straight across. Stay on sandy FR 311.  
 TW Bradley 1.1m east No services however I've heard rumors of someone offering something there. The old general store has been closed for many years.  
 No PO. Nearest PO is in Wing, AL 36420 7.0m further East on CR 4. CS  
 Note: AHTS Friend Johnny Brewer is available to help and provide trail magic. Cell Ph (334) 504-1899. Please let him know you're coming.
- 5.3 Seasonal creek
- 6.4 Big creek. Excellent water source. Perfect for camping nearby.
- 8.9 Pond on left, seasonal.
- 9.7 Go Right on sandy FR 305
- 11.0 Creek
- 11.2 Pass sandy FR 397 on left.
- 11.6 Pass sandy FR 312 on left.
- 11.7 Creek
- 12.3 Pass sandy FR 313 on right.
- 12.4 Road barrier
- 12.5 Creek. Concrete bridge. Excellent water source.
- 13.6 Cross sandy road at intersection. Go straight across.
- 14.6 Pass sandy FR 318 on Right.
- 15.2 Creek
- 15.7 Concrete bridge at Panther Creek. Excellent water source.
- 16.0 Cross sandy road at intersection. Go straight across.
- 17.7 Sandy entrance road to Otter Pond. Camping. Water level has been dropping so pond isn't as good a water source as in the past.
- 18.0 Cross sandy road (CR 11) at intersection. Go straight across. Blue Spring WMA sign across intersection.
- 18.6 Sandy FR 349 on left.
- 19.1 Creek
- 19.3 Sandy FR 329 on left.
- 19.7 Seasonal creek
- 20.1 Sandy FR 328 on Right.
- 20.3 Go Left at intersection of sandy FR 355. You are now going North on FR 355.
- 21.6 Go Right at intersection of Conecuh Trail. You are on the south side of the North Loop of the Conecuh Trail walking East. White diamond metal markers are nailed to trees marking this route for the next 2 miles. USFS maintains this trail which is open to hikers and mountain bikers.
- 22.6 Cross stile at paved CR 137 (RESUPPLY HERE) and enter trail across road.

- CG,RE 1.2m south on CR 137**  
**Blue Lake Restaurant RE,GC,PH,SH,T,TB,TE,W** New Owners Good food  
 Camp behind RE in small CG. New shower & toilet facilities. Hikers welcome to  
 camp.
- 23.6 Go Right on sandy FR 335 (no road sign). Watch for yellow blazes. Busy trail  
 intersection with Conecuh Trail north and south loop connector trail. Trail  
 goes up hill.**
- 24.0 Sandy FR 335A on Right.**
- 24.4 Sandy FR 335B on Right.**
- 24.7 Creek**
- 24.8 Go Left on sandy FR 17 (no road sign) at T intersection. Watch for yellow  
 blazes. Called Bass Rd on forest map. You should begin picking up some  
 fairly good yellow blazes which will take you into Andalusia.**
- 25.3 Go straight across sandy FR 343 intersection**
- 25.8 Pass Shady Hill Freewill Baptist Church on right.**
- 26.3 Sandy FR 332 on Left.**
- 27.7 Creek with concrete bridge. Excellent water source, swimming.**
- 28.1 Leave Conecuh National Forest. Pavement begins.**  
**W You will pass four creeks before arriving at South By-pass Rd.**
- 30.0 Left on CR 31**
- 31.1 Right on CR 32**
- 31.6 Left on CR 17**
- 34.7 Cross Hwys 15/55 South By-Pass**  
**TW Andalusia**
- 35.8 Pass school**
- 36.6 Right on South Three Notch St.**  
**LO Sunset Inn 0.2m West on South Three Notch St. Hwy. 29 South,**  
**Andalusia, AL 36420 Ph(334)222-3191 Open 24/7 \$45 single or double incl.**  
**tax. Accepts major credit cards and cash. A/C, phone, Color Cable TV, Free**  
**HBO, Refrig. & microwave, Heat, A/C. UD 3/8/11**  
**RE Old Mexico Restaurant next to motel**  
**Quick Left on Snowden Rd. Snowden Rd parallels Hwys. 29/15/Bypass which**  
**has many amenities including BS,CS,LA,LO,PH,PHA,RE,W. You may hike the**  
**By-Pass around to the Ford/Mercury Dealership and turn Left at Pinewood**  
**Rd. This is the same as the 38.8m entry.**
- 36.9 RE (behind chain link fence) The Crow's Nest Restaurant-BBQ, 505 West  
 Bypass, Andalusia, AL 36420 Ph(334)222-4614 Owners: Judy Wilson. L/D**  
**Open M-F 9a-8p, Sa 7a-9p Accepts cash, checks & MC/VISA/AMX**  
**Catfish/Chicken/Beef/Pork/burgers, stuffed potatos, chef salad. Prices: very**  
**reasonable. Note: Bobby & Judy Wilson catered our Sat. dinner at 3 of our Annual**  
**Conferences and has won awards in state competition for 'Best BBQ.' They're good friends**  
**of the Alabama Hiking Trail Society. They'll treat you right! UD 3/8/11**
- 37.3 Right on Church St.**
- 37.7 Left into Robinson Memorial Park. Follow either path (until one is blazed) to  
 other end of Park along the Robinson Park Trail.**
- 37.9 Exit Robinson Park**  
**Left on Railroad Ave. (This was a detour while Riverfalls St. was being**  
**repaved.) Street signs may be missing. Be careful because there are two lefts**

- here. Take the Left that goes north.**
- 38.1 Right on River Falls St.**  
**RE Ofelia's Italian, 401 River Falls St., Andalusia, AL 36420 Ph(334) 427-1400 L/D Open 7 Days 11a-2p, 5p-9p.** Lunch: Subs, salads, sandwiches, sop. Dinner: Mostly pasta with chicken, shrimp and meatballs. Very good restaurant and very good prices. UD 3/8/11
- 38.3 Left on Stewart St. (no sign). Old blazes appear down the street from the corner.**
- 38.8 Cross Hwys 29/15/84/12/By-Pass onto Pinewood Rd. (No sign until further down the road.) Ford/Mercury Dealership on corner.**  
**GRO Winn Dixie Store 0.5m East on By-Pass**  
**LO Comfort Inn 0.6m East on By-Pass, 1311 East By-Pass, Andalusia, AL 36420 Ph/Fax (334)222-8891 Toll Free 800-228-5150 Accepts credit cards.** Jacuzzi Fitness Center. TV, Phone, Micro freeze, Coffee Maker. Washer & Dryer available. GRO next door.  
**RE Near Winn Dixie and Comfort Inn**  
 Note: Due to tornados, severe storms and weathering over the years many phone poles have been replaced and our blazes are gone. With a road map and these directions you should be able to navigate to Montgomery.
- 39.0 Curbed streets leaving Andalusia**
- 40.0 Right at stop sign on CR 68-Max Barton Rd.**
- 40.8 Left on Hwys 29/15**
- 41.1 CS Citgo**
- 42.0 Right on CR 43-Straughn School Rd.**
- 42.2 CS Heath Grocery, Heath community**  
**LO Budget Inn 0.4m Left on Barton St. Cross Hwys 29/15 to west side.**  
 Owner Neil Patel May offer hikers a discount.  
 RE Restaurant next door was closed.  
 RE The Crow's Nest 2.1m North on Hwys 29/15. Ph(334)388-2550. Ask Mr. Patel for shuttle to/from restaurant. Restaurant owner gave me a ride back to motel. May be able to hitch a ride with motel guest.
- 43.9 Antique shop**
- 45.8 Straughn School. Straughn community**  
 Note: AHTS Member Johnny Brewer lives 2 miles from Straughn School. Cell Ph (334) 504-1899
- 48.2 Creek**
- 52.4 Left on CR 77-Leon Tower Rd. Rose Hill community.**  
 CS
- 55.7 Conecuh River Bridge, camping under west end of bridge.** Beth Kelso & I camped under north end of bridge a ways back from the river in which I joyously bathed. I vaguely remember police lights sometime during the night. In the morning Beth told me the police broke up a 'party'. I didn't hear any partying and the revelers didn't see or bother us. Well, I slept through another good time!
- 56.1 TW Dozier**  
**CS Adams Dixie Dandy West end of Conecuh River Bridge. Open M-Sa, closed Su. I HEARD THIS CLOSED.**  
**HS HENDERSON'S Open M-Sa 6a-5p Ph(334)496-3421**

- PO next to store.**
- 56.5 Cross Hwys 29/15**  
**RE Mama's House 0.1m left on Hwys 29/15. B/L M-Fr Open 5:30a-2p, Dinner only on Sat 5:30p-? Home cooking. Catfish plates: catfish, cheese grits, french fries, cole slaw & hush puppies.**  
**CS Kimbro Service Station 0.1m left on Hwys 29/15. Owner Joe Kimbro Ph(334)496-3621 Open 7 days 4:30a-6p**
- 57.4 House and property where hikers can camp. If nobody home on right camp on left side of road near old house to be renovated.**
- 57.9 Freewill Baptist Church**
- 60.7 Leon water tower. Leon community**
- 63.6 Left on Hwy 106. Merrill Mill community.**
- 63.8 Patsaliga Creek.**
- 64.2 Three bridges over swamp.**
- 66.6 Right on CR 77.**  
**CS CC's Country Store 0.1m west on Hwy 106, 10589 Georgiana Hwy Brantley, AL 36009 Ph(334)496-2416 MC/VISA/AMEX Owners Marty & Caroline Claveria Open M-Sa 6a-8p, Su 8a-6p. ECT'ers, Marty was raised in Okeechobee! May camp with permission. Good food selection, ice cream. Tables out front and in back. LP Gas, diesel and auto gas.**
- 67.1 Mill Chapel Church**
- 70.5 Creek**  
**5 or 6 creeks in this area**
- 72.5 Creek**
- 73.7 Swamp**
- 73.9 Old renovated wood school. Ivy Creek community**
- 76.6 Left on Hwy 10-Greenville Hwy.**
- 77.0 Right on CR 11-Center Ridge Rd. Cherokee Village community**
- 77.9 Gin Creek**
- 78.6 Creek**
- 80.2 Centenary Assembly of God Church Pastor Tom McLane & wife, Marla.**  
 These fine people let us camp behind the church, gave us a shower and opened the Fellowship Hall to us. In turn, we cleaned the men's room, swept out the Hall & picked up litter in the yard. They wanted to cook a meal for us but we only needed the ice tea they graciously offered. Marla came over and prayed for us. Angels and Trail Angels!  
**Centenary community**
- 82.1 Pond**
- 84.5 Right on CR 11-Massey Rd. Center Ridge community**  
**CS**
- 86.7 Right on CR 50-Honoraville Rd. No Rte. Sign.**  
**CS Country One Stop across intersection at T. Open M-Th 6:30a-8p, F 6:30a-9p, Sa 7a-9p, Su Noon-6p.**
- 87.2 Left on CR 11**  
**TW Honoraville**  
**PO 36042 Near intersection. Open M-F, 8a-11:30a, 1p-4:15p, Sa 8a-Noon.**  
**Charles Gillion lives in a nice home south of Hubert Mason Grocery on west side of road. OK to camp at his home.**

- Union Baptist Church Pastor William Burns Ph(334)382-2879 Call for permission to camp.
- 88.4 CS Hubert Mason Grocery Open 6a-7p, 7 days.
- 95.2 CR 4 goes left to Ft. Deposit. GO STRAIGHT! Road ahead becomes CR 11 again-Burgamy Swamp Rd.
- 95.7 Left on CR 11-Upper Bozeman Rd. becomes dirt). Panola community
- 99.8 W near chicken houses. FILTER, FILTER, FILTER!
- 100.8 Cross Hwy 97-Davenport Hwy onto Upper Bozeman Rd. Clearview community.  
Magnolia Church Beth Kelso, Gary Buffington & I camped here, went to church service and slept in Fellowship Hall '01. Extremely nice folks.  
CS 1.8m Left of intersection on Hwy 97.  
Hillside Missionary Baptist Church 0.5m Right of intersection on Hwy 97.
- 101.2 Pavement ends. Shady, sandy road with red clay banks.  
*ROADS FROM HERE NORTH MAY NOT HAVE NAME SIGNS ALONG ROUTE. LOOK FOR THE FAMILIAR YELLOW 'ALABAMA TRAIL' BLAZES ON PHONE POLES, FENCE POSTS AND SIGN POLES.*
- 102.6 Right on Pettus Rd. Pavement begins. Sellers water tower
- 102.7 Left on Bethlehem Rd. Pavement ends.
- 103.2 Road forks. Follow left fork continuing on Surles Rd.
- 105.2 Still water, questionable
- 105.7 Pavement begins
- 105.8 Left on CR 12-Hickory Grove Rd.-no road sign.
- 106.0 Right on CR 23-Butler Mill Rd. Mountain Hill Baptist Church at crossroads. Bethlehem community. Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church nearby.
- 108.1 Pavement ends. AME Zion Church
- 109.7 Pavement begins
- 110.0 Cross CR 14-Union Academy Rd. Pavement ends. Beautiful country lane begins! Spanish moss everywhere!
- 111.4 Several crossings of Pintlala Creek
- 112.3 Pavement begins
- 112.6 Road forks. Take Left fork continuing on Butler Mill Rd
- 112.8 Creek
- 113.6 LeGrande Community Church of Christ
- 114.1 Bible Fellowship Church  
Left on Old Sellers Rd.
- 117.1 Pond near road
- 119.3 Left on US Hwy 331/9 at town of SNOWDON (busy 4 lane hwy).  
CS Citgo
- 123.3 Right on Norman Bridge Rd-becomes Decatur St, then Union St.
- 124.3 Cross long bridge over Catoma Creek
- 125.4 Cross South Blvd. (Beltway-Hwys 80/82/6/8/9/21/152)  
LO Diplomat Inn 0.5m East on South Blvd, 3951 Norman Bridge Rd.,  
Montgomery, AL Ph (334)288-1120.
- 125.8 TW MONTGOMERY-STATE CAPITAL  
GRO Winn Dixie Supermarket  
BANK, BARBER SHOP, RE, LA, McCRORY'S DEPT. STORE

- 126.7 CS Gas station  
PHA CVS
- 127.0 Road becomes South Decatur St.  
Go Left 1 block and walk North on Hull St.
- 127.6 CS
- 127.9 Road becomes Union St (one way). Follow right lanes with traffic flow northward.  
Go Left on Washington St one block.  
PO Pick up all 'General Delivery' mail including bounce box at 'Downtown Station' 153 Catoma St, Montgomery, AL 36104 Open M-Fr 7:30a-5:30p, Sa 8a-Noon. Should you explore downtown Montgomery you will find a beautiful fountain. From here walk slightly to Left following Montgomery St 0.3m to Catoma St.  
LO in downtown Montgomery  
Embassy Suites near RR Depot Ph (334)269-5055.  
Holiday Inn 120 Madison Ave., Ph (334)264-2231. Includes continental breakfast.  
Ramada Inn 924 Madison Ave., Ph (334)265-0741.

*AHTS Member Ed Rutledge provided this route through Montgomery and Wetumpka which diverts on back road Jasmine Hill Gardens along the rim of an ancient meteorite crater being considered as a National Monument site.*

- 128.5 Turn Right and go East on Atlanta Hwy (80)
- 132.0 Left at East Blvd.
- 135.0 Right on Hwy 231N  
LO Comfort Inn on left before North Chase Blvd (beltway). Ph(334)270-0099 Deluxe continental breakfast.  
LO Days Inn  
RE Waffle House  
*South bounders, emergency lane on US Hwy 231 disappears as you get closer to Montgomery. Shoulder is difficult walking.*
- 138.4 Tallapoosa River Bridge  
Blazing began north of Montgomery Dec. '02. The route blazed north veers Right off Hwy 231 onto Jasmine Hills Road, a scenic road along a meteor crater rim. The route rejoins Hwy 231 very shortly.
- 139.3 LO Key West Inn Stay on Hwy 231N  
CS Pure Service Station
- 140.5 Keep straight past Old Jasmine Hill Rd and water tower
- 143.9 Old Montgomery Hwy  
TW Wetumpka (RESUPPLY HERE)  
OUTFITTER Southern Trails at Coosa Outdoor Center, Ph(334) 272-0952  
Open 10a-6p M-Sa, Th until 7p, Closed Su.
- 144.3 Fast foods on Left  
PHA CVS on Right
- 146.4 RE SMOKIN' BAR-B-QUE East side of Hwy 231 across from Pizza Hut.  
Open M-Th 10:30a-8p, F-Sa 10:30a-9p, CLOSED Su. Ph (334)567-0605.  
Owners Robin and Shirley Singleton. Ya gotta try this BBQ! Hickory

- smoked platters, Camp Stew, Pork, Beef, Ribs and Chicken. Really good!!!  
Huddle House, Pizza Hut
- 147.5 LO Wetumpka Inn & Motel Hwy 231 North, Wetumpka, AL 36092  
Ph(334) 567-9316 Owner B D Patel. TV in rooms.  
CS
- 151.9 Bridge over creek
- 153.2 CS Wallsboro community
- 157.2 Bridge across lake fingers
- 159.6 Left on CR 29 (***RESUPPLY HERE***)  
CS Roy's Chevron w/food. New owners Roy and Glenda Johnson.  
Former owners Bill and Sarah Matthews turned Beth Kelso & I loose in store  
where we ate lunch, dinner & breakfast free. They shuttled us from/to Titus  
and brought us home with them to sleep in their home. Incredible people.  
*Delahunty '01, Beth Kelso '01 and I '01 were treated like royalty at this (?)  
Chevron Station owned by the Matthews family prior to turning on CR 29.*  
CS Cash & Carry Country Store w/grocery.
- 161.5 Bridge over lake finger creek
- 164.6 TW Titus  
PO 36080  
NO STORE
- 165.2 Stream  
*Southbound, Nimblewill Nomad reports the road leading over to CR 429 is  
marked at the road intersection with CR 29 but it isn't marked on the DeLorme  
map. CR 429 doesn't come all the way through to CR 29, Nimblewill Nomad  
found himself hiking through Titus staying on CR 29 to CR 432 then onto US  
231.*
- 174.2 Kelly's Crossroads (***RESUPPLY HERE***) Walk straight across CR 22.  
CS Last store south of Flagg Mt. Good store

#### New Coosa Trail in Coosa WMA

- 176.2 **Hatchett Creek Bridge** The brand new Coosa Trail starts at the north end of the  
Hatchett Creek Bridge on the west side.
- 176.3 **Coosa Trailhead**  
The blazes are yellow. This is the east Trailhead and it has a kiosk. The Coosa Trail  
is approximately 11 miles long and northbound runs SE to NW. It's completely  
blazed. This is beautiful property with overlooks, ravines, mountain laurel, and  
plentiful streams. Trail work began 3/1/2011 and it was completed in Nov. 2013.  
Way to go AHTS! There are two campsites, one about 5 miles in and the other just  
before the west end trailhead. Both have picnic tables.
- 187.3 **West Trailhead**  
Right on WMA Rd 153
- 188.5 **Right on WMA Rd 15**
- 190.2 **Right on WMA Rd 148 aka Joe Rd**
- 193.0 **Right on WMA Rd 87**

- 196.5 Right on WMA Rd 30**
- 201.6 Right on WMA Rd 90**
- 207.6 Left on paved road-County Rd 15**
- 208.0 Pass Antler Loop Rd-Stay on paved road**
- 208.8 Pass Antler Loop Rd**
- 209.6 Pass County Rd 132**
- 210.6 Cross Weogufka Creek**
- 211.8 Right on paved road-no name on road. -16 is written on the back of the stop sign.**
- 213.6 Water from creek**
- 215.9 Left on Weogufka Forrest Rd. Begin ascent of Flagg Mtn.**

### **Pinhoti Trail from Flagg Mtn. to CR 56 West of Weogufka**

This is the newest section of trail with the southern trailhead dedicated March 2015 as the new Southern Terminus of the Pinhoti Trail. A new campsite and a new shelter both with picnic tables and fire rings have been established. Water is nearby.

**Note: Mileage is accurate to 219.8**

- 219.8 Pinhoti Trail Trailhead** You may notice that at this trailhead the famed stone tower at the top of Flagg Mtn. is not seen from here. This past summer a long term lease with a private group was mutually ended and the property is now being kept up by the Alabama Hiking Trail Society with plans to provide a side trail to the tower.

**Note:** Mileage is estimated and not yet measured for this new section of trail.

### **North Trailhead**

- 226.8 Right on CR 56** Walk east to Weogufka

**Note: Mileages will be updated from 226.8 North.**

- 183.6 Left on CR 16**

### ***Alabama Pinhoti Trail***

In 2011 a 4.0m corridor was acquired which will take hikers from Flagg Mtn. to the west of Wetumka. Construction began on this trail in the Spring of 2013. After the 2014 Fall Trail Work Week Nov. 3-7<sup>th</sup>, the trail was almost completed. Nimblewill Nomad surprised our trail crew by joining in the work on Saturday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, as they completed this newest addition to the trail.

It has been determined that the southern terminus of the Pinhoti Trail will be near Flagg Mtn. at 1,152', one of the southernmost mountains in the Appalachian Mountain Range above 1,000'. A grant has been received by the State and a new trailhead is to be built on the south side of Flagg Mtn. on the CCC Rd. in the near future. Part of the grant includes construction of a shelter on the trail.

It wasn't that long ago that construction began '03-'04 of 18 miles of an extension of Alabama's Pinhoti Trail south from Porter Gap on Hwy 77 to Bulls Gap on Hwy. 148. An



official maps isn't yet available. An additional 12 miles of Pinhoti Trail has been built on Rebecca Mtn.

Mileages for the five official maps of the Alabama Pinhoti Trail starting at Porter Gap/Hwy. 77 is a total 103.9 miles.

In Alabama starting at Porter Gap you will need five maps for the Alabama Pinhoti Trail. North Bounders start with Map 5, 4, 3, 2 & 1.

**Note:** Mileages are being updated from this point North due to added trail sections.

**191.7 TW Weogufka Go Left on CR 41/29 at 4 Way Stop intersection in center of town.**

**Second Baptist Church Pastor Bynum no longer there. Super trail magic from this church when we walked through. They gave Beth Kelso & I shelter, fed us and prayed with us. May '01. '03 hiker Chris Stevens reports the church has a new building with a shower for hikers**

**PO 35183 Open M-Fr, 8a-12 & 12:45p-4:15p. Sa 8a-9:45a.**

**CS Caperton's Old South General Store & Pawn Shop Owner Lloyd Caperton Ph(256) 249-9100 Email [CapeCSA@aol.com](mailto:CapeCSA@aol.com) Pawn, Buy, Sell, Trade, Farm raised catfish, guns, electronics, tools, jewelry. The Confederacy lives on here!**

**197.6 Intersection, turn Right to continue on CR 41**

**197.7 Cross Hwys 231/21/53**

**TW Stewartville (RESUPPLY HERE) Last place to re-supply until Hwy 77/Porters Ga 30 miles away.**

**VS Dollar General (opened 2009) Open 7 days; 8a-9p. Food/hardware/etc.**

**CS/RE Chevron Stewartville Café 0.2m Left on Hwy 231. B/L/D Open 7 days at 5a. Close Su-Th at 10p. Close F-Sa 11p. Has cooked foods & tables.**

**199.8 Cross 4-laned Hwys 280/38. No store**

#### **CHANGE IN ROAD WALK 3/5/2011**

New route guides hiker to the newest section of the Pinhoti Trail at the southern end of Rebecca Mtn. Trail is officially open. It is fully blazed and maintained.

**201.1 Go Left on CR 66**

**201.8 Cross Creek**

**201.9 Go Right on Redbug Rd.**

**202.3 Go Right on Azalea Ln**

**202.5 Go Right on Azalea Rd. Cross Levy on Lake Joy. Last water source for next 14 miles until Bulls Gap/Hwy 148.**

**202.7 Go Right on Deer Run Dr. a gravel road**

**202.8 Go Left on S curve. Road has no name posted on this end. Gravel turns to sand. The road's name is Lakewood Circle and is posted on CR 511. Pass Cold Water Preserve.**

**203.4 Cross CR 511 and go straight onto Trammel Motor Way.**

**203.5 Cross RR tracks. No bells or crossing gate. Be careful.**

**203.7 Cross under transmission lines.**

**204.7 Go Right onto FS603A**

**205.2 Go Right at fork. No gate as on left fork.**

**205.3 Go left into woods on USFS land onto the Pinhoti Trail. Blazes are blue.**

Mileages for Rebecca Mtn. aren't accurate so the best guess is 12 miles to Bulls Gap/Hwy 148. The Alabama Hiking Trail Society maintains the Rebecca Mtn. section of the Pinhoti Trail and I led work crews which blazed the approach trail at each end. The distance to the ridge top is 2m from Bulls Gap to the ridge and perhaps 2.5m from FR 603A to the ridge. The ridge is blazed. However, re-routing by the USFS will take some of the trail off the ridge.

Water isn't available on the ridge where most of the Pinhoti Trail is located. Northbound hikers fill your water bottles on the 2.5 mile approach trail to the ridge. We are looking for a water source which we believe is a short distance down hill from the ridge. When found it will be blazed and cleared and added to the Handbook.

**217.3 Cross Hwy 148/Bulls Gap to Trailhead on North side of road. FS600-1 Go Left on gravel road. Look for Pinhoti Trail blue blazes opposite Trailhead parking lot.**

**THIS IS CRITICAL. WATER NOT AVAILABLE FOR NEXT 15 MILES.**

**W** Go Right downhill a short distance about 300' and go right into woods. There is a stream flowing along right side of highway. Fill your water bag with what you'll need for 15m. I walked the Skyway Motor Way in 2001 because there wasn't a trail. I took water from mud puddles, boiled it, poured most of it into another bottle and threw out the sediments which had settled on the bottom when boiled, then filtered the saved water. If it has rained recently you can get water from puddles on the road that parallel the trail.

**218.3 Overlook on left, west to Sylacauga.** No sign. Indistinguishable.

**223.4 Campsite at Fire Tower. 0.2m to tower site. Covered pavilion, picnic tables.**

This is one of those jewels of a site, constructed by the CCC in the 1930's and abandoned by USFS. In recent years the pavilion was renovated according to historical standards and any original wood was used in the renovation. Old overlooks with new forest blocking views. First stand of white pine in Appalachian Mountains well south of its' normal range. No water. Gate prevents cars from accessing site.

**224.6 Sunset Rock overlook on left, looking west.** No sign here. Indistinguishable.

**228.4 Cross on paved Hwy 77 to Porters Gap Trailhead.**

**CS (RESUPPLY HERE) This may be (2.4m1.4m?) east on Hwy 77. A second store is 0.1m farther east.**

Last place for supplies before getting on Alabama's Pinhoti Trail.

**229.5 Right at Porters Gap Trailhead parking lot (gravel).**

## Map 5

**Water** is scarce in this section. Plan accordingly.

**AHTS maintains the first 8.7m of this section of the Pinhoti Trail.**

**Mileages are from USFS Maps.**

**S to N**

## Pinhoti Trail

- 0 Trailhead parking lot at Porter's Gap
- 3.5 Chandler Springs (FS 600 at Talladega Creek)  
**W** May be available here and may be last water source for next 30 miles until Hillabee Creek.
- 8.7 Clairmont Gap
- 15.2 Adams Gap

## Map 4

### Cheaha Wilderness

The trail is supposed to be unmarked to maintain a wilderness experience according to USFS regulations. Because so many people were getting lost we painted blazes.

**Water** is scarce in this section. Plan accordingly.

#### Trailhead Parking

- 20.5 Odum/Chinnabee/Pinhoti Trail Junction  
**Odum Point at 2,342' is the highest elevation in the Cheaha Wilderness**
- 26 Cave Creek Trail Junction (**RESUPPLY HERE**) 0.5m North uphill on Hwy 281 Talladega Scenic Dr. to Park entrance.  
**Cheaha State Park CB,CG,CS,FR,GC,LA,LO,PH,RE,RV,SH,T,TB,TE,W** Daily use fee for cars.  
**Store (RESUPPLY HERE)** at entrance. **17.3m to MM**
- 43.5 **and 0.6m to next store.** Carries lots of camping supplies, ice cream and all kinds of drinks. Camp stove fuel by the gallon. Lacks instant dinners.  
**Cabins** 15 chalets and stone cabins, 2-6 persons. Linens, cooking utensils & outdoor grills. Fireplace.  
**Resort Lodge** Beautiful old stone building recently renovated.  
**Restaurant** with breathtaking views.  
**Campground** 73 sites, water, electric & sewage hookups.  
**Primitive Camping** Bathhouse, laundry & camp store.  
**Cheaha State Park Lodge-Motel, Hwy # 281, 2141 Bunker Loop, Delta, AL 36258 Ph (800) 846-2654, 256-488-5115 Fax (256) 488-5649. A/C, phones, TV 30 rooms with TV, phone, pool, gift shop.**  
**Cheaha State Park Office 19644 Hwy 281, Delta, AL 36258 Ph (256) 488-5111 Fax (256) 488-5885. Email [cheahastpk@acs-isp.com](mailto:cheahastpk@acs-isp.com)**  
**Will accept mail drops.** Say hello to Park Superintendent David Odom.  
 The best map of the PT can be bought at the Camp Store.  
 Ask for the one just like in the kiosk outside. It shows the entire trail on one map.  
**Cheaha Mountain at 2,407' is the highest point in Alabama!**  
*Note: June '02 Craig Battles had his car broken into while parked here.*
- 28.5 **FR,TB,TE,SHE Blue Mountain Shelter 13.3m north of Adams Gap.**  
 At sign on trail go Right (East) on un-blazed side trail. Be careful because it veers left and a narrow path seems to go straight and fades away.

It looks like more than one trail to follow. Loft, table, fire ring, no register.  
 Lee Van Horn reports water sometimes runs dry at this shelter. It was  
 cold and rainy when I left Cheaha State Park and came to this shelter. I  
 didn't look for the water source or a privy and didn't see any blazed  
 trails around the shelter.  
**W** Located at stream 0.25m south of shelter.

### Map 3

**Water** is plentiful in this section

- 31 FS Road 589 - CCC Road**  
**38.2 CR 24**  
**41.8 FS Road 515**  
**43.5 Hwy 431**  
 8.4m to MM 282.2/51.9 and 1.4m to next store.  
**CS Spears Country Store (RESUPPLY HERE) 0.6m East of trail at**  
**Hwys 431/281 junction. 3412 Hwy 431, Heflin, AL 36264 Ph (256) 253-**  
**2895 Fax (256) 253-2243 Owner Edna Spears Open Su-Th 5a-**  
**9p, F-Sa 5a-10p.** Will accept mail drops. Tables inside and out. Hiker  
 Register. Might be possible to camp behind store with owners  
 permission.  
**45.3 FS Road 518**  
**47.8 Interstate 20**  
**51.9 Hwy 78 (RESUPPLY HERE)**  
**TW Heflin 36264**  
**CS Romais Store 1.4m West on Hwy 78, 10171 US 78 E, Anniston,**  
**AL 36207 Open Su-Th 5:30a-8/9p, F 5:30a-10p, Sa 7a-10p**  
**CS Pakasak Spur Station 1.7m West on Hwy 78, 9875 Hwy 78**  
**East, Anniston, AL 36207 Open M-Sa 4a-10p, Su 6a-9p. Coleman**  
**fuel, unleaded gas. DELI in store!! Open M-W 4a-5p, Th-Sa**  
**4a- 5:30p. Closed Su.**  
**RE BBQ Hut 1.9m East on Hwy 78, Hwy 78 East, Heflin, AL 36264**  
**Open M-Sa 8a-8p. Closed Su.** Waitress Anita Bryant, that's really her  
 name, felt so sorry for me because I was walking that she refused to  
 accept payment for my dinner in '01.  
**RE Hometown Restaurant 2.6m East on Hwy 78.**  
**SUB-PO 36264, 3m East on Hwy 78 and South on Hwy 9. Open**  
**M,Tu,Th,F 8a-4:30p, Sa 8a- Noon.**  
**MAIN PO 36264, 3.5m East on Hwy 78, Open M-F 8a-4:30p, Sa**  
**8a-Noon.**  
**LO Howard Johnson Express 4.3m East on Hwy 78 and South**  
**on Hwy 9, 1957 Almon St, Heflin, AL 36264 Ph 256-463-2922 Fax 256-**  
**463-2900. Reservations 800-446-4656.**  
**LA Maytag Laundry 3.8m East on Hwy 78.** No attendant. Bring  
 soap and coins. Located next to U-Haul. Yellow brick building on right set  
 back off road.  
**52.2 Trailhead-FS 5000 at Railroad**

- Trailhead parking**
- 56.3 FS Road 523
  - 58.6 FS Road 531
  - 60 FR,TB,TE,SHE,W Lower Shoal Shelter  
W Stream nearby. Can't miss it.
  - 63.6 Highrock Lake (FS 531)
  - 65.2 CG Pine Glen Recreation Area FR,GC,T,TB,TE,W from  
creek if pipes are turned off.

### Map 2

**Water** is plentiful in this section.

**Trailhead parking.** Lee Van Horn reports **pit toilets** and **NO water**.

- 68.8 FR,TB,TE,SHE,W Laurel Trail Shelter  
W Stream nearby. Can't miss it.
- 70 FS Road 553
- 72 Coleman Trailhead at FS Road 500. **Parking.**  
CG Coleman Lake Recreation Area  
Exit trail East on FS Road 500, then South (right) on FS Road 500P.  
Appears to be about 1m from trail. Lee Van Horn reports **showers**  
available, cost \$2. Campsite closed in winter.
- 78 Choccolocco Watershed. May be no water for next 10 miles until  
Dugger Mountain wilderness.

### Map 1

**Water** is scarce in this section. Plan accordingly. May not find water for next 18 miles until Hurricane Creek.

- 87.9 FS Road 500
- 90.2 Terrapin Creek Watershed  
Arrive at Chief Ladiga Rail Trail. Go Right to continue on Alabama  
Pinhoti Trail.  
TW Piedmont 7.5m Left on Chief Ladiga Rail Trail. All amenities  
in Piedmont.
- 96.1 County Rd 94
- 97.8 County Rd 70 at Maxwell Gap
- 103.9 U.S. Highway 278 (**RESUPPLY HERE**) Trailhead Parking. Leave  
Talladega NF.  
CS J&J Convenience Store 1m East on CR 126/225. CR 126,  
Piedmont, AL 36272 Open 2p-6:30/7p. *I hate to include this as the  
store is undependable. Several times I've passed it by car and it's  
been earned it!*  
CS Spring Garden General Store 6m West on CR 126, 445 Hwy  
278 East, Piedmont, AL 36272 Ph 256-447-9989 Open M-Sa 5a-7p.  
Closed Su. Coleman fuel. May accept mail drops.

**PO 6m West on CR 126 and 1m North from Spring Garden Gen.**  
**Store to Spring Garden, AL 36275 Open M-F 7:30a-11a and Noon-4:30p, Sa 7:30a-9:30a. Post Mistress Grace Savage.**

**TW Piedmont 7.8m West on Hwy 278.**

**LO Lamont Motel 7.8m West on Hwy 278 from trailhead, US Hwy 278 East, Piedmont, AL 36272 Ph(256) 447-6002 Owner C J Patel.**  
**Accepts M/C,VISA, AMEX, DISCOVER. Color cable TV, free HBO, A/C, all ground floor rooms, Truck parking.**

phones,  
 When I checked out this motel it was nearly vacant because  
 the week before the police busted a cock fight nearby. There is a 1m strip  
 behind Lamont Motel with many amenities.

**RE Dari King 501 Hwy 278 By-pass, Piedmont, AL 36272 Ph (256) 447-9435 Owners Kenneth & Dennis Grissom.** Ice cream, burgers, chicken. In business over 40 yrs. Hiker friendly.

**China House Restaurant 622 US Hwy 278, By-Pass, Piedmont, AL 36272 Ph (256) 447-8829 Located next to Gregerson's Grocery. Open Tu-Su. Su-Th 11:30a-8:30p, F-Sa 11:30a-9:30p. Lunch Buffet 11:30a-2:30p. Dinner Buffet 4p-8p.**  
**Specializing in Szechuan, Hunan, Mandarin & Cantonese cooking.**  
 Located very close to Lamont Motel and very good food. You might call to see if they're open on a Monday if you are in town then.

**Huddle House, McDonalds, KFC, Taco Bell, Simple Simon's Pizza, Hardee's, Jack's**

**LA Laundry Basket Laundramat N Center Ave & E Alabama St. Sign out front says 'Ladiga's Outlet.' Open 7 days, 6a-10p. Last load 9p.**  
**Restrooms. Quarter dispenser takes \$1,\$5,\$10,\$20 bills. Soap, & softener dispenser. About 1.5m west and south of**  
 bleach  
 Lamont Motel. Go 1m west on Hwy 278 By-Pass to McDonalds.  
 Go Left on N. Center Ave. Go 0.5m south on N. Center Ave.  
*There are several low cost food outlet stores in the same strip center as the laundramat with really cheap food items.*

**GRO Gregerson's, also Dollar General and Family Dollar**  
**PHA Alaco Discount Pharmacy, CVS**  
**ATM (free standing) at Farmers & Merchants Bank located between Taco Bell/KFC and Chevron Station. Money Link Accepts AMX,MC, VISA, CIRRUS,PLUS, STAR, DISCOVER.**

**I had trouble finding the trail on the North side of Hwy 278 because blazes were scarce. Walk East on Hwy 278 several hundred feet and look for a post with a trail sign marking the continuation of the Pinhoti Trail.**

### Map Davis Mountain Section

**US Hwy 278. Northern boundary of Talladega National Forest. Gravel parking area. It's 8.8m to the AL-GA State line.**

The Alabama Trails Association, ATA, built and maintains this section of the PT. They built the suspension bridge across Hurricane Creek. ATA is building new campsites for tenting. Fire rings have been installed.

From this point on and for the rest of the Handbook mileages are correct between each point but the mileages themselves for each point are incorrect due to re-routes.

- Turn Right onto US 278 and follow for 0.2m
- 335 Go Left off road onto trail
- 335.1 Switchback left on old road
- 335.3 Go through old iron ore pit
- 335.5 Cross high point, 1,100'
- 335.9 Cross high point on knob, 1,150'. Begin descent into ravine on switchbacks.
- 336.3 Cross stream in ravine, 890'.  
W Only water source in this section.
- 336.7 Reach high point on flat summit, 1,170'  
CAMPSITE Good camp site.
- 337 Pass through gap on ridgeline, 1,110'.
- 337.1 Cross woods road.
- 337.3 Cross rocky point on ridge. Descend steeply.
- 337.5 Cross woods road. Very shortly thereafter, enter dirt road 150' east of gap.  
Turn Right and follow old road.
- 337.6 Turn Left from dirt road
- 338.3 Pass rock outcrops with views to east
- 338.5 Cross woods road on ridgeline, 1,090'. Descend.
- 338.8 Swing right around point on ridge
- 339 Begin descent on switchbacks
- 339.4 Cross new suspension bridge over Hurricane Creek.  
CAMPSITE Good campsite.
- 339.5 Cross old roadbed
- 339.6 Reach Salem Church Road, 805'  
Rock Run and Piedmont are to left. Cedartown, GA is to right.
- 340 Cross woods road with dam to right.

**Map  
Indian Mountain Section**

- 340.1 W At stream. CAMPSITE Go right 0.5m to campsite.
- 340.3 Switchback to the right
- 340.5 Ascend along ridgeline
- 340.7 Reach a high point of 1,440'
- 340.9 Reach saddle on ridgeline
- 341.4 Cross a woods road in a gap of Indian Mountain
- 342.6 Reach rocky overlook, 1,700'

**Map  
Section GA1**

**Alabama-Georgia State Line to Cave Spring, GA (US Hwy 411)**

**8.0 miles**

**See Trail Description with map for Alternate Route**

- 343 Memorial marker**
- 343.6 ALABAMA-GEORGIA STATE LINE on ridge leading northeast of Flagpole (Indian) Mountain. Private property for next 2m.**  
**Upon entering Georgia reset your watch ahead one hour to EASTERN STANDARD TIME or DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.**
- 344.4 Gap. Turn right off ridge on old road**
- 344.6 Go Left on logging road**
- 345.3 Gate**
- 345.6 Old Jackson Chapel Road (dirt). No road sign. Turn Right.**
- 347.1 Go Left on dirt road. Later becomes paved.**
- 347.3 Pond. Good water source.**
- 347.6 Go Left on paved Hwy 100. No road sign on Hwy 100. Small house across street at intersection.**
- 351.4 TW Cave Spring, GA (RESUPPLY HERE) Really good trail town.**  
**Everything's compact and easy to walk to.**  
**PO 30124 on Left side of road as you walk into town.**
- 351.6 Junction of Hwys 411 and 100 South in Cave Spring.**  
**To go to downtown Cave Spring go Right 0.2m on Hwys 100/411.**  
**GRO Casey's Food Store**  
**LO Creekside Inn, downtown, #1 Georgia Ave., PO Box 632, Cave Spring, GA 30124 Ph(706) 777-3124**  
**RE (several) Rampley's Creekside, downtown, 23 Cedartown St. SW, Cave Spring, GA 30124 Ph(706) 777-0041 Open M-F 10:30a-7:30p, Sa 11:40a-4p Closed Su. Owners: Scottie and Cheryl Rampley. Down home southern cooking. Chicken, BBQ, corn bread & biscuits. Nimblewill Nomad and I ate BBQ sandwiches here May '01 and the servings were large. Prices are very reasonable. Dinners were priced very reasonably. Located on cold water trout stream with tables inside and out.**  
**HS, Antique shops, gift shops**  
**Must see Cave Spring. The water's so cold rainbow trout thrive in creek running through town.**

**IF BY-PASSING ROME, GA DISREGARD INFORMATION ABOUT SECTION GA2, GA3 & GA4. FOLLOW NOTES IN 'GUIDE'.**

***Note: In future editions the walk through Rome, GA will not be included in this Handbook.***

**Map**

**Section GA2**

**Cave Spring, GA (US Hwy 411) to Lock and Dam Park**

**10.2 miles**

**Follow Mill Rd North (DeLorme has it Mill St. but the actual sign says Mill Rd.) and cross Hwys 411/100. This is straight ahead from Section GA1**



or left if following the GA1 Alternate Route. There is no sign for this route in Cave Spring.

- 352.4 Cross old railroad
- 353.9 Go Left at stop sign on Spout Spring Rd
- 354.3 Cross Big Cedar Creek
- 356.3 Go Right at stop sign on Blacks Bluff Rd
- 361 Go Right at stop sign to continue on Blacks Bluff Rd
- 361.8 Left entrance to Lock and Dam Park  
Park Office 0.2m from entrance  
CS  
CG

**Map**  
**Section GA3**  
**Lock and Dam Park to Oostanaula River in Rome, GA**  
**9.3 miles**

- Proceed East along Blacks Bluff Rd
- 363.5 Take Left fork
- 365 Walk between Blacks Bluff and Coosa River
- 365.9 Go Left at stop sign on. This is South Broad St.
- 367.8 Go Left at stop sign. This is still South Broad St.
- 368.4 Cemetery on left
- 368.5 Cross Etowah River.  
TW Rome
- 369.1 Go Left on Riverside Parkway
- 369.3 Go Left at entrance to library. Follow path to river leading from north side of library.
- 370.3 Enter road near Chieftans Museum
- 370.8 Go Right on Hwy 1 Loop.
- 371.1 Cross Oostanaula River

**Map**  
**Section GA4**  
**Oostanaula River in Rome, GA to Simms Mountain Trail at Huffaker Road**  
**10.1 miles**

- 371.6 Cross Hwy 27 at traffic light
- 372.4 Traffic light
- 372.8 Bridge
- 373 Traffic light
- 373.6 Traffic light
- 374.3 Traffic light
- 374.4 City limit. Road is now Garden Lakes Parkway
- 375 Cross railroad near school
- 375.6 Go Right on Huffaker Rd
- 377 Cross railroad

- 378.1 Church to left
- 379.4 Junction (right) with Fouche Gap Rd. Continue ahead. *Don't turn right like I did! Go straight across intersection and stay on Huffaker Rd.*
- 381.2 Go Right on Simms Mountain Rail-Trail (Pinhoti Trail).

**Map**

**Section GA5**

**Simms Mountain Trail at Huffaker Road to Georgia Highway 100  
4 miles**

**Proceed West on Simms Mountain Trail (Pinhoti)**

- 381.6 Cross trestle
- 381.7 Cross Big Texas Valley Rd
- 383.5 Cross Friday Rd
- 385.2 Junction of Simms Mountain Trail and Hwy 100

**Map**

**Section GA6**

**Simms Mountain Trail at Georgia Highway 100 to High Point Trailhead (Georgia Highway 100)  
8.2 miles**

**Proceed North on trail along west side of Hwy 100. Be aware trail will follow rail bed upon conversion.**

- 390.2 TW Holland (***RESUPPLY HERE***)  
CS The Country Store 9350 Hwy 100, Lyerly, GA 30730 Ph 706-895-2735  
Open M-Th 7a-10p, F-Sa 7a-11p, Su 10a-8p. Owner Diane Bozarth. Ask for permission to camp near store.

I walked by here in February '03 in the rain and camped behind the old freight building north of the store. The next morning I met a woman who lives directly across the street from the store who said hikers could camp in her barn. Sure wished she'd been working the day before!

- 392.2 Go Right on paved Starling Mill Rd
- 392.4 Go Left on Hwy 100
- 393.4 Go Right into Highpoint Trailhead. Parking

**Map**

**Section GA7**

**Highpoint Trailhead to Mack White Gap (U.S. Highway 27)  
9.1 miles**

**Trail begins at southeast corner of parking area.  
See Map Section GA7 for Trail Description**

- 401.8 Hwy 27 in Mack White Gap

**Map**

### Section GA8

**Mack White Gap (U.S. Highway 27) to West Armuchee Road at Narrows Road  
11.2 miles**

- 410.4 Go Right on Forest Service Rd 259B at switchback in road**
- 411.1 Continue straight ahead where Forest Service Rd 259 comes in from right**
- 411.3 Continue straight ahead where Narrows Rd comes in from left**
- 411.8 Hammond Gap. Trail angles Left off road 100 feet beyond gap**
- 413.4 Go Left on dirt Narrows Rd**
- 413.7 Begin paved road**
- 415.4 Cross creek on bridge. Junction of Narrows Rd and West Armuchee Rd**

### Map

### Section GA9

**West Armuchee Road at Narrows Road to East Armuchee Road  
5.8 miles**

- Go Left on West Armuchee Rd**
- 415.6 Go Right off West Armuchee Rd. Ascend steeply on logging road.**
- 420.4 Go Right on Forest Service Rd 227. Use care crossing West Armuchee Creek.**
- 420.5 Go Right on Manning Mill Rd (some maps show this as West Armuchee Rd).**
- 421.3 Go Left on East Armuchee Rd**
- 421.6 Go Right off East Armuchee Rd at small parking area**

### Map

### Section GA10

**East Armuchee Road to Pocket Road at Pilcher's Pond Parking Area  
9.5 miles**

- 422.8 Go Left on woods road adjacent to East Armuchee Creek**
- 423.9 Cross East Armuchee Creek**
- 425.7 Veer Right at end of logging road. Follow trail along west slope of Johns Mountain**
- 428.3 Go Right on Forest Service Rd 208**
- 428.9 Johns Mountain Overlook. Go Left on downhill leg of Johns Mountain Trail**
- 429.7 Take Left Fork where Johns Mountain Trail turns Right at top of Keown Falls. What a great waterfall this is!**
- 430.5 Keown Falls Parking Area. Follow entrance road.**
- 431.1 Pocket Road. Go Left.**
- 431.2 Pilcher Pond Parking Area. Turn Right off Pocket Rd to continue.**

### Map

### Section GA11

**Pocket Road to Snake Creek Gap (Georgia Highway 136)  
6.2 miles**

- Follow old road behind barricade**
- 432.1 Cross Pilcher Pond dam**

- 433.8 Go Right on old Forest Service Rd 233
- 434 Turn Left off old Forest Service Rd 233
- 434.7 Reach crest of Horn Mountain
- 435.7 Descend from Horn Mountain
- 437.4 Snake Creek Gap Hwy 100

**Map**  
**Section GA 12**  
**Snake Creek Gap (Georgia Highway 136) to Dug Gap**  
**15.8 miles**

- Proceed on trail from northeast corner of large parking area
- 438.5 Reach crest of Mill Creek Mountain
  - 441.6 Descend Mill Creek Mountain
  - 442.3 Enter cove
  - 442.6 Cross Swamp Creek
  - 444.7 Reach crest of Middle Mountain
  - 446.6 Go Right onto crest of Hurricane Mountain
  - 448.6 Go Left off crest of Hurricane Mountain
  - 448.8 Hurricane Creek Gap
  - 449.2 England Spring Gap
  - 452.2 Enter dirt road on Dug Mountain
  - 453.2 Dug Gap  
 TW Dalton Go Right 2m

**Map**  
**Section GA13**  
**Dug Gap to Conasauga River**  
**10.3 miles**

With the exception of the first mile, this section is outside the Chattahoochee National Forest and is primarily along busy streets and highways in Dalton, GA. It is an interim route and is chosen only for being the most direct connection to the Cohutta District of the Chattahoochee National forest.

- Follow old dirt road, downhill and behind gate, under transmission line.
- 454.2 Pass lower gate. Enter Dug Gap Mountain Rd
  - 454.7 Cross bridge over I-75
  - 454.9 Traffic light at Dug Gap Rd. Go Left.
  - 456.4 Go Right on Hwy 52 (Walnut St) at traffic light
  - 457.4 Go straight ahead at junction with Hwy 41
  - 461.4 Go straight ahead at junction with Hwy 76
  - 463.8 Cross bridge over Canasauga River

**Map**  
**Section GA14**  
**Conasauga River to U.S. Highway 411 at Chatsworth**  
**6.4 miles**  
**Continue East on Hwys 76 and 52**

- 465.1 Go Right on Hwy 52 Alternate.
- 467.5 Cross Hwy 225 in Spring Place.
- 470.6 Intersection with Hwy 411 next to Murray County Courthouse in Chatsworth

**Map**  
**Section GA15**  
**U.S. Highway 411 at Chatsworth to Cohutta Overlook**  
**11.9 miles**

- Continue East on GA Hwys 2/52
- 477.6 CG Fort Mountain State Park Pass entrance on left. Lake with beach.
  - 480.4 LO Cohutta Lodge Pass entrance on right.
  - 482.5 Forest Service Cohutta Overlook at Murray-Gilmer County Line

**Map**  
**Section GA16**  
**Cohutta Overlook to Benton Mackaye Trail near Dyer Gap**  
**(Benton Mackaye Trail, Section 8, Bush Head Gap to Dyer Gap, Chattahoochee**  
**National Forest, Georgia)**  
**18.1 miles**

- Continue East on Hwys 2/52
- 485.3 Cross Conasauga Creek Bridge
  - 485.4 Go Left on paved county road at sign for Conasauga Lake
  - 486.6 Turn Right on dirt road
  - 488.9 Turn Right on dirt road
  - 489 Cross Barnes Creek
  - 489.2 Pass road to left and cross Mountaintown Creek
  - 489.5 Turn Left on dirt road
  - 490.4 Avoid road leading right
  - 490.6 Take Right Fork in road
  - 491.1 Pass Hills Lake
  - 491.5 Begin Mountaintown Trail. Begin first of many creek crossings.
  - 496.8 Turn Right on Forest Service Rd 64
  - 498.6 CG Jacks River Fields Primitive Campground Pass on right.
  - 498.7 Cross Jacks River and turn Left on South Fork Trail
  - 499.2 Benton MacKaye Trail Intersection. Turn Right to follow Benton MacKaye Trail South.

**BENTON MACKAYE TRAIL**  
**Chattahoochee National Forest**

**Map**  
**Section 8**  
**Bush Head Gap to Dyer Gap**  
**12.57 miles**

- Junction of South Fork Trail and Benton Mackaye Trail. Go South on Benton MacKaye Trail.**
- 499.7 Go Left on Forest Service Rd 64**
  - 499.8 Dyer Gap. Go Left on Forest Service Rd 64A**
  - 500.1 Turn Right off road onto trail**
  - 501.2 Flat Top Mountain summit**
  - 503.9 Holloway Gap**  
Spring is 800' to left.
  - 506 Fowler Mountain**
  - 509.9 Hudson Gap**  
Spring is 600' to left.
  - 512.6 Bush Head Gap. Go Right on dirt Bush Head Gap Rd**

**Map**  
**Section 7**  
**Weaver Creek Road to Bush Head Gap**  
**8.59 miles**

- This section is along public roads and easements through private property. Follow dirt county road South, downhill**
- 513.8 Go Left on Boardtown Rd**
  - 514.7 Enter Fannin County. Go Right, uphill on woods road**
  - 515.1 Cross through gap. Follow old road leading south with stream on left of trail.**
  - 515.5 Cross ridge. Descend steeply.**
  - 515.7 Tipton Gap. Take Left Fork, ascending steeply.**
  - 515.9 Go Left at high point**
  - 516 Go Right on trail descending into cove. Avoid roads to right and straight ahead.**
  - 516.7 Indian Rock Lake to left. Go Left off road just below dam.**
  - 516.8 SHE Indian Rock Shelter to left**
  - 516.9 Go Left at Cherry Lake Dr.**
  - 517.2 Go Right on boardwalk. Go Left at top of dam for Cherry Lake.**
  - 517.5 Go Left on Granny Lake Rd**
  - 517.8 Turn Right off road. Descend through narrow cove.**
  - 518.1 Go Left at railroad**
  - 518.2 Go Right on Sisson Rd. Cross Cherrylog Creek on bridge. Turn Left off road.**
  - 518.6 Turn Left on Hwys 76/2/5**
  - 518.7 Turn Right, cross highway, follow CR 158 straight ahead.**
  - 519 Circle Left, staying on road, in front of house**
  - 519.2 Go Right on Laurel Creek Rd**
  - 519.9 Cross bridge over Laurel Creek**
  - 521.1 TRAILHEAD Weaver Creek Rd Trailhead. Trail turns Right off road.**

**Map**  
**Section 6**  
**Shallowford Bridge to Weaver Creek Road**  
**9.57 miles**

- Follow trail leading southeast from junction of dirt county road and private drive.
- 522.5 Scroggin Knob summit
  - 524.1 Continue straight ahead at junction with Stanley Gap Trail.
  - 526.1 Go Left at junction with Stanley Gap (Rich Mountain) Trail.
  - 527 Pass Fall Branch Falls
  - 527.2 Go Left on dirt Stanley Creek Rd
  - 530.3 Go Right on paved Aska Rd in front of restaurant.  
RE Riverside Restaurant Closed M-Tu, and 3p-5p W-Su.
  - 530.6 Shallowford Bridge over Toccoa River. Turn Left and cross bridge.

Map  
Sections 4 and 5  
Skeenah Gap to Shallowford Bridge  
12.41 miles

- After crossing bridge go Right on road.
- 531.1 Go Left off road on trail
  - 532.5 Cross Dial Rd
  - 534 Garland Gap.  
CAMPSITE, W (spring) 800' north
  - 534.9 Brawley Mountain summit. Pass old fire tower.
  - 535.7 Ledford Gap. Briefly enter road before turning Left onto trail.
  - 536.8 Tipton Mountain summit  
W Pipe spring on left side of trail
  - 538.1 Hwy 60 in Wilscot Gap
  - 541.3 Payne Gap.  
CAMPSITE, W (spring) 600' north
  - 543.4 Skeenah Gap Rd in Skeenah Gap

Map  
Section 3  
Highway 60 to Skeenah Gap  
5.71 miles

- 544.9 Intersect Duncan Ridge Trail on Rhodes Mountain. Go Right.
- 547.7 Pass rock outcrop with good view on south slope of Wallalah Mountain
- 549 Hwy 60 at Little Skeenah Creek  
CS 0.3m to left

Map  
Section 2  
Three Forks to Georgia Highway 60  
11.41 miles

- 552 Continue South on Benton MacKaye Trail and Duncan Ridge Trail.  
Cross suspension bridge over Toccoa River.

This is a spectacular 'hiker only' bridge crossing a wild very fast flowing river. This river hasn't been cleared of downed trees and really looks natural. Enjoy the scenery! It's beautiful!

- 554.8 Bryson Gap**  
**CAMPSITE, W (spring) 400' east**
- 558.3 Cross open summit**
- 559.4 Cross Long Creek. Intersect Appalachian Trail.**  
**Turn Right. Pass Long Creek Falls.**
- 560.5 Three Forks (Forest Service Rd 58)**

**Map**  
**Section 1**  
**Springer Mountain to Three Forks**  
**5.8 miles**

- Continue west on Appalachian Trail and Benton MacKaye Trail**
- 560.6 Go Left on Benton MacKaye Trail**
- 562.6 Cross Appalachian Trail**
- 563.2 Go Left at old Crosstrails shelter site**
- 563.5 Cross Appalachian Trail**
- 564.7 Cross Forest Service Rd 42 in Big Stamp Gap**
- 566.5 Southern terminus of Benton MacKaye Trail at intersection with**  
**Appalachian Trail. Springer Mountain summit is 0.2m to left.**