

Getting Away

This chart shows the number of camper nights recorded at each backcountry campsite or shelter last year in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. One person staying at a site for one night equals one camper night.

Number	Campsite/Shelter Name	Park area	Camper nights, 2008	Usage rank
1	Cooper Road	Abrams Creek	407	56
2	Cane Creek	Abrams Creek	139	90
3	Hesse Creek	Abrams Creek	96	100
4	Kelly Gap*	Cades Cove	62	101
5	Rich Mountain	Cades Cove	207	80
6	Turkeypen Ridge	Cades Cove	222	76
7	Ace Gap*	Cades Cove	27	104
9	<i>Anthony Creek</i>	Cades Cove	396	58
10	<i>Ledbetter Ridge</i>	Cades Cove	205	82
11	Beard Cane	Abrams Creek	277	70
12	Forge Creek	Cades Cove	474	50
13	Sheep Pen Gap	Cades Cove	1,430	12
14	Flint Gap	Abrams Creek	192	86
15	<i>Rabbit Creek</i>	Abrams Creek	201	83
16	Scott Gap	Abrams Creek	353	62
17	Little Bottoms	Abrams Creek	1,163	19
18	West Prong	Tremont	1,027	20
19	Upper Henderson	Tremont	213	78
20	<i>King Branch</i>	Elkmont	476	49
21	Huskey Gap	Elkmont	693	35
23	Camp Rock	Elkmont	967	24
24	<i>Rough Creek</i>	Elkmont	822	29
26	<i>Dripping Spring Mountain</i>	Elkmont	481	48
27	Lower Jakes Gap	Elkmont	720	34
28	Marks Cove	Elkmont	758	32
29	<i>Otter Creek</i>	Cosby	945	25
30	Three Forks	Elkmont	829	28
31	<i>Porters Flat</i>	Greenbrier	283	69
32	Injun Creek	Greenbrier	344	63
33	Settlers Camp	Greenbrier	225	75
34	Sugar Cove	Cosby	1,182	18
35	Gilliland Creek	Cosby	467	52
36	Upper Walnut Bottom	Big Creek	197	84
37	Lower Walnut Bottom	Big Creek	2,152	2
38	Mount Sterling	Big Creek	1,445	11
39	Pretty Hollow	Cataloochee	543	42
40	Big Hemlock	Cataloochee	485	47
41	Caldwell Fork	Cataloochee	542	43
42	Spruce Mountain	Cataloochee	150	89
44	McGee Spring	Raven Fork	267	71
46	Indian Creek	Deep Creek	2	106
47	Enloe Creek	Raven Fork	406	57
48	Upper Chasteen	Oconaluftee	600	39

49 Cabin Flats	Oconaluftee	1,019	21
50 Lower Chasteen	Oconaluftee	467	52
51 Deeplow Gap	Deep Creek	4	105
52 Newton Bald	Deep Creek	559	41
53 <i>Poke Patch</i>	Deep Creek	375	60
54 Nettle Creek	Deep Creek	252	72
55 Pole Road	Deep Creek	133	91
56 Burnt Spruce	Deep Creek	343	64
57 Bryson Place	Deep Creek	158	88
58 Nicks Nest Branch	Deep Creek	249	73
59 McCracken Branch	Deep Creek	213	78
60 <i>Bumgardner Branch</i>	Deep Creek	526	44
61 Bald Creek	Noland Creek	355	61
62 Upper Ripshin	Noland Creek	285	68
63 Jerry Flats	Noland Creek	193	85
64 Mill Creek	Noland Creek	643	38
65 Bear Pen Branch	Noland Creek	342	65
66 Lower Noland Creek	Noland Creek	116	98
67 Goldmine Branch	Forney Creek	104	99
68 Steel Trap	Forney Creek	972	23
69 Huggins	Forney Creek	448	55
70 Jonas Creek	Forney Creek	809	30
71 Forney CCC	Forney Creek	120	95
72 Gunter Branch	Fontana Lake	217	77
73 Lone Pine	Fontana Lake	54	102
74 Lower Forney	Forney Creek	598	40
75 Poplar Flats	Forney Creek	385	59
76 Kirkland Creek	Fontana Lake	190	87
77 Pilkey Creek	Fontana Lake	120	95
78 Double Island	Fontana Lake	117	97
81 North Shore	Fontana Lake	129	93
82 Calhoun	Hazel Creek	488	46
83 Bone Valley	Hazel Creek	744	33
84 Sugar Fork	Hazel Creek	690	36
85 Sawdust Pile	Hazel Creek	473	51
86 Proctor	Hazel Creek	1,425	13
87 Jerry Hollow Island	Fontana Lake	319	66
88 Possum Hollow	Hazel Creek	43	103
89 Lower Ekaneetlee	Eagle Creek	207	80
90 <i>Lost Cove</i>	Eagle Creek	1,358	15
91 Upper Lost Cove	Eagle Creek	242	74
92 Upper Flats	Twentymile Creek	800	31
93 Twentymile Creek	Twentymile Creek	467	52
95 Dalton Branch	Twentymile Creek	509	45
96 Eagle Creek Island	Eagle Creek	130	92
97 Big Walnut	Eagle Creek	301	67
98 Chambers Creek	Fontana Lake	123	94
111 Davenport Gap Shelter	Big Creek	987	22
102 Cosby Knob Shelter	Big Creek	2,003	3
103 Tricorner Knob Shelter	Raven Fork	1,750	6
104 Pecks Corner	Raven Fork	1,821	5

105 Icewater Spring Shelter	Oconaluftee	2,651	1
106 <i>Mount Collins Shelter</i>	Elkmont	1,345	16
107 Double Spring Gap Shelter	Elkmont	1,447	10
108 Silers Bald Shelter	Elkmont	1,564	9
109 Derrick Knob Shelter	Tremont	1,665	8
110 Spence Field Shelter	Cades Cove	1,673	7
111 <i>Russell Field Shelter</i>	Cades Cove	863	27
112 <i>Mollies Ridge Shelter</i>	Cades Cove	1,369	14
113 <i>Birch Spring Gap</i>	Twentymile Creek	669	37
114 Mount LeConte Shelter	Mount LeConte	1,831	4
115 Kephart Prong Shelter	Oconaluftee	1,198	17
116 Laurel Gap Shelter	Cataloochee	891	26

Shelters or campsites with their names in *italics* were closed for part of 2008, typically because of bear problems.

Campsites with their names in **bold** opened in December 2008.

Campsites with an * by their name have been closed.

Through-hikers on the Appalachian Trail are not required to report on their permits which campsite or shelter they planned to stay at so those camper nights are not reflected in these figures. Camper nights by through-hikers totaled 6,444.

Another 2,010 camper nights were by people who got a backcountry permit but did not indicate which site they planned to stay in.

SOURCE: Great Smoky Mountains National Park