

STANDING STONE TRAIL






Suggested Camping Sites

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This listing of suggested camping sites goes from north to south on the Standing Stone Trail, so the backpacker would be travelling southbound from the end of the Greenwood Spur that intersects the Mid State Trail near Detweiler Run Natural Area to Cowan’s Gap State Park. All of the campsites listed are located on permitted areas for overnight camping. It is important to note that overnight camping is not permitted on any State Game Land property, so use of the maps on the Standing Stone Trail Club’s website <http://www.standingstonetrail.org/> is suggested for use in conjunction with this listing to assist you in finding other permitted areas for campsites.

KEY TO ICONS:

	Three-sided shelter with roof
	flat area for camping, not marked with a sign
	flat area for camping, marked with a sign
	water at or near camping area
	fire ring at camping area

Site #1:

At the Greenwood Furnace Fire Tower on Broad Mountain, there are plenty of flat grassy spaces for camping and multiple fire rings.

Site #2:

After the second intersection with Seeger Road and after the wooden sign for Charcoal Hearth going down the hill, there is a flat area for camping to the left of the trail. It has a narrow 10 to 15 foot unmarked entry trail leading to it. If you get to a flat primitive road walk area, you’ve gone too far.

Site #3: ^

Approximately 3 miles from Greenwood Furnace State Park, after Stone Valley Vista, right after the intersection with the yellow blazed Turkey Trail, up a very small hill, before rocks begin to completely cover the trail on Stone Mountain, there is a small flat area for 1 to 2 tents for camping to the left of the trail as it begins to follow the ridgeline.

Site #4: ^

Right after the Willie's Window Trail Register, but before The Wall and Sausser's Stone Pile, there is a flat area for camping to the right of the trail.

Site #5:

Just before crossing Frew Road the first time, there is an area for camping marked with a wooden sign. Water is located just before arriving at the campsite, crossing over the trail and you can also find water just after going into the Rocky Ridge Natural Area but this spot may dry up in summer from time to time.

Site #6: ^

After crossing Frew Road the first time and after passing the sign for the Rocky Ridge Natural Area and going up the hill, but right after crossing the power line and going past the Three Sisters Natural Area, there is a stone fire ring and flat areas for camping.

Site #7: ^

About 2 miles from the first Frew Road crossing, right before going downhill towards the second Frew Road crossing, which is called the Frew Road Turnaround, there is a flat area for camping with a stone fire ring.

Site #8:

Up a small hill right after second Frew Road crossing, which is called the Frew Road Turnaround, but right before entering State Game Lands property, there is a wooden sign indicating this camping area with flat areas and a stone fire ring. Water at this campsite can be found crossing over the trail before the second Frew Road crossing, which is called the Frew Road Turnaround, or

crossing over the trail after entering the State Game Lands property not far past this campsite.

Site #9: ^

After crossing Route 655 and going up Jack's Mountain, approximately 3 miles from Route 655, there are many flat areas in and around the Fern Field on top of Jack's Mountain, but make sure you are not on State Game Lands property by checking for white painted circles on trees that indicate the State Game Lands boundaries.

Site #10: ^ ○

Right before Shorb's Summit and right after end of Fern Field, there is a small, flat area for camping with a stone fire ring, but there is only room for 1 to 2 small tents at this site.

Site #11: ^

Right after Shorb's Summit, but before going down the hill, there is a flat area for camping.

Site #12: 🏠 ○ 🗑️ 💧

After crossing Route 22 but before crossing the bridge into Mapleton, there is a three sided wooded shelter with tent pads, campfire rings, trash cans, and picnic tables located in Riverside Park. There is also a pavilion and dumpster located in the park.

Site #13: 🏠 ○ 💧

After the Hall of the Mountain King and approximately 1 mile after the Jack's Mountain Fire Tower immediately after crossing the dirt road the first time, there is a three sided wooden shelter with a stone campfire ring, food bag hanging metal device, picnic table, and cathole digging area. To find water at this shelter, continue past shelter to second dirt road crossing, turn right still following the trail blazes. Then continue down the dirt road past the State Game Lands parking area on the left. The water source is on the right side of the road, but it's about 10 feet off the road, and it's inside and near a stone rectangular spring house structure, so there won't be much water noise to listen for.

Site #14: ^ 🌿

After the road walk from the town of Three Springs to Meadow Gap, go up Blacklog Mountain approximately 3 miles until you get to the power line on top, just after the power line, there is a blue blazed trail to the left, take this trail onto the State Forest Land for some flat camping areas that are not located on State Game Lands property. The water source near this site is located before you get to the power line at the top of the mountain. The water source before crossing the power line is marked with a wooden sign, but this water source may dry up during the summer months.

Site #15: ^

Right after Vanderbilt's Folly, there are some flat areas for camping, but make sure you are not on State Game Lands property by checking for white painted circles on trees that indicate the State Game Lands boundaries.

Site #16: ^ 🌿 🌿

Approximately 2 miles from Vanderbilt's Folly, right after the "Narrows Road Crossing" (which isn't a paved or dirt road, but just a sign indicating an old road crossing), just before you go up Cove Mountain, there are some flat areas for camping with multiple stone fire rings, but watch for dead overhanging trees as you set up your campsite. A water source near this camping area is right before you get to the "Narrows Road Crossing" which is before the campsite.

Site #17: ^

On top of Cove Mountain, past the intersection of the SST and the Todd Trail, but just before the intersection of the SST and the Sharpe Trail, there is a flat area for camping.

Site #18: ^

On top of Cove Mountain, past the intersection of the SST and the Wagner Trail, but just before the intersection of the SST and the Horseshoe Trail, there is a flat area for camping, but there's only room for 1 to 2 small tents at this site.