



Pisgah National Forest -Appalachian Ranger District

Helene Disaster Recovery Closures and Re-openings

Last Update: 5/15/2025

WHAT IS OPEN?

AVERY COUNTY
(Elk Falls Area)

**NOTHING OPEN AT THIS
TIME**

BUNCOMBE COUNTY
(Big Ivy, Coleman
Boundary, Shope Creek,
Douglas Falls, Stony
Fork)

TR 161 Big Butt Trail

HAYWOOD COUNTY
(Harmon Den Area)

**All Trails and Roads
not listed on the right are
OPEN!**

MITCHELL COUNTY
(Appalachian Trail, Carver's
Gap, Roan Mountain Area)

**OPEN - Carver's Gap &
TR1-08 Appalachian Trail**

***See AT Detour Info. Below
Roan Mountain Day Use Area
is expected to re-open 6/14/2025**

MADISON COUNTY
(Hot Springs Area)

**Stackhouse Boat Launch
Murray Branch Picnic Area
All Trails and Roads are OPEN!**

YANCEY COUNTY
(South Toe, Mt Mitchell, Black
Mountain Campground Areas)

**Carolina Hemlocks
Campground**

**TR1-08 Appalachian Trail
TR 161 Big Butt Trail
FSR 5529 Roaring Fork
FSR 5520 Roaring Fork Ext.
TR 195 Roaring Fork Falls
TR 196 Lost Cove Trail
TR 188 Devils Creek Trail
FSR 5578 Bowlens Creek Rd
TR 178 Colbert Ridge
TR 179 Black Mountain
Crest Trail from Bowlen's
Creek Road to Deep Gap
TR177 Woody Ridge
FSR 472A Busick**

TR = Trail, FSR = Forest Service Road

WHAT IS CLOSED?

AVERY COUNTY
(Elk Falls Area)

**TR 172 Elk Falls Trail
FSR 190 Elk Falls Road**

BUNCOMBE COUNTY
(Big Ivy, Coleman Boundary,
Shope Creek, Douglas Falls,
Stony Fork)

**All trails and roads within the Big Ivy and
Shope Creek areas are CLOSED unless
listed on the left**

**TR 174 Little Andy
TR 173 Upper Corner Rock
TR 166 Elk Pen
TR 165 Walker Creek
TR 175 Perkins
TR 183 Staire Creek
TR 176 Bear Pen
TR 162 Douglas Falls
TR 170 Snowball
FSR 74 Big Ivy
FSR 231 Lower Staire
FSR 63 Stoney Fork
FSR 63A Hawksbill Creek**

HAYWOOD COUNTY
(Harmon Den Area)

**Haynes Road (Also Called
Hurricane Creek)
Buzzard Roost Road
Old Buzzard Roost Road**

**(Harmon Den Campground
will open for regular season in
May 2025)**

TR = Trail, FSR = Forest Service Road

MITCHELL COUNTY
(Roan Mountain Area)

**FSR 130
FSR 130A
TR 1000 Cloudland
TR 1002 Roan Mtn Gardens
Roan Mountain Day Use Area
is expected to open
6/14/2025**

YANCEY COUNTY
(South Toe, Mount Mitchell,
Black Mountain Campground
Areas)

**TR 179 Black Mountain Crest
trail from Deep Gap to Mount
Mitchell State Park
TR 191A Big Tom Gap
TR 190 Mt. Mitchell
TR 190A Higgins Bald
TR 197 Setrock
TR 200 South River Loop
TR 200A North River Loop
TR 182 Green Knob
TR 186 Bald Knob Ridge
TR 1006 Briar Bottom Bike
TR 201 S. Toe Fishing Access
TR 192 Devil's Den Nature
FSR 472 South Toe River Road
FSR 472F Black Mtn
FSR 5544 Briar Bottom Group
FSR 2074 Neals Creek
FSR 5511 Seven Mile Ridge
FSR 5500A Hunt Camp Road
Black Mountain Campground
Briar Bottom Campground**

PERMITTING FOR FOREST PRODUCTS

**NO PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR FIREWOOD COLLECTION
UNTIL DECEMBER 2025.
HOWEVER, FIREWOOD MAY NOT BE HARVESTED
ON CLOSURE ORDER AREAS.**

**NO GALAX
{NOR OTHER PRODUCT PERMITS}
WILL BE GIVEN
FOR CLOSURE ORDER AREAS WITHIN
AVERY, BUNCOMBE, MITCHELL,
AND YANCEY COUNTIES**

Any Other Questions? Contact Our Office At:

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828-689-9694**

**AT Detour Iron
Mountain Gap**

Appalachian Trail Detour – Iron Mountain Gap

**The Iron Mountain Gap detour is now
in place to route hikers around the
final remaining closed section of the
Appalachian Trail from about a mile
south of the destroyed Cherry Gap
Shelter to about a mile north of Iron
Mountain Gap (approx. NOBO mile
360.6 to 365.9).**

SCAN FOR CLOSURE INFO



Website

**Check out our webpage
for updates, recreation
opportunities, road
information, and other
related items!**

SCAN FOR DISTRICT WEBSITE



**Roan Mountain
Fire Restrictions**

**Fire restrictions are now in effect for the
Roan Mountain area of Appalachian
Ranger District due to heightened fire
danger caused by Hurricane Helene. The
fire restriction is in effect on all National
Forest System land from Hughes Gap to
Doll Flats on the Appalachian Trail.**

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in North Carolina
Appalachian Ranger
District
Grandfather Ranger District
Pisgah Ranger District**

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