

News Release

Pisgah National Forest
Appalachian Ranger District



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Rocky Bluff Campground Opens May 21 for the 2001 Season

Rocky Bluff Campground located three miles south of Hot Springs on Pisgah National Forest in Madison County will open on May 21, 2001. The opening of the campground has been delayed this season due to activities to correct water system problems. "We have been having problems with the well that provides water to Rocky Bluff for several seasons. Last year we had to shut down the entire water system which is over thirty years old because we were getting unacceptable test results for public health," said Paul Bradley, District Ranger for the Appalachian Ranger District of the Pisgah National Forest.

The U.S. Forest Service just completed drilling a new well and is in the process of upgrading the water storage and distribution system. When Rocky Bluff Campground opens, restrooms will be operating, but drinking water will not be immediately available. Rates for the developed campground will be adjusted based on services provided. The Forest Service plans to have the water system improvements completed and drinking water available later this season. For further information on Rocky Bluff Campground, please contact the Hot Springs office at (828) 622-3202 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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