

1. Hale Ridge Road to Rabun Bald - 4.2 miles
2. Rabun Bald to Saltrock Gap - 2.0 miles
3. Saltrock Gap to Wilson Gap - 3.0 miles
4. Wilson Gap to Courthouse Gap - 5.0 miles
5. Courthouse Gap to Warwoman Dell - 3.5 miles
6. Warwoman Dell to Sandy Ford Road - 9.5 miles
7. Sandy Ford Road to Earl's Ford Road - 3.0 miles
8. Earl's Ford Road to Highway 28 - 7.5 miles

Total length = 37.7 miles

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Two hundred years ago naturalist and explorer William Bartram roamed the southern wilderness of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Alabama. He studied the plants and animals of the region and recorded many of his findings in his journal, *The Travels of William Bartram*. Hikers today can experience parts of William Bartram's spectacular journey along the 37 mile portion of the Bartram Trail in the Tallulah Ranger District.

The Bartram Trail, a National Recreation Trail, stretches from the Georgia-North Carolina line over the summit of Rabun Bald to the West Fork of the Chattooga River. Through references in Bartram's Journal to landmarks such as waterfalls, rivers, and mountaintops, the trail was located as near as could be determined to Bartram's actual route.



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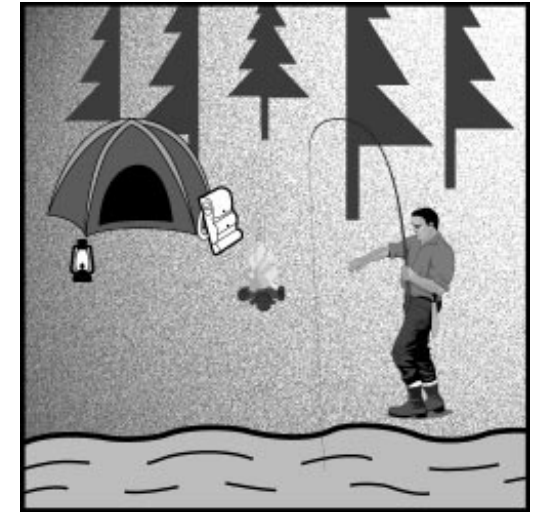
Trail Route

The Northern end of the Georgia section of the Bartram Trail begins on Hale Ridge Road near the Georgia-North Carolina line. It heads southwest for about three miles across the headwaters of Holcomb Creek. It then joins an old jeep road at Beegum Gap and follows it down a ridge one mile to Rabun Bald, Georgia's second highest mountain at 4,696 feet.



At Rabun Bald, the trail goes southwest for about seven miles following the Tennessee Valley Divide and provides several vistas with beautiful views of the surrounding Blue Ridge mountains. At Courthouse Gap, the trail turns southeast and follows Finney Creek and Martin Creek for about three miles where a turn back to the west takes the trail to the crossing of Warwoman Road into Warwoman Dell Picnic Area.

From Warwoman Dell, it winds in a generally easterly direction. When it reaches Sandy Ford Road, the trail turns north along the Chattooga River for about three miles to Earl's Ford Road. From Earl's Ford Road, the trail continues near the river corridor until it crosses the west fork and ends on Highway 28 at the Georgia/s. Carolina state line. The trail is moderate in difficulty.



Camping

There are several primitive back country campsites located along the trail. Camping is not allowed within 50 feet of the Chattooga River or its tributaries. No amenities are provided at back country sites. Water sources are abundant along the trail, but all water should be treated before drinking.

Fishermen and hunters hiking the trail should keep in mind that the trail enters the Warwoman Wildlife Management Area. Trout seasons, limits, and regulations often differ from statewide regulations. For up-to-date information on Georgia's fishing regulations contact:

GA. Dept. of Natural Resources
2150 Dawsonville Highway
Gainesville, GA 30501
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