

Buck's Pocket State Park

Trail Highlights

POINT ROCK-Length 2 miles one way-not a loop. Degree of difficulty moderate to easy. This trail begins in the floor of Buck's Pocket Canyon & ends 400 feet above the canyon floor on a sandstone formation called Point Rock. Natural features include Little Sauty Creek, varied plant life including wildflowers and ferns and special geologic formations estimated to be between 200 & 250 million years old. The trail starts across Little Bridge in the campground & terminates with a spectacular view of the canyon as seen from Point Rock.

INDIAN HOUSE-Length ½ mile one way-not a loop. This is an easy trail with mostly level terrain. Historically, the Cherokee Indians frequently occupied the rock overhang at trail's end. Catawba Rhododendron is abundant along this trail & bloom in early Spring.

HIGH BLUFF-Length 1/2/ mile one way-not a loop. Degree of difficulty easy to moderate with some grade. There is a huge Beech Tree located in front of the overhang which is of historical significance. A small stream is located next to the overhang which flows during the Fall & Winter months.

SOUTH SAUTY CREEK-Length 2 ½ miles one way-not a loop. Degree of Difficulty moderate to difficult & boots are recommended. Four primitive campsites are located at the trail's end & backpacking is encouraged. Natural features include two waterfalls(which run in Fall/Winter), abundant plant life and varied scenery. The trail starts across from the main creek bridge on the right.

PRIMITIVE CAMPGROUND-Total length 2 ½ one way, & 6 miles to Morgan's Cove. The trail starts on the campground side of the main creek. Degree of difficulty is moderate to easy with a tread way being an old road bed. This trail offers perhaps the best of views of the canyon with huge boulders located in the creek bed, an abundance of plant and animal life and a view of Lake Guntersville at Morgan's Cove. This also an excellent area to view bald eagles in the winter months.

Note: The road bed connects with a T.V.A. access road and continues around Morgan's Cove.