



TROOP 3000

Providence Canyon State Park

8930 Canyon Road, Lumpkin, GA 31815
GA Mini-Grand Canyon Hiking Tour, Geology, Camping



- Depart:** Friday, March 20, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. at BUMC Scout Hut
- Return:** Sunday, March 22, 2015 about 3:00 P.M. at BUMC Scout Hut
- Gear:** Scouts should pack in backpacks or duffle bags, tents camping and bring your hammocks too, bring both Warm and Cooler weather clothing as the weather changes up and down this time of year, be sure to bring rain gear, long pants, a day pack and water bottle.
- Fees:** \$80 per person. This includes food, travel and a 90 minute guided tour of the canyon with a state park ranger. knowledgeable in the Geology and Forestry of this unique wonder of nature.
- Meals:** Friday night dinner along the way. Patrol cooking the remainder of the weekend
- Website:** <http://gastateparks.org/ProvidenceCanyon>

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Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon" is a testament to the power of man's influence on the land. Massive gullies as deep as 150 feet were caused simply by poor farming practices during the 1800s, yet today they make some of the prettiest photographs within the state. The rare Plumleaf Azalea grows only in this region and blooms during July and August when most azaleas have lost their color. The canyon soil's pink, orange, red and purple hues make a beautiful natural painting at this quiet park.

Visitors can enjoy views of the canyons from the rim trail, taking care to stay behind fences and off the fragile canyon edge. Hikers who explore the deepest canyons will usually find a thin layer of water along the trail, indication of the water table below. Guests who hike to canyons 4 and 5 may want to join the Canyon Climbers Club. Backpackers can stay overnight along the backcountry trail which highlights portions of the canyon and winds through mixed forest. Camping, cottages and efficiency units are available nearby at Florence Marina State Park on 45,000-acre Lake Walter F. George.

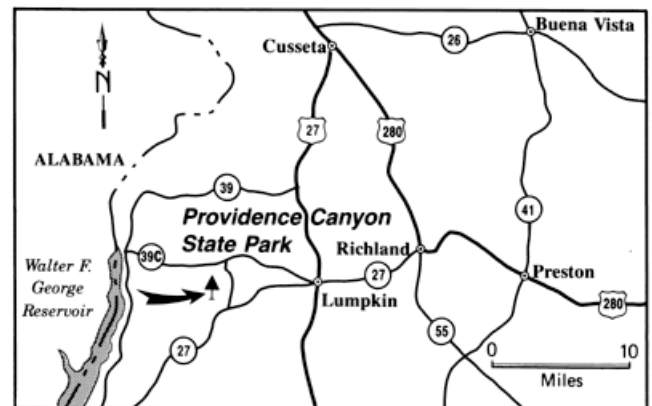
Visitors are urged to use caution on trails and to not go beyond fences or overlooks. Erosion can cause the canyon walls to collapse.

ACCOMMODATIONS & FACILITIES:

- 1,003 Acres
- 2 Picnic Shelters (\$35)
- 3 Pioneer Campsites (\$40 - \$80) **(We are in Site 3)**
- 6 Backcountry Campsites (\$10/person)
- Interpretive Center -- open weekends seasonally

THINGS TO DO & SEE:

- **Hiking** - Become part of the Canyon Climbers Club
- Backpacking - 7-mile backcountry trail
- Astronomy and geology programs
- Picnicking
- Stargazing
- Photography



Geology Merit Badge Requirements

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-GEOL.aspx>