

STONE MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

WATERFALLS



Widows Creek Falls

Frogs and salamanders savor the moist habitats bordering streams at Stone Mountain, while a variety of trout swim in the creeks. Beavers also enjoy the waters of the park and have created small ponds near the East Prong of Roaring River. Many species of birds inhabit the area, including scarlet tanager, whippoorwill, ruffed grouse, turkey, and pileated woodpecker. Other animals found in the park include box turtles, gray and red foxes, bobcats, raccoons and white-tailed deer.

Challenge: There are so many animals in the park. What animal did you see or hear on your visit? If you didn't see any, did you hear anything, perhaps a bird or frog? Or perhaps you saw animal scat or footprints. If you saw an animal, draw a picture of it and state a fact about and why this area is so important for its survival.

Safety Tip: Wear Proper Footwear

Never wear flip flops while hiking to waterfalls. They offer no support and no traction on slick rocks. A good hiking sneaker or boot is highly recommended. Boots are great for ankle support when there could be roots and loose rocks that could easily sprain an ankle.

Detailed hiking directions can be found online.

Stone Mountain Falls

Hike distance: 1.2 miles roundtrip

GPS for trailhead: 36.38396, -81.02808

Hike difficulty: Difficult

Elevation changes: Relatively flat with a lot of steps

Widows Creek Falls *

Hike distance: 300 yards roundtrip

GPS for trailhead: 36.39635, -81.06705

Hike difficulty: Easy

Elevation changes: Relatively flat

Additional Waterfalls:



Waterfall Keepers of North Carolina

Junior Waterfall Keeper Water Passport Program

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