

Cooper Branch Trail

Length: .2 mile Difficulty: Easy

The Cooper Branch Trail is a connector trail between the Cooper Branch Day Use Areas, offering the hiker scenic views of Allatoona Lake. There are some bluebird boxes and down trees which are an excellent habitat for wildlife. If you look closely and are quiet you might see some bluebirds and other wildlife while walking the trail. This trail consists of hills and the forest has mixed pine and hardwoods.

Cooper's Furnace Trail

Length: 2 miles Difficulty: Easy

The Cooper's Furnace Trail follows the route of a 19th Century mining railroad through a mixed pine and hardwood forest. The forest has a rich variety of trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and an abundance of wildlife. A beaver and a muskrat have a habitat in the pond at the end of the trail. A new section follows the railroad bed and crosses the road and follows the river back up to the furnace. This section also has a nice overlook above Cooper's Furnace.

Laurel Ridge Trail

Length: .7 mile Difficulty: Easy

The Laurel Ridge Trail crosses the slopes of mixed a pine and hardwood covered ridge overlooking the Etowah River Valley. These slopes are graced by a variety of trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. Wildlife and breathtaking Blue Ridge vistas are common to this trail. You will be able to access the Pine Mountain Recreation Area from this trail. Pine Mountain Recreation Area is managed and maintained by Cartersville Parks and Recreation.



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Vineyard Mountain Eagle Scout Trails

Blue Trail - Length: 1/4 mile Difficulty: Intermediate
Blaze Color: Blue

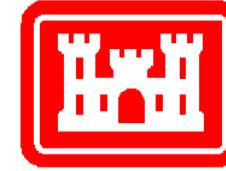
Red Trail - Length: .7 mile Difficulty: Advanced
Blaze Color: Red

Yellow Trail – Length: 2.8 miles Difficulty: Intermediate
Blaze Color: Yellow

The Vineyard Mountain Eagle Scout Trail traverses the forested slopes of Vineyard Mountain. From its lofty vantage points, hikers are provided beautiful vistas of the Etowah River Valley, Allatoona Dam, the Cooper's Furnace historic area and Allatoona Lake. Wildlife which may be encountered includes deer, turkey, fox, bobcat, squirrel, and rabbit. Birds frequently seen are hawks, blue jays, songbirds, and crows.

Please observe the following safety tips so that your outing may be a pleasant experience:

- ◆ Do not leave children unsupervised.
- ◆ Be careful when walking the trail. Watch your step and stay away from cliffs. Be aware that poisonous snakes and stinging insects may be encountered.
- ◆ Do not litter, please pack out all waste items.
- ◆ Do not disturb, cut, or remove natural habitat (Ex: trees, flowers, rocks, etc.)
- ◆ Area near **DAM** is restricted due to security concerns. Please do not enter.
- ◆ All pets must be on a leash on all hiking trails on U.S. Army Corps of Engineer property.



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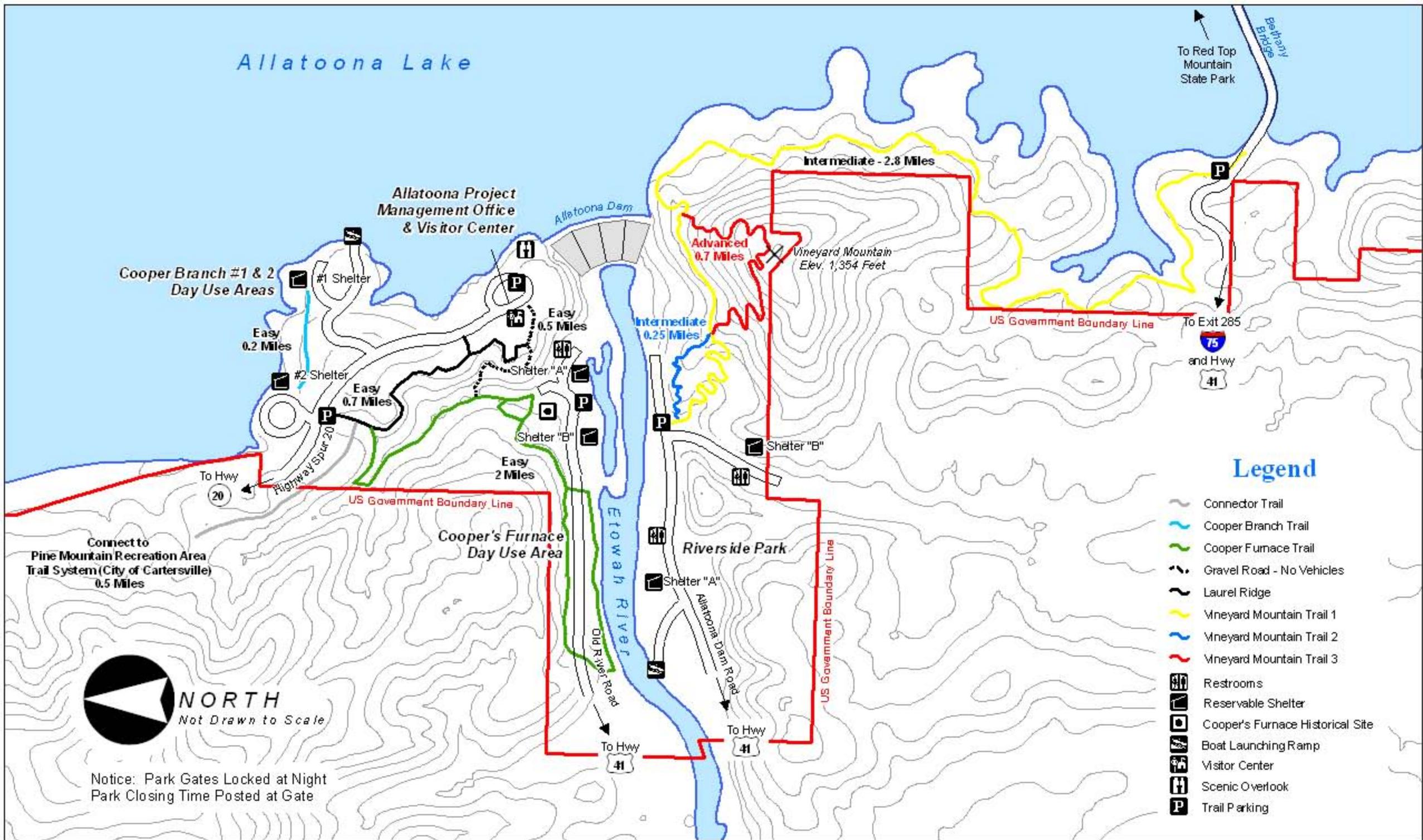
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Allatoona Lake

Allatoona Project Management Office & Visitor Center

Cooper Branch #1 & 2 Day Use Areas

Cooper's Furnace Day Use Area

Riverside Park

Vineyard Mountain Elev. 1,354 Feet

To Red Top Mountain State Park

To Exit 285 and Hwy 75 and Hwy 41

To Hwy 20

To Hwy 41

To Hwy 41



Notice: Park Gates Locked at Night
Park Closing Time Posted at Gate

Legend

- Connector Trail
- Cooper Branch Trail
- Cooper Furnace Trail
- Gravel Road - No Vehicles
- Laurel Ridge
- Vineyard Mountain Trail 1
- Vineyard Mountain Trail 2
- Vineyard Mountain Trail 3
- Restrooms
- Reservable Shelter
- Cooper's Furnace Historical Site
- Boat Launching Ramp
- Visitor Center
- Scenic Overlook
- Trail Parking