

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

This section of the Pinhoti Trail is located on private property. Please respect the rights of the landowner. Camp only in the areas designated for camping. Use only self-contained campstoves. Do not build campfires. Refrain from smoking as this area is prone to forest fire. Pack out all trash that you bring to the area. Make adequate provisions for water when traveling this section. Do not become dependent on local water sources. The streams in this section may be dry in summer. Chemically treat or boil all water obtained from local sources.

Beware of hunters during the various hunting seasons, particularly during deer hunting season. Wear fluorescent orange vests, hats, or clothing when traveling during hunting season. Respect the rights of hunters when you encounter them.

Be alert for natural hazards when traveling this section of trail. These include, but are not limited to poisonous snakes, bees, wasps, hornets, yellow jackets, gnats, mosquitoes, ticks, and ants. In addition, be alert for briars, others thorny vines and shrubs, and poison ivy.

Physical hazards include loose rock, tree stumps, stumpholes, and slippery creek mud. Little Cedar Creek and Hematite Branch are crossed on a county road. The stream at Georgia Highway 100 is crossed on a footbridge. Intermittent streams may require a ford during rainy periods.

Travel may be dangerous at the extremes of summer heat and winter cold. Wear adequate protection from the sun during the summer months as much of this section is in sparse or young woods. Be alert for lightning that usually accompanies summer storms. Be aware of the danger of hypothermia in any season.

Enjoy your journey on the Pinhoti Trail. As always, comments may be directed to the address on the back cover panel.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION SOUTH TO NORTH

- 0.0 Junction of Pinhoti Trail and Old Jackson Chapel Road. Follow Old Jackson Chapel Road east.
- 0.1 Cross Hematite Branch.
- 0.9 Pass lake on the left.
- 1.2 Turn right onto dirt Esom Hill Road.
- 1.3 Turn left from road onto trail.
Graded trail gently ascends west slope of mountain.
- 2.1 Cross Georgia Highway 100.
Trail continues diagonally to left behind highway sign.
- 2.6 Cross dirt Santa Claus Road.
- 3.0 Turn left from trail onto woods road.
- 3.4 Turn right from ridgeline onto woods road.
- 4.2 Cross stream. Turn left on woods road.
- 4.4 Campsite and stream to left. Continue straight.
- 4.9 Pass to right of gate. Turn left on Old Cedartown – Cave Spring Road.
- 5.5 Enter Floyd County.
- 7.1 Use sidewalk on the right side of the street.
- 7.3 Turn right at entrance to Rolater Park in Cave Spring.
- 7.4 Cross bridge over stream and curve left.
- 7.5 Pass Cave Spring City Hall and turn left onto street.
- 7.6 Cross Little Cedar Creek on bridge.
- 7.7 Traffic light at junction of Alabama Street and Cedartown Street. End of Section 14.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION NORTH TO SOUTH

- 0.0 Junction of Alabama Street and Cedartown Street in Cave Spring, GA. Travel east on Padlock Mountain Road.
- 0.1 Cross Big Cedar Creek and turn right.
- 0.2 Pass Cave Spring City Hall.
- 0.3 Curve right and cross stream on bridge.
- 0.4 Turn left on Cedartown Street. Use sidewalk.
- 0.6 Sidewalk ends. Continue on road shoulder.
- 2.2 Enter Polk County.
- 2.8 Turn right onto woods road.
Pass to left of gate and follow road.
- 3.3 Take left fork. Campsite.
- 3.5 Turn right on woods road. Cross stream.
- 4.3 Turn left onto woods road along ridgeline..
- 4.7 Turn right onto trail, leaving woods road.
- 5.1 Cross dirt Santa Claus Road.
Trail continues diagonally to right.
- 5.6 Cross Georgia Highway 100.
- 6.4 Turn right onto dirt Esom Hill Road.
- 6.5 Turn left onto dirt Old Jackson Chapel Road.
- 6.8 Pass lake on right.
- 7.6 Cross Hematite Branch.
- 7.7 Turn left from road onto trail at end of Section 14.

The Pinhoti Trail continues 1.8 miles to the Spring Branch Shelter and 2.6 miles to the Georgia–Alabama state line.

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GEORGIA PINHOTI TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

PINHOTI TRAIL

OLD JACKSON CHAPEL ROAD
TO

CAVE SPRING, GEORGIA

POLK COUNTY

FLOYD COUNTY

GEORGIA