

Blowing Springs Campground



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Recommended Season
Spring Summer Fall Winter

For More Information:

Warm Springs Ranger District - (540) 839-2521

DIRECTIONS: 7698 Mountain Valley Road, Warm Springs, VA 24484

Blowing Springs Campground is located in Bath County, Virginia, about 9 miles west of Warm Springs. From the intersection of State Route 39 and US 220, follow SR 39 west for about 9.25 miles to the campground entrance on the left.

FACILITIES: There are 23 campsites, drinking water, picnic tables, vault toilets and a trailer dump station.

OPPORTUNITIES: Several campsites are located right on the creek in a grassy open setting, with others under a shady forest. This is a great campground for tent campers, but it can also accommodate moderate sized RVs.

Hikers: The Back Creek Gorge Trail (see associated ROG for more information) begins near campsite 17, and follows the creek for 1.3 miles through lush, cool forest. Columbine, cardinal flower and other wildflowers are common during the summer in the gorge. Clear, cool swimming holes just a short walk down the trail are almost irresistible on a hot day.

Anglers: Back Creek, stocked with rainbow, brook and brown trout, offers good fishing. This cold water stream has easy fishing access from the campground and picnic area and from several pull outs just up stream along Highway 39. Follow all Virginia and Forest Service license regulations for the area.

Geologic Site: Across Highway 39 from the campground entrance is the spring

the area is named after. This natural limestone spring blows air from an underground cave at a constant temperature of 58 degrees year round. In the summer the air emitted from the spring creates a natural air conditioner.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: Lake Moomaw, 8.5 miles south of Blowing Springs Campground, offers a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities, including boating, fishing, swimming, camping and hiking. A premier fishing lake, this 2350-acre reservoir is home to trophy brown and rainbow trout, catfish, bass, crappie, and sunfish. In Warm Springs, the Bath County Historical Society Museum and Research Library is located next to the Bath County Courthouse. Between Hot Springs and Warm Springs is the Garth Newel Music Center, an unique sanctuary for appreciation of classical music. The Homestead Resort is located in Hot Springs, offering luxuriously appointed rooms and suites, dining, shopping, and many activities for guests. Bath houses dating from the 1700's enclose natural mineral spring waters at the legendary Jefferson Pools, in Warm Springs.

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