Brown Dog Campsite revised 6/4/2026

The original campsite was first established in 1998. Due to compaction, March 24th 2023 the camp was relocated to a smaller location just east of original location. The campsite is now just 100' north of the trail just west of Mile 16. There is a wooden campsite sign on the north side of the trail and a brown strip sign on the south side. The brown Carsonite signs notes that the water source for the camp is 265' west. Uphill past the entrance signs about 100' you find a nice flat area **and a/ONE metal fire ring.** There is an ample amount of dead wood near the site. To get to Brown Dog Campsite you can hike in from the Dowdell Knob area east about 1.5 miles or park at Rocky Point Parking Lot and hike in west about 2.1 miles. You can also hike in east from the Boot Top Trail Parking Area, on the white blazed Boot Top Trail just .6 of a mile (to the end of it), then turn right/west onto the blue blazed main PMT to just past Mile 16.. There is room for about 4-5 tents at most. There are places for 2 hammocks.

There in only ONE metal fire ring. Please don't move it and don't add rocks to it. Drown (couple gallons) fire ring with water in the morning even if have a fire only at night.

Looking down from camp toward trail.

NOTE: The old location entrance has been blocked, and fire rings removed, so **NO CAMPING back at old site area!**

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First campers used the new/relocated camp on 3/24/2023

This is the water source near Brown Dog Bluff….265’ west of Brown Dog Campsite entrance signs. Water flows here all year, even in driest months. NOTE: The water may have a slight “tea” color, this is from decaying leaves and water it still good. Like all water along the trails, it must be boiled, treated or filtered for safety.

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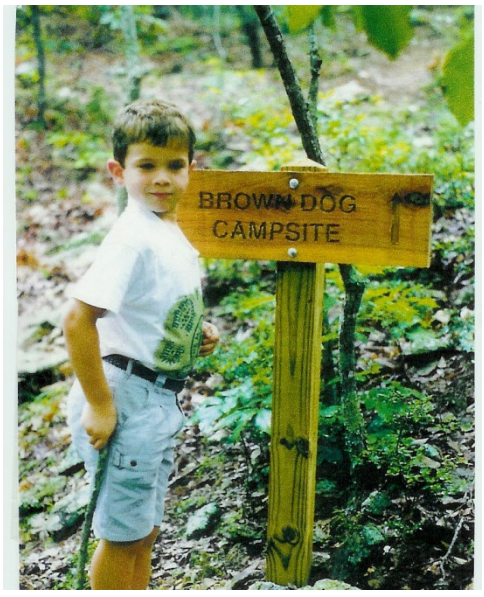

Jonathan Hall at Brown Dog in 1998. He helped clear the first campsite area back then.

Jonathan camping at Brown Dog in 2008

With new sign he helped install in 2017 before site was moved in 2023