#9 Beech Bottom Campsite

revised 6/4/2026

This well used campsite is moved (relocated) from east to west side of the water when the effects of compaction warrant. Compaction meaning bare ground due to campers NOT fluffing up the leaves back on areas they set up tents/hammock. Be aware the old locations are not to be used (there are signs that point out the current/authorized site and that the old site area is closed on east side of the creek).

There is a 12 foot bridge over the water on the path leading off the blue blazed PMT to the current site on west side of the creek. From Fox Den Cove parking lot trailhead, hike east on the PMT about 3 miles. Just to the east of the Mile 9 marker, the trail runs alongside a stream and then makes a slight turn uphill (east) away from the stream and there the campsite location sign above is on the north side (left) of the trail. If you leave Molly Hugger Hill Parking Lot trailhead (Mile 11.2) and go west on the trail, you have about a two mile hike in till you see the campsite sign on your right. The site is a flat cleared area under some tree cover of Beech Trees, thus the name of the camp. There is only one metal fire ring at the camp. Do not add rocks or logs around the metal ring or move it.

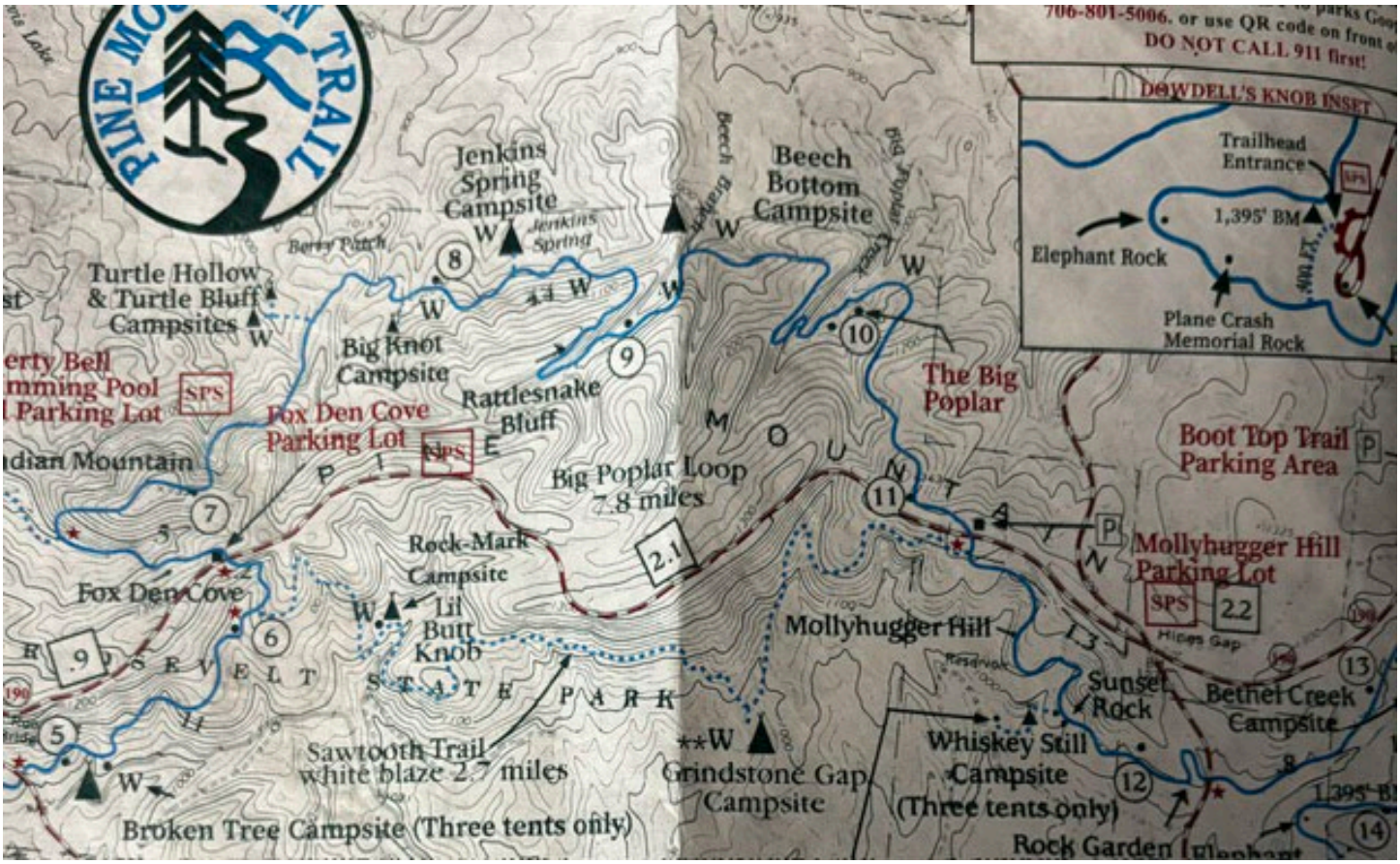
Like all campsites, you must camp **within about 50' of the fire ring**. About 100' north of the fire ring is a RED sign noting do not camp beyond that point (as that is an old fire ring area being allowed to recover.) Also be aware of the yellow signs further back (north side) of the site that mark the main boundary of FDR State Park. The pines there beyond there are now park property but not to be hiked in. The beautiful water source running alongside the camp is one of the best of all the campsites and can be counted on all year long.

Bridge just off the Pine Mountain Trail leading to campsite. Trail is seen just beyond the bridge.

Main park boundary sign about 250’ from fire ring to the north.

Large beech trees all in the campsite.

Metal fire ring placed 11/4/2023 and bench added in May of 2026.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Trailhead Entrance
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Elephant Rock
Plane Crash Memorial Rock
Jenkins Spring Campsite
Jenkins Spring
Beech Bottom Campsite
Beech Branch
Big Poplar Creek
Berry Patch
Turtle Hollow & Turtle Bluff Campsites
Big Knot Campsite
Rattlesnake Bluff
The Big Poplar
Fox Den Cove Parking Lot
Boot Top Trail Parking Area
Big Poplar Loop 7.8 miles
Rock-Mark Campsite
Lil Butt Knob
Fox Den Cove
Mollyhugger Hill Parking Lot
Mollyhugger Hill
Hines Gap
Sunset Rock
Bethel Creek Campsite
Whiskey Still Campsite (Three tents only)
Sawtooth Trail white blaze 2.7 miles
Grindstone Gap Campsite
Broken Tree Campsite (Three tents only)
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