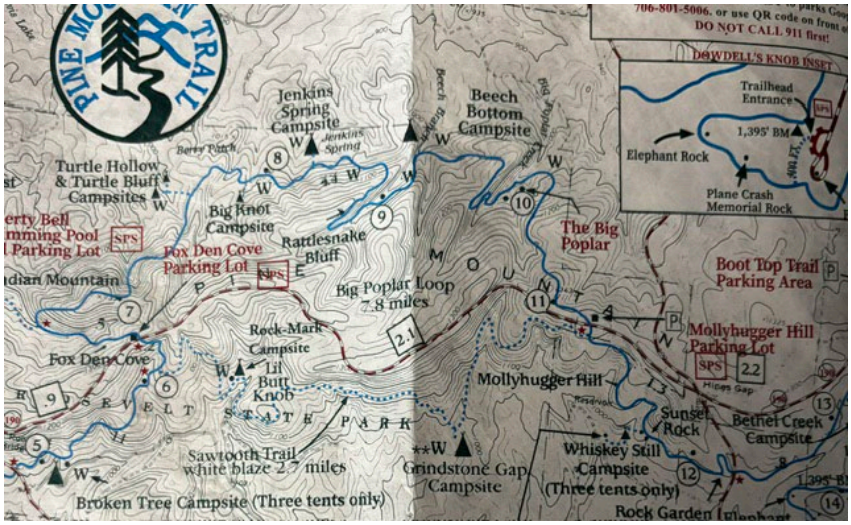
#8 **JENKINS SPRINGS CAMPSITE** revised 6/4/2026

Established in October 2008, it is 3/10 of a mile east of Mile 8. From Fox Den Cove Parking Lot, hike east 2.1 miles. You will cross a small spring with bamboo on your right then the access trail to the campsite is just beyond that on your left (the north side of trail). From Mollyhugger Hill Parking Lot, hike west 2.8 miles. The access trail and wooden sign will thus be on your right then. Follow the white-blazed access trail across a small bridge to the site.
The water source is marked with a sign in the northwest corner of camp. The boundary of FDR State Park is approximately 200 yards north of the campsite. **This is state property beyond the boundary, but not to be hiked into.** Please note the marks on the trees and stay within the park. **There is now only ONE metal fire ring and a bench at the site.** There is room for about 10 tents (maybe two hammocks) and up to 20 campers total.

This bridge is just downhill off the PMT on the way to the campsite



Water source for the site is from NW side of campsite downhill using some rock steps to a nice spring.

Jenkins Springs Campsite was named for being close to ***Jenkins Springs*** which was named for a PMTA volunteer from the 1970's……Bill Jenkins of Columbus.

Bill was part of a small group of teens who helped D. Neal Wickham build the PMT. They were known as the

“RED HAT GANG.”

There were many volunteers who helped establish the campsite in 2008. Shown with new sign are Bill Vang and Mark Hughes

Jonathan Hall installing sign near Fox Den Cove PL in November 1,2008

First backpackers to use the camp 11/1/2008 included many who had worked on establishing it.

Just 6 years after the first bridge was installed it rotted out….So this replacement all cedar one was placed in 2014. Volunteers who carried the pieces in are Hal Massie, Bill Vang, __?__, Ed Jones, Jack Combs…. kneeling- Michael Wade, Eddie Hall and Joe D. Skinner and Jim Hall (far right standing)

John Cecil of Griffin and Carl Carlson installing water trail steps - October 18, 2008

Jo Myers (then 75) and Jim Hall

Mark Hughes with the original bridge at Jenkins Springs in 2008