

Sparks Creek Campsite

The campsite is now located on the west side of Sparks Creek just across the creek from the previous location. This is just west of Mile 17 about 2/10 of a mile. It was relocated May 17, 2014. The old site had become so compacted from use over the years. One of the main sources of compaction is not just a site being used, but campers NOT fluffing up the leaves where they had put their tents when they get ready to leave a camp.

Directions: The hike in from Rocky Point/Mile 18 is the best (it is about 1.3 miles.) The trail comes down through the cliffs at Rocky Point and it's downhill all the way. Just west of Mile 17; the trail turns left and you cross Sparks Creek on stepping stones and the trail continues along the stream a short ways, then uphill about 100 yards to the signs that mark the campsite. Take the short access trail downhill left from there to the site.

Alternate directions: Go east on the PMT from Dowdell's Knob, past Brown Dog Campsite about a mile. NOTE: there was a bridge to cross to get to the old site that has been removed. The **new** access trail is west of the old bridge location. The old bridge that used to lead to the old site has been made into a nice bench at the new site near a fire-ring. Watch for signs showing the boundary of this site and noting the closure of the old site. The park boundary with private land is about 250 yards south of the campsite.

There are **two** fire rings at the camp, thus if you choose this camp you may be sharing the camp with another individual, couple or small group of 5 or less. Scout and other groups of 6 or more will be permitted use of the entire site.



Fire Ring A (shown as 1, but that has been changed.)



Fire Ring B (shown as 2, but that has been changed.)



Water at the site is reliable all year, even dry months



Signs noting boundary of camp, old site closed (and do not camp, or build campfires there.)

