

Little Frog Wilderness Addition

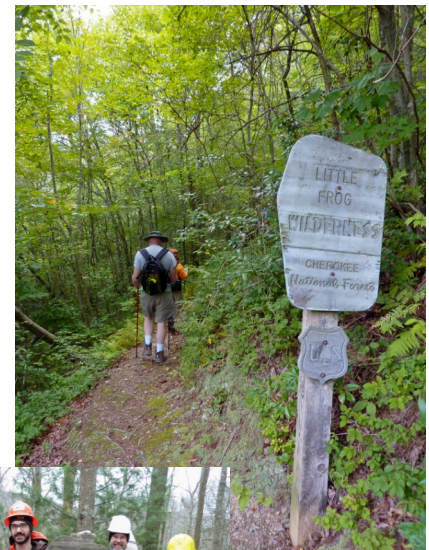
978 acres, Polk County, Tennessee

Description



Little Frog Wilderness is a companion to Big Frog Wilderness across the spectacular Ocoee River Gorge, site of the 1996 Olympic Whitewater events and current home of the Ocoee Whitewater Center. The two small additions totaling 978 acres, both recommended for wilderness by the U.S. Forest Service, give more logical boundaries to this important recreation area on the doorstep of the Whitewater Center.

The Little Frog area is popular for a wide variety of recreation activities, including hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, photography, and nature study. The wilderness addition incorporates the Benton MacKaye Trail, an important and popular hiking trail that unites the Big Frog and Little Frog Wilderness areas. Volunteer organizations provide regular stewardship and trail maintenance.



Wilderness designation for these two parcels will help to preserve the primitive character of the area, and to protect the 300+ mile long Benton MacKaye Trail from encroachment.

Wilderness designation will also help protect critical wildlife habitat for a variety of species including Black Bear, Bobcat, White-tailed Deer and Grey Fox. Plus, the area is part of the Southern Blue Ridge Important Bird Area - migratory, breeding and wintering habitat for numerous bird species.



Location

The Little Frog Wilderness lies just north of US 64. The Little Frog NE addition is 348 acres and the Little Frog NW addition is 630 acres. These areas are both easily accessed using FDR 68 (Kimsey Highway).



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