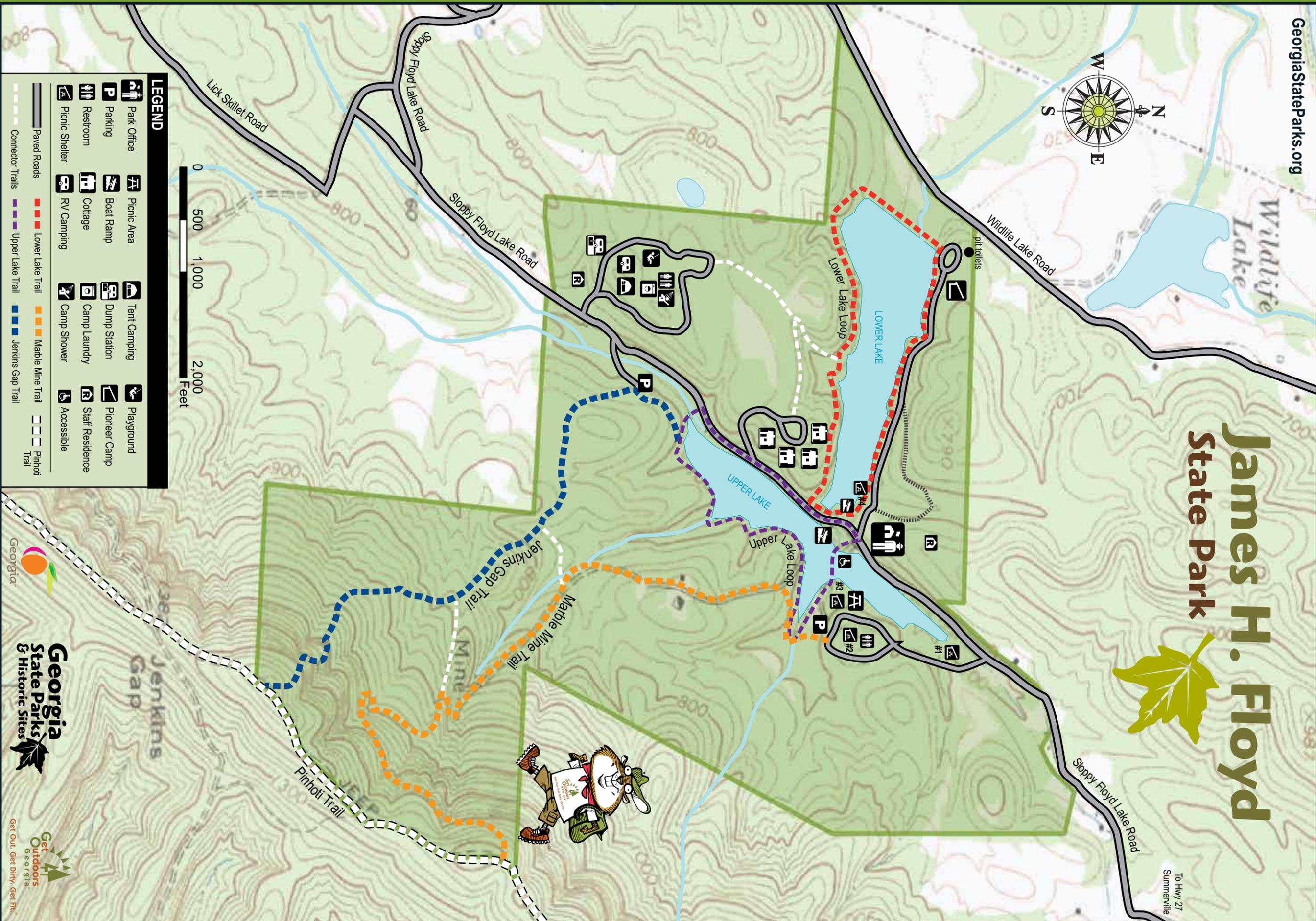


James H. (Sloppy) Floyd State Park Trail Map

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| | Park Office | | Picnic Area | | Tent Camping | | Playground |
| | Parking | | Boat Ramp | | Dump Station | | Pioneer Camp |
| | Restroom | | Cottage | | Camp Laundry | | Staff Residence |
| | Picnic Shelter | | RV Camping | | Camp Shower | | Accessible |
| | Paved Roads | | Lower Lake Trail | | Marble Mine Trail | | Pinhoti Trail |
| | Connector Trails | | Upper Lake Trail | | Jenkins Gap Trail | | Trail |



James H. Floyd State Park



Surrounded by rural countryside and the Chattahoochee National Forest, this quiet park in northwest Georgia offers outstanding fishing on two stocked lakes. Visitors can hike along three miles of lake loop trails and relax in swings while watching for the many bluebirds that live in the park. A trailhead to the scenic 330-mile Pinhoti Trail is only a 1.6-mile hike from the park. Children especially enjoy the playground, feeding fish from the boardwalk and renting pedal boats. A small campground and four cottages are nestled on tree-covered hillsides. This park was named for Representative James H. "Sloppy" Floyd who served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1953 until 1974.

ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

- **CAMPING** – There are 25 tent and trailer sites with water and electrical hook-ups, picnic tables, grills and fire rings. The shaded sites are within walking distance of the lakes. Pull-through sites accommodate large trailers. There is a sanitary disposal station, a comfort station with hot showers, flush toilets and laundry machines, and a children's playground within the camping area.
- **PIONEER CAMPING** – A primitive tent camping area offering water and pit privies is available by reservation to organized groups.
- **PICNICKING** – This park has some of the prettiest picnic spots in Georgia. Four open-air shelters may be reserved up to 11 months in advance or are available on a first come basis when not reserved. Several picnic tables and grills are located throughout the park. Please use trash receptacles. Picnicking is not allowed in the campground.
- **FISHING** – Two fishing lakes are open for legal fishing year-round. Two fishing docks and two boat ramps are provided. Persons age 16 or older must have a valid resident/non-resident fishing license. Lakes are stocked with channel catfish, bream and bass. Fishing hours are daylight until dark.
- **BOATING** – Pedal boats and fishing boats are available for rental. Private boats are permitted on lakes with trolling motors only. All boats must comply with Georgia Boating Safety Laws.
- **HIKING** – Park visitors can choose from several hiking trails, including two half-mile paths that follow along the upper and lower lakes. The .8-mile Marble Mine Trail takes hikers up to Taylor's Ridge and an abandoned mine, then it continues 1.2-miles to the Pinhoti Trail. Beginning near Talladega, Alabama, the Pinhoti Trail stretched more than 300 miles across Georgia and Alabama, offering many options for day-hikers and backpacking trips.
- **COTTAGES** – Four fully equipped cottages provide two bedrooms, two bathrooms, linens, kitchen utensils, wood-burning fireplaces, and a picnic table and grill outside. Nestled in the woods above the lake, the cottages have beautiful views. These may be reserved up to 11 months in advance.



MARBLE MINE TRAIL

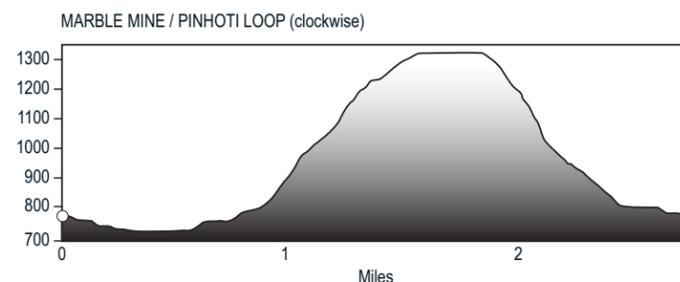
Compacted Natural Soil | Rating: Moderate | Foot Travel Only

The Marble Mine Trail may be accessed from the day-use area. This trail follows the old road to the Marble Mine, one of the park's most scenic features. The spring and winter rainfall generates a small 35-foot waterfall over the marble outcropping. The Marble Mine trail beyond the Mine connects to the 330-mile National Scenic Pinhoti Trail and presents several winter views of Lookout Mountain.

PINHOTI TRAIL

Compacted Natural Soil | Rating: Strenuous | Foot Travel Only

The Pinhoti Trail is a 330-mile National Scenic Trail that traverses half a mile through the park. Either the Marble Mine or Jenkins Gap Trail may be used as an approach. The trail can also be accessed North on Highway 27 or South on Highway 100 and hiked 7 miles back into the park either route. The section that comes through the park is Georgia section 7.



JENKINS GAP TRAIL

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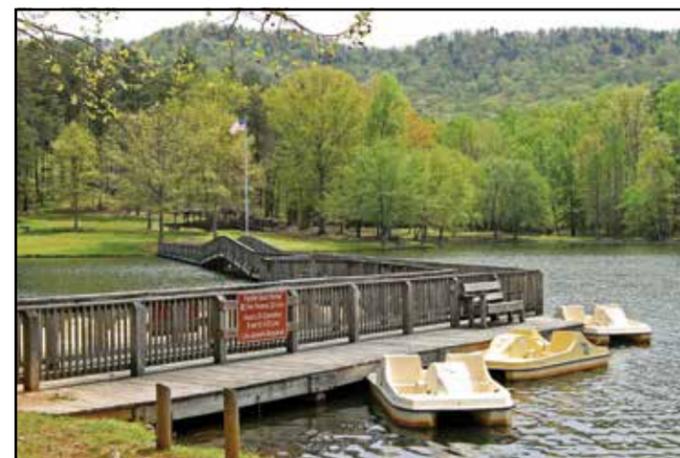
The Jenkins Gap Trail may be accessed at the Pinhoti Parking Lot. This hike leads a strenuous climb to the top of Taylor Ridge accessing the Pinhoti Trail. The JGT, MMT and Pinhoti create a 2.9-mile loop with several shorter connectors along the way.



LOWER LAKE LOOP TRAIL

Compacted Natural Soil | Rating: Easy | Foot Travel Only

The Lower Lake Trail may be accessed from the park office or at the trailhead on the spillway. Wildflowers, native flowering shrubs like the Oakleaf Hydrangea, and American Chestnuts can be seen along the way. Accessed from the connector trail starting by the cabins or campground can create a 1.8 mile out-and-back.



UPPER LAKE LOOP TRAIL

Compacted Natural Soil | Rating: Easy | Foot Travel Only

The Upper Lake Trail may be started at the park office or in the day-use picnic area. This trail takes you over open water, across the boardwalk and between the twin lakes offering great birding opportunities. Meandering through several wooded, fern covered hillsides the upper lake trail also showcases many woodland wildflowers.

TRAIL SAFETY & ETIQUETTE

- Tell someone your itinerary and expected return time.
- Be prepared for unexpected weather changes by dressing in layers and carrying rain gear. Unexpected rain and wind can lead to hypothermia. Always carry quality rain gear and turn back in bad weather. If you become wet or cold, it is important to get dry and warm as quickly as possible.
- Dress in layers and avoid cotton. Luckily, today's hikers can choose from numerous fabrics that wick moisture, dry quickly or conserve heat. Many experienced hikers wear a lightweight shirt that wicks moisture, while carrying a fleece pullover and rain jacket.
- Take a map, water, snacks, first aid kit, flashlight and whistle. Three short blasts on a whistle are known as a call for help.
- Do not stray from trails. If you become lost, stay in one location and wait for help. This will make it easier for rescuers to find you. Don't count on cell phones to work in the wilderness, but if they do, be able to give details about your location.
- Invest in good hiking socks such as those found at sporting goods stores. Avoid blisters by carrying "moleskin" and applying it as soon as you feel a hot spot on your feet. Available in the foot care section of drug stores, moleskin is like felt that sticks to your skin.
- Pack out all trash.
- Keep pets on a leash.
- Do not pick flowers or disturb wildlife.
- Protect the landscape by staying on trails. Do not short-cut switchbacks. This practice is dangerous and can create major erosion problems.
- Stay together. Don't allow hikers, especially children, to run ahead or lag behind.

CLIMATE DATA FOR SUMMERVILLE

Month	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Mean	Avg. Precip.	Record High	Record Low
Jan	49°F	29°F	39°F	5.57 in	78°F (1975)	-13°F (1985)
Feb	54°F	31°F	43°F	5.67 in	82°F (1977)	-6°F (1966)
Mar	63°F	37°F	50°F	5.52 in	88°F (2007)	7°F (1993)
Apr	71°F	44°F	58°F	4.55 in	92°F (1960)	22°F (2007)
May	78°F	53°F	66°F	5.01 in	95°F (1962)	30°F (1971)
Jun	85°F	62°F	74°F	4.24 in	102°F (1952)	37°F (1966)
Jul	88°F	66°F	77°F	4.80 in	89°F (1980)	47°F (1970)
Aug	88°F	65°F	77°F	4.05 in	105°F (1954)	47°F (1968)
Sep	82°F	59°F	71°F	4.43 in	104°F (1954)	29°F (1967)
Oct	72°F	47°F	60°F	3.68 in	95°F (1954)	19°F (1952)
Nov	62°F	38°F	50°F	5.58 in	88°F (2003)	2°F (1950)
Dec	51°F	31°F	41°F	5.60 in	81°F (1951)	-2°F (1983)