Richard B. Russell State Park offers biking and hiking trails for all ages with 4.94 miles of beautiful nature trails connecting most park facilities. Please leave footprints only. We ask that you not pick any plants or flowers. Let us know of any safety hazards such as downed trees. Leashed pets are welcome on trails. Please respect the wildlife that call Richard B. Russell State Park home.

COTTAGE LOOP TRAIL
1.29-mile loop / Compacted Gravel Surface / MODERATE Average Walking Time: 2.25 hours
This trail begins near cottage 1 and takes you along the connecting trail, then veers off to the left down a hill. This hill is hilly, crosses a steel bridge in the back of one cove and offers outstanding scenery along the lake's banks across from the cottage area. At the connecting trail, turn right to return to the cottage area, go straight for a longer walk to the campground, or turn left to go to the beach.

COTTAGE / BEACH TRAIL
1.55 miles / Compacted Gravel Surface / EASY Average Walking Time: 1.5 hours
Connecting the cottage and beach areas of the park, the Cottage / Beach Trail is flat and runs close to the main road. The woods are a mixture of hardwoods and pines. This trail is 1.55 miles in length, offers potential wildlife, has a steel bridge near the main road and is open to bicycle and foot traffic.

CAMPGROUND SPUR
0.5 mile / Compacted Gravel Surface / EASY Average Walking Time: half hour
This trail is one of the two trails that begin or end above campsite #28 and goes to the connecting trail, making it easy to ride a bike or walk to the cottage area, cottage loop trail, or the trail to the beach.

CAMPGROUND / PICNIC TRAIL
0.5 mile / Compacted Gravel Surface / EASY Average Walking Time: half hour
This is the other trail that begins or ends above campsite #28 and is a more natural and hilly trail. It leads to the picnic area where it becomes asphalt all the way to the beach.

ARROWHEAD POINTE GOLF COURSE
The 6,800-yard course is situated on a peninsula within the state park and the water views are stunning, with 10 of the 18 holes skirting Lake Richard B. Russell. Bob Walker’s design has been considered to be the more expensive courses at Lake Oconee because of the challenging layout and scenic views. One exception to that comparison is that there are no visible lakefront houses from any vantage point on the course, consistent with the state park golf course theme of “no crowds, no houses, no noise.”

Arrowhead Pointe was also named in TravelGolf.com’s Top 10 Courses in Georgia, alongside such venerable courses as Augusta National, East Lake, TPC at Sugarloaf and Ocean Forest. Arrowhead Pointe is the only public course on the lake.

Activities & Facilities
- Swimming - Swimming is permitted at the beach at no charge;
- Boating - Private boats are permitted on park waters, and fishing - Park waters are open for legal fishing throughout the park.
- Picnicking - Picnics are permitted at designated tables and seating capacity is 175. Restrooms, a commercial kitchen, fireplace and separate BBQ shelter are provided.
- Cottages - Seventeen rental cottages are equipped with cooking facilities and utensils, towels and linens. All cottages have electric heat and air. TVs, fireplaces and dishwashers. Dogs are allowed only in select cottages. A boat ramp and fish cleaning station are located within the cottage area, as well as a laundry room. Boat docks are provided at most of the cottages. Three new cottages are scheduled to be built in the near future.
- Lakeside Pavilion - Many functions such as reunions, meetings, receptions and parties may be held in this facility. Seating capacity is 175. Restrooms, a commercial kitchen, fireplace and separate BBQ shelter are provided.
- Picknickng - Picnics are permitted at designated tables and covered shelters. Tables are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Picnic shelters may be reserved up to 11 months in advance. Please use trash receptacles.
- Fishing - Park waters are open for open fishing throughout the year. Anglers age 16 or older must have a valid resident-resident fishing license. Licenses can be purchased at local bait and tackle shops but are no longer sold at the park office.
- Boating - Private boats are permitted on park waters, and there are no horsepower limitations. Water skiing is permitted. All boating must comply with Georgia Boating Safety Laws. Pedal boats and canoes are available for rent. A new mega boat ramp is scheduled to be built in the near future.
- Swimming - Swimming is permitted at the beach at no charge; however, there are no lifeguards and visitors swim at their own risk. Beach rules are posted at concession area, which is open Wednesday-Sunday during the summer. Wheelchair ramp access into the swimming area is provided.

CLIMATE DATA FOR ELBERTON, GEORGIA

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SAFETY TIPS & ETIQUETTE
- Tell someone your itinerary and expected return time.
- Be prepared for unexpected weather changes by dressing in layers and carrying rain gear. Avoid cotton, instead opt for fabrics that Wick moisture, dry quickly or conserve heat. Many experienced hikers wear a lightweight wick-style shirt, 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.
- Do not 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. Many stores in the foot care section of drug stores, moleskin is like felt that sticks to your skin.
- Be prepared for unexpected rain and wind which 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 dry and warm as quickly as possible.
- Pack out all trash.
- Keep pets on a leash.
- Do not pick flowers or disturb wildlife.
- Protect the landscape by staying on trails.