

**North Fork Citico Creek Trail**  
(Backpacking campsite)  
Trail # 98 in the Tellico Ranger District

Take 11-64 towards Cleveland  
Route 40 towards Ocoee  
Route 411 towards Etowah  
Right on Route 310 (also known as Mecca Pike) in Etowah to Tellico Plains (17 miles)  
(310 will intersect with route 39 -- stay on 39 to Tellico Plains) to stop sign.  
Turn right on Route 68.  
Turn left (just past Hardees) on Cherohala Skyway (East 165)  
Take 1st fork to right (Tellico River Road) till it forks again; take the  
left fork away from the river (towards Robbinsville/Indian Boundary)  
At the top of the mountain, take the 1st fork towards Indian Boundary  
(Nat'l Forest Road 345)  
At the next fork take a right -- Nat'l Forest Route 35 -- down the backside of the  
mountain towards Citico Creek.  
Almost at the bottom, (before the sharp left), take a right over a concrete bridge.  
There will be a camping area on both sides of the road. Park just past the camping areas.

**Hiking**

Follow the road past the camping area (curving to the left) until it dead ends into the creek.  
The trail begins across the creek to the left.  
~ 200 yards down the trail there is a sign and a wooden foot bridge. This is the trail head.  
The trail will cross the creek an additional 6 times before reaching the campsite.  
*(Note the last two crossings are almost two at the same time, they immediately follow each other)*

At 2.9 miles there is a camping spot to the right (it has a fairly large fire pit). Beyond that,  
a little creek comes in (Indian Valley Branch). If you go that far, you've gone too far!  
Beyond that, the trail changes from easy/moderate to strenuous.

Make sure to check the hunting season schedule.

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