Welcome to Bearwallow Mountain!

Take a hike up the crown jewel of the Hickory Nut Gorge! This trail will take you to the picturesque summit of Bearwallow Mountain. At 4,232 feet above sea level, a grassy bald awaits you at the top, offering a breathtaking 360° view of the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains. Rated moderate in difficulty, the trail climbs 572 feet in about one mile.

Conserving Carolina partnered with the Barnwell and Lyda families to protect 470 acres atop Bearwallow Mountain through permanent conservation easements, which allow the land to remain in private ownership but forever preserved in its natural condition in which you see it today.

Conserving Carolina partnered with the Carolina Mountain Club to construct the hiking trail to Bearwallow Mountain's summit. A gravel road also can also be walked to the top of the mountain.

Bearwallow Mountain is private land that permits public access for all to enjoy its natural beauty. To ensure this special place remains accessible to the public, and stays forever as wonderful as you see it today, please follow these rules for an experience that is respectful to the landowners, trail managers, other hikers, and the land itself.

- No Bicycles
- No Campfires
- No Camping
- No Campfires
- No Swimming
- No Horses
- No Gathering Plants

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Property

Conservation Easement

Parking Area

Scenic Viewpoint

Trailhead

Information Kiosk

Fire Tower

Gate

Bearwallow Mountain Trail

Fire Tower Road

Bearwallow Gap

Bearwallow at Sunset (Dwight Wyatt)

Winter on Bearwallow Mountain

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