



BEARWALLOW MTN Hiking Trail



Keep Off Towers
Do not attempt to access or climb fire tower or communication antennas.

Caution: Cows! Bearwallow Mountain is an active, working farm where cattle roam free. Please "steer clear" and always keep at least 100 feet back from these animals.

Protect the Fragile Trail When Wet
The Bearwallow Mountain Trail is vulnerable to damage during instances of freeze & thaw as well as after heavy rainfall. Conserving Carolina periodically closes the trail to protect it from damage, but the Fire Tower Road remains open to access the top of the mountain.

Trail colors on map correspond to blaze color

- Conserving Carolina Property
- Conserving Carolina Conservation Easement

- Parking Area
- Scenic Viewpoint
- Trailhead
- Information Kiosk
- Fire Tower
- Gate

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.

- Secure Pets on Leash
- No Bicycles
- No Campfires
- No Gathering Plants
- No Horses
- No Camping

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.

