

Barker's Creek Mill at Hambidge Center



This ancient site was the home of a grist mill that has been serving the area since the mid 1800's. The current mill was built in 1944 and is one of only a few in northeast Georgia still in operation. You can photograph the mill anytime but you will be doubly rewarded by being there on the first Saturday of each month when the mill is actually in operation (1 PM to 4 PM). You can even purchase grits and cornmeal on your visit.

Barker's Creek Mill is owned by the Hambidge Center and is private property. Photographers are allowed to make images of the mill as a courtesy. Check their web site (<http://www.hambidge.org>) for more information about the Center and events open to the public.

Notes for the photographer:

The first time I visited this mill was in the winter. The color photos I made were pretty drab. If you are there when the leaves are gone you might want to consider processing in black and white.

Directions:

From Dillard (just north of Clayton) turn left onto Betty's Creek Road. Drive 3.5 miles. You will pass the entrance to Hambidge Center (on your right). The short roadway leading to the mill is on the left 0.7 miles further out Betty's Creek Road.

Coordinates for roadway leading to mill:

34°59'30.5"N 83°26'36.9"W

Interesting fact: The current, metal spoke wheel replaced an earlier, mostly wooden wheel in the 1960's