

## Hurricane Falls - Tallulah Gorge



Actually, this is only one of five waterfalls in Tallulah Gorge. Start your visit at the Jane Hurt Yarn Interpretive Center (see Directions) and be sure to watch the very informative short video about the gorge.

From the Interpretive Center you can walk the entire rim for some nice high angle shots down into the gorge. Some really great action photos can be made from the rim trail during the weekends in early April and in November when a torrent of water is released for the thrill seekers in kayaks. Check here for specific dates: <http://gastateparks.org/TallulahGorge>. (And take your long lens.)

You can descend to the floor of the gorge. Near the bottom is a swinging foot bridge which takes you to the south side. At the bottom is an observation platform (from which this photo was made of Hurricane Falls). If you want to explore the floor of the gorge - and two of the other waterfalls - you must get a free permit at the Interpretive Center. Permits are limited to 100 per day.

Be aware -- getting back out of the gorge is a strenuous 531 stair steps. (If you are fit, it is worth it!)

Note for the photographer: You can make a pleasing shot by putting some of the boulders in the foreground. I used a shutter speed of one second to get the silky effect of the water.

Directions: From Clarkesville, drive 14 miles north on 365. Shortly after crossing the bridge in Tallulah Falls turn right onto Jane Hurt Yarn Road and follow signs to Tallulah Gorge State Park. Parking fee \$5.00.

Coordinates: Coordinates for State Park  $34^{\circ}44'24.4''\text{N}$   $83^{\circ}23'25.8''$ . Trail head from the north rim starts here. You can also access the trail descending into the Gorge from the South Rim Trail head here:  $34^{\circ}44'07.5''\text{N}$   $83^{\circ}23'24.4''\text{W}$ .