

Bean Creek Falls



In the summer you might drive right by this waterfall and not know it although it is only fifteen or twenty feet from the roadway. A friend described it as "the waterfall down in a ditch". And from the roadway it may look like that but once you are down on the stream level you are in for a treat. Further, if you happen to be there in the early to mid-May period you will be surrounded by mountain laurel in bloom.

Notes for the photographer: The first time I visited here the sunlight was directly on the falls. Not a good thing for a pleasing exposure as it threw the rest of the photo into dark shadow. An hour later the situation was as you see here: The sunlight coming through the trees added some interest to the foreground but the waterfall itself was not directly lighted by the sun.

Directions: From the intersection of Hwy 255 and Hwy 17 (Old Sautee Store is at this intersection), go north on Hwy 255. Bean Creek Road turns off to the left in .8 mile. Drive 2.2 miles on Bean Creek Road. It changes from paved to dirt; keep on. When you see the falls (on your left), pull off on the right hand side of the road and park. Walk back - in the direction you just came - about 30 yards and go down to the stream. Cross it and approach the water fall from the other side. GPS: 34°42'50" N 83°41'39" W

Interesting fact: The borderline of the Chattahoochee National Forest property appears to run down the middle of Bean Creek in this area.