

Mountains-to-Sea Trail 12-Mile Challenge

Camping Options

For those interested in maximizing their outdoor experience before the Mountains-to-Sea Trail 12 Mile Challenge, there are two recommended campgrounds located within the [Falls Lake State Recreation Area](#). Both sites are approximately 3 to 4 miles (15 minutes) from the race start. If you plan on driving to the parking location and getting bused to the start, please plan on a 30 minute drive (directions below). If you'd like to be picked up/dropped off from a campsite, please email the race directors so this can be coordinated:

Please Note: everything in bold and underlined are links to maps and/or more information.

Campsite Descriptions:

Shinleaf: Shinleaf is located at 13708 New Light Road in Wake Forest, one mile north of NC 98 and one mile east of NC 50. A two-mile portion of the *Mountains-To-Sea Trail*, not part of the 12-mile run, follows the shore line at Shinleaf. You can get a nice warm-up carrying your camping stuff to and from your car in the parking lot to your camp site. 89 campsites are thoughtfully sited in the woods well away from the parking lot (furthest point is a quarter-mile). Each is equipped with a tent pad, picnic table and a grill. Mulch toilets and drinking water are located within easy reach. Any unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Click on the link above for a camp layout.

Holly Point: Holly Point is located at 14500 New Light Road in Wake Forest, two miles north of NC 98 and one mile east of NC 50. There are 62 Walk-in / drive-to campsites (non-electric) at this location. Campsites include picnic tables, outdoor grills and tent pads. Click on the link above for a camp layout.

Cost/Reservations: The cost for both is \$18 per night (\$3 surcharge is applied to online registrations). You can either reserve your campsite online ([here](#)) or visit/call 1-877-7-CAMP-NC (722-6762); 919-676-1027 the state park office/visitor center during regular park hours (8am to 8pm). Additional questions can be emailed to: falls.lake@ncmail.net

Directions:

From I-85 exit 191 (Butner) follow NC-56 east to Creedmoor and NC-50 at the town of Creedmoor. Turn right on NC-50 and head south to Falls Lake. After you cross the lake you will encounter the intersection of NC-98. Turn left on NC-98 (toward Wake Forest) and proceed to New Light Road (approx. 1 mile); turn left on New Light Road and travel north one mile for Shinleaf, two miles for Holly Point (entrances for both on right).

Traveling west on I-40 or US 64 toward Raleigh, take I-440 (the beltline) north to US 1. Follow US 1 north to NC 98 at the town of Wake Forest. Take NC 98 west approximately seven miles to New Light Road. Turn right on New Light Road and travel north one mile for Shinleaf, two miles for Holly Point (entrances for both on right).

Traveling east on I-40 toward Raleigh, turn north on I-540 (the outer loop). Travel north on I-540 to NC 50, and take NC 50 north approximately seven miles until NC 98, turn right onto NC 98. Take NC 98 to

New Light Road (approx. 1 mile); turn left on New Light Road and travel north one mile for Shinleaf, two miles for Holly Point (entrances for both on right).

Traveling north on I-85 toward Durham, travel through Durham, and take US 70 east toward Raleigh. Turn east on NC 98 and travel toward Wake Forest for approximately nine miles to New Light Road. Turn left on New Light Road and travel north one mile for Shinleaf, two miles for Holly Point (entrances for both on right).

Directions from Campsite to Mountains-to-Sea Parking Start:

Travel south on New Light Road for approximately 3 to 4 miles (depending on campsite) until you hit Possum Track Rd (Bayleaf Baptist Church will be to the left at intersection). Please note, New Light Road turns into Six Forks Rd once you cross NC 98. Turn left onto Possum Track for approximately 1.25 miles to Raven Rock Rd (no intersection, can only take a right onto Raven Rock). Take a right on Raven Rock Rd until it ends at Falls of Neuse Rd. (1.5 miles). Take a right on Falls of Neuse Road and Falls Pointe Plaza will be on the left (less than 1 mile).