



Shape the Future of Orrs Ferry: Participate in the Planning Process

The National Park Service (NPS) is developing a site management plan for the Orrs Ferry unit at the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. The Orrs Ferry unit is located in the northern reaches of the park, adjacent to Georgia State Highway 20, and bisected by the Chattahoochee River. This plan aims to enhance visitor experiences, protect natural and cultural resources, and guide development over the next 20 years. Your input is vital to creating a meaningful and memorable experience for all visitors.

There are two ways to learn more:

1. Visit the StoryMap:
[bit.ly/orrsferrymap](https://www.nps.gov/orsferry)

2. Attend the public meeting:

DATE: Thursday, April 24, 2025

TIME: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

LOCATION: 39th Street Station
5009 W Broad St.
Sugar Hill, GA 30518

ABOUT ORRS FERRY

Located 45 miles northeast of Atlanta, the Orrs Ferry unit lies in the northern part of Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, showcasing diverse landscapes, from steep riverbanks and lush tree canopies to wetlands and the former Rainbow Ranch trout farm. Recent land acquisitions have expanded park boundaries, strengthening regional connectivity and recreational opportunities.

PLAN OBJECTIVES

- **New Lands:** Develop a management direction for the newly acquired lands.
- **Protect Resources:** Safeguard sensitive ecological and cultural resources.
- **Enhance Visitor Access:** Develop sustainable and accessible infrastructure to support recreation and education.
- **Foster Regional Connectivity:** Integrate the site with nearby trails and community spaces.
- **Sustainability:** Incorporate sustainable practices into all aspects of development, maintenance, and operations.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The National Park Service has drafted strategies for Orrs Ferry, and we want to hear your input on the following:

- **Trails and Connectivity:** New natural-surface trails, streambank bridges, and connections to regional trails
- **Visitor Facilities:** Expanded parking, new restrooms, accessible trails, and fishing access
- **Educational Enhancements:** Interpretive signage, programs, and repurposed spaces for outdoor exhibits
- **Resource Protection:** Erosion control, wetland preservation, and the restoration of native habitat

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Public input will shape the future of Orrs Ferry. Share your thoughts online or attend the public meeting to provide feedback on

- what features and activities you value most at Orrs Ferry and
- your vision for visitor experiences and resource protection.

GET INVOLVED

- Visit the project website at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/OrrsFerrySiteManagementPlan>.
- Submit comments online by May 16, 2025.

Together, we can create a vision for Orrs Ferry that balances recreation, education, and conservation. Join the conversation today!

