



Pine Swamp Branch Shelter Closure

Advice for Long Distance Hikers



Pine Swamp Branch A.T. Shelter is located north of Pearisburg, Virginia. The shelter, and a 300' radius around the shelter, is temporarily closed to overnight use due to multiple standing dead trees caused by gypsy moths.

Hikers: Please mark your guidebooks and plan to camp elsewhere. This shelter closure is for your safety.

- Pine Swamp Branch Shelter is located 654.7 miles north of Springer Mountain, Georgia and 1,535.1 miles south of Mount Katahdin, Maine.
- Find it on page 81 of the *Thru-Hikers Companion* and page 66 of *The A.T. Guide (AWOL)*.
- The next shelter north on the A.T. is Bailey Gap Shelter, 3.9 miles away.
- The next shelter south on the A.T. is Rice Field Shelter, 12.6 miles away. The seasonal spring at Symms Gap Meadow is the only water source between Rice Field and Pine Swamp Branch Shelters.
- Dispersed (*undesigned*) camping is allowed on National Forest lands in Virginia. Follow Leave No Trace practices and camp at least 200' away from the Trail and water sources.