

Cloudland Canyon State Park

Back on Lookout Mountain Parkway, you'll traverse the spine of Lookout Mountain along Rte. 117, which zigzags eastward through woodlands on the way to Georgia. Beyond the town of Cloudland, the parkway continues to press northward along Rte. 157, then turns onto Rte. 136 for a short jaunt to Cloudland Canyon State Park. One of the region's finest preserves, its 2,200 or so acres embrace a cluster of ravines and waterfalls. With elevations that range from 800 to 1,900 feet, this is rugged terrain but well worth exploring. Exhilarating panoramas of the hills and hollows will prepare sightseers for the grandeur that awaits at Cloudland Canyon itself, a deep cleft slashed into shale and sandstone by Sitton Gulch Creek. For a front-row seat, stop at the park's main picnic area.