

**Pine Mountain Property Owners Association
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Dear Pine Mountain Member:

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The Board Directors and Officers for the 2021-22 year are,
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Pine Mountain has its own trails of varying degrees of difficulty leading to stunning waterfalls and breath-taking vistas in a mature woodland setting. Equally appealing is the private access to South Mountains State Park Trails available to Pine Mountain lot owners. Given that the popularity of North Carolina's largest state park often reduces the public parking spaces to zero on weekends and holidays in 3 seasons, the ability for our members to enjoy the local fauna, flora, waterways, and the mountain tops without the crowds is a unique amenity to Pine Mountain.

Pine Ridge Drive (North Ridge) IS South Mountains State Park's Raven Rock Trail. This trail is designated for hiking, biking, and equestrian use. On the northeast side of the trail, near Mallard Road, members can take a downhill hike to the popular High Shoals Water Fall or travel down Saddleback Trail to the Park's equestrian center.

The Fox Trail trailhead is southwest of Mallard, located near Debbie Drive and is designated for hiking and equestrian. Approximately 100-yards from Pine Ridge Drive is an overlook with views of Grandfather, Table Rock and Hawksbill Mountains. Fox trail continues downhill for about 2 miles and leads into one of the lesser traveled areas of the park.

Pine Ridge Drive/Raven Rock Trail southwest of Fox Trail transitions from paved road to gravel and becomes Benn Knob Trail is designated as hiking, biking, and equestrian. Benn Knob, at 2,894 feet in elevation is the highest peak on the Burke County side of the South Mountains. Benn Knob can also be reached from the Buzzards' Roost picnic overlook on the Gilead Ridge side of Pine Ridge Drive. Raven Rock, Fox, and Benn Knob trails lead into the rest of the South Mountains State Park's trails. The trail access can provide for multiple day camping experiences to explore the park.

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North Carolina has planned and is establishing regional trails that will connect South Mountains State Park to a statewide trail system, which will include trails to Lake Lure, the Burke, McDowell, and Catawba County greenways. These regional NC trails will provide access from the South Mountains to the Mountain-to-Sea, Overmountain Victory, and the Appalachian Trails. More information can be found at:

<https://trails.nc.gov/media/10/open>

It is the duty of the association to provide notice of the availability of mediation to resolve disputes with the association in all matters that don't pertain to assessments that can be located in the **§ 7A-38.3F. Prelitigation mediation of condominium and homeowners association disputes.** The entire general statute can be found online at:

https://www.ncleg.net/enactedlegislation/statutes/html/bysection/chapter_7a/ga_7a-38.3f.html

Pine Mountain has a community wide speed limit of 25mph. The roads are narrow, steep, and winding. There are many blind corners and coming across another vehicle or people walking can be dangerous. Deer, turkey, bear, squirrels, turtles, ducks, and snakes are among the critters that are also using the roads.