



Mountain Lovers Love Jackson County, N.C.



Waterfalls

Recommended Day Excursions

Popular waterfall routes have been grouped in geographic clusters for your convenience.

- 1. LOWER CULLASAJA FALLS ♦ F4
- 2. UPPER CULLASAJA FALLS ♦ F4
- 3. DRY FALLS ♦ F4
- 4. BRIDAL VEIL FALLS ♦ F4



FROM NORTHERN JACKSON COUNTY Drive S on US 23/441. Exit at US 64/NC 28. Turn left at bottom of exit ramp and continue SE (toward Highlands) for 8.3 mi. After passing Nantahala National Forest, Cullasaja River Gorge sign, pull off to R onto blacktop for view of Lower Cullasaja Falls. Continue on US 64/NC 28 for 2.4 mi. Pull off to R onto gravel for a view of Upper Cullasaja Falls. Continue on US 64/NC 28 for 3.3 mi. After passing Dry Falls sign, turn R into parking lot. Go down stone staircase to Dry Falls, which roars overhead. Exit parking lot to R, still following US 64/NC 28. Continue 0.9 mi. Bridal Veil Falls is on L.

FROM SOUTHERN JACKSON COUNTY Drive W to Highlands on US 64. Turn R at traffic light at junction of US 64 & NC 28 (toward Franklin). Continue for 2.8 mi. Bridal Veil Falls is on R. Continue for 0.9 mi. After passing Dry Falls sign, turn L into parking lot. Go down stone staircase to Dry Falls, which roars overhead. Exit parking lot to L. Continue 3.3 mi. and pull off to L onto gravel for a view of Upper Cullasaja Falls. Continue for 2.4 mi. Pull off to L onto blacktop for view of Lower Cullasaja Falls.

5. GLEN FALLS ♦ G4

Take U.S. 64 to Highlands, then turn SW on NC 106 for 1.8 mi. to the Glen Falls sign. Turn L. Take gravel road. 1 mi. Park. Take trail straight ahead. When you reach narrower trail, go L. View the valley, then cascades. Hiking down the mountain, you pass 3 strikingly different 80 ft. falls and travel 1.4 mi. The return hike is uphill and strenuous.

6. CASHIERS SLIDING ROCK ♦ G5, 7. SILVER RUN FALLS ♦ G6, 8. WHITEWATER FALLS ♦ G6

FROM CASHIERS From intersection of US 64 & NC 107, drive S on NC 107 for 1.9 mi. Turn R going W on Whiteside Cove Road. Continue for 2.8 mi. After crossing bridge, pull off onto dirt on R. Follow trail to R for 100 yds. to Cashiers Sliding Rock. Swimming holes are above and below waterfall. Please supervise children! Return to NC 107. Turn R going S and continue for 2.4 mi. Pull off onto gravel on L (with a small gray sign at the S end). If you pass an Entering Nantahala National Forest sign, you have gone too far. Follow trail for 50 yds. Cross stream on bridge and continue another 100 yds. to Silver Run Falls. Continue S on NC 107 for 5.3 mi. into SC, passing a roadside picnic area. Turn L going E on Wigginton Rd. 3. Continue for 2.3 mi. until it dead-ends at SC 130 / NC 281 S. Turn L going N on SC 130 / NC 281 S. Continue for 1.2 mi. After passing Nantahala National Forest, Whitewater Falls sign, turn R into parking lot. Short walk to lookout at NC 281. There are no trails open to the top of the waterfall, only bottom.

8. WHITEWATER FALLS ONLY ♦ G6

FROM CASHIERS From intersection of US 64 & NC 107, drive E on US 64 for 10.4 mi. Turn R going S on NC 281. Continue for 9.9 mi. Turn L into parking lot. 0.25 mi. walk to lookout. There are no trails open to the top of the waterfall, only bottom.

9. TURTLEBACK FALLS ♦ G7, 10. RAINBOW FALLS ♦ F7

In Sapphire, take 281-S 1 mi., turn left into GORGES STATE PARK. Stay straight on the park road for two mi. to Grassy Ridge Trail Head. The Grassy Ridge Trail Head services the Horsepasture River area. Rainbow Falls Trail is 1½ mi. in and 1½ mi. out, and is strenuous. Rainbow Falls Trail is one of the most scenic trails in this area. It travels west out of Gorges and into Pisgah National Forest and follows Horsepasture River. Rainbow

Falls is located on Pisgah National Forest property. Also, Turtleback Falls is 200 yds. above Rainbow, so just follow the trail.

Note: The trail that leads down is no longer open for public access. It is to be used for official use only. Please use the trailhead parking lot for Horsepasture River access. (Not for young children or the less-than-physically-fit.)

11. SLIDING ROCK ♦ D8, 12. MOORE COVE ♦ D8, 13. LOOKING GLASS ♦ D8, 14. COURTHOUSE FALLS ♦ D7

FROM SYLVA (EXIT 85) Drive E on US 23/74 for 8.9 mi.; turn L onto the Blue Ridge Parkway, and proceed in the direction of Asheville. Exit at US 276 and cont. S on US 276 for 7.5 mi.; turn R into the Sliding Rock parking lot (admission fee, lifeguards often on duty). Exit parking lot to the R going S. Cont. on US 276 for another 1.1 mi. Immediately after crossing a concrete bridge, park on L. Cross the wood foot bridge next to the concrete bridge; it is an easy and beautiful 0.7 mi. to Moore Cove's twin falls. Cont. S on US 276 for another 1 mi. and park on L. View Looking Glass Falls from roadside, or descend a stone staircase to the 50 ft. falls. Cont. S on US 276 for 5.9 mi. Turn R going W on US 64. Cont. W on US 64 for 12.7 mi. and turn R going N on NC 215. Cont. on NC 215 for 10.7 mi. Turn R on Forest Service Rd. 140 (gravel) just before bridge. Go 3.1 mi. over mountain and park on R near bridge that crosses Courthouse Ck. The trailhead for the Summey Cove trail is on the L next to the bridge; hike 0.2 mi. and turn L on Courthouse Falls trail, which descends 0.1 mi. to the 60 ft. falls. Return to NC 215, turn R; cont. 6.9 mi. to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Enter Parkway, turn S in the direction of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and exit at US 23/74 to return to Sylva.

FROM CASHIERS From junction of US 64 and NC 107 in Cashiers, drive E on NC 64 for 32.7 mi. and turn L going N onto US 276; cont. N on US 276 for 5.9 mi. Park on R. View Looking Glass Falls from roadside, or descend a stone staircase to the 50 ft. falls. Cont. N on US 276 for 1 mi. and park on R just before the concrete bridge with wood foot bridge on the R. Cross the wood foot bridge next to the concrete bridge; it is an easy and beautiful 0.7 mi. to Moore Cove's twin falls. Cont. N on US 276 for another 1.1 mi. and turn L into the Sliding Rock parking lot (admission fee, lifeguards often on duty). Exit parking lot to the L going N and cont. on US 276 for 7.5 mi. to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Enter Parkway, turn L going S in the direction of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Exit at NC 215 and cont. S for 6.9 mi. Turn L on Forest Service Rd. 140 (gravel) just after bridge. Go 3.1 mi. over mountain and park on R near bridge that crosses Courthouse Ck. The trailhead for the Summey Cove trail is on L next to bridge; hike 0.2 mi. and turn L on Courthouse Falls trail, which descends 0.1 mi. to the 60 ft. falls. Return to NC 215, turn L going S. Cont. for 10.7 mi. and turn R going W on US 64 to return to Cashiers.

15. MINGO FALLS ♦ A4

FROM SYLVA (EXIT 81) Drive W on US 74 for 9.7 mi. Take exit 74, continue on US 441 N for 5.2 mi. When it dead-ends at US 19 at a traffic light, turn R. Continue 0.4 mi. Turn L at next traffic light in the direction of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (staying on US 441 N). Continue for 2.3 mi. Turn right on Big Cove Rd. Continue for 5.2 mi. Turn R, crossing bridge over a river; straight ahead is a parking lot and trail. Climb 170 steps to Mingo Falls.



WATERFALL SAFETY! Heed posted warning signs indicating danger and stay on established trails. Never climb on or around waterfalls and never play in the water above a waterfall. Rocks can be slippery and it's easy to lose your balance especially with bare feet. Take no chances, only photographs for memories.

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NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAIN TOWNS OF CASHIERS, CHEROKEE, DILLSBORO AND SYLVA

16. TOM'S BRANCH FALLS ♦ B2, 17. INDIAN CREEK FALLS ♦ B2, 18. JUNEY WHANK FALLS ♦ B2

FROM SYLVA (EXIT 81) Drive W on US 74 for 16.5 mi. to Exit 67. At bottom of ramp, turn R onto Spring St. Continue through first traffic light and follow signs for Deep Creek Campground. Enter Deep Creek Entrance of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and continue for 0.6 mi., pass the picnic area, and turn L into parking area. The trail, an easy hike to Tom's Branch Falls and Indian Creek Falls, starts at the far end of the unloading area and parallels Deep Creek. Tom's Branch Falls is visible across Deep Creek, 0.2 mi. from parking lot. Continue for 0.5 mi. along Deep Creek. Tom's Branch Falls is visible across Deep Creek, 0.2 mi. from parking lot. Continue for 0.5 mi. along Deep Creek, crossing a bridge. Just before the next bridge, take the trail to R, 200 ft. on your L is Indian Creek Falls. Back at parking lot, on the R, is a sign and trail leading to Juney Whank Falls, 0.3 mi. up the mountain.

19. RUFUS MORGAN FALLS AND WAYAH BALD (VISTA) ♦ E2

FROM NORTHERN JACKSON COUNTY Drive S on US 23/441, which joins US 64. (Skip to * in next paragraph.)

FROM SOUTHERN JACKSON COUNTY Drive W (in the direction of Highlands and Franklin) on US 64. At junction of US 64 & US 23/441; turn left on "on" ramp. *Continue on US 64 for 3.8 mi. after the US 23/441 Exit S. Turn right at the Wayah Bald sign onto a two-lane road. Continue 0.3 mi. Turn L on Wayah Rd. (NC 1310). Continue on Wayah Rd. for 6.4 mi. Turn L onto Forest Service #388 (gravel road). Continue 2 mi. to the Rufus Morgan trail parking lot. Hike 0.5 mi. up a moderate grade to Rufus Morgan Falls. For a breathtaking 360° view from the old stone firetower, return to Wayah Rd. Turn L for 2.6 mi. to the Wayah Bald sign. Turn R onto gravel road. Continue until parking lot is reached at the end of the rd. (approx. 2 mi.). To return the way you came, turn L. [OR, turning R takes you past Nantahala Lake into the Nantahala Gorge (US 19/740).]

Fly fishing in North Carolina's Trout Capital

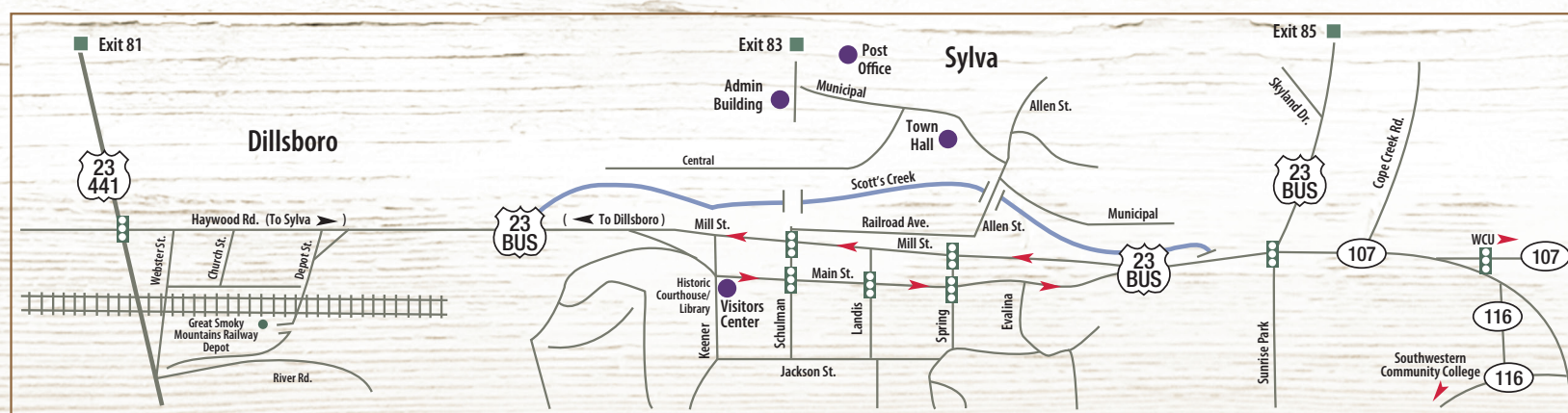
Anglers travel from across the country to experience Jackson County's pristine rivers and streams that are teeming with brown, rainbow and brook trout. Jackson County is home to the Western North Carolina Fly Fishing Trail, created in 2009, which maps out 15 prime spots to catch brown, rainbow and brook trout in the crystal-clear streams of the Great Smoky Mountains.

Whether you're looking for wide-open rivers or secluded mountain streams, the WNC Fly Fishing Trail has you covered. With more than 4,600 miles of streams, the county also has the state's longest contiguous stretch of NC Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. With 92,800 fish stocked in its waters annually – more than any other county in the state – you're sure to catch a few.

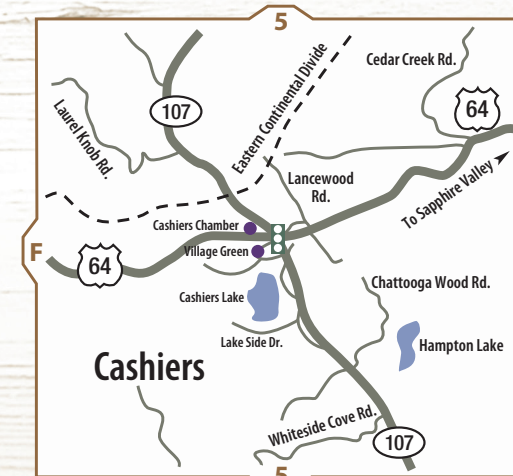
Jackson County Commissioners approved a resolution recommending that N.C. State Legislators recognize Jackson County as the N.C. Trout Capital. In June of 2016, legislators on both the N.C. House and Senate floors approved a resolution recognizing Jackson County as the Premier Fishing Destination in the state.

The heart of the trail, the Tuckasegee River, is the county's largest body of water, flowing some 50 miles. The "Tuck" as it's called by locals, is also one of the most accessible rivers you'll find anywhere. Whether this is your first fishing trip or you're looking to perfect your skills, Jackson County has a number of expert guides. Learn more at www.FlyFishingTrail.com and request a free, waterproof map!

For river access points throughout the county, visit <http://bit.ly/JCRiverAccess> (case sensitive)



Visitor Map Courtesy of the Jackson County Tourism Development Authority



LEAVE NO TRACE SEVEN PRINCIPLES

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

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Public or Semi-Private Golf

1. **BEAR LAKE GOLF CLUB** ♦ E5
Semi-private 9 holes, par 29. Phone: 828-293-5005
2. **HIGH HAMPTON INN AND COUNTRY CLUB** ♦ G6
Semi-private 18 holes, par 71. Phone: 828-743-2450
3. **RED BIRD GOLF & DRIVING RANGE** ♦ F7
Public, par 30. Phone: 828-743-1991
4. **SAPPHIRE NATIONAL GOLF CLUB** ♦ F6
Public 18 holes, par 70. Phone: 828-743-1174
5. **SEQUOYAH NATIONAL GOLF CLUB** ♦ B3
Public 18 holes, par 72. Phone: 828-497-3000

Whitewater Rafting & River

1. **SMOKY MOUNTAIN RIVER ADVENTURES** ♦ C4
Phone: 828-586-5285 or 888-785-2662
2. **TUCKASEEGEE OUTFITTERS** ♦ C4
Phone: 828-586-5050
3. **LAKE GLENVILLE SWIMMING** ♦ E5
4. **CEDAR CLIFF LAKE SWIMMING** ♦ D6

The Tuckasegee, affectionately known as “The Tuck,” features Class II rapids gentle enough for young kayakers and paddlers. Other popular sports on the river are tubing, kayaking, and canoeing.

Guide and Recreational Equipment Rental Services

1. **AB'S FLY FISHING GUIDE SERVICE & PLAY ON ADVENTURES** ♦ C4
(Cashiers/Sylva) Fly fishing and outdoor adventure guide services. Phone: 828-226-3833
2. **BLACKROCK ORVIS OUTDOOR COMPANY** ♦ C4
(Sylva) Outdoor gear, fishing equipment, guide services. NC Wildlife Hunting & Fishing License agent. Phone: 828-631-4453
3. **BROOKINGS ANGLERS** ♦ F5
(Cashiers) Equipment and guided fishing trips. Phone: 828-743-3768

4. **DREAM CATCHER'S FISHING SUPPLY & GUIDES** ♦ C4
(Sylva) Outdoor gear, fishing equipment, guide services. Phone: 828-354-0250
5. **FONTANA GUIDES** ♦ C4
(Sylva) Guided fishing trips. Phone: 828-736-2318
6. **HIGHLAND HIKER** ♦ F5
(Cashiers) Equipment and guided trips. Phone: 828-743-1668
7. **LAKE SHORE PONTON RENTALS** ♦ E5
(Lake Glenville) Phone: 828-743-9998.
8. **MOTION MAKERS BICYCLE SHOP** ♦ C4
(Sylva) Bicycle sales, rentals and repairs. Phone: 828-586-6925

9. **OUTPOST MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS** ♦ C3
(Whittier) Fishing, camping, hunting, outdoor gear and licenses. Phone: 828-586-8400.
10. **SAPPHIRE VALLEY RESORT** ♦ F6
(Sapphire) Phone: 828-743-1169 for skiing and 828-743-7663 for zip lining and resort.
11. **SHED'S HUNTING SUPPLY** ♦ C4
(Sylva) Fishing, hunting, outdoor equipment and gear. NC Wildlife Hunting & Fishing License agent. Phone: 828-339-3300
12. **SIGNAL RIDGE MARINA** ♦ F5
(Glenville) Boat Rental. Phone: 828-743-2143

Horseback Riding

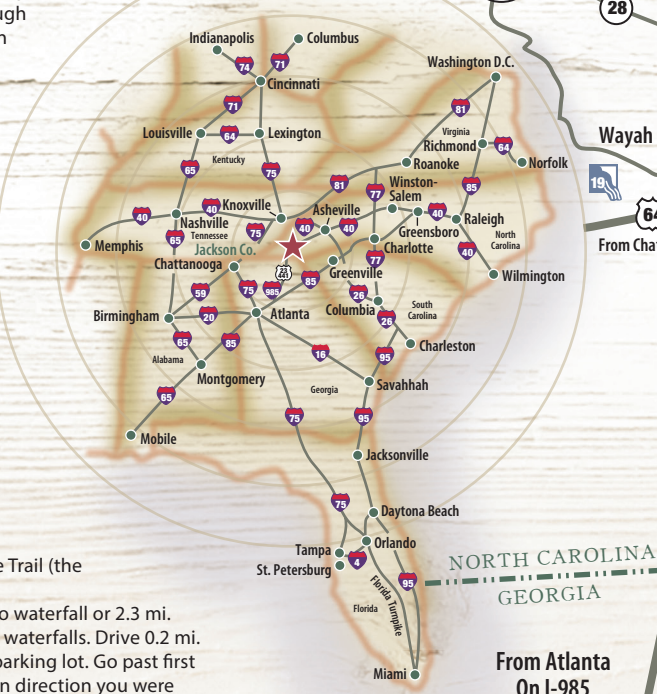
1. **ARROWMONT RIDING STABLES** ♦ E5
Phone: 828-743-2762
2. **SNOKEMONT RIDING STABLES** ♦ A4
Phone: 828-497-2373
3. **WHITEWATER EQUESTRIAN CENTER** ♦ F7
(Sapphire) Phone: 828-966-9646



Hiking Trails and Breathtaking Vistas

1. **PINNACLE PARK.** ♦ C4 3-4 hrs, 6-7 mi. strenuous unmarked trail, uphill on the way out and downhill on return, with a spectacular 270° view of Cullowhee, Webster and Sylva from the Pinnacle (beware of sharp drop-off). **From Sylva (Exit 85):** Drive E on US 23/74 for 0.5 mi., turn L on Steeple Rd. for 0.2 mi. until dead-end at Old Asheville Hwy. Turn L, continue for 0.6 mi.; turn R on Fisher Ck. Rd. Continue 2.1 mi. until dead-end at park entrance. Hike straight up the trail behind the iron gate. Stay on main trail, and cross creek twice early on. After an hr. or so, cross numerous feeder streams and pass cascading waterfall on L. 5-10 min. after waterfall, take trail to L. Trail bears L again at a small clearing on Pinnacle Ridge leading out to overlook.
2. **WATERROCK KNOB.** ♦ B5 2.4 mi. round-trip. Fairly steep hike to 6,292 ft. peak. Extraordinary views of Great Smokies along trail and at summit. **From Sylva (Exit 85):** Drive E on US 23/74 for 8.9 mi.; turn L, enter the Blue Ridge Parkway, proceed in direction of Great Smoky Mtn. Nat'l Park; go 0.8 mi. past Milepost 450, turn R into Waterrock Knob parking area. Trail begins at R corner of back parking lot and is paved at start.
3. **RICHLAND BALSAM, 4. DEVIL'S COURTHOUSE, 5. BLACK BALSAM BALD, 6. GRAVEYARD FIELDS**
From Sylva (Exit 85): Drive E on US 23/74 for 8.9 mi., turn L, enter the Blue Ridge Parkway, proceed in direction of Asheville.
3. **RICHLAND BALSAM.** ♦ C7 1.5 mi. loop to 6,410 ft. summit – highest in Balsam Mountains and among loftiest in Eastern US. Cool, refreshing hike through a remnant spruce-fir forest. At Milepost 431, turn L into Haywood- Jackson parking overlook. Trail begins at L corner of parking lot and is paved at start.
4. **DEVIL'S COURTHOUSE.** ♦ D7 0.8 mi. round-trip, paved but steep trail to top of rock promontory with spectacular panoramic view. Drive 0.6 mi. past Milepost 423, turn R into Devil's Courthouse parking overlook. Take sidewalk along Parkway in direction you were driving and turn into woods just before tunnel.
5. **BLACK BALSAM BALD.** ♦ D7 1.5 mi. round trip to two Balds. Easy 10 minute hike to superb 360° view. At Milepost 420 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, just past the sign for Black Balsam, turn left on Forest Service Rd. #816. Travel 0.7 mi. to a widening in the road and park on the R. The trailhead sign reads: 'Mountains to the Sea.' Hike along the trail for 60 ft. and cont. straight on Art Loebe Trail (the Mountains to the Sea trail will turn R).
6. **GRAVEYARD FIELDS.** ♦ C8 0.3 mi. easy trail to waterfall or 2.3 mi. round-trip (easy to moderate) along stream to 2 waterfalls. Drive 0.2 mi. past Milepost 419, turn L into Graveyard Fields parking lot. Go past first stairway to map board at far end of parking lot in direction you were driving and descend second stairway. Trail is paved at start.

The distance between each concentric circle equals approximately 150 miles.



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