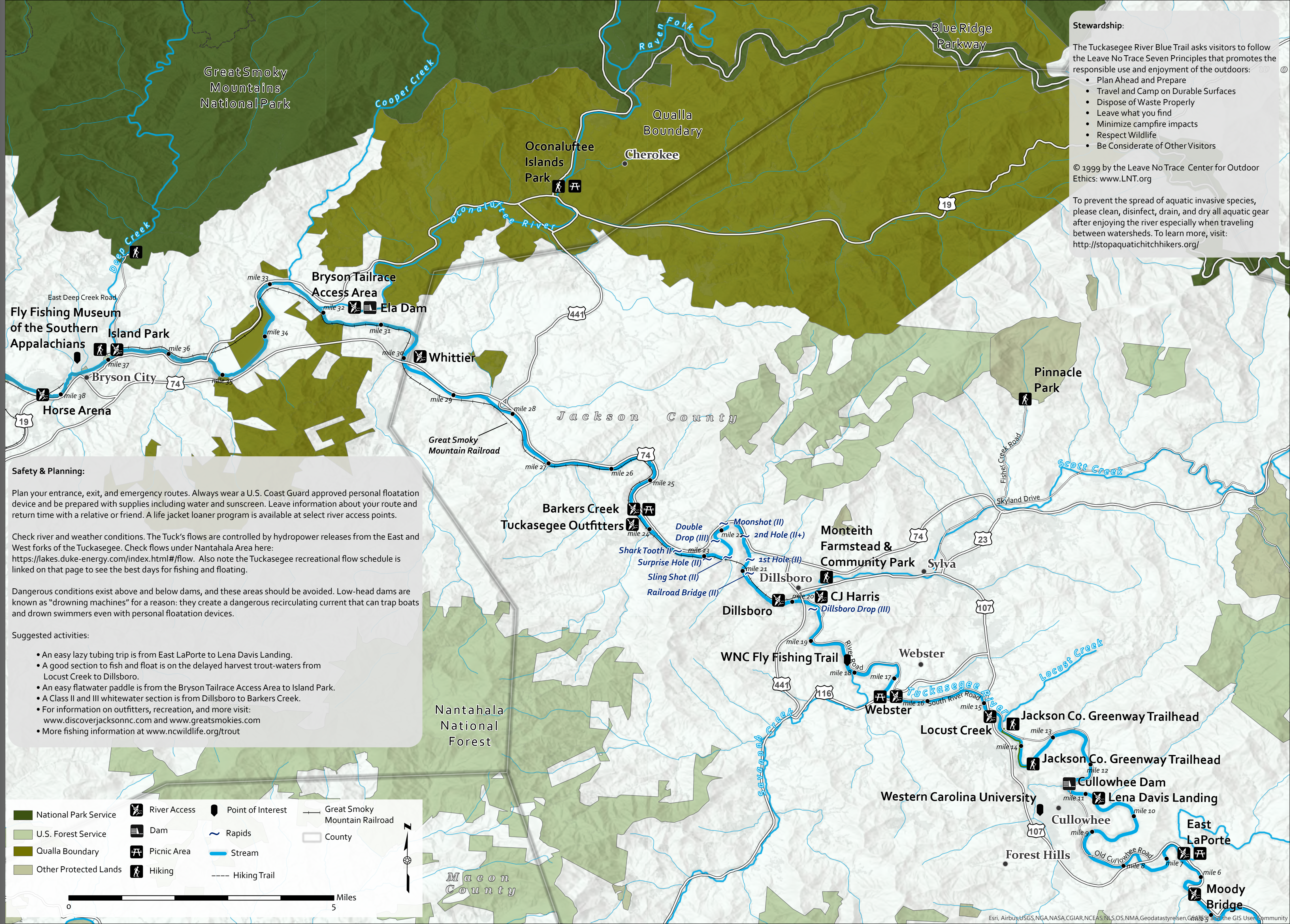


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Safety & Planning:

Plan your entrance, exit, and emergency routes. Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation device and be prepared with supplies including water and sunscreen. Leave information about your route and return time with a relative or friend. A life jacket loaner program is available at select river access points.

Check river and weather conditions. The Tuck's flows are controlled by hydropower releases from the East and West forks of the Tuckasegee. Check flows under Nantahala Area here: <https://lakes.duke-energy.com/index.html#/flow>. Also note the Tuckasegee recreational flow schedule is linked on that page to see the best days for fishing and floating.

Dangerous conditions exist above and below dams, and these areas should be avoided. Low-head dams are known as "drowning machines" for a reason: they create a dangerous recirculating current that can trap boats and drown swimmers even with personal floatation devices.

Suggested activities:

- An easy lazy tubing trip is from East LaPorte to Lena Davis Landing.
- A good section to fish and float is on the delayed harvest trout-waters from Locust Creek to Dillsboro.
- An easy flatwater paddle is from the Bryson Tailrace Access Area to Island Park.
- A Class II and III whitewater section is from Dillsboro to Bakers Creek.
- For information on outfitters, recreation, and more visit: www.discoverjacksonnc.com and www.greatsmokies.com
- More fishing information at www.ncwildlife.org/trout

Stewardship:

The Tuckasegee River Blue Trail asks visitors to follow the Leave No Trace Seven Principles that promotes the responsible use and enjoyment of the outdoors:

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors

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To prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, please clean, disinfect, drain, and dry all aquatic gear after enjoying the river especially when traveling between watersheds. To learn more, visit: <http://stopaquaticinvasives.org/>

A Blue Trail is a dedicated stretch of river that enjoys special clean water safeguards and is a destination for fishing, boating, and other recreation. Just as hiking trails are designed to help people explore the land, Blue Trails help people discover rivers. Blue Trails provide a fun, exciting way to get kids outdoors, connect communities to treasured landscapes, benefit local businesses and contribute to a high quality of life.

The Tuckasegee River Blue Trail meanders for nearly 60-miles from the headwaters in Panthertown Valley through Cullowhee, Dillsboro, and Bryson City ultimately joining the Little Tennessee River. The Tuckasegee River, often called “the Tuck,” offers serene flatwater and exciting whitewater sections, and multiple well-maintained boat launches make access easy. Riverside picnic areas at some access areas offer places where families and other groups can gather. The Tuck is a destination for fishing and home to the native Southern Appalachian brook trout, as well as other wildlife. Additionally, the Tuck and its tributaries provide drinking water for the town of Sylva, Bryson City, and Western Carolina University. This river supports life for people and nature and is a priority for conservation so all its outstanding values can be enjoyed for generations to come. **View our online Blue Trail map and learn how you can protect the Tuck and other rivers by visiting: www.AmericanRivers.org/Tuckasegee**

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