



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA Fly Fishing Trail®

THE WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL® includes some of the best fly fishing waters in North Carolina. Its 15 stops provide a variety of options for catching brook, brown and rainbow trout. Whether you're searching for quantity or size, open water or small streams, the WNC Fly Fishing Trail has you covered.

FlyFishingTrail.com 800-962-1911



▲ River Access Points

1. Whittier
2. Barkers Creek
3. & 4. Scotts Creek / Dillsboro
5. Dillsboro Park
6. CJ Harris
7. Webster
8. Locust Creek
9. Lena Davis
10. East LaPorte
11. & 12. Shook Cove Lower / Upper
13. Tuckasegee Lake Access Area
14. High Falls Trail

Approximate locations on map above with orange triangles. View the River Access points plotted by GPS online at: <http://jax.onl/JCRiverAccess>

- 1 SCOTT CREEK**
Parking and access available via several pull-off areas along U.S. 19/23
- 2 SMALL STREAMS**
Moses Creek, Mull Creek, Rough Butt Creek, Chastine Creek, Piney Mtn. Creek
Access via Moses Creek Road (SR 1740) and Caney Fork Road (SR 1737); avoid posted land
- 3 CANEY FORK**
Access via Caney Fork Road (SR 1737); avoid posted land
- 4 TANASEE CREEK**
Parking and access available at bridge on Tanasee Creek Road (SR 1762)
- 5 PANTHERTOWN CREEK**
Parking and access at end of Breedlove Road (SR 1121), with two-mile walk down to stream
- 6 RAVEN FORK (Cherokee Trophy Water)**
Parking and access via several pull-off areas along Big Cove Road
- 7 WHITEWATER RIVER**
Parking and access along N.C. 107, a few miles south of Cashiers
- 8 SCOTSMAN AND FOWLER CREEKS INTO THE CHATTOOGA RIVER**
Access available via Whitesides Cove Road (SR 1107) or Bullpen Road (SR 1100) in Nantahala National Forest
- 9 WEST FORK TUCKASEGEE RIVER**
Parking and access available on N.C. 107 near the Thorpe Power House
- 10 TUCKASEGEE RIVER**
(East LaPorte Park to NC 107 Bridge)
Parking and access available at East LaPorte Park and pull-off areas along Old Cullowhee Road
- 11 SAVANNAH CREEK**
Parking and access available via several pull-off areas along U.S. 23/441
- 12 TUCKASEGEE RIVER**
(NC 107 Bridge to Dillsboro park)
Parking and access available via numerous pull-off areas along North River Road
- 13 GREENS CREEK**
Parking and access available via pull-off areas along Greens Creek Road (SR 1370)
- 14 TUCKASEGEE RIVER IN DILLSBORO**
Parking and access available at Dillsboro park and Best Western River Escape Inn
- 15 LOWER TUCKASEGEE RIVER**
(Barker's Creek Bridge to Whittier)
Parking and access available via pull-offs and businesses along 10-mile stretch of U.S. 19

TROUT STREAM REGULATIONS

	Hatchery Supported Water	
	Wild Trout Water	
	Delayed Harvest Water	
	Wild Trout with Natural Bait	
	Catch and Release Single Hook, Artificial Lure	

ANNUAL FESTIVAL



FESTIVAL

TROUT • BEER • MUSIC

The annual Hook, Line & Drinker Festival is held each May at the Bridge Park in Sylva NC. The event celebrates Jackson County as home of the NC Trout Capital® and WNC Fly Fishing Trail®. The festival features fly fishing guides and vendors, craft breweries, food trucks, live music, and children's activities. For more info visit www.hooklinedrinkerfest.com

GUIDES & GEAR

First time on the water? Not a problem. We have plenty of great guides to help you have a fun, memorable experience. Whether it's your first time or looking to improve your skills, they'll take care of you.
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- 1 SCOTT CREEK**
The Stretch: Roughly 10 miles from headwaters near Balsam down to Sylva
Access Point(s): Parking and access available via several pull-off areas along U.S. 19/23
Type of Water: Hatchery supported
Available Fish: Brown, rainbow
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Stretch also includes North Fork Scott Creek and Buff Creek, which are very scenic
- 2 SMALL STREAMS**
Moses Creek, Mull Creek, Rough Butt Creek, Chastine Creek, Piney Mtn. Creek
The Stretch: Collection of small streams in eastern Jackson County, below Blue Ridge Parkway
Access Point(s): Via Moses Creek Rd (SR 1740) and Caney Fork Rd (SR 1737), avoid posted land
Type of Water: Wild trout
Available Fish: Brook, rainbow
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Mountainous terrain, includes several large waterfalls
- 3 CANEY FORK**
The Stretch: Roughly 10 miles from East Laporte Park to headwaters at fork of Mull Creek and Piney Mountain Creek
Access Point(s): Access via Caney Fork Road (SR 1737), avoid posted land
Type of Water: Undesignated
Available Fish: Rainbow, brown, occasional brook
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Respect private land owners
- 4 TANASEE CREEK**
The Stretch: Roughly 2-3 miles from Tanasee Creek bridge up to headwaters
Access Point(s): Parking and access available at bridge on Tanasee Creek Road (SR 1762)
Type of Water: Wild trout
Available Fish: Brown
Numbers or Size: Both
Noteworthy: Very scenic stretch in the Nantahala National Forest
- 5 PANTHERTOWN CREEK**
The Stretch: Entire stream, roughly 3 miles
Access Point(s): Parking and access at end of Breedlove Rd. (SR 1121), with 2-mile walk to creek
Type of Water: Catch & Release Single Hook Artificial Lure
Available Fish: Brook
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Located in Panthertown Valley, which is known as the "Yosemite of the East" because of its bowl shape and rocky bluffs

- 6 RAVEN FORK (Cherokee Trophy Water)**
The Stretch: Starts at Blue Ridge Parkway bridge and goes north for 2.2 miles
Access Point(s): Parking and access via several pull-off areas along Big Cove Road; foot paths run along the stream
Type of Water: Catch & release fly fishing only
Available Fish: Golden, rainbow, brown, brook and Donaldson trout
Numbers or Size: Both
Noteworthy: This stretch is also called Cherokee Trophy Water and fish of 20-30 inches are common; Cherokee annual permit and daily permit required
- 7 WHITEWATER RIVER**
The Stretch: Roughly 2-3 miles from Hwy. 107 down to the South Carolina state line
Access Point(s): Parking and access along N.C. 107, a few miles south of Cashiers
Type of Water: Wild trout
Available Fish: Brook, brown and rainbow
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Flows into Whitewater Falls, the highest waterfall east of the Mississippi
- 8 SCOTSMAN AND FOWLER CREEKS INTO THE CHATTOOGA RIVER**
The Stretch: Roughly 2-3 miles of each stream flowing down into the Chattooga River
Access Point(s): Access available via Whiteside Cove Rd (SR 1107) or Bullpen Rd (SR 1100) in Nantahala National Forest
Type of Water: Wild trout with natural bait
Available Fish: Brown, rainbow
Numbers or Size: Numbers (creeks), size (Chattooga)
Noteworthy: The movie "Deliverance" was filmed on the Chattooga River
- 9 WEST FORK TUCKASEGEE RIVER**
The Stretch: From small reservoir at Thorpe Power House upstream several hundred yards
Access Point(s): Parking and access available along N.C. 107 near Thorpe Power House
Type of Water: Hatchery supported
Available Fish: Brown, rainbow
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Although hatchery supported, this has nice concentration of stream-raised fish
- 10 TUCKASEGEE RIVER (East Laporte Park to NC 107 Bridge)**
The Stretch: Roughly 2-3 miles from park to bridge
Access Point(s): Parking and access available at East Laporte Park and pull-off areas along Old Cullowhee Road
Type of Water: Hatchery supported
Available Fish: Rainbow, brook and brown
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: East Laporte Park has picnic tables and public restrooms

- 11 SAVANNAH CREEK**
The Stretch: About 10 miles from headwaters in Pumpkintown into Tuckasegee River
Access Point(s): Parking and access available via several pull-offs along U.S. 23/441
Type of Water: Hatchery supported
Available Fish: Rainbow, brown
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Access limited the closer you get to the Tuckasegee River
- 12 TUCKASEGEE RIVER (NC 107 Bridge to Dillsboro park)**
The Stretch: Roughly 4- to 5-mile stretch from bridge to park
Access Point(s): Parking and access available via numerous pull-offs along North River Road
Type of Water: Delayed harvest
Available Fish: Brook, brown and rainbow
Numbers or Size: Both
Noteworthy: Best place to achieve the Tuckasegee Slam (catch all three species in one spot)
- 13 GREENS CREEK**
The Stretch: About 3-4 miles from Macon County line to Savannah Creek
Access Point(s): Various places along Greens Creek Road (SR 1370), avoid posted land
Type of Water: Wild trout, undesignated, hatchery supported
Available Fish: Rainbow, some brown
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Portion of the creek flows through the Nantahala National Forest
- 14 TUCKASEGEE RIVER (in Dillsboro)**
The Stretch: About 1 mile from Dillsboro park through town
Access Point(s): Various places between park and Best Western River Escape Inn
Type of Water: Hatchery supported
Available Fish: Rainbow, brown
Numbers or Size: Size
Noteworthy: Includes two lodging options, Best Western River Escape Inn and Dillsboro Inn
- 15 LOWER TUCKASEGEE RIVER (Barker's Creek Bridge to Whittier)**
The Stretch: Roughly 8-10 miles from bridge to Whittier
Access Point(s): Parking and access via pull-offs and businesses along U.S. 19 freeway
Type of Water: Hatchery supported, undesignated
Available Fish: Rainbow, brown
Numbers or Size: Size
Noteworthy: The stretch is also home to smallmouth bass



TRAIL PLEDGE

Everyone using the WNC Fly Fishing Trail is asked to make the following pledge:

"As a true sportsman, I pledge to never litter and to avoid trespassing on private lands. I will respect the rights of property owners, and always leave the streams in better condition than I found them."

TRAIL CREATORS



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NC TROUT CAPITAL®

In 2016 both local and state elected officials approved a resolution recognizing Jackson County as the Premier Fishing Destination in the state. The effort was led by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Director Julie Spiro, N.C. Rep. Joe Sam Queen, and N.C. Senator Jim Davis. For more information, visit NCTroutCapital.com.



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MOUNTAIN HERITAGE TROUT WATERS

Jackson County, North Carolina has the longest contiguous stretch of waters that have been designated by the NC Fish & Wildlife Department as NC Mountain Heritage Trout Waters, comprising of three cities of the thirteen in the state, with numerous unnamed waters also comprising the richest, most diverse, productive trout fisheries in North Carolina. Learn more about their \$5, 3-day fishing license, up-to-date regulations and details about Mountain Heritage Trout Water locations at www.ncwildlife.org.



For a complete list of guide services and accommodations, visit DiscoverJacksonNC.com or call 1-800-962-1911.

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

A Guide to 15 Prime Fishing Stops in North Carolina's Trout Capital®