



# LAND OF WATERFALLS POCKET TRAVEL GUIDE

## WELCOME TO A WORLD APART

It is a place where 250 waterfalls and countless streams have taken centuries to patiently carve the very faces of these mountains.

Where local bluegrass jams coexist along virtuoso performances by some of our time's greatest classical musicians.

Where a temperate rain forest supports some of the rarest plant and animal species on the planet.

And where a pair of white squirrels, on the lam from a traveling carnival in the 1950s, started a family that now spans generations.

In short, it is a place like no other on earth. Welcome to the Land of Waterfalls. A world apart.



## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Imagine 100,000 acres of pristine forests laced with epic hiking and mountain biking trails that you can follow all the way to the edge of the sky. Shimmering mountain streams teeming with native trout. Massive rock monoliths daring to be climbed. And North America's largest concentration of waterfalls, millions of years in the making, waiting to be discovered.

In short, there's no better base camp for your outdoor adventure.

What are you waiting for? See what direction your interests point you.



## ARTS & CULTURE

From the first brilliant brushstroke on a local painter's canvas to the stirring conclusion of a grand symphony, Transylvania County's artists and performers provide visitors the countless opportunities to enjoy a level of creativity as exceptional and varied as its mythic landscape.

These mountains teem with a rich culture heritage and an imaginative spirit that unites virtuoso violinists with bluegrass fiddlers, contemporary sculptors with indigenous potters, Shakespearean actors with Old-Time humorists. There's a little something for everyone, whimsical, studied or sublime, no matter where your flight of fancy leads you.



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Stop by our Visitor Center  
for more information:  
175 E. Main Street, Brevard  
828-883-3700

## WHERE TO STAY

From legendary four star resorts to rustic cabins, Transylvania County has a lodging option that's just what you had in mind.

Check out our handy accommodations finder online at [www.visitwaterfalls.com/stay](http://www.visitwaterfalls.com/stay) and see just how fast we can get you settled into a room (or suite) that's the perfect home away from home.

*Looking for a deal?*

Be sure to check out our current Specials online at [www.visitwaterfalls.com/stay/current-deals.php](http://www.visitwaterfalls.com/stay/current-deals.php)



# WATERFALL HUNTING GUIDE

Use the map on pages six and seven to locate the falls

## PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST WATERFALLS

*From Pisgah Ranger Station follow US Hwy. 276 north.*

### 1. Looking Glass Falls

GPS: 35.296389 N / 82.768056 W



Looking Glass Falls is one of the most photographed waterfalls in the country. Follow US Hwy. 276 north from the Ranger Station approximately 4 miles. Looking Glass Falls is on the right. There is ample parking on the right side of the road. There's also an observation deck with steps that take you to the bottom of the falls.

### 4. Sliding Rock Falls



Looking Glass creek cascades over a broad smooth rock into a natural pool. Travel 6 miles north on US 276 from the Ranger Station (2 miles north of Looking Glass Falls) turn left into large parking lot at the "Sliding Rock Recreation Area" sign. There is a minimal usage fee.

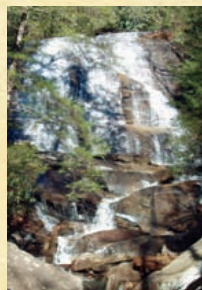
### 2. Moore Cove Falls



Moore Cove Falls is 50-foot waterfall over an overhanging ledge. Travel 5 miles north from the Ranger Station on US 276. You'll find a concrete bridge with an adjoining wooden footbridge and nearby bulletin board. Park on the paved right shoulder. This is an easy, one mile round-trip walk. Cross the stream via a footbridge and follow yellow blazes (tree markings) .7 miles to Moore Cove Falls.

### 5. Slick Rock Falls

GPS: 35.293056 N / 82.797500 W



A picturesque waterfall approximately 35 feet high. Drive 3.5 miles north from the Ranger Station to the first left (FS 475). Travel 1.5 miles to the gravel road intersection just beyond the Fish Hatchery. Turn right on Headwater Road. (FS 475B), travel 1.1 miles to a small pull-off on the right, at a trailhead with a bulletin board. Walk up the steps and go 25 yards up the trail. The falls are on the right.

### 3. Daniel Ridge Falls



From the intersection of US 276/64 and US 280, turn onto US 276 north, entering Pisgah Forest, Go 5.2 miles and turn left onto Forest Service Road 475 (FS 475). Drive past the Pisgah Center For Wildlife Education and at 3.9 miles, you will come to a large parking area on the right. Walk around the gate and follow the road for .1 miles, crossing the Davidson River on the way. You will come to a place where a trail forks off to the left while the road makes a sharp turn to the right. Follow the road to the right. The road begins a slow climb before leveling out about 100 yards before the falls.

### 6. Cove Creek Falls



Drive 3.5 miles north from the Ranger Station to first left (FS 475, the sign reads "Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education and the Pisgah Forest Fish Hatchery"). Travel 1.5 miles to the gravel road intersection just beyond the Fish Hatchery. Follow this road to a parking area, just over 1.5 miles past the Fish Hatchery. Follow trail up stream past meadow, and the falls are on the right.

# PYGAH NATIONAL FOREST WATERFALLS

## Highway 215

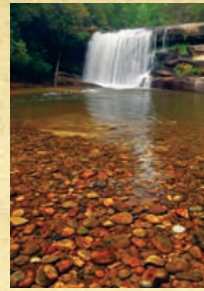
### 7. Upper, Second & Yellowstone Falls

GPS: Upper Falls: 35.318056 N / 82.867500 W; Second Falls: 35.321667 N / 82.845278 W; Yellowstone: Falls 35.323611 N / 82.841111 W



Drive 14 miles north from the Ranger Station on 276. Travel south on the Blue Ridge Parkway for about 7 miles to Graveyard Fields Overlook just before mile marker 419. Look for the trail head at the north end of the parking lot. This 3.2-mile loop trail enters Graveyard Fields with Upper Falls, passes over Second Falls and exits through Yellowstone Falls.

### 11. French Broad Falls & Mill Shoals



Take US 64 west out of Brevard for 8.9 miles and turn right on NC 215. In about 7.8 miles, there is a small pulloff on the left beside a rock pile. Pull off and look for a path between the rocks going down the bank. At this path, go right and work your way to the river and the boulders. French Broad Falls is on the main river; Mill Shoals is to the right next to the old mill. This is private property so please be on your best behavior.

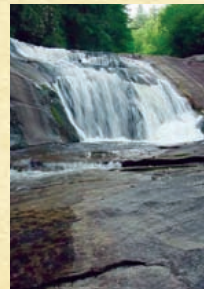
### 8. Courthouse Falls



A moderate, 20-min. round trip from a gravel road. A 45-foot drop into a large pool in a picturesque cove. Drive 3.5 miles north from the Ranger Station to the first left turn (FS 475). Drive about 9.5 miles west on FS 475, SR 1327 and SR 1328 to NC 215. Turn right (north) and go 2.6 miles on NC 215. Just before a bridge, turn right on FS 140. Drive 3 miles to Summey Cove trailhead. Follow Courthouse Falls Trail .3 miles.

### 12. Bird Rock Falls

GPS: 35.221389 N / 82.861111 W



From French Broad Falls and Mill Shoals, take the path leading down about .5 miles. You will pass many small falls and shoals on the way so take the paths leading to the river. At the bottom, duck through the Rhododendron to get back to the river. You will see a cliff in front of you and Bird Rock Falls to your right. This is private property so please be courteous.

### 9. Lemon Falls



Take US 64 west out of Brevard for 8.9 miles and turn right on NC 215. Go 6 miles and turn left on Macedonia Church Road. Drive .6 miles and pull off the road in a grassy area on the left. The falls are located very close to the road but you may have to search for a path through the rhododendron.

### 13. Toxaway Falls

GPS: 35.123333 N / 82.930833 W



From the intersection of Highways NC 215 and US 64, travel west on 64. Cross over the top of this 123-foot-high waterfall just below Toxaway Dam.

### 10. Diamond Creek Falls



Take US 64 west out of Brevard for 8.9 miles and turn right on NC 215. Go .8 miles and turn left on Diamond Creek Road. Go 1.4 miles to view the falls on the left side of the road.

### 14. Turtleback, Rainbow & Stairway Falls

GPS: 35.090556 N / 82.966111 W



A strenuous 1.5-mile hike. US Hwy. 64 west, past Toxaway Falls, turn left on Whitewater Road. (NC 281 South) go approximately .5 miles and turn left into Gorges State Park. Follow road to Grassy Ridge Trailhead parking.

## 15. *Connestee Falls*

GPS: 35.163611 N / 82.731667 W



This falls is often referred to as a “double” falls. It has two sets of breathtaking cascades. Travel south 5.5 miles from Brevard on US 276. There is a parking lot on the right, walk to the back of the lot and follow a short path to the observation deck.

## 16. *Upper Whitewater Falls*

GPS: 35.071111 N / 82.886944 W



At 411 feet, the tallest waterfalls east of the Mississippi. A park with parking and restrooms provides access. Take US 64 west from Brevard 18 miles, turn left onto Whitewater Rd (NC 281), continue 8 miles to park entrance on left. View the falls from the end of a path 100 yards from the parking area.

# WATERFALLS IN AND NEAR DUPONT STATE FOREST

## 17. *Hooker Falls*

GPS: 35.201944 N / 82.623889 W



Hooker Falls is at the site of a former grist mill, where Little River drops off 13 feet before flowing into Cascade Lake. Park at the Hooker Falls parking lot. Walk around the gate in the parking lot and along the dirt road, bearing left at the fork and continuing parallel to the river. You'll see Hooker Falls on the left.

## 18. *Triple Falls*

GPS: 35.198889 N / 82.617500 W



From the Hooker Falls parking lot, cross over Staton Rd. Walk along the road towards bridge and cross it. Descend to the Little River. Take the trail running parallel to the river and hike upstream about 1000 feet on level ground. The trail bends to the right and ascends 1000 feet. Triple Falls is on the left.

## 19. *High Falls*

GPS: 35.192778 N / 82.614444 W



From Triple Falls, High Falls is a 15-min. walk upstream. Stay on the trail until it ends at High Falls Trail. Turn left and walk 2000 feet along the river. Turn right at the next intersection and continue up a moderate slope (900 feet) to views of High Falls. There is a trail to the bottom of the falls on the left. Steps to the right take you to the High Falls shelter.

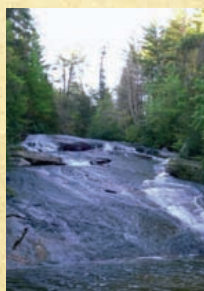
## 20. *Bridal Veil Falls*

GPS: 35.176944 N / 82.620833 W



Bridal Veil Falls is accessible from the Hooker Falls parking lot, via High Falls or from Reasonover Rd at the Fawn Lake lot. From the High Falls shelter, continue up to the Covered Bridge trail and turn left, then left on Buck Forest Rd trail. Cross the bridge and turn right on Conservation Rd trail. Walk about 1.5 miles then turn right on Bridal Veil Falls trail, which ends near the base of the falls in about .5 miles. From Reasonover Rd, park in the Fawn Lake access lot. Walk the Conservation Rd trail to the airport runway. Continue on Conservation Rd trail parallel to the runway and as it bears right toward Lake Julia. Pass the horse barn on your left and take Bridal Veil Falls trail to the base of the falls. 4 mile round trip.

## 21. *Grassy Creek Falls*

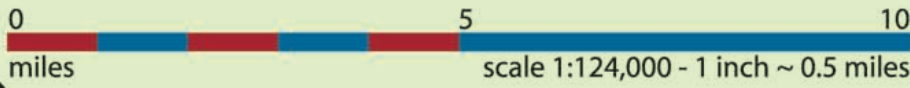


From the Buck Forest parking on Sky Valley Rd, walk up the road to the covered bridge and stay on Buck Forest Rd for about .5 miles, passing the right turn for Conservation Rd. Cross Grassy Creek and turn left on Lake Imaging Trail (road). Continue for a short distance to the marked Grassy Creek Falls trail on the left and follow it to the top of the falls.

# TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY WATERFALL MAP



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|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Parking         | Ranger Station | Forest Service    | County Border |
| Visitors Center | Camping        | State Park/Forest |               |
| Picnic Area     | Trailhead      | Waterfall         |               |
| Fish Hatchery   | Canoe Launch   | Summit            |               |



## TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY PARKLANDS INFORMATION

**Pisgah National Forest Ranger Station:** Located just 2 miles inside the Brevard entrance to the National Forest on US 276 in Pisgah Forest. Phone: 828-877-3265

**Gorges State Park Office:** Located near the intersection of US 64 and NC 281 South, approximately 20 miles west of downtown Brevard. The new main entrance located on Hwy. 281 South, .5 miles south of US 64 in Sapphire. The park is currently under construction and visitors should call the park office or visit [www.ncparks.gov/visit/parks/gorg/main.php](http://www.ncparks.gov/visit/parks/gorg/main.php) for the most current facility conditions. Phone: 828-966-9099

**DuPont State Forest:** DuPont State Forest is located 10 miles south of Brevard on US 276. The DuPont State Forest office is located within the forest off Lake Julia Road. Phone: 828-877-6527

\*Waterfall located on Private Property.



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**South Carolina**

# WATERFALL SAFETY TIPS

- S**tay on trails
- P**ets and children should be constantly supervised
- L**ook out for slippery rocks
- A**lways hike with a partner
- S**tay away from the top of any waterfall
- H**ave fun!

