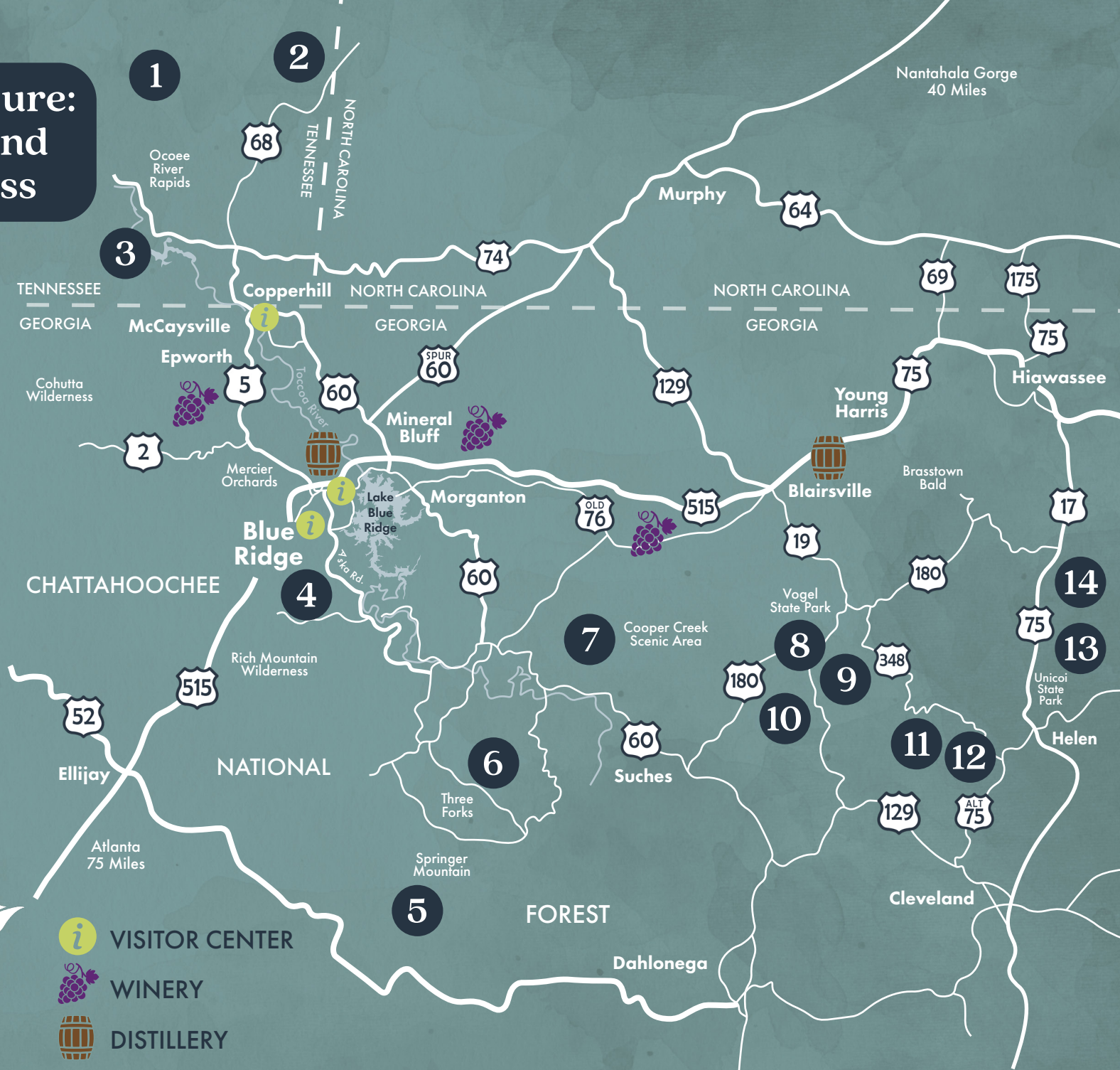


Water Adventure: Area Waterfalls and Whitewater Access

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All directions begin from the intersection of Hwy 5 and Hwy 515/US 76 in Blue Ridge, Georgia.

1. Benton Falls (Moderate - Difficult) (3 miles)

Located in the Chilhowee Recreation Area, the falls offers a stunning 65 foot waterfall. There are several overlooks along the way for mountain views and of Lake Parksville. For more info – www.fs.usda.gov
Head north on Hwy 5 for 10 miles, turn left onto TN 68N/Ocoee St and go 3.3 miles. Use right lane and take US 64/US 74 ramp, then turn left onto Hwy 64 W. Go 19 miles then turn right onto Oswald Rd, Continue for 7.4 miles, then turn right, then a quick left. Destination will be on the right.

2. Turtletown Falls (Difficult) (3.8 miles)

1239 Farner Rd, Farner, TN (Temporarily Closed)
This trail follows Turtletown Creek to Shinbone Ridge. Enjoy beautiful views of the Hiwassee River and two major waterfalls, Turtletown Falls and Lower Turtletown Falls. Head north on Hwy 5 for 10 miles, turn left onto TN 68N/Ocoee St and go 11 miles. Turn left onto Farner Rd, destination will be 2.8 miles ahead.
Google Maps – Turtletown Falls Creek Trailhead

3. Ocoee Whitewater Center (Easy – Difficult)

4400 US 64, Copperhill, TN
The Ocoee Whitewater Center (OWC) site was constructed for the 1996 Olympic Canoe and Kayak Slalom competitions. The OWC is a 4-acre recreation area, offering water play, rafting, kayaking, picnicking, hiking, and biking. For water release schedule and info – www.fs.usda.gov
Head north on Hwy 5 for 10 miles, turn left onto TN 68N/Ocoee St and go 3.3 miles. Use the right lane and take US 64/US 74 ramp, then turn left onto Hwy 64 W. Continue on for 7 miles, destination will be left.

4. Fall Branch Falls (Moderate) (1 miles)

Stanely Creek Rd, Cherry Log, GA
A double waterfall with a 30-foot drop with rhododendron growing along the trail and creek bank. This trail follows the Benton MacKaye Trail for a mostly uphill hike. Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 E for .7 miles, then right onto Old US 76 Connector, then a left onto Old Hwy 76. Go .2 miles, then turn right onto Aska Rd. Continue 8 miles before turning right on Stanley Creek Rd. Destination will be 3.2 miles ahead.

5. Amicalola Falls & Trails (Easy & Difficult) (2.1 Miles)

418 Amicalola Falls State Park Rd, Dawsonville, GA
Georgia's highest waterfall with a 729-foot drop, and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Georgia. Beautiful views from the top or base of the falls, which you can access by car, or a hike up 600 steps, or the handicap accessible path. Head west on Hwy 515/US 76 W for 16 miles, turn left onto State Rd 52. Go .3 miles, turn left onto GA 52 E. Continue 18 miles and take the second exit on the traffic circle. Turn left onto Amicalola Falls State Park Rd, destination will be ahead.

6. Long Creek Falls (Easy) (2 miles)

FS Rd 58, Morganton, GA
Long Creek Falls is located on the Appalachian Trail near the Three Forks where the Appalachian, Benton MacKaye and Duncan Ridge Trails meet. Go east on Hwy 515/US 76 E for .7 miles, then right onto Old US 76 Connector, then a left onto Old Hwy 76. Go 2 miles, then turn right onto Aska Rd. Continue for 13 miles, turn right onto Newport Rd. Go 4.2 miles and turn left onto Doublehead Gap Rd. Continue for .7 miles, turn right onto FS Rd. Destination will be 5.6 miles ahead.

7. Sea Creek Falls (Easy) (.5 miles)

Sea Creek is a 30-foot waterfall with a shallow pool at the bottom. Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 E for 3.9 miles, turn right onto GA 60 S. Go .5 miles, turn left onto Old Hwy 76, then continue for 1.4 miles and turn right on GA 60 S for another 15.5 miles. Take a left onto Coopers Creek Rd and go 2.9 miles and take a slight left onto Sea Creek Rd. Destination and trailhead parking will be .7 miles ahead.

8. Trahlyta Falls (Easy) (1 mile)

405 Vogel State Park, Blairsville, GA
Inside of Georgia's second oldest state park, Vogel State Park, is scenic Lake Trahlyta, which has a swimming beach with paddle boats. A short hiking trail along the lake leads you to an observation deck to view the falls. Falls are also viewable from the pull-off on Hwy 129 South. For more info – www.gastateparks.com
Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 for 21.7 miles, turn right onto Blue Ridge Hwy and go .1 miles to Blue Ridge St. Go .3 miles and turn right onto Hunt Martin St. Continue another .3 miles and turn right onto Cleveland St, then .4 miles to US 129 S. Destination will be 9.6 miles ahead on right.

9. Helton Creek Falls (Easy) (.6 miles)

Helton Creek Rd, Blairsville, GA
This is a quick and easy walk leading to two breathtaking waterfalls, cascading from heights of approximately 30 and 20 feet, creating a refreshing retreat. The falls flow into a crystal-clear swimming hole, perfect for cooling off on warm days. For a bit of adventure, visitors can enjoy the natural sliding rock, where the smooth stone and rushing water create a fun, natural waterslide. From Trahlyta Falls, continue on US 129 S another 1.2 miles, turn left on to Helton Creek Rd. Destination and trailhead parking will be on right 2 miles ahead.

10. Desoto Falls (Difficult) (2 miles)

18365 Hwy 129, Cleveland, GA
This out-and-back trail leads you over Frogtown Creek and up to 2 rushing waterfalls. Legend holds, a piece of armor was found and thought to be from the explorer Hernando de Soto from the mid-1500s. For more info – www.us.fsa.gov
From Trahlyta Falls, continue on US 129 S for 6.4 miles. Destination will be on the right.

11. Ravens Cliff Falls (Difficult) (4.9 miles)

3000 Richard Russell Scenic Hwy, Cleveland, GA
A stunning 40-foot waterfall spills dramatically over a towering cliff, creating a breathtaking natural spectacle. This trail winds through scenic bridges and swimming holes. For more info – www.fs.usda.gov
Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 for 21.7 miles, turn right onto Blue Ridge Hwy and go .1 miles to Blue Ridge St. Go .3 miles and turn right onto Hunt Martin St. Continue another .3 miles and turn right onto Cleveland St. Drive 7.3 miles and turn left on GA 180 and continue on for .9 miles, then turn right onto GA 348 E/Richard Russell Scenic Dr. Trailhead parking will be ahead 9.6 miles on the right.

12. Dukes Creek Falls (Moderate) (2 miles)

1699 Richard Russell Hwy, Helen, GA.
A majestic waterfall that drops 150 feet down a sheer granite canyon into Dukes Creek. This moderate hike is easy on the way in (down) but is a steady incline on the way back out. For more info – www.us.usda.gov
From Raven Cliff Falls, continue on GA 348 for an additional 2.7 miles, trailhead parking will be on the right.

13. Anna Ruby Falls (Easy) (.9 miles)

3455 Anna Ruby Falls Rd, Helen, GA
This 0.4-mile paved foot trail takes you along the banks of Smith Creek from the visitor center to the two observation decks near the base of the twin waterfalls. For more info – www.us.fsa.gov
Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 E for 41 miles. Turn right onto GA 17 S/GA 75 S and continue for 17 miles. Turn left on GA 356 E and go 1.3 miles to Anna Ruby Falls Rd where you will take a slight left and go 1.4 miles. Destination will be 2.1 miles ahead.

14. High Shoals Falls (Moderate) (2.4 miles)

Two stunning falls grace this 170-acre scenic area, High Shoals Falls and Blue Hole Falls. These falls have an estimated total vertical drop of 300 feet. The High Shoals is the larger of the falls, while Blue Hole cascades into a deep turquoise pool. Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 E for 41 miles. Turn right onto GA 17 S/GA 75 S and continue for 6.8 miles. Turn left onto Indian Grave Gap Rd. Drive through shallow creek, destination and trailhead parking will be 1.3 miles ahead.



A Word to the Wise ... GPS and cellphones do not work reliably here, please don't rely upon them. Be prepared for wilderness and carry the 10 Essentials (Google it). See the USFS web site at www.fs.fed.us/conf/. The law of the forest is "leave no trace". See www.LNT.org for info. Please pack in all you will need and pack out all your trash. If you build a fire, never leave it unattended. Use good judgment when hiking, particularly around waterfalls where rocks are often wet, moss covered and slippery. If hiking during hunting season, wear a brightly colored vest.