

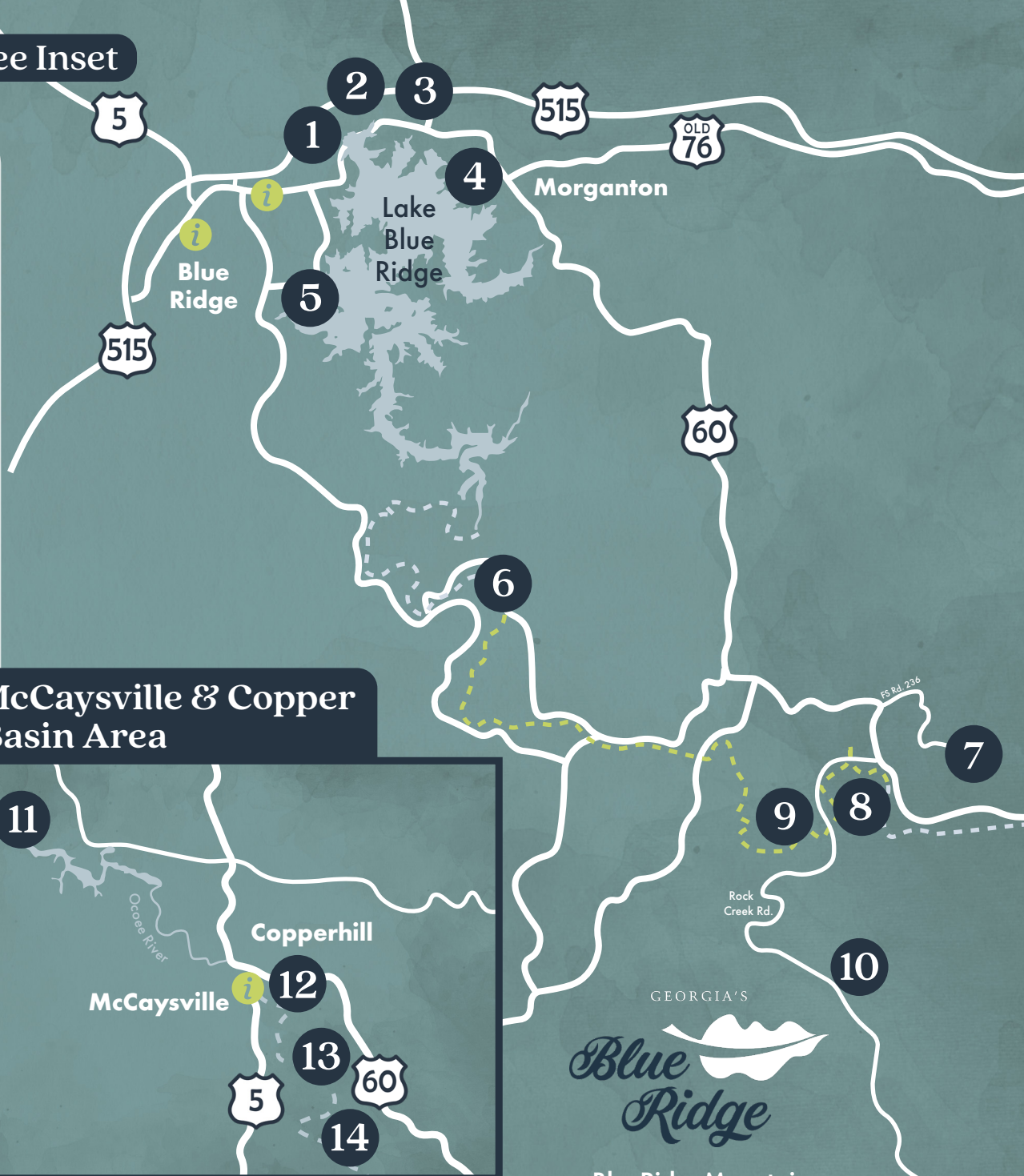
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
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### McCaysville & Copper Basin Area



 VISITOR CENTER

 FISHING SPOTS

 RIVER

 BOAT RAMP

 TOCCOA RIVER CANOE TRAIL

 CANOE, KAYAK, RAFT

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

#### **1. Tammen Park**

Located on the Toccoa River below the Blue Ridge Dam, here you'll find a canoe launch, picnic pavilions, fishing dock, pickleball courts, and a playground.

Head east Hwy 515/US 76 E for 2.4 miles. Take a right before the bridge, destination will be on left.

#### **2. Lake Blue Ridge Dam Recreation Area**

6408 Old Hwy 76, Blue Ridge, GA

Lake Blue Ridge Dam, managed by the Tennessee Valley Authority and built in 1930, offers easy access to a great fishing spot along with benches and picnic tables. The iconic dam and catwalk remain a popular and picturesque photo opportunity with its beautiful mountain and lake backdrop.

For more info – [www.tva.gov](http://www.tva.gov)

Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 for 2.6 miles. Turn right onto River Rd. Lake Blue Ridge Dam will be on right. For scenic views and fishing on Lake Blue Ridge, from the dam, continue on River Rd. Take a right onto Old US 76, recreation area will be on the left.

#### **3. Lakewood Landing Boat Ramp**

Boat Ramp Rd, Morganton, GA

This ramp is a convenient and well-equipped access point to Lake Blue Ridge, with a wide, paved boat ramp complete with a floating dock.

For more info – [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov)

Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 E for 3.9 miles, turn right onto GA 60 S. Go .5 miles and turn right onto Old Hwy 76 for .3 miles. Turn left onto Boat Ramp Rd and go .2 miles. Keep right, destination will be ahead.

#### **4. Morganton Point Recreation Area**

475 Lake Dr., Morganton, GA

Boat ramp, beach area, kayak rentals, fishing, hiking, picnic area, pavilion rentals, campgrounds, and hiking trails.

For camping, rentals, and more info – [www.GoFindOutdoors.org](http://www.GoFindOutdoors.org)

Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 for 3.9 miles, turning right onto GA 60 S. Go .5 miles and turn left onto GA 60 S, then drive 1.3 miles and take a right onto Bypass Rd. Destination will be ahead on right.

#### **5. Lake Blue Ridge Day Use Area**

This U.S. Forest Service-managed recreation area has a boat ramp, walking and paved bike paths, as well as opportunities for fishing and swimming.

For more info – [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov)

Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 E and go .7 miles, turning right onto Old US 76 Connector. Go .1 miles and take a quick left. Continue for .8 miles, turn right on Dry Branch Rd. Destination will be 2.2 miles ahead to the left.

#### **6. Sandy Bottoms Recreation Area**

Old Dial Rd, Morganton, GA

This U.S. Forest Service-managed recreations area has camping, swimming, fishing, canoe launch, picnic areas. For camping and more info – [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov)

Head east on US 76 E for .7 miles, turning right onto Old US Connector. Go .1 miles, taking a left, then continuing for .2 miles to take a right on Aska Rd. Go 13 miles, turn left onto Newport Rd. Continue for .7 miles, turning left on Old Dial Rd. Destination will be ahead 2.6 miles to the right.

#### **7. Cooper Creek Recreation Area**

FS Rd 236, Suches, GA

This U.S. Forest Service – managed area is a major feeder stream for the Toccoa River making for great fishing, as well as hiking, scenic drives, camping, nature watching.

For more info – [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov)

Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 E for 3.9 miles, turning right onto GA 60 S. Go .5 miles and turn left onto GA 60 S/Old Hwy 76 E. Drive 1.4 miles and take a right onto GA 60S. Continue for 16 miles and turn left onto Coopers Creek Rd. Go 5.2 miles and turn right onto FS Rd 236.

#### **8. Deep Hole Recreation Area**

Deep Hole Campground Rd, Suches, GA

Deep Hole is the put-in for the Toccoa River Canoe Trail, which follows 17.3 miles of the river to Lake Blue Ridge, ending at the take-out at Sandy Bottoms Recreation Area.

For more info – [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov)

Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 E for 3.9 miles, turning right onto GA 60 S. Go .5 miles and turn left onto GA 60S/Old Hwy 76 E. Drive 14.7 miles, turn right onto Deep Hole Campground Rd. Destination will be ahead on right.

#### **9. Toccoa Swinging Bridge**

FS Rd 816, Suches, GA

A short hike to the 260-foot suspension bridge that crosses the Toccoa River on the Benton MacKaye Trail. Great spot with wide open spaces for camping and watching kayakers paddle through.

Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 E for 3.9 miles, turning right onto GA 60 S. Go .5 miles and take a left onto GA 60 S/Old Hwy 76 E. Drive 1.4 miles and take a right onto GA 60 S. Continue for 12 miles, taking a sharp right onto FS Rd 816. Trailhead parking will be 3 miles ahead.

#### **10. Chattahoochee Forest National Fish Hatchery**

4730 Rock Creek Rd, Suches, GA

The hatchery raises over a million rainbow and brown trout a year for distribution in the area streams and rivers. Visitors can tour the hatchery, picnic, and fish in Rock Creek which runs through the hatchery.

For more info – [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)

Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 E for 3.9 miles, turning right onto GA 60 S. Go .5 miles and take a left onto GA 60 S, another 1.4 miles and take a right onto GA 60 S. Continue on for 14.5 miles,

turning right onto Rock Creek Rd. Destination will be 4.7 miles ahead to the right.

#### **11. Ocoee Whitewater Center**

4400 US 64, Copperhill, TN

The Ocoee Whitewater Center (OWC) is a 4-acre recreation area constructed for the 1996 Olympic Canoe and Kayak Slalom competitions offering whitewater rafting and kayaking, picnicking, hiking, and biking.

For water release schedule and more info – [www.fs.usda.gov](http://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.

#### **12. McCaysville City Park**

E Tennessee Ave, McCaysville, GA

Covered picnic shelter, dog park, walking/fitness trail, playground, located alongside the beautiful Toccoa River.

Head north on Hwy 5 for 10 miles, taking a right onto E Tennessee Ave. Destination will be .2 miles ahead to the left.

#### **13. Ron Henry Horseshoe Bend Park**

1156 River Rd, Mineral Bluff, GA

Spacious park with trout fishing, playground, picnic pavilions, small and large dog park, paved walking trails, and swimming. Head east on Hwy 515/US 76 E for 3.9 miles, turn left on GA 60 N. Continue on for 7.1 miles, take a left onto River Rd, go 2.1 miles. Destination will be ahead on left.

#### **14. Curtis Switch Bridge Put In/Take Out**

50 N Toccoa River Rd, Mineral Bluff, GA

This area is a gem for water lovers and history buffs that feature a public boat ramp, a dedicated launch and take-out spot for canoes and kayaks. The historic iron bridge - an iconic piece of local heritage - adds charm and a perfect backdrop for photos.

Head north on Hwy 5 for 2.1 miles, turning right onto George Curtis Rd. Continue on for 1.9 miles, taking a left onto Ada St. Go 1.8 miles, turn right onto Curtis Switch Rd, then .6 miles, turning left onto N Toccoa River Rd. Destination will be ahead on left.



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/](http://www.fs.fed.us/conf/). The law of the forest is "leave no trace". See [www.LNT.org](http://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.