

LEATHERWOOD FALLS AT FIRES CREEK

Directions: From Hayesville, go 5 miles on US 64W. Turn right on NC 175 for 2.5 miles, left on SR 1344 for two miles.

A 75 foot waterfall tucked into a little cove area just before running into scenic Fires Creek. A .5 mile paved trail leads to and around the waterfall. A picnic area is available.

WATERFALLS AT STANDING INDIAN

Directions: From Hayesville go 25 miles east on Hwy 64. Turn right on Wallace Gap Road for 2 miles. Turn right on Forest Service Road 67 toward Standing Indian Campground for 7 miles

- ◆ **Big Laurel Falls:** Easy to Moderate .5 miles running along an old railroad grade. After passing over a bridge the road splits with left leading to Timber Ridge and the right ending at Laurel Falls.
- ◆ **Mooney Falls Trail:** Easy .1 mile hike located .7 miles past Falls' trailhead. Roadside parking is available.

BUST YOUR BUTT, BRIDAL VEIL and DRY FALLS WATERFALL DRIVE TO HIGHLANDS

Directions: From Hayesville, travel 34.3 miles East on Hwy 64 to the exit ramp for US64E/NC28 to Highlands. Take a right onto 64E/NC28 and follow it 17 miles to Highlands. Along the way you will pass **Bust Your Butt Falls** on the right, **Dry Falls** on the right (hike to the bottom is available), and **Bridal Falls** on the left.

FALLS AROUND HIGHLANDS

- ◆ **Secret Falls** 7 miles from Highlands down 28 S is a 40 foot free falling beauty of a waterfall.
- ◆ **Picklesimer Falls** 10 miles down 28 S is a 40 foot falling stream pouring over a rock house. It is a very pleasant .5 mile hike in.

WATERFALLS NEAR CLAYTON GA

1-1.5 hr. drive from Hayesville through Hiawasse GA

- ◆ **Tallulah Falls:** Tallulah Gorge State Park is a 2,689-acre Georgia state park adjacent to Tallulah Falls, Georgia along the county line between Rabun and Habersham Counties. The park surrounds Tallulah Gorge, a 1,000-foot deep gorge formed by the action of the Tallulah River, which runs along the floor of the gorge. The major attractions of the gorge are the six waterfalls known as the Tallulah Falls, which cause the river to drop 500 feet over one mile.
- ◆ **Angel Falls:** 15 miles S of Clayton off 441. A very nice, moderate walk leading to 2 waterfalls. Panther Falls is a 60 foot stair step falls, and Angel Falls is a 70 foot waterfall with a nice viewing platform.
- ◆ **Minnehaha Falls:** 17 miles S of Clayton, just past Angel Falls. Minnehaha is a 75 foot waterfall with an easy trail and nice rock areas to sit and ponder.
- ◆ **Hemlock Falls:** 11 miles West of Clayton. This fall is a 20 foot fall with a plunge pool at the bottom. A really pleasant 1 mile hike takes you from the parking area past several falls to the Hemlock Falls.
- ◆ **Stonewall Creek Falls:** 7 miles S of Clayton. You can drive right up to this waterfall. Several scenic campsites and an 11 mile bike/hike route are also available.
- ◆ **Chau Ram Falls and Park** 23 mi E on 76. Quaint waterfall and miles of trails along the river.
- ◆ **Brasstown Falls** 14 mi E of Clayton on 76. A gorgeous set of 4 waterfalls dropping into a remote gorge. The trails are CHALLENGING.



Clay County Area Waterfalls

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CHEROKEE/BRYSON CITY NC WATERFALLS

- ◆ **Soco Falls:** 14 miles North of Cherokee on the Blue Ridge Parkway. A short trail leads to an overlook for this waterfall, or you can use the rope and descend to the trail base.
- ◆ **Mingo Falls** is a spectacular 160 foot waterfall just a short hike up 150 steep stairs. One of the nicest falls in the Great Smokey Mountains. You can find Mingo falls just outside of Cherokee off 441.
- ◆ **Juneywhank Falls** is in the Deep Creek area on the left side of the parking area after a .25 mi hike.
- ◆ **Tom Branch Falls** are found about .3 miles up a wide trail along Deep Creek.
- ◆ **Indian Creek Falls** is about a mile further up the trail. Reaching the base of the falls requires about a 220 ft uphill climb.

CLARKSVILLE/CORNELIA AREA

- ◆ **Panther Creek Falls** 10 mi N of Clarksville off 24/441: Panther Creek Falls Trail (5.5 miles in length) follows Panther Creek through stands of hemlock and white pine along steep, rocky bluffs of the creek. The trail passes a series of cascades, as well as, Panther Creek Falls and terminates where Davidson Creek joins Panther Creek. The trail is noted for its beautiful variety of wildflowers and ferns while the stream offers excellent opportunities for trout fishermen.

TOCCOA AREA

- ◆ **Toccoa Falls:** on campus of Toccoa Falls College. This single drop waterfall has a 186- foot drop...26 feet higher than Niagara Falls. From the Gift Shop, it is just a short walk along the stream to the base of the falls.

BLAIRSVILLE/CLEVELAND/DAHLONEGA AREA

- ◆ **Amicalola Falls** located W of Dahlonega off HWY 52 is located in Amicalola Falls State Park. It is a 729 foot waterfall. A moderately easy paved path climbs from the pool to the base of the upper cascades of the waterfall.
- ◆ **Cane Creek Falls** is located 3 miles north of Dahlonega off Hwy 60 Business. It is a 30 foot waterfall reached by a short, easy walk.
- ◆ **Turners Corner Area** near the intersection of 19 and 19/129 features 8 waterfalls within a few miles of each other. These falls include Crow Mountain Creek, Little Ridge Creek, Cowrock Creek, DeSoto, and Helton Creek Falls. The falls range from 8 to 60 feet in drop.
- ◆ **DeSoto Falls** 15 miles N of Cleveland on US 129. These five beautiful waterfalls are situated along the three-mile section of the DeSoto Falls Trail in the 650-acre DeSoto Falls Recreation Area. Cascades are between 20-200 feet. Those who cannot hike the trail can enjoy a beautiful view from U.S. 129 which borders this scenic area for a considerable distance.
- ◆ **Helton Creek Falls:** 11 miles S of Blairsville on 129. Helton Creek Falls Trail (.3 mile in length) follows Helton Creek to two waterfalls. The trail accesses the lower falls at both the bottom and top of the falls and ends at the bottom of the upper falls. The total vertical drop is more than 100 feet.

HELEN/UNICOI GAP AREA

- ◆ **Anna Ruby Falls** is a 150 foot falls located about 5 miles outside Helen. It is the most frequently visited waterfall in Georgia and is located in a 1600 acre scenic area. A short trail gains several hundred feet in elevation along the .4 mile walk to the falls.
- ◆ **Falls on High Shoals Creek** is located about 11 miles outside Helen and 2 miles beyond Unicoi Gap. It includes two waterfalls that create a 100 foot drop. A one mile walk takes visitors to both of these falls, but there is a several hundred foot change in elevation.
- ◆ **Dukes Creek Falls** is located off the Richard Russell Scenic Hwy and it features several pretty cascades which can be viewed from afar. The main attraction is a 200 ft cascade on Davis creek crashing over a sheer cliff face into the gorge.
- ◆ **Horse Trough Falls:** 11 miles N of Helen on GA 75. Horse Trough Falls Trail (.4 mile in length), leads to the beautiful Horse Trough Falls and is an excellent trail for novice hikers. Directions: Take GA 75 north from Helen for eight miles
- ◆ **Mill Creek Falls** 8 mi from Hiawassee off GA 75. The waterfall on Ground Hog Branch drops about 150 feet where it combines with the main Mill Creek. The combined streams plunge another estimated 150 feet, ending in a series of rapids, which cascade down the Mill Creek Gorge.

For more information on these falls, please refer to the book in our rack: [Waterfalls of the Southern Appalachians and Great Smokey Mountains](#)