

## WARNE/BRASSTOWN DRIVE

- ◆ From the intersection/traffic light at HWYs 64 and 69, take a RIGHT onto HWY 64 W. Continue .7 miles and make a LEFT onto OLD US 64 and follow it 4.5 miles to WARNE.
- ◆ The brick building on the left about 2.6 miles from WARNE is the old OGDEN SCHOOL building. It was completed in 1926. This was the third school built in Clay County and was used until all schools were consolidated.
- ◆ The MOUNTAIN VALLEY CREAMERY BUILDING located on the left about 2.6 miles from the school above Brasstown Creek. This dairy was built in the 1930s to support a big dairy industry in this area.
- ◆ Follow old US 64 about a mile further to the community of BRASSTOWN where you will find antique and art galleries as well as the world renowned JOHN C CAMPBELL FOLK SCHOOL. This arts and crafts school was founded in the 1920s by Olive Campbell to support and preserve the beautiful and unique Appalachian Arts that she found in this area. Take a break and visit the Folk School Campus. You will find beautiful walking paths, a juried craft shop, and many historic buildings.

## FIRES CREEK DRIVE

- ◆ From the intersection/traffic light at HWYs 64 and 69, take a RIGHT onto HWY 64 W. Continue 5 miles and make a RIGHT onto NC 175. Continue for 2.5 miles and make a LEFT on SR1344 for two miles to the entrance of Fires Creek Recreation Area.
- ◆ You will find beautiful hiking/horseback trails, picnic areas and beautiful LEATHERWOOD FALLS.
- ◆ Following your visit to the recreation area, return to Fires Creek Rd and make a LEFT. This road follows the HIAWASSEE RIVER. Take a right onto Tusquittee Street and continue past the library to HAYESVILLE TOWN SQUARE.



# Clay County Scenic Drives

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## TUSQUITTEE/SHOOTING CREEK DRIVE

The Cherokee word Tusquittee means rafters for mountain ridges that resemble rafters in a building.

- ◆ Follow Tusquittee Street 1.4 miles to the entrance of Tusquittee Community. Continue for 2.4 miles to the **Moss Memorial Baptist Church**. This church was built in the mid 1900s.
- ◆ Continuing .6 miles further you will see the **Col. William Moore House** on the left. The two story white frame house was built in the 1860s and is on the National Register. The Col was the son of the first white settler in Clay County, John C. Moore.
- ◆ At **Tusquittee Landings**, pilots and their families live in homes adjacent to a small airport. It is not unusual to see a plane coming in for a landing.
- ◆ At the corner of Tusquittee and Cold Branch roads **Matlock Creek flows into Tusquittee Creek**. The first gold found in Clay County is rumored to have been found there.
- ◆ Turn Right onto Cold Branch Road and continue for 3.4 miles. **Mountain Harbor Golf Course** will be on your right..

- ◆ At the stop sign (about .5 past the golf course), take a left turn onto HWY 64 E.
- ◆ Continue to follow 64 E 4.5 miles and turn right onto **East Vineyard**. Shooting Creek Community was the site of a Cherokee village and was named for the rushing force of the creek.
- ◆ When you reach OLD HWY 64, make a right turn and enjoy the scenery of this beautiful community. About 5 miles down OLD 64 you will reach the HIGH BRIDGE over Lake Chatuge. Make a left.
- ◆ 2.5 miles down RT 175 is the entrance to Jack Rabbit Recreation Area. You will find hiking, biking, and walking trails, as well as swimming and picnic areas and a boat launch area.

## LAKE CHATUGE DRIVE and WALK

- ◆ From the stop light at HWY 64 and HWY69, take a right onto **HWY 64 E**. Continue to the next traffic light and turn RIGHT onto Meyers Chapel Rd.
- ◆ Follow Meyers Chapel Rd .4 miles to the fork in the road and take the LEFT fork to Chatuge Dam Rd. The top of the dam is 1.2 miles long and features a paved trail which is suitable for walking and biking. Dogs are permitted on a leash only. There are benches along the trail and picnic tables further down the trail.
- ◆ After your walk, return to Meyers Chapel Rd, make a left and continue 1.5 miles to the Clay County Recreation Park. Entrance to the park is on your left. You will find camp sites, a beach, picnic areas and a playground.