**THE WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL** includes some of the best fly fishing waters in North Carolina. Its 15 stops provide a variety of options for catching brook, brown and rainbow trout. Whether you're searching for quantity or size, open water or small streams, the WNC Fly Fishing Trail has you covered.

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**SCOTT CREEK**
Parking and access available via several pull-off areas along U.S. 19/23

**SMALL STREAMS**
Moses Creek, Mull Creek, Rough Butt Creek, Chastine Creek, Piney Mill Creek
Access via Moses Creek Road (SR 1740) and Caney Fork Road (SR 1737); avoid posted land

**CANEY FORK**
Access via Caney Fork Road (SR 1737); avoid posted land

**TANASEE CREEK**
Parking and access available at bridge on Tanasee Creek Road (SR 1762)

**PANTHETOWN CREEK**
Parking and access at end of Breedlove Road (SR 1121), with two-mile walk down to stream

**RAVEN FORK**
Cherokee Trophy Water
Parking and access via several pull-off areas along Big Cove Road

**WHITETRIVER**
Parking and access along N.C. 107, a few miles south of Cashiers

**SCOTSMAN AND FOWLER CREEKS INTO THE CHATTOOGA RIVER**
Access available via Whitesides Cove Road (SR 1107) or Bullpen Road (SR 1100) in Nantahala National Forest

**WEST FORK TUCKASEGEE RIVER**
Parking and access available on N.C. 107 near the Thorpe Power House

**TUCKASEGEE RIVER**
(East Laporte Park to NC 107 Bridge)
Parking and access available at East LaPorte Park and pull-off areas along Old Cullowhee Road

**SAVANNAH CREEK**
Parking and access available via several pull-off areas along U.S. 23/441

**TUCKASEGEE RIVER**
(NC 107 Bridge to Dillsboro park)
Parking and access available via numerous pull-off areas along North River Road

**GREENS CREEK**
Parking and access available via pull-off areas along Greens Creek Road (SR 1370)

**TUCKASEGEE RIVER IN DILLSBORO**
Parking and access available at Dillsboro park and Best Western River Escape Inn

**LOWER TUCKASEGEE RIVER**
Parking and access available via pull-offs and businesses along 10-mile stretch of U.S. 19

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**TRAIL CREATORS**

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**TROUT STREAM REGULATIONS**

- Hatchery Supported Water
- Wild Trout Water
- Delayed Harvest Water
- Wild Trout with Natural Fish
- Catch and Release Single Hook, Artificial Lure

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In April of 2016, the Jackson County Commissioners approved a resolution recommending that N.C. State Legislators recognize Jackson County as the N.C. Trout Capital. In June of 2016, legislators on both the N.C. House and Senate floors approved a resolution recognizing Jackson County as the Premier Fishing Destination in the state. The effort was led by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Director Julie Spiro, Rep. Joe Sam Queen, and Senator Jim Davis.

For more information, visit NCTroutCapital.com.

Jackson County contains 4,600 miles of trout streams and receives an annual stocking of 92,800 trout, which is the most of any county in the state. It also features the state’s largest contiguous stretch of N.C. Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. Jackson County is the home of the state record for the largest rainbow trout ever caught.
**SCOTT CREEK**
The Stretch: Roughly 10 miles from headwaters near Bullrun down to Sydney
Access Point(s): Parking and access available via several pull-offs along US 19/23
Type of Water: Hatchery supported
Available Fish: Brown, rainbow
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Stretch also includes North Fork Scott Creek and Ruth Creek, which are very scenic.

**SMALL STREAMS**
Mosses Creek, Mull Creek, Rough Butt Creek, Chastine Creek, Pinney Run, Creek
The Stretch: Collection of small streams in eastern Jackson County, below Blue Ridge Parkway
Access Point(s): Via Mosses Creek Rd (SR 1740) and Caney Fork Rd (SR 1737), avoid posted land
Type of Water: Wild trout
Available Fish: Brook, brown, rainbow
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Mountainous terrain, includes several large waterfalls.

**CANEY FORK**
The Stretch: Roughly 10 miles from East Laporte Park to headwaters at fork of Bull Run Creek and Pigeon Mountain Creek
Access Point(s): Access via Caney Fork Road (SR 1737), avoid posted land
Type of Water: Undesignated
Available Fish: Rainbow, brown, occasional brook
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Respect private land owners

**TANASEE CREEK**
The Stretch: Roughly 2-3 miles from Tanasee Creek bridge up to headwaters
Access Point(s): Parking and access available at bridge on Tanasee Creek Road (SR 1762)
Type of Water: Trout
Available Fish: Brown
Numbers or Size: Both
Noteworthy: Very scenic stretch in the Nantahala National Forest

**PANTHERTOWN CREEK**
The Stretch: Entire stream, roughly 3 miles
Access Point(s): Parking and access at end of Brandon Rd (SR 121), with 2-mile walk to creek
Type of Water: Catch & Release Single Hook Artificial Lure
Available Fish: Rainbow, brown
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Located in Panthertown Valley, which is known as the “Yosemite of the East” because of its bowl shape and rocky bluffs

**RAVEN FORK (Cherokee Trophy Water)**
The Stretch: Starts at Blue Ridge Parkway bridge and goes north for 2.2 miles
Access Point(s): Parking and access via several pull-offs along N.C. 107, foot paths run along the stream
Type of Water: Catch & Release fly fishing only
Available Fish: Golden, rainbow, brown, brook and Donaldson trout
Numbers or Size: Both
Noteworthy: This stretch is also called Cherokee Trophy Water and fish of 20-30 inches are common, Cherokee annual permit and daily permit required

**WHITEWATER RIVER**
The Stretch: Roughly 2-3 miles from Hwy. 107 down to the South Carolina state line
Access Point(s): Parking and access along N.C. 107, 1-2 miles south of Cashiers
Type of Water: Wild trout
Available Fish: Brook, brown and rainbow
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Flows into Whitewater Falls, the highest waterfall east of the Mississippi

**SCOTSMAN AND FOWLER CREEKS INTO THE CHATTOOGA RIVER**
The Stretch: Roughly 2-3 miles of each stream flowing down into the Chattooga River
Access Point(s): Access available via Whiteside Creek Rd (SR 1107) or Bullpen Rd (SR 1100) in Nantahala National Forest
Type of Water: Wild trout with natural bait
Available Fish: Brown, rainbow
Numbers or Size: Numbers (creeks), size (Chattooga)
Noteworthy: The movie “Deliverance” was filmed on the Chattooga River

**WEST FORK TUCKASEGEE RIVER**
The Stretch: From small reservoir at Tharpe Power House up to several hundred yards
Access Point(s): Parking and access available along N.C. 107 at Tharpe Power House
Type of Water: Hatchery supported
Available Fish: Brown, rainbow
Numbers or Size: Both
Noteworthy: Although hatchery supported, this has nice concentration of stream-raised fish

**TUCKASEGEE RIVER**
(Left tributary to N.C. 107 Bridge)
The Stretch: Entire stream from park to bridge
Access Point(s): Parking and access available at East Laporte Park and pull-off areas along Old Cullowhee Road
Type of Water: Hatchery supported
Available Fish: Rainbow, brook and brown
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: East Laporte Park has picnic tables and public restrooms

**MOUNTAIN HERITAGE TROUT WATERS**
Jackson County, North Carolina has the largest contiguous stretch of waters that have been designated by the NC Fish & Wildlife Department as NC Mountain Heritage Trout Waters, comprising of three cities of the thirteen in the state, with numerous unnamed waters also comprising the richest, most diverse, productive trout fisheries in North Carolina. Learn more about their $5, 3-day fishing license, up-to-date regulations and details about Mountain Heritage Trout Water locations at www.ncwildlife.org.

**TRAIL PLEDGE**
Everyone using the WNC Fly Fishing Trail is asked to make the following pledge:
“As a true sportsman, I will always respect private land owners and to avoid trespassing on private lands. I will respect the rights of property owners, and always leave the stream in better condition than I found them.”

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**SAVANNAH CREEK**
The Stretch: About 10 miles from headwaters in Pumpmantown into Tuckasegee River
Access Point(s): Parking and access available via several pull-offs along US 23/441
Type of Water: Hatchery supported
Available Fish: Rainbow, brown
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Access limited the closer you get to the Tuckasegee River

**TUCKASEGEE RIVER**
(NC 107 Bridge to Dillsboro park)
The Stretch: Roughly 1-2 mile stretch from bridge to park
Access Point(s): Parking and access available via numerous pull-offs along North River Road
Type of Water: Delayed harvest
Available Fish: Brook, brown and rainbow
Numbers or Size: Both
Noteworthy: Best place to achieve the Tuckasegee Slam (catch all three species in one spot)

**GREENS CREEK**
The Stretch: About 1-3 miles from Macon County line to Savannah Creek
Access Point(s): Various places along greens Creek Road (SR 1370), avoid posted land
Type of Water: Wild trout, undesignated, hatchery supported
Available Fish: Brown, rainbow
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Noteworthy: Portion of the creek flows through the Nantahala National Forest

**TUCKASEGEE RIVER (in Dillsboro)**
The Stretch: About 1 mile from Dillsboro park through town
Access Point(s): Various places between park and Best Western River Escape Inn
Type of Water: Wild trout, hatchery supported
Available Fish: Rainbow, brown
Numbers or Size: Size
Noteworthy: Includes fishing access and lodging options, Best Western River Escape Inn and Dillsboro Inn

**LOWER TUCKASEGEE RIVER**
(Burke’s Creek Bridge to Whittier)
The Stretch: Roughly 8-10 miles from bridge to Whitmer Access Point(s): Parking and access via pull-offs and businesses along U.S. 19 freeway
Type of Water: Hatchery supported, undesignated
Available Fish: Rainbow, brown
Numbers or Size: Size
Noteworthy: Stretch is also home to smallmouth bass

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For a complete list of guide services and accommodations, visit DiscoverJacksonNC.com or call 1-800-962-1911.