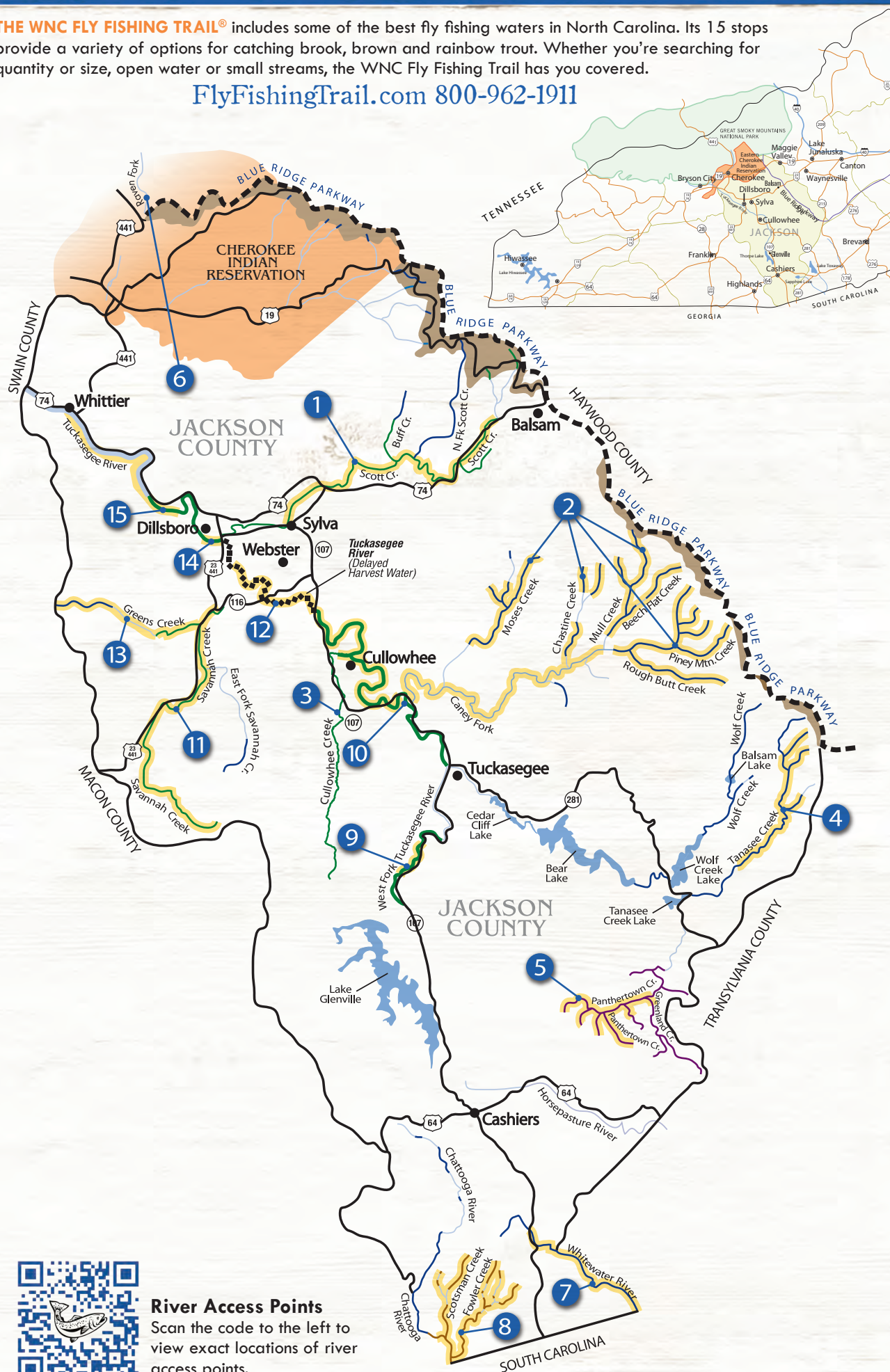




# WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA Fly Fishing Trail®

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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**River Access Points**  
Scan the code to the left to view exact locations of river access points.

- 1 SCOTT CREEK**  
Parking and access available via several pull-off areas along U.S. 19/23
- 2 SMALL STREAMS**  
**Moses Creek, Mull Creek, Rough Butt Creek, Chastine Creek, Piney Mtn. Creek**  
Access via Moses Creek Road (SR 1740) and Caney Fork Road (SR 1737); avoid posted land
- 3 CULLOWHEE CREEK**  
Access via Jackson County Recreation Center (Cullowhee) and Western Carolina University
- 4 TANASEE CREEK**  
Parking and access available at bridge on Tanasee Creek Road (SR 1762)
- 5 PANTHERTOWN CREEK**  
Parking and access at end of Breedlove Road (SR 1121), with two-mile walk down to stream
- 6 RAVEN FORK (Cherokee Trophy Water)**  
Parking and access via several pull-off areas along Big Cove Road
- 7 WHITEWATER RIVER**  
Parking and access along N.C. 107, a few miles south of Cashiers
- 8 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
- 9 WEST FORK TUCKASEGEE RIVER**  
Parking and access available on N.C. 107 near the Thorpe Power House
- 10 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
- 11 SAVANNAH CREEK**  
Parking and access available via several pull-off areas along U.S. 23/441
- 12 TUCKASEGEE RIVER**  
(NC 107 Bridge to Dillsboro park)  
Parking and access available via numerous pull-off areas along North River Road
- 13 GREENS CREEK**  
Parking and access available via pull-off areas along Greens Creek Road (SR 1370)
- 14 TUCKASEGEE RIVER IN DILLSBORO**  
Parking and access available at Dillsboro park and Best Western River Escape Inn
- 15 LOWER TUCKASEGEE RIVER**  
(Barker's Creek Bridge to Whittier)  
Parking and access available via pull-offs and businesses along 10-mile stretch of U.S. 19

## TROUT STREAM REGULATIONS



Hatchery Supported Water



Wild Trout Water



Delayed Harvest Water



Wild Trout with Natural Bait



Catch and Release  
Single Hook, Artificial Lure



## GUIDES

- 1. AB'S FLY FISHING GUIDE SERVICE** (Sylva) Fly fishing guide services. 828-226-3833 • <http://www.abfish.org/>
- 2. BLUE CHIP FLY FISHING** (Whittier) Guided Fishing Trips. 954-263-4452 • <http://bluechipflyfishing.com/>
- 3. BROOKINGS ANGLERS** (Cashiers) Guided fishing trips, equipment and cabin rentals. 828-743-3768 <http://www.brookingsonline.com/>
- 4. CAROLINA TROUT GUIDES** (Sylva) No experience or gear is necessary as they'll will furnish everything you need to catch trout. 828-507-0425 <https://www.carolinatroutguides.com/>
- 5. DREAM CATCHER'S FISHING** (Sylva) Fly fishing equipment and guide services. 828-354-0250 <http://www.dreamcatcherguides.com/>
- 6. FONTANA GUIDES** (Sylva) Guided fishing trips. 828-736-2318 • <http://fontanaguides.com/>
- 7. LET'S TIE ONE ON FLY FISHING** (Cashiers) Wade trips and lessons, any skill level. 828-200-4089 <http://letstieoneonflyfishing.net>
- 8. RIVERS EDGE OUTFITTERS** (Cherokee) Located in Cherokee near the GSMNP. (828) 497-9300 <http://www.wncfishing.com>
- 9. TUCKASEGEE FLY SHOP** (Sylva) Guided trips & fly fishing equipment. 828-488-3333 • <https://www.tuckflyshop.com/>

List of Jackson County Fly Fishing guides current as of printing.  
For the most up-to-date list visit FlyFishingTrail.com

## GEAR

First time on the water? Not a problem. We have plenty of great guides to help you have a fun, memorable experience. Whether it's your first time or looking to improve your skills, they'll take care of you.  
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**SCOTT CREEK**  
**The Stretch:** Roughly 10 miles from headwaters near Balsam down to Sylva  
**Access Point(s):** Parking and access available via several pull-off areas along U.S. 19/23  
**Type of Water:** Hatchery supported  
**Available Fish:** Brown, rainbow  
**Numbers or Size:** Numbers  
**Noteworthy:** Stretch also includes North Fork Scott Creek and Buff Creek, which are very scenic
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**SMALL STREAMS**  
**Moses Creek, Mull Creek, Rough Butt Creek, Chastine Creek, Piney Mtn. Creek**  
**The Stretch:** Collection of small streams in eastern Jackson County, below Blue Ridge Parkway  
**Access Point(s):** Via Moses Creek Rd (SR 1740) and Caney Fork Rd (SR 1737), avoid posted land  
**Type of Water:** Wild trout  
**Available Fish:** Brook, rainbow  
**Numbers or Size:** Numbers  
**Noteworthy:** Mountainous terrain, includes several large waterfalls
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**CULLOWHEE CREEK**  
**The Stretch:** From Tilley Creek to the confluence of the Tuckasegee  
**Access Point(s):** Access via Jackson County Recreation Center (Cullowhee) and Western Carolina University . Park at Picnic Area at WCU.  
**Type of Water:** Hatchery-Supported  
**Available Fish:** Rainbow, brown, occasional brook  
**Numbers or Size:** Numbers  
**Noteworthy:** WCU is one of a handful of colleges in the country with a trout stream through campus
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**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:** Wild trout  
**Available Fish:** Brown  
**Numbers or Size:** Both  
**Noteworthy:** Very scenic stretch in the Nantahala National Forest
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**PANTHERTOWN CREEK**  
**The Stretch:** Entire stream, roughly 3 miles  
**Access Point(s):** Parking and access at end of Breedlove Rd. (SR 1121), with 2-mile walk to creek  
**Type of Water:** Catch & Release Single Hook Artificial Lure  
**Available Fish:** Brook  
**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

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**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-off areas along Big Cove Road; 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
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**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, a few 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
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**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 Cove 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
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**WEST FORK TUCKASEGEE RIVER**  
**The Stretch:** From small reservoir at Thorpe Power House upstream several hundred yards  
**Access Point(s):** Parking and access available along N.C. 107 near Thorpe Power House  
**Type of Water:** Hatchery supported  
**Available Fish:** Brown, rainbow  
**Numbers or Size:** Numbers  
**Noteworthy:** Although hatchery supported, this has nice concentration of stream-raised fish
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**TUCKASEGEE RIVER (East Laporte Park to NC 107 Bridge)**  
**The Stretch:** Roughly 2-3 miles 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

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**SAVANNAH CREEK**  
**The Stretch:** About 10 miles from headwaters in Pumpkintown into Tuckasegee River  
**Access Point(s):** Parking and access available via several pull-offs along U.S. 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
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**TUCKASEGEE RIVER (NC 107 Bridge to Dillsboro park)**  
**The Stretch:** Roughly 4- to 5-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)
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**GREENS CREEK**  
**The Stretch:** About 3-4 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:** Rainbow, some brown  
**Numbers or Size:** Numbers  
**Noteworthy:** Portion of the creek flows through the Nantahala National Forest
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**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:** Hatchery supported  
**Available Fish:** Rainbow, brown  
**Numbers or Size:** Size  
**Noteworthy:** Includes two lodging options, Best Western River Escape Inn and Dillsboro Inn
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**LOWER TUCKASEGEE RIVER (Barker's Creek Bridge to Whittier)**  
**The Stretch:** Roughly 8-10 miles from bridge to Whittier  
**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:** The stretch is also home to smallmouth bass

## STEWARDSHIP OF OUR WATERS



**WE LOVE OUR WATERS**  
**WE LOVE TO SHARE THEM WITH YOU. PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALWAYS LEAVE NO TRACE® ON YOUR NEXT FISHING TRIP.**

**Everyone using the WNC Fly Fishing Trail is asked to make the following pledge:**  
*“As a true sportsman, I pledge to never litter and to avoid trespassing on private lands. I will respect the rights of property owners, and always leave the streams in better condition than I found them.”*

## MOUNTAIN HERITAGE TROUT WATERS

Jackson County, North Carolina has the longest 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](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

## RESTROOMS

Only the fish should go in the river. Please respect the landowners who live along the river corridors and don't use the river as a restroom. There are fifteen public restrooms for use around the Fly Fishing Trail. Scan the code on the right.

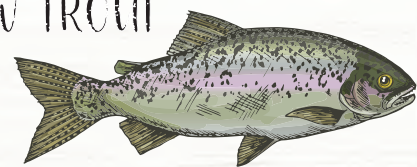


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## TROUT SPECIES

Have you heard of the Tuck Grand Slam? For a “reel” good time on the water, catch a Rainbow, Brook, and Brown Trout to land a Tuck Grand Slam!

### RAINBOW TROUT



### BROOK TROUT



### BROWN TROUT



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