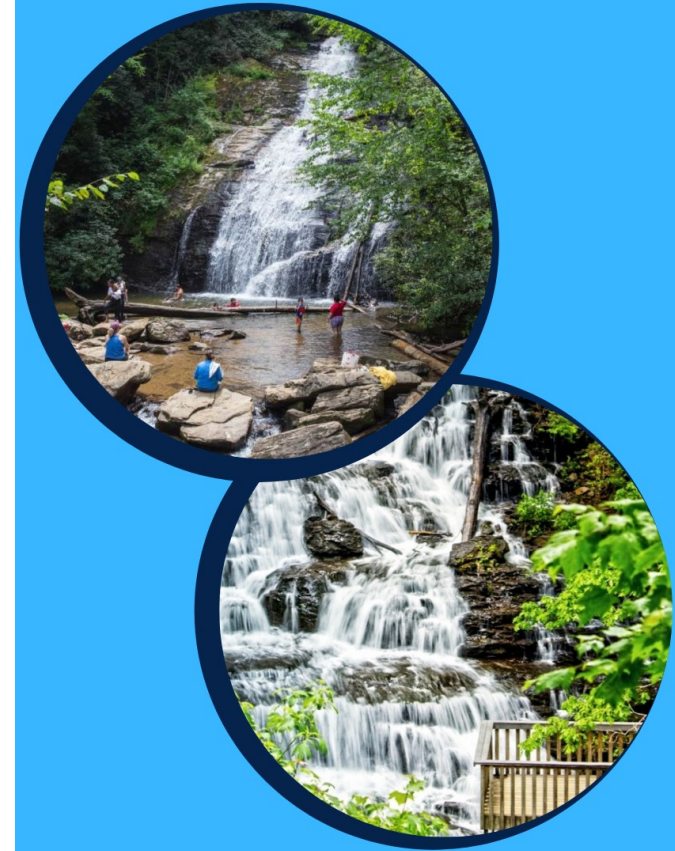
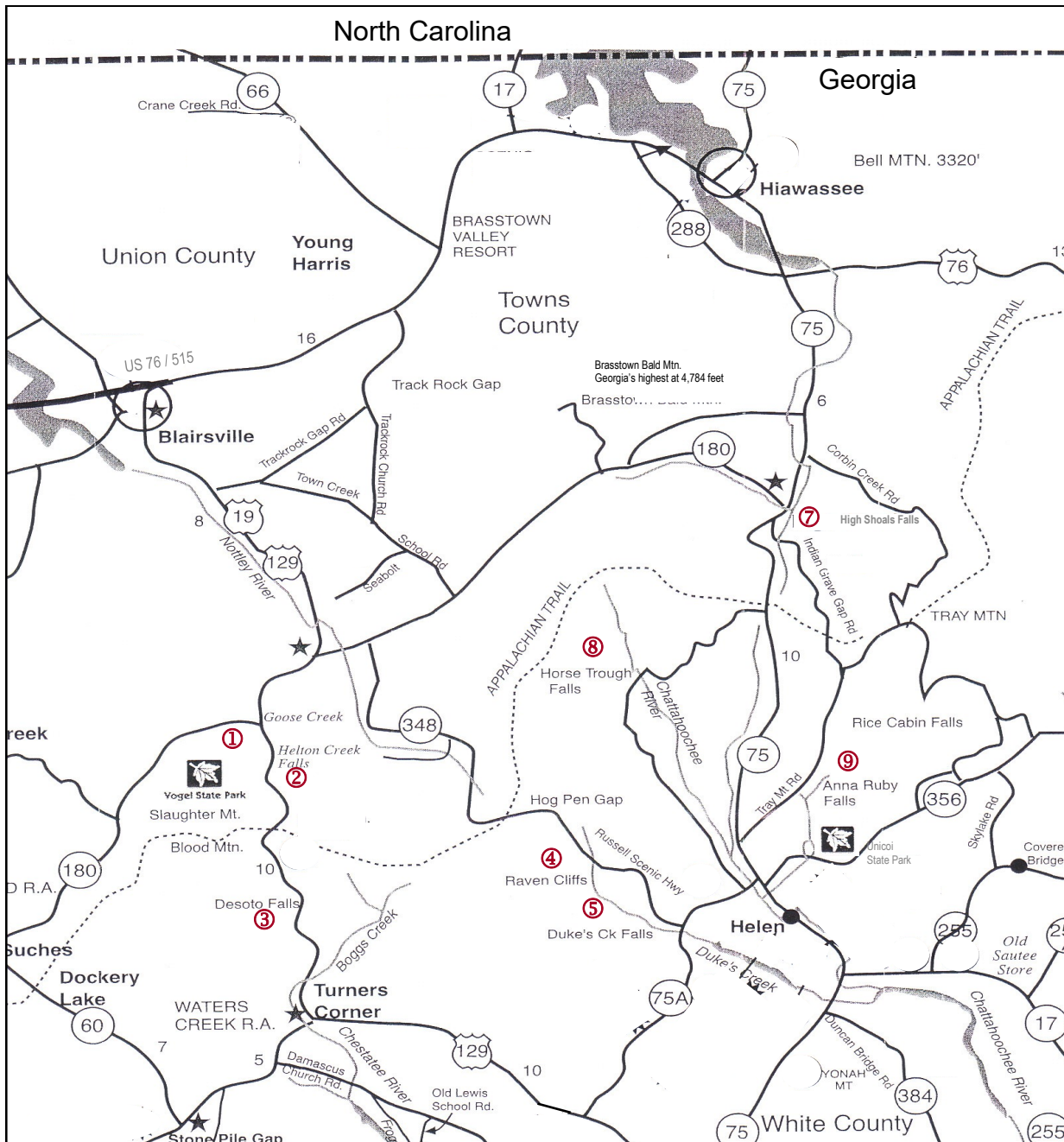


Guide to Hiking & Waterfalls



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Waterfalls off US 19/129 South (US 19/129S)

① Trahlyta Falls at Vogel State Park

Directions: Take US 19/129 south 11 miles and turn right into Vogel State Park. The falls are located on the north side of Lake Trahlyta, named for a Cherokee maiden who is buried a few miles from the park at Stonepile Gap.

Trail information: Located directly below Lake Trahlyta, this waterfall located in Vogel State Park is a stepping stone waterfall that falls 40 feet. The trail is a 1 mile loop trail short and steep, but worth the effort.

② Helton Creek Falls

Directions: Take US 19/129 south for 11.5 miles. Turn left on the first paved road past the entrance to Vogel State Park. (Look for Helton Creek Waterfall sign on right side of highway) Go approximately 1/2 mile on paved road and then continue on a gravel road approximately 1.5 miles (stay to the right at fork in the road, you will travel through the forest quite a ways) to a small pullout parking area. Trailhead will be on right as indicated.

Trail Information: The Helton Creek Falls Trail is an easy .2 mile hike. The lower falls drops over a 30' ledge, tumbling to a pool below. The second upper falls is a tall, full falls that drop at least 60 feet. Please be advised there are many abrupt changes in grade along this short walk. Please stay on the trail and observation deck!



Lower Helton Creek Falls



Waterfalls at Vogel State Park

Blairsville Area Waterfalls

③ Desoto Falls

Directions: Take US 19/129 south about 15 miles from Blairsville to the DeSoto Falls Recreation Area.

Trail information: (About 1.5 miles) There are two waterfalls along the DeSoto Falls Trail. The lower falls cascade about 20 feet. The upper, and most scenic, falls drop 80 feet. Both are accessed by a maintained trail leading from the day use parking lot. Visitors can hike to view these waterfalls. DeSoto Falls was named for the Spanish explorer Hernando De Soto because a piece of armor attributed to his expedition was supposedly found in the area. Located in rugged mountains with awesome views, elevations in this 650-acre area vary between 2,000 and 3,400 feet.

Waterfalls off GA 348 South (US 19/129S, left on GA 180, & right on GA 348)

④ Raven Cliff Falls

Directions: Take US 19/129 south for 7.6 miles then turn left onto GA 180 then right onto GA 348 and continue for 9.6 miles.

Trail Information: (3 miles) Located in the Raven Cliffs Wilderness Area, this blue blazed trail follows alongside Dodd Creek a good distance and then rambles through shady hemlock groves and dense laurel and Rhododendron thickets. Dodd Creek bursts through a crevice of the rock wall at the head of the cove to plunge 50 feet or so to the cove's floor. In addition to the main attraction, the trail offers 3 other smaller falls along the way. This is not a loop trail!

⑤ Dukes Creek Falls

Directions: Take US 19/129 south for 7.6 miles then turn left onto GA 180 and then right onto GA 348 and continue for 12.3 miles.

Trail Information: (About 1 mile) Located in the Dukes Creek Falls Recreation Area, the area features several beautiful cascades that can be viewed from near or far. The main attraction to the area is its 300ft falls from Davis Creek into the Dukes Creek Gorge. This scene may be viewed from the observation deck. The trail is handicap accessible up to the first observation deck.

LEAVE NO TRACE TIPS

- 1) Plan ahead and prepare
- 2) Travel & Camp on durable surfaces
- 3) Dispose of waste properly
- 4) Leave what you find
- 5) Minimize campfire impacts
- 6) Respect wildlife and be considerate of others

Waterfalls off GA 17/75 South (US 19/129S, left on GA 180, & right on GA 17/75S)

⑦ High Shoals Falls

Directions: Take US 19/129 south for 7.6 miles then turn left onto GA 180 then right onto GA 17/75 and go about .9 mile. Turn left onto Indian Grave Gap Rd. gravelled F.S Rd. 283, and go 1.5 miles. You will have to ford a shallow stream.

Trail Information: The High Shoals Trail follows along High Shoals Creek to observation decks beside two of the most scenic waterfalls. Drive 1 mile to the upper falls and hike .2 mile to the lower falls. From high up the mountainside High Shoals Creek shoots out of the laurel and hemlocks as a 50' long cascade that drops into a 40' fall down the rock face. Please stay on the trail and observation deck!

⑧ Horse Trough Falls

Directions: Take US 19/129 south for 7.6 miles then turn left onto GA 180 and continue for 12.6 miles. Turn right onto GA 17/75, then turn right onto Wilks Road and continue 4.2 miles to Horse Trough Falls Trail.

Trail Information: (0.4-miles) Located deep within the Chattahoochee Wildlife Management Area, this short hike to a beautiful rare falls is indeed a hidden treasure. The neatly blue blazed trail heads upstream along the headwaters of the scenic upper Chattahoochee River.

Waterfalls off GA Hwy 356 (US 17/75S, and then left on GA Hwy 356)

⑨ Anna Ruby Falls

Directions: Take US 19/129 south for 7.6 miles then turn left onto GA 180 and continue for 12.6 miles. Turn right onto GA 17/75, then turn right onto GA 356 to Unicoi State Park. Once inside Unicoi State Park a well-marked paved road takes hikers to the trailhead.

Trail information: Anna Ruby Falls Trail is a continuous, easy to moderate paved climb with bridged crossings of Smith Creek. Towards the end, there are well-placed observation decks which afford an excellent view of both waterfalls. The rare double waterfalls are formed by Curtis and York Creek from Tray Mountain which is behind Anna Ruby Falls.