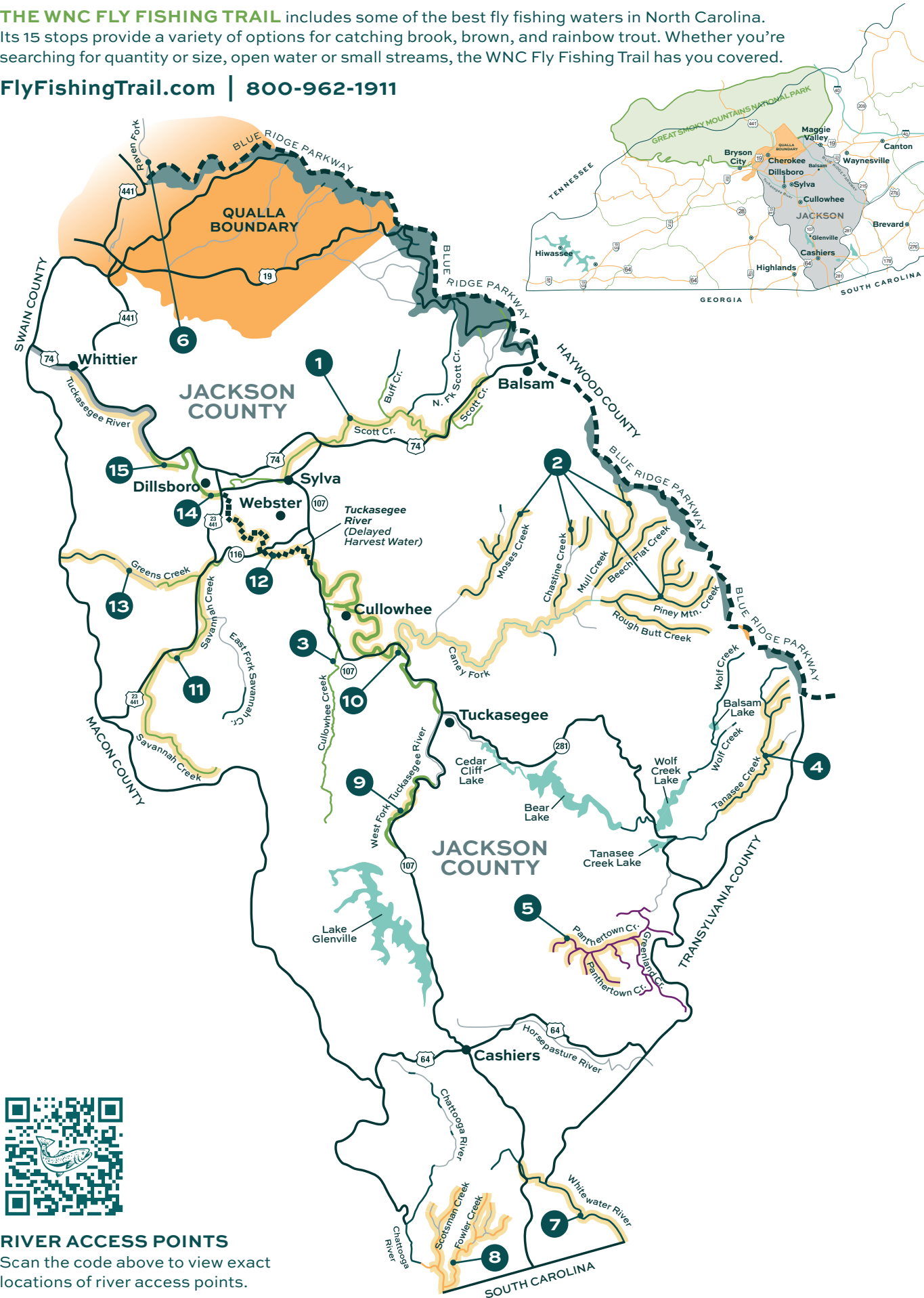


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RIVER ACCESS POINTS
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- SCOTT CREEK**
Parking and access available via several pull-off areas along U.S. 19/23
- SMALL STREAMS**
Moses Creek, Mull Creek, Rough Butt Creek, Chastine Creek, Piney Mtn. Creek
Access via Moses Creek Road (SR 1740) and Caney Fork Road (SR 1737); avoid posted land
- CULLOWHEE CREEK**
Access via Jackson County Recreation Center (Cullowhee) and Western Carolina University
- TANASEE CREEK**
Parking and access available at bridge on Tanasee Creek Road (SR 1762)
- PANTHERTOWN 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
- WHITWATER RIVER**
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
- DILLSBORO ACCESSIBLE PIER**
Located in town limits and along the Tuck, this pier is handicap accessible for fishing
- 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 (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**

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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: Brown, rainbow
Available Fish: Brown, rainbow
Numbers or Size: Numbers
Note-worthy: 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
Note-worthy: 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
Note-worthy: WCU is one of a handful of colleges in the country with a trout stream through campus

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

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PANTHERTOWN CREEK
The Stretch: Entire stream, roughly 3 miles of Bredlove 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
Note-worthy: Located in Panthertown Valley, which is known as the “Rosemitte 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
Note-worthy: 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
Note-worthy: 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
Note-worthy: The movie “Deliverance” was filmed on the Chattooga River

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TUCKASEGEE RIVER (Accessible Fishing Pier)
The Stretch: A wide river downstream from the former dam
Access Point(s): Parking and access available via numerous pull-off, first right off North River Road coming from Dillsboro
Type of Water: Delayed harvest
Available Fish: Brook, brown and rainbow
Numbers or Size: Both
Note-worthy: This pier accommodates wheelchairs and has nearby handicap parking.

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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
Note-worthy: 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
Note-worthy: 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
Note-worthy: 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
Note-worthy: 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
Note-worthy: 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
Note-worthy: The stretch is also home to smallmouth bass

Stewardship of our Waters

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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.

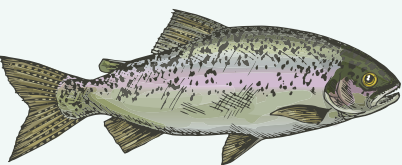


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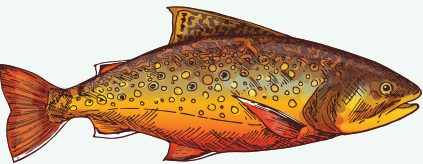
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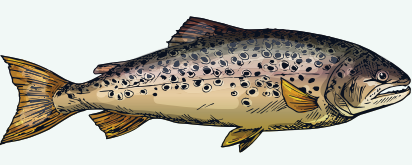
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