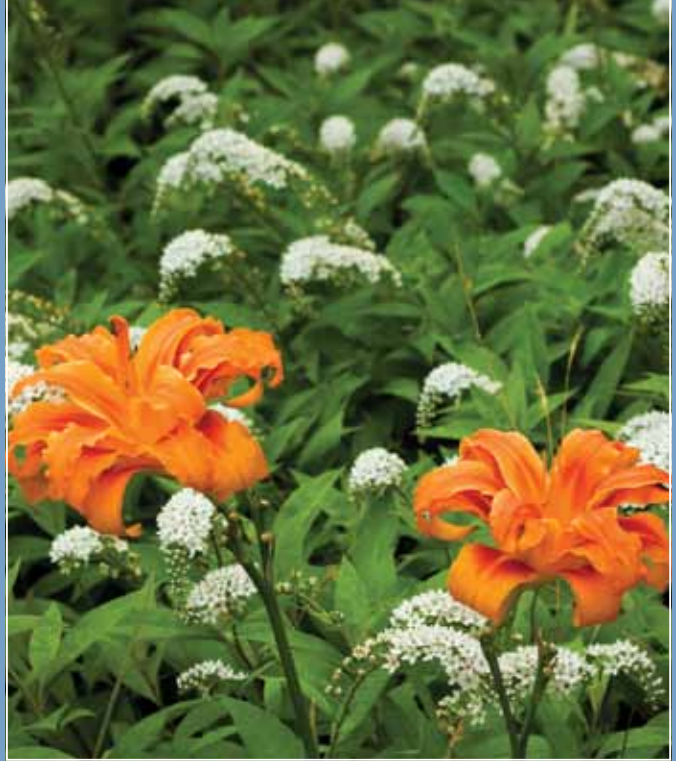


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Maintaining a vibrant economic climate while nurturing our environment and lifestyle for our year round and second home residents is the goal of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber represents over 270 businesses in the area who depend on the Chamber for membership services including networking events, community and business development, tourism marketing and promotion, public policy, and a Visitor Center

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF HIGHLANDS, NORTH CAROLINA

By Randolph P. Shaffner

The village of Highlands was founded in 1875 by two developers living in Kansas who, according to legend, took a map in hand and drew a line from New York to New Orleans. Then they passed another line between Chicago and Savannah. These lines, they predicted, would be the great trade routes of the future, and where they crossed would someday be a great population center.

What evolved was a health and summer resort at more than 4,000 feet on the highest crest of the western North Carolina plateau in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. This paradisaical settlement, the highest incorporated town east of the Rockies, provided common ground for both Northern and Southern pioneers a decade after their great Civil War. By 1883 nearly 300 immigrants from the Eastern states were calling Highlands home.

In the early 1880s the town contained eight country stores specializing in groceries, hardware, and general merchandise; a post office, a hotel and boarding house for summer guests, a public library, four churches (the Presbyterian, Episcopal, Baptist, and Methodist), and a first-class school.

Very little changed in the town until the late 1920s, when the Cullasaja River was dammed to form Lake Sequoyah, providing hydroelectric power. A spectacularly scenic road from Highlands toward Franklin was carved into the rock walls of the Cullasaja gorge, and the muddy roads in and out of town were reinforced with crushed stone. By the time the Chamber of Commerce was established in 1931, the town's population had increased to 500 with 2,500–3,000 summer guests and 25 businesses.

Again, very little changed from the 30s through the 60s. Highlands missed the Great Depression because most of its residents were accustomed to surviving hard times, growing their own meat and vegetables so that no one went hungry. Entertainment was homegrown, the most popular pastime being buck dancing, square dancing, and mountain clogging. For fifty years Helen's Barn was the great equalizer, amalgamating winter and summer residents alike into a single class of foot-stomping revelers swinging to the twangs and whines of banjos and fiddles.

Occasionally the circus climbed the mountain to Highlands, but always open were Anderson's Five and Ten on 4th Street hill and Bill's Soda Shop at 4th and Main, serving creamy milkshakes, sandwiches, cherry smashes, and ammonia cokes.

The mid 1970s saw the sudden influx of multifamily homes and shopping centers that spawned land use plans and zoning laws intended to protect Highlands' natural assets. For the most part the shops have remained individual. Chain stores have not yet robbed the village of its difference from the Xeroxed American town. The town's population today stands at 958 year-round residents with 15,000–20,000 summer guests and 387 businesses.

Since its creation in 1875, the demographic mixture of Highlands has been remarkably unique. Founded by hardy pioneers from all over the nation, sober industrious tradesmen from the North, Scotch-Irish laborers and craftsmen from the surrounding mountains and valleys, and wealthy aristocratic planters and professionals from the South, the town has served as a cultural center for well-known artists, musicians, actors, authors, photographers, scholars, and scientists who have thrived in its natural setting.

The result is a town too cosmopolitan to be provincial, too broadly based to be singular in attitude and perspective, too enamored of its natural surroundings to be totally indifferent to them, and just isolated enough and small enough to be anxious about the benefits and setbacks of growth and development.



2011 Calendar of Events

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April

- 24 Easter Brunch at Madison's Restaurant
- 29 May 1 - Wine and Dine on The Mountain with Thomas Arvid Painting Live Madison's
- 29 Bluegrass and Blue Jeans Wine Dinner at The Farm
- 30 Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro

May

- 1 Jazz, Wine, Art & Brunch at Madison's Restaurant
- 8 Mother's Day Brunch at Madison's Restaurant
- 12-14 Highlands First Annual Three River Fly Fishing Tournament. www.highlandsthreeriver.com
- 19 -21 Collective Spirits, 2011 Wine & Food Festival, The Bascom
- 29-30 Village Square Arts and Craft Show

June

- 11 Mountain Bear Festival, Highlands Civic Center
- 24-26 A Stroll In The Village, Highlands Historical Society

July

- 4 **4th of July Celebration Highlands Firework Festivities**
- 7-10 Mountains in Bloom Garden and Flower Festival, The Bascom
- 7 September 25, Frank Stella: American Master, Exhibition at The Bascom
- 15-16 Good Earth Pottery Signing, The Hen House
- 16 Fourth Annual Highlands Motoring Festival

August

- 1-31 Frank Stella: American Master, Exhibition at The Bascom

September

- 1-25 Frank Stella: American Master, Exhibition at The Bascom,
- 3-4 Village Square Arts and Craft Show
- 30-October 1- Celebration! Art, Design, Craft, The Bascom

October

- 8 Highlands Own Craft Show, Highlands Civic Center
- Old Edwards Oktoberfest Celebration

November

- 10-13 **Highlands 5th Annual Culinary Weekend**
- 12 Giving Trees reception and Nog Off tasting, The Bascom
- 24 Thanksgiving Dinner at Madison's Restaurant
- 25-26 Artists' Marketplace, The Bascom,
- 26 Complimentary Wine Tasting in Inn Lobby, Old Edwards Inn
- 26 **Highlands Annual Christmas Tree Lighting***

December

- 3 **Highlands Olde Mountain Christmas Parade***
- 3, 10, 17 - Complimentary Wine Tasting in Inn Lobby Old Edwards Inn
- 25 Christmas Dinner in Madison's Restaurant
- 31 New Year's Eve Celebration at Old Edwards
- 31 New Year's Eve Dinner at Madison's Restaurant

Highlands Cashiers Players

Leading Ladies

May 12-15, 19-22, 2011

Show times:

Evenings 7:30 pm, Sundays 2:30 pm
All performances will be presented at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center

Highlands Playhouse

828-526-2695

Suds

June 16- July 10

The Rockin 60's Musical Soap Opera

Harvey

July 14-July 23

Always Patsy Cline

July 28-August 21

Hear What's in the Heart

September 30 thru October 7

Highlands Plateau Audubon Society

Programs are held at the Highlands Civic Center.

Join us at 7:00 p.m. for conversation & refreshments, with the program beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Programs

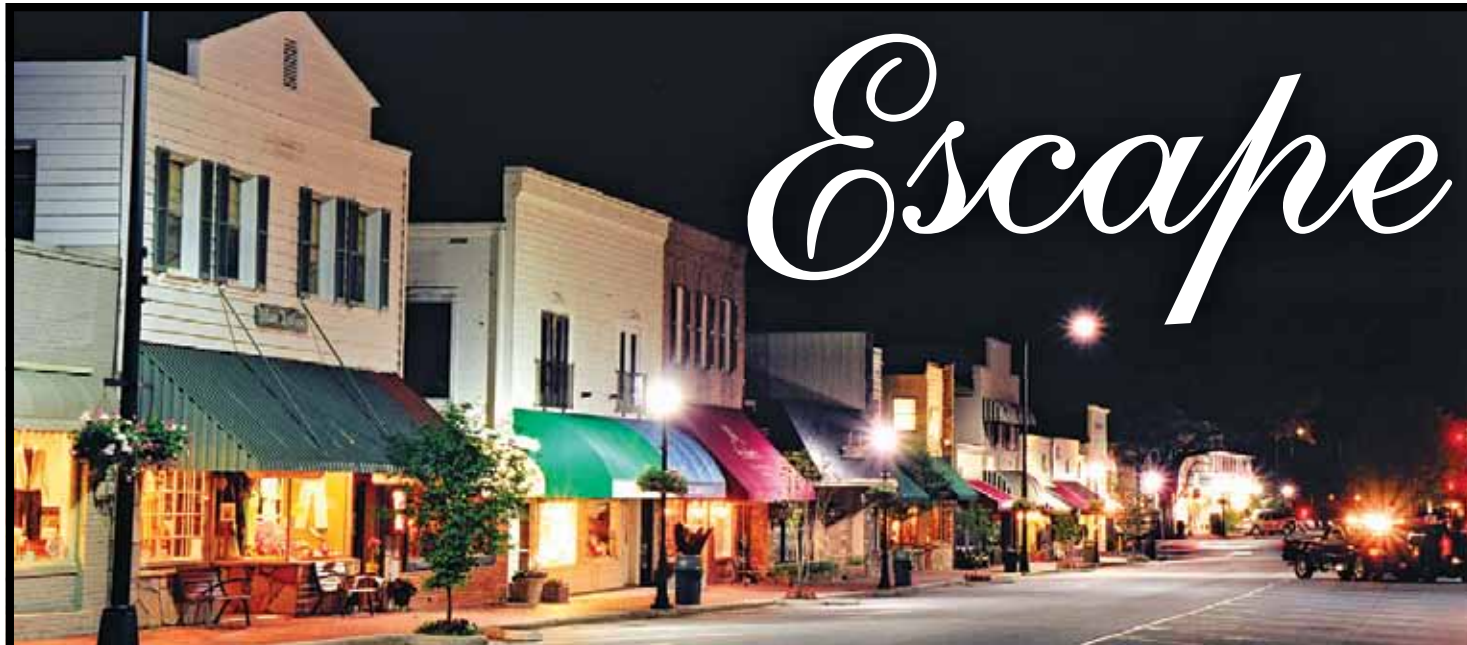
- May 19-22 Audubon NC annual meeting - Blowing Rock, NC
- June 13 Potluck supper, annual meeting and program by Curtis Smalling, Audubon NC biologist
- June 16 Owl Prowl at The Highlands Nature Center
- July 11 Colorful Birds of the World by David Redfield
- July 15-16 Mountain Wildlife Days - Sapphire Valley
- August 8 Program to be announced
- August 14 Annual Picnic - 5:00 p.m. - Place to be announced
- Sep. 12 Program to be announced
- October Doris Mager, The Eagle Lady, time and place to be announced

Field Trips

- Meet in the Parking Lot next to the Highlands Town Hall at 7:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted). We will carpool to the various areas.
- April 3-7 Dauphin Island, AL
- May 7 Lonesome Valley in Cashiers
- May 26 Turtle Pond Area
- June 4 Birding hotspots around Highlands
- June 14 Birding around Highlands with Audubon NC biologist Curtis Smalling
- Sep. 17 Highlands Biological Station and Sunset Rock for fall migrants
- Sep. 20 Highlands School for Chimney Swift roosting spectacle. Meet at the Town Hall parking lot at 7:15 p.m.
- Sep. 22 Blue Ridge Parkway for fall migrants (rain date on the 24th) Meet at 7:00 a.m.
- Dec. 16 Christmas Bird Count

***Highlands Chamber of Commerce Sponsored Events**





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Driving Directions

From Atlanta, GA

Driving time approximately 2.5 hours.
Take I-85 North (toward Greenville, SC)

To I 985 toward Gainesville, GA where it becomes GA 365, continue on GA 365 as it changes to 441 North Go through Tallulah Falls, Clayton and Mountain City to Dillard, GA. At the traffic light in Dillard take right onto GA 246 that becomes NC 106 (At this point you are about a beautiful 20 minute drive to Highlands). Proceed up GA 246/NC 106 to you enter Highlands. At Main Street you will see the first traffic light by the Exxon Station-take a right and proceed to next traffic light.

From Greenville, SC

(Travel time approximately 2 hours)

Take 276 North to Scenic Highway 11 about four miles from bridge over Lake Keowee turn right onto Rt. 130 towards Cashiers & Whitewater Falls, Follow 130 to Route 107 N, turn right on hwy and proceed to traffic light at the intersection of 107 & 64 in Cashiers. Turn left onto 64 West and travel about 12 miles on 64 into Highlands

If you are comfortable with reading maps and back roads, a shorter way from downtown Greenville. Take roads to Pickens on Route 183. From 183 turn right on Hwy 133 past Pickens and proceed to Scenic Hwy 11. Take left hand turn, cross Lake Keowee bridge and proceed to Route 130 about four miles ahead on your right. Follow 130 toward Cashiers to NC 107. Take right on 107 to intersection at crossroads in Cashiers. Take left onto 64 West to Highlands.

From Asheville, NC

(The Scenic Route from Asheville)

Scenic Route via Brevard and Cashiers on Highway 64

Approximately 1.5-2 hours depending on traffic

From Asheville take I 26 toward Greenville, get off at Airport Exit. At Exit take right turn onto 280 South, pass airport on right, continue on 280 South to Brevard, continue to 64 West through Brevard, Follow 64 West through Cashiers to Highlands.

Faster Route from Asheville

Approximately 1.5 hours

Take I- 40 West to route 23/74 W towards Waynesville. Take 23/74W to 23/441 towards Dillsboro, Sylva and Franklin. At Franklin stay on the by-pass, look for Highlands exit 64E towards Highlands. Turn left and follow 64 East through the Cullasaja Gorge, a curvy but beautiful road through the mountains.

Scenic Route From Knoxville, TN.

“Arriving from Knoxville through Smoky Mtn. National Park and Gatlinburg”

Travel time 3.5 hours via route 411

I-40 East to 66 South, 66 South will turn into 321/441, in Gatlinburg, take 441 S (towards and through Cherokee) to 74 E, from 74 E take 23/441 towards Dillsboro and into Franklin-stay on bypass. Just past Wal-Mart on left look for exit ramp to 64 E to Highlands.

Quickest Route From Knoxville, TN.

Travel time 2.5 hours

Take I-40 East into North Carolina towards Waynesville. Take 23/441 towards Dillsboro, Sylva and Franklin. Stay on by-pass in Franklin. Just past Wal-Mart on left, look for right hand side exit ramp to 64 E to Highlands. Take a left on 64 E.

Highlands Area Churches

Community Bible Church
828-526-4685

Episcopal Church of Incarnation
828-526-2968

First Baptist Church
828-526-4153

First Presbyterian Church
828-526-3175

Highlands Assembly of God
828-369-7801

Highlands Seventh Day Adventist Church
828-526-9474

Highlands United Methodist Church
828-526-3376

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Roman Catholic Church
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Highlands' Shopping Map Key

ANTIQUES

- 1 CK Swan (Main St.)
- 2 Elephant's Foot (N 4th St.)
- 3 Fletcher & Lee (N 4th St.)
- 4 Julianna's (Main St.)
- 5 Mirror Lake Antiques (S 4th)
- 7 Scudders' Galleries (Main St.)

APPAREL & ACCESSORIES

- 1 Alyxandra's (Church St.)
- 2 Annawear (Main St.)
- 3 Bags on Main (Main St.)
- 4 Bear Mtn. Outfitters (Main St.)
- 5 Cabin Casuals (Main St.)
- 7 Desire (Main St.)
- 8 Elevation (Main St.)
- 9 Highland Hiker (Main St.)
- 10 Highlands Kids (Main St.)
- 12 Jolies (Main St.)
- 13 Lola's (N 4th St.)
- 14 LuLu Bleu (Main St.)
- 15 Martha Anne's (S 4th St.)
- 16 McCulley's (S 4th St.)
- 18 Nancy's Fancies
- 19 The Exchange (Main St.)
- 20 Potpourri (Main St.)
- 21 Rosenthals (Main St.)
- 22 Sissi's Boutique (Main St.)
- 23 Spoiled Rotten (Main St.)
- 24 Suzette's Boutique (Main St.)
- 25 TJ Bailey (Main St.)
- 26 Vivace (S 4th St.)
- 27 Wit's End (Main St.)
- 28 Xtreme Threads (Main St.)
- 4th Street Boutique (S 4th St.)

To the 9s (Main St.)

ART GALLERIES

- 1 Ann Jacob Gallery (Main St.)
- 2 The Bascom (Main St.)
- 3 Bryant Art Glass (Main St.)
- 4 Corey James Gallery (3rd St.)
- 5 Greenleaf Gallery (S. 4th)
- 6 John Collette (Main St.)
- 7 Mill Creek Gallery (5th St.)
- 8 Peak Experience (Hwy. 106)
- 9 Robin Piscitelli Tree
- 11 Turnings (Main St.)
- 12 Tin Roof Studio (Hwy. 106)
- 13 TJB Gallery (Main St.)
- 13 Highlands Gallery (N 4th St.)

FLORAL & NURSERIES

- 1 Cospers Flowers (Highlands Plz)
- 2 Gates Nursery (Main St.)
- 3 Little Flower Shoppe (Main St.)
- 4 Oakleaf (S 4th St.)

FOOD & WINE

- 1 Bryson's (Highlands Plz)
- 3 Colonel Mustard's (Main St.)
- 4 Highlands Wine Cellar & Cigars Plus (N 4th St.)
- 6 Kilwins (Main St.)
- 7 Mountain Fresh (Main St.)

GIFTS & SPECIALTIES

- 1 Bird Barn (Main St.)
- 2 Christmas Cottage (Main St.)
- 3 Christmas Tree (S 4th St.)
- 5 The Dry Sink (Main St.)
- 7 Needlenoint (5th St.)

Shakespeare & Co. (5th St.)

- 9 Shakespeare & Co. (5th St.)
- 10 The Speckled Hen (Main St.)
- 11 The Total Picture (Carolina Way)
- 12 The Toy Store (Main St.)
- 13 Whiskers (Main St.)
- 14 Whole Life Supply (N 4th St.)

HOME DECOR

- 1 Acorn's (Main St.)
- 2 Brier Patch (N 4th St.)
- 3 Custom House (Carolina Way)
- 4 Dutchman's Designs (Main)
- 5 Highlands Emporium (Main)
- 6 Mountain Heritage (Main St.)
- 7 Mountain Rarities (Main St.)
- 9 Reeves Hardware (Main St.)
- 10 Shiraz Oriental Rugs (Main St.)
- 11 The Summer House (Hwy. 106)

JEWELRY

- 1 Drake's Diamond Gallery (2nd St.)
- 2 East & West (Main St.)
- 3 Gold-n-Clipper (Main St.)
- 4 Highlands Fine Art & Estate Jewelry (Main St.)
- 5 Highlands Gem Shop (S 4th)
- 6 Kent Ltd. (Main St.)
- 7 Silver Eagle (Main St.)
- 8 Stone Lantern (Main St.)
- 9 TA Anderson (Wright Sq.)

PHARMACIES

- 1 Highlands Pharmacy (Wright Sq.)
- 2 Main Street Pharmacy (Main)



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BIRDING IN HIGHLANDS

Highlands is a special place to go birding. Its main natural feature is its elevation at around 4,000 feet with mountain tops rising to around 4,600 feet. This elevation creates an ecosystem that is more similar to southern Canada than to what you would expect in the southeastern United States. This habitat is home to unique species of animals, plants and birds that are not found at lower elevations. Several species of birds such as the Red-breasted Nuthatch, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Golden-crowned Kinglet regularly nest and breed in Highlands and are not usually found breeding just 20 miles to the South. Over 160 species of birds use the Highlands area regularly for breeding, wintering or spring and fall migration.

The Audubon Society and has designated the Highlands Plateau an Important Bird Area which means it has habitat important to the survival of several species of birds. The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society has programs and field trips where you can learn about the birds of Highlands and learn where to find them. If you want to find birds on your own there is an excellent new publication 'The North Carolina Birding Trail, Mountain Trail Guide'.

The first place to start birding in Highlands would be the Highlands Nature Center, Botanical Garden and Sunset Rock Trail. Common species found in this area are the Blue-headed Vireo, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Black-throated Blue Warbler and the Canada Warbler to name a few. For the more adventuresome, head to Whiteside Mountain and walk the trail to the top. In the spring, Peregrine Falcons nest on the steep rock face. Many species of birds are found in the mature mixed hardwood forest of the Ranger Falls Trail that can be accessed from Cliffside Lake or from the old ranger station on Flat Mountain Road. Finally, drive Rich Gap Road stopping occasionally to look and listen for a rich variety of species including the Scarlet Tanager, Worm-eating Warbler and Ovenbird. At the beginning of Rich Gap Road in Horse Cove don't miss the Padgett Poplar Tree Trail and the third largest Tulip Poplar tree in the United States. This is a good place to see the Black-throated Green Warbler.



Fly Fishing



Fly fish for Brown, Rainbow and Wild Brook Trout with local guides familiar with the area's water. Explore rivers such as the Nantahala, Tuckasegee, Cullasaja, Chattooga, White Water and Panther Town Valley. Learn how to read water, spot fish, and choose the right fly pattern. Trips include: Use of all necessary gear, (Fly Rod, Reel, Waders, and Shoes) and a wholesome picnic lunch. Availability: Two-week advance reservation is suggested. A deposit of \$100 will reserve your space. FYI: We practice catch and release as a conservation tool. Two hour fly casting lesson for one or two people. Please visit our full service fly shops and/or web site and check out our local stream report. www.highlandhiker.com or (828) 526-5298.

CHATTOOGA RIVER

The upper Chattooga River above the Iron Bridge on Bull Pen Road is an easily accessible native trout stream. The stream can be accessed by a trail beginning at the Iron Bridge and continuing along the river for approximately 2 miles up stream. Caution should always be used in wading this stream due to numerous deep holes and an abundance of boulders and shelf rocks. The Chattooga holds a good population of both Brown and Rainbow trout. As a native trout stream, regulations require single hook artificial lures only and four fish, seven inch minimum limit.

Directions: To get to the Chattooga River at the Iron Bridge, you will pass through a beautiful hidden valley nestled between the mountains. The road is very windy so care must be taken while driving. Take Main Street, becomes Horse Cove Road, approximately 4 miles. Here, the pavement ends and two gravel roads split. Take the right fork to get on Bull Pen Road. From here, it is approximately 3 miles to the parking area at the Iron Bridge.

DAVIDSON RIVER

The Davidson River is located in the Pisgah National Forest north of Brevard. The fishing along the Davidson River and its tributaries is excellent. From Cashiers drive east on Highway 64 approximately 29 miles to Brevard. Continue through Brevard on Highway 64 to Highway 276 north, approximately 3.4 miles. Turn left onto Highway 276 and enter the Pisgah National Forest. The Davidson River parallels the left side of the road for approximately 3 miles

NANTAHALA RIVER

The Nantahala is a freestone river that is 52 miles from highlands. It is stocked with Brook, Brown, and Rainbow with Brown and Rainbows holding onto the stream born population. This is classic trout water full of runs, pools, and pocket water, which is great for the beginning fly angler to learn to read water. Nantahala also has wonderful hatches of both mayfly and caddis offering anglers great dry fly fishing in the Spring and Fall.

Directions: From Highlands take Highway 64 west to Franklin and turn left on Highway 441 south/64 west. Take Highway 64 west for 6 miles until you get to Old Murphy Road (across from Baptist Church) and turn right. Go down Old Murphy Road for 100 yards until you get to a small gas station then turn left on Wayah Road. Follow Wayah Road over the mountain and down the other side past Nantahala Lake until the road comes in contact with the river. There is a delayed harvest section of the river from October 1st through June 1st but it is on hatchery regulations the rest of the year.

REG'S- WILD TROUT

Trout- Brown, Rainbow, stocked and wild Access- Chattooga Loop Trail takes you toward the headwaters- downstream of bridge 2 spots. Steep drop on down streamside 1/2 mile down the road from bridge then steep drop to river. Caution- steep drop off going to the river can be covered with leaves (watch out with felt bottoms). *High water- some areas are unfishable on this river, caution should be used at all times due to potholes and shelf rock.

TUCKASEEGEE RIVER

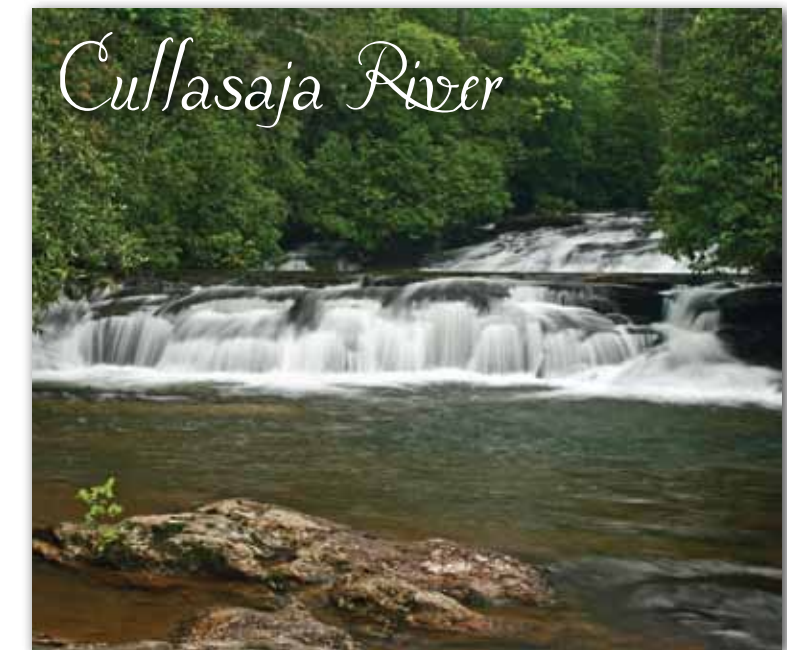
The Tuckasegee or "Tuck" is the largest river in the Highlands-Cashiers area. This is a dam controlled river with power generation dams located on the east and west forks of the river upstream of the "delayed harvest" section. From October 1st until June 1st, the 6-mile section from Western Carolina University to Highway 441 in Dillsboro is super stocked with large hatchery fish. During this period the regulations are catch and release only. During early Spring, 30 to 40 fish days are not unusual. From June 1st to October 1st normal general trout water regulations prevail allowing anglers to keep 7 fish any size and quantities of fish decline rather quickly. Use caution as water levels may change at any time. For flow schedules, call Nantahala Power Company- Tuckasegee Flow at (866) 332-5253. From Highlands, take Highway 64 west toward Franklin 18 miles. Turn right on 441 north to bridge over Tuckasegee at Dillsboro. Take 1st right past bridge on River Road.

WHITewater RIVER

The Whitewater River above the Highway 281 bridge is accessible by several fishermen paths. The paths start out well defined but disappear quickly. From Cashiers take Highway 107 south, go past the South Carolina State border. Approximately 9 1/4 miles south of Cashiers, 1 mile past the state line, you will come to Wigington Road (SC 413) . There are several signs at the intersection. They read "Whitewater Falls 3 Mi.", "To Salem", "To SC 103". Turn left onto Wigington Road and drive 2 1/4 miles to the stop sign at SC 130. Turn left and drive 2.0 miles to the bridge over the Whitewater River, approximately 0.8 miles past entrance to Whitewater Falls. Park your vehicle at the bridge, there are pull-offs on both sides of the bridge. From the bridge follow the fishermen trails down to the river. Once at the river pick your way up river until you find a spot that suits you.

CULLASAJA RIVER

The Cullasaja runs between Highlands and Franklin on highway 64 west. It is a beautiful and scenic river full of waterfalls, deep pools, and slow glassy runs. The river is stocked with Brook, Brown, and Rainbow trout, but Browns and Rainbows seem to be the majority of the stream born population. The area between Turtle Pond Bridge (approximately 5 miles from Highlands) and Gold Mine Bridge (approximately 8 miles from Highlands) offers numerous pull-offs with easy access to the river. Across the road from Turtle Pond Bridge is Cliffside Lake. Stocked trout can be taken by bait, spinner, or fly for a small usage fee. The Cullasaja should be waded in extreme caution around waterfalls and during high water times. Directions: From Highlands take Highway 64 west toward Franklin.





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Waterfalls

GLEN FALLS: Drive 1.7 miles on NC 106 to sign for the falls. Turn left, then immediately right onto a dirt road. Drive 1.1 miles to where the road dead-ends at a parking area. Glen Falls is composed of 3 falls dropping 640 feet. The foot trail descends some 700 feet in one mile. The walk down is easy, but the walk back up is fairly steep.

DRY FALLS: Drive 3.25 miles on US 64 West to the parking area on left. A pleasant walk down stone steps leads to a path that goes behind the waterfall. Here the Cullasaja River projects over a cliff, allowing one to walk behind the falls without getting wet, hence the name.

BUST YOUR BUTT: Drive 6 miles on US 64 West to pull over on right or left. This is a popular swimming hole. For the brave, one can jump off a boulder into the Cullasaja River.

BRIDAL VEIL FALLS: This small, picturesque fall cascades over old 64 West 2.45 miles from town.

CULLASAJA FALLS: Drive 8.75 miles from town on US 64 West to a pull over on the left side of the road. It is strongly advised that you drive beyond the pull-off, turn around at a safe place, and retrace your route.

Cliffside Lake Recreational

Take US 64 West 4.5 miles, turn right at sign and drive 1.5 miles. There are several hiking trails and picnic tables with grills. Also a lake for swimming and fishing (NC Fishing w/trout stamp) Fee area, day use only

LOOP TRAIL: Easy 0.75 walk around the lake.

VISTA TRAIL: The trailhead is located before the entrance to the lake on the left, watch for sign and park in this area. The first 1/2 mile climbs 480 ft. to a gazebo and trail junction. The right trail makes a quick descent to the road, the trail straight ahead continues across the mountain and returns to the road in 1 mile.

Bartram Trail

The Bartram Trail runs from Oconee State Park in SC through GA and NC to the Great Smokies. Marked with yellow blazes.

SCALY MOUNTAIN: Take Hwy. 106, 5.7 miles to the Osago Mtn. Vista, park at the overlook. The trail starts across the road, the length is 1.5 miles each way and the climb is over 1000 feet. After quiet a climb, the trail levels off and comes to an intersection. The Bartram with yellow blazes, continues up to Scaly summit. The spur trail on right with blue blazes leads to trailhead at Hickory Knut Gap.

HICKORY KNUT GAP: Take Hwy. 106, 4 miles to Turtle Pond Road and turn right. Take a left on Hickory Knut Gap Road. Drive 0.9 miles to trail, which

is a Forest Service Road on the left. Park on the right, and walk road 0.28 miles then the trail leaves the road sharply to the right. Follow the blue blazes to the junction with Bartram and continue to Scaly summit or beyond.

JONES KNOB: Take US 64 West, to Turtle Pond Rd. Go 1.1 miles to intersection and continue to the right on Dendy Orchard Rd. for 1.4 miles to top of hill. Turn left on Jones Gap Rd. and continue for 2 miles to parking area. An old road-bed leads right to a wildlife management field. At the far end of the field yellow blazes mark Bartram to the right and blue blazes mark the Jones Knob spur trail to left. Follow blue blazed trail for .03 miles to a delightful mountaintop view.

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YELLOW/SHORTOFF MOUNTAIN: To reach the trail head, take 64 East from Highlands three miles and turn left onto Buck Creek Road. Follow Buck Creek Road 2.3 miles. The trail will be on the right. Destination of this hike is a spectacular panoramic vista scene from the top of Yellow Mountain. Length: 4.8 miles one way, allow for a full day. Difficulty: Strenuous

WHITESIDE MOUNTAIN: This landmark along the eastern continental divide, is 6 miles from town on US 64 East. Turn right at sign onto Whiteside Mtn. Road. Go 1 mile to a well marked parking area on the left. This is a fee area, there is a restroom located in parking area. The 2 mile loop trail climbs above sheer cliffs and offers outstanding views. Length: 2 mile loop • Difficulty: Moderate

WHITEWATER FALLS TRAIL: 0.6 miles (round trip). Trail head: Whitewater Falls parking lot. Features: Whitewater Falls is the highest in the Eastern US (441') and is an easy walk on a paved trail. Directions: Take Highway 64 East to Cashiers, turn right onto Highway 107 South for 9.3 miles. At the Whitewater Falls sign, turn left to SC 130. Continue 2.3 miles to stop sign and turn left onto Whitewater Road (SR 1171). Drive 1.1 miles to Whitewater Falls sign and turn right, the trail descends very steeply to the river. There is another overlook about 100' down the trail. To the left, the trail continues to the river and fords the river. There are numerous places for picnicking as well as shallow pools for wading and quick dips.



Horse Cove Road

THE CHATTOOGA LOOP TRAIL: Almost a 2-mile loop trail that begins to the left of the Iron Bridge. From Highlands proceed East on Main Street, becomes Horse Cove Road, for 4.5 mile to intersection with Bull Pen and Whiteside Cove Roads. Turn right onto Bull Pen Road (#1178 #1180) . Proceed for 5.4 miles to the Iron Bridge. The trail head is on the left just before bridge

SLICK ROCK TRAIL: 0.2 miles (round trip) Trail Head: Bull Pen Rd. take Horse Cove Rd. to end of pavement. Take right fork (Bull Pen Rd.) and continue 1 mile. On a sharp left curve look for a pull-off and a steep unmarked path on the right. The hike is short, but the summit offers an impressive view of the mountains.

THE NARROWS: 4 miles (round trip). Trail head: Whiteside Cove Road. Features: Chattooga River forced into a narrow channel, cascading river and swimming hole. Directions: ...turn left onto Whiteside Cove Road and drive 0.9 miles. The trail is on a logging road on the right and descends 2 miles to the Narrows. You will pass a trail to the right, which continues to Bull Pen Bridge on Horse Cove Road. Be sure to return the way you came.

ELLICOTT'S ROCK / BAD CREEK TRAILS: 7 miles each (round trip). Trail head: Bull Pen Road. Features: Ellicott's Rock is a rock embedded in the Chattooga River bank bearing the letters NC, carved by surveyor Andrew Ellicott. He thought this to be the intersection of GA, NC & SC. The actual point of the intersection is Commissioners Rock, bearing the symbol NC/SC 1813, 10 feet downstream. Directions: ...take the right fork, Bull Pen Road. Ellicott's Rock trail starts at 6 miles, the Bad Creek trail starts at 10 miles. Both drop steeply down from opposite sides of the river near Ellicott's Rock (left bank looking down stream) and continue down river.

LITTLE SLIDING ROCK: Take Horse Cove Road to the end of pavement. Take the left (Whiteside Cove Road) for approx. 5 miles, then start looking for parking off the road. Stop along the way to see "World's Smallest Post Office".

Highway 64 West & 106

SUNSET ROCK: Take Main Street .5 mile east to Nature Center on left and park on gravel on right. Sunset Rock is an ideal choice for a late afternoon stroll, it is a short 1/2 mile walk to the top. Beautiful sunsets can be seen over the town, while you sit on a natural amphitheatre on slabs of granite. Length: 0.6 miles • Difficulty: Easy

CHINQUAPIN MOUNTAIN: 3.2 miles (round trip) Trail Head: Glen Falls parking area, the trail begins to the right. A moderate walk, the trail crosses a stream many times. Then a mile long series of switch backs leads to the top. Length: 1.5 miles • Difficulty: Moderate

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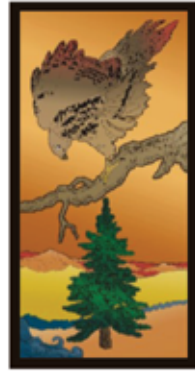
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| Tuesday, July 26 "A program for kids and kids at heart" | Tuesday, August 23 "Understanding The Black Bear" |

Tuesday, August 23
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July

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Flowering Raspberry • Hercules Club • Indian Pipe • Jewel-weed
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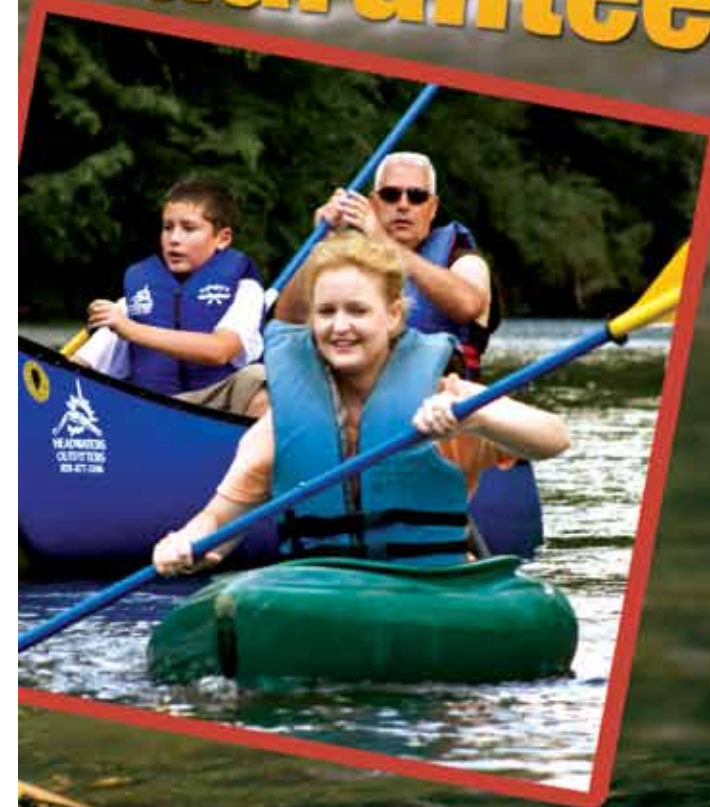
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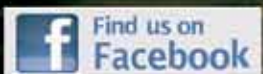
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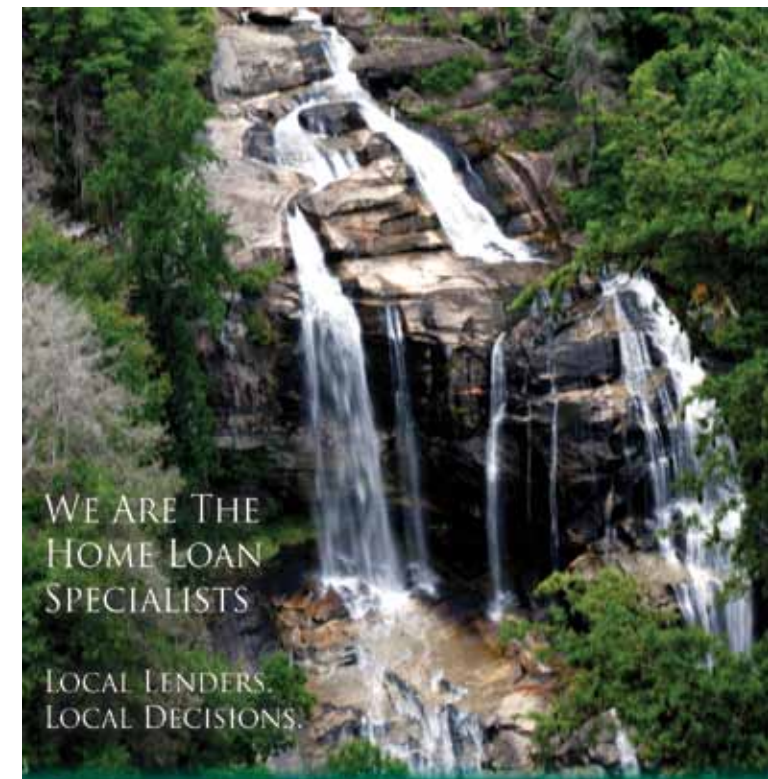
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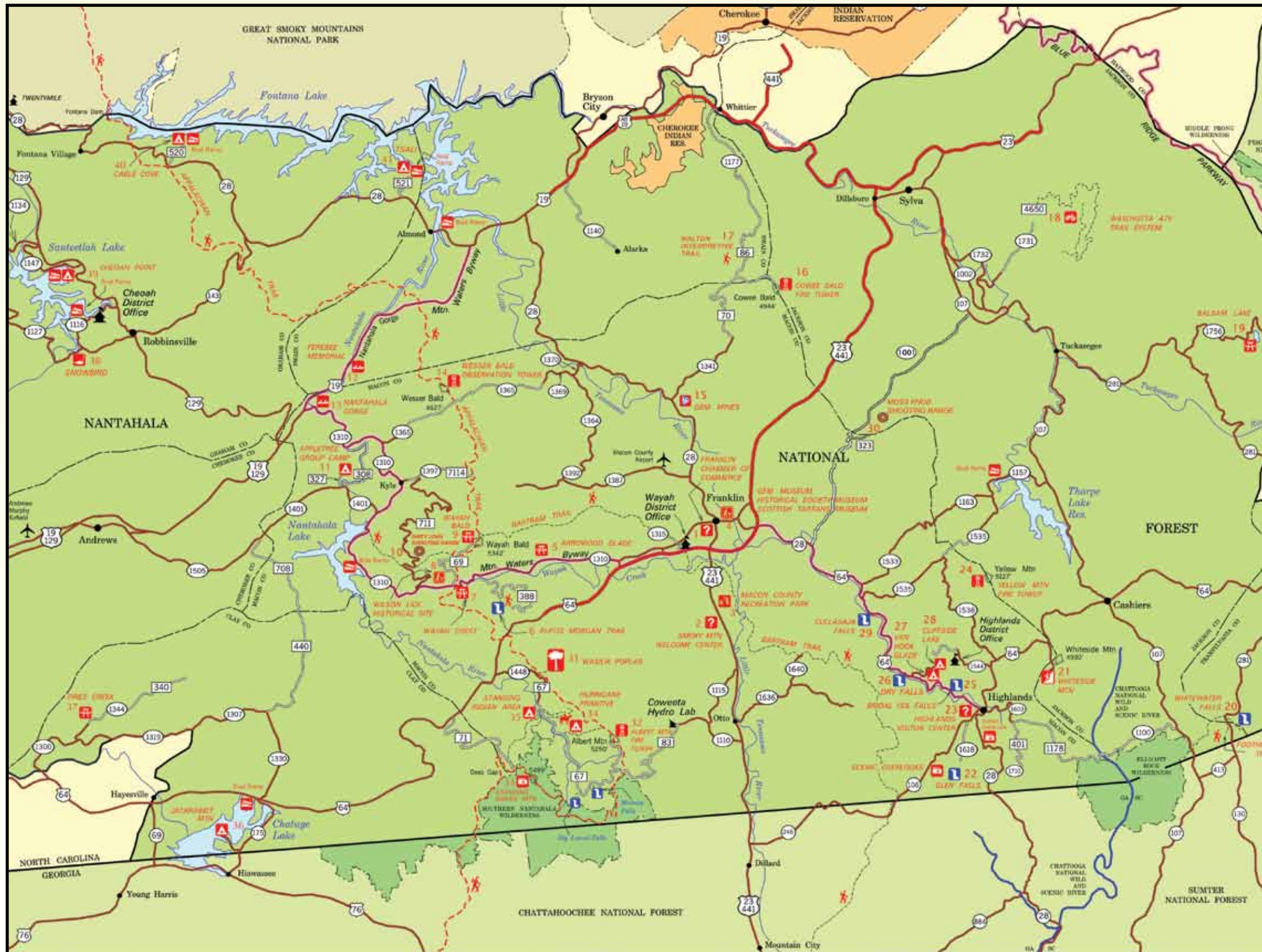
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| | Nantahala National Forest | | Camping | | Information |
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| | District Ranger Office | | Rock Climbing | | Restrooms |
| | Other Forest Service Facility | | Playground | | Swimming |
| | U.S. Highway | | Hiking | | Showers |
| | State Road | | Horse Trail | | Handicap Accessible |
| | Forest Road | | ATV Trail | | Trailer Space |
| | Road numbers by be posted vertically on a sign. | | Boat Ramp | | Trailer Dump Station |
| | | | Canoeing/Rafting | | Drinking Water |
| | | | Fishing | | Amphitheater |
| | | | Waterfalls | | Fee Required |
| | | | Fire Tower | | |
| | | | Scenic Views | | |
| | | | Point of Interest | | |

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| 2 - SMH Welcome Center | ? ? ? | Welcome Center |
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| 4 - Franklin Museums | ?? | Downtown Franklin |
| 5 - Arrowwood Glade | ?? ? ? | Swimming Pool at LBJ |
| 6 - Rufus Morgan Trail | ? | Waterfall |
| 7 - Wayah Crest | ?? | Appalachian Trail Nearby |
| 8 - Wilson/Lick Historic Site | ?? | Historical Site |
| 9 - Wayah Bald | ?? ? ? ? | Scenic Overlook |
| 10 - Dirty John Shooting Range | ? | Shooting Range |
| 11 - Appletree Group Camp | ?? ? ? | Groups by Reservation only |
| 12 - Ferebee Mem. Rec. Area | ?? ? ? ? | Limited Picnicking |
| 13 - Nantahala Gorge | ?? ? ? ? | Rafting and Kayaking |
| 14 - Wesser Bald Ob. Tower | ?? ? | Observation Tower |
| 15 - Gem Mines | ?? | Off NC28, US 441, US64 |
| 16 - Cowee Bald Fire Tower | ?? | Scenic View |
| 17 - Walton Interpretive Trail | ? | 1 Mile Trail through Spruce-Bog |
| 18 - Wayehutta ATV Trails | ?? | ATV Trail System |
| 19 - Balsam Lake | ?? ? ? ? | Accessible Trails and Fishing |
| 20 - Whitewater Falls | ?? ? ? ? | Highest Falls in the East |
| 21 - Whiteside Mountain | ?? ? ? ? | Two Mile Trail to Vista |
| 22 - Glen Falls | ?? | Three Waterfalls |
| 23 - Highlands Visitor Center | ? ? ? ? ? | Information / Exhibits |
| 24 - Yellow Mtn. Fire Tower | ?? | Fire Tower |
| 25 - Bridal Veil Falls | ?? | Drive Under the Falls |
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| 28 - Cliffside Lake | ?? ? ? ? ? ? | 2 Picnic Shelters by Reservation |
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| 33 - Standing Indian Campgd | ?? ? ? ? ? ? | On Kimsy Creek |
| 34 - Primitive Campground | ?? ? ? ? | No Water |
| 35 - Standing Indian Area | ?? | 5499' Elevation |
| 36 - Jackrabbit Mtn. Rec Area | ?? ? ? ? ? ? ? | Evening Programs in Season |
| 37 - Fires Creek | ?? ? ? ? | 30 Miles of Trails |
| 38 - Snowbird Picnic Area | ?? ? ? | On Snowbird Creek |
| 39 - Cheoah Point | ?? ? ? ? ? ? ? | On Santeetlah Lake |
| 40 - Cable Cove | ?? ? ? ? ? ? | Near Fontana Lake |
| 41 - Tsali Rec Area | ?? ? ? ? ? ? ? | Near Fontana Lake/Bike Trails |

Camping

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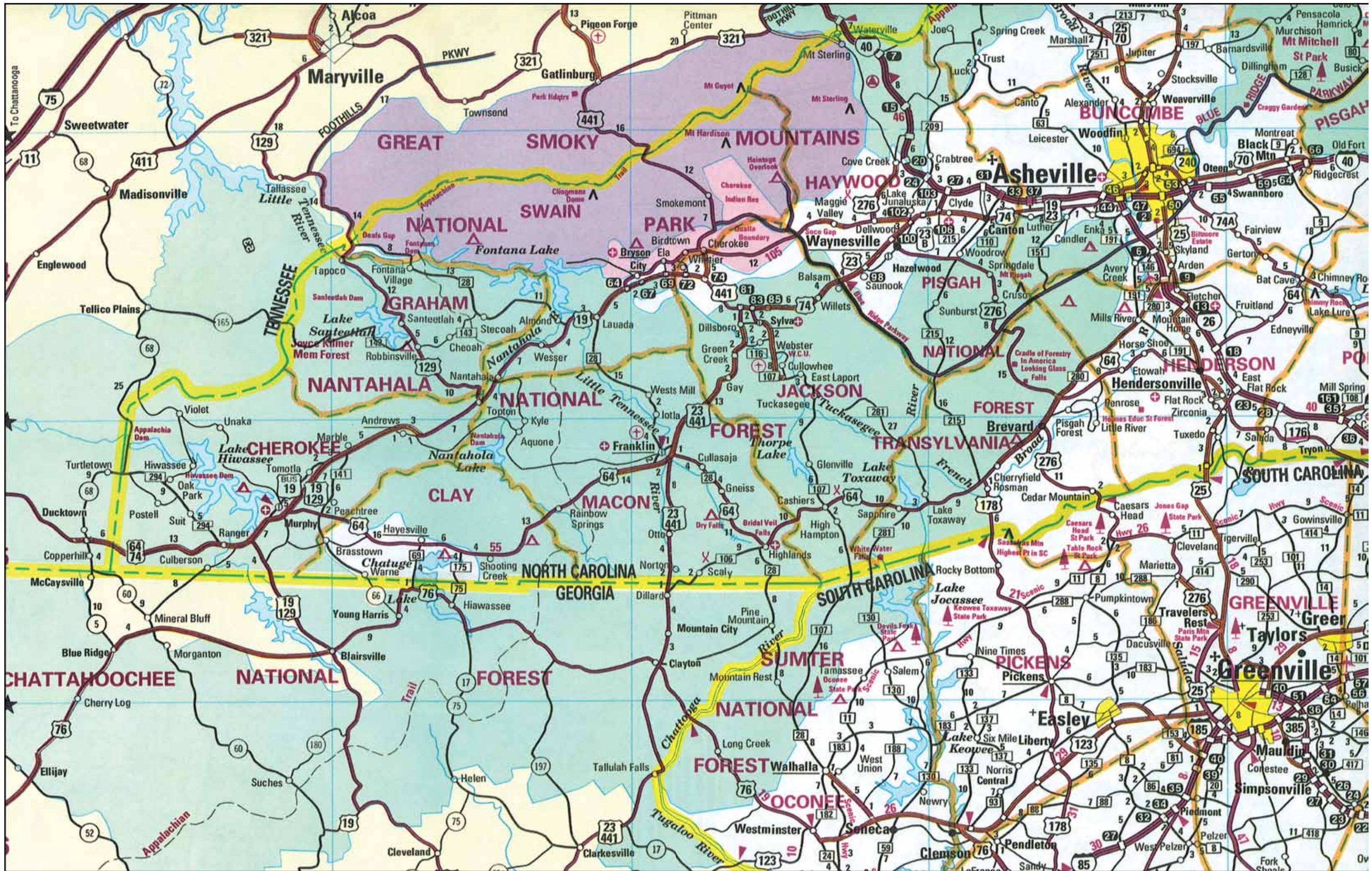
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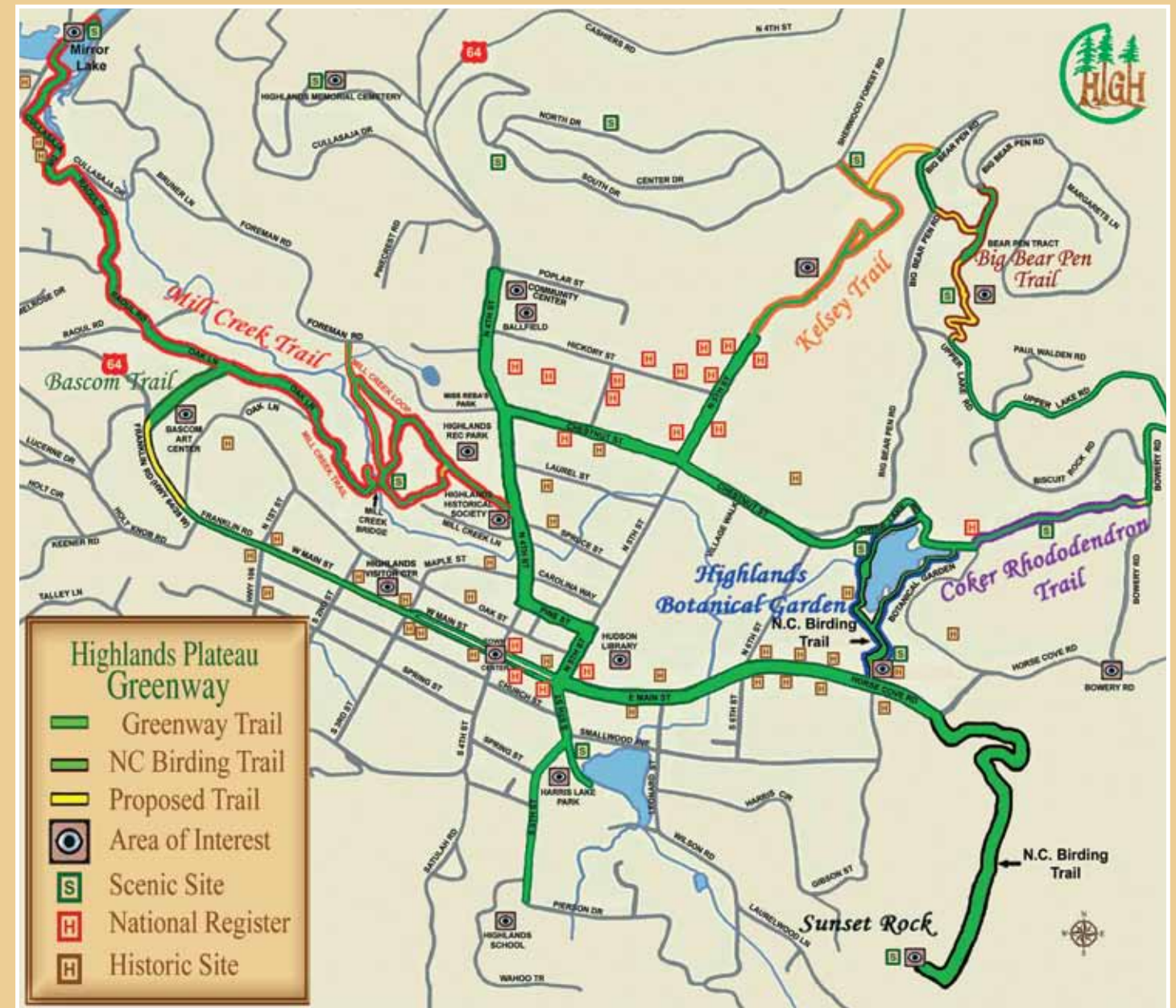
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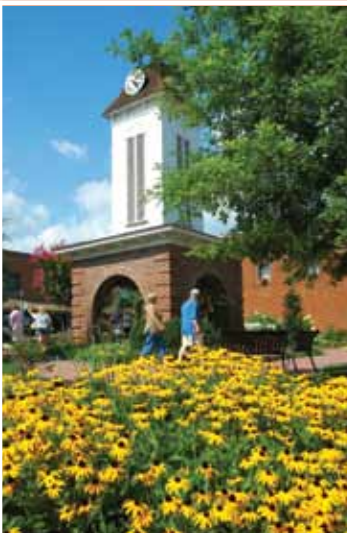
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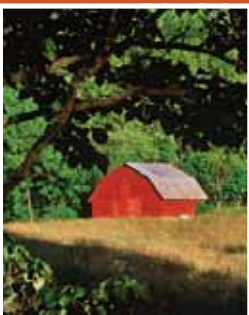
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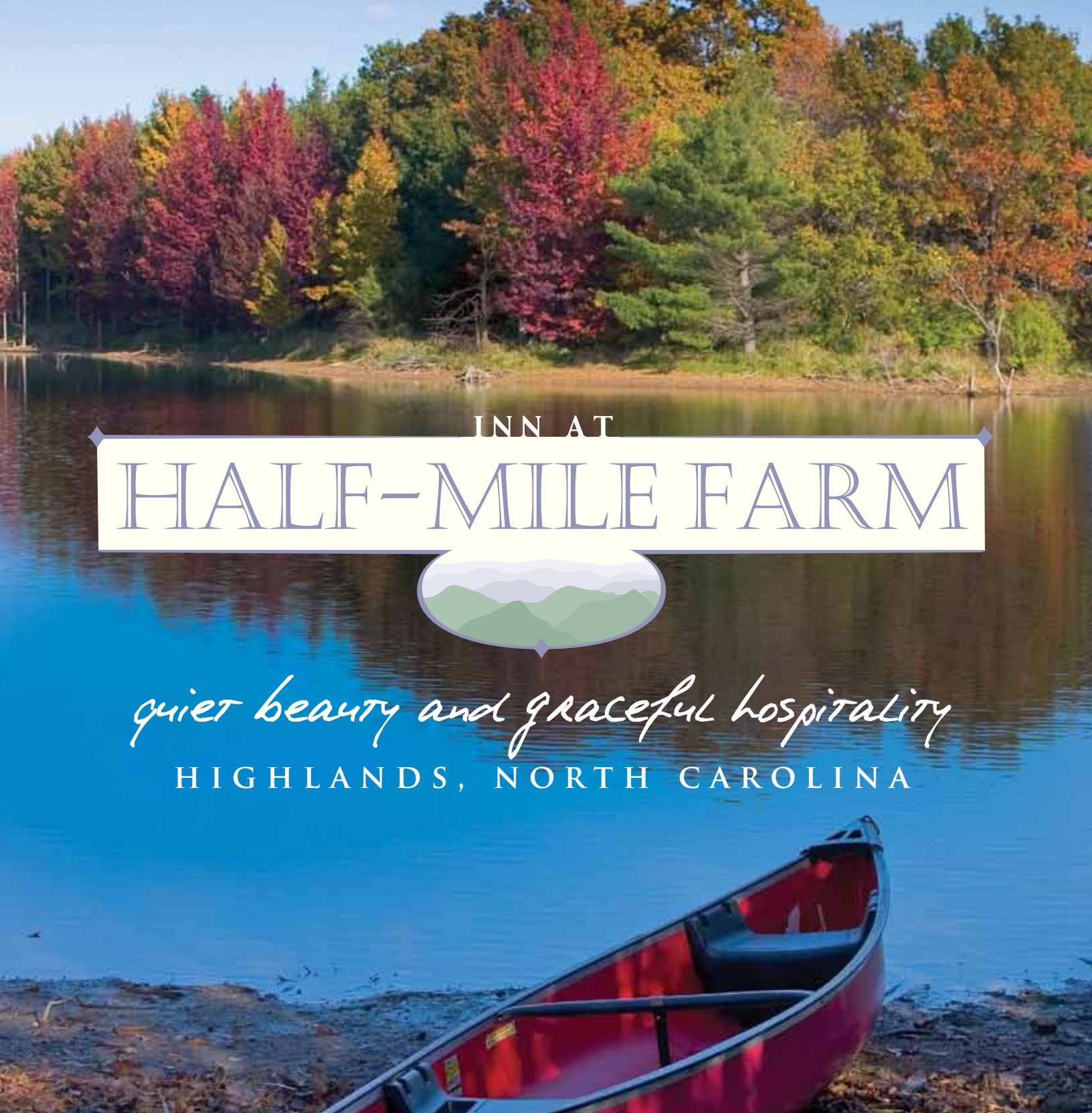
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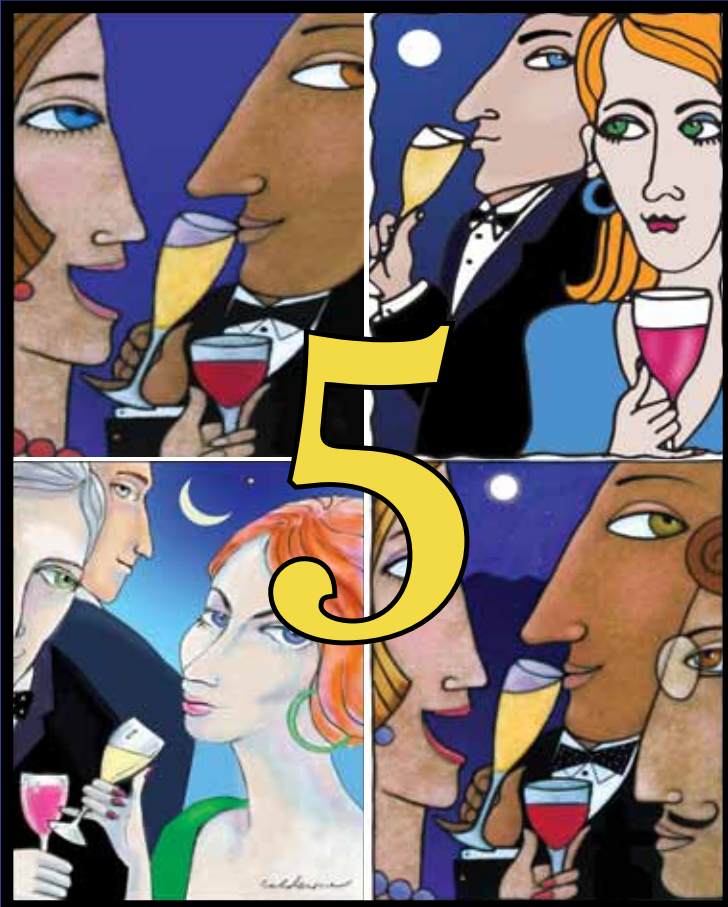
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