

FISHING ACCESS

for the Mountain Region of North Carolina



THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
DIVISION OF INLAND FISHERIES

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PUBLIC FISHING AREAS

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission develops public fishing areas that are open to the public at no cost. The Commission develops these sites through partnerships with local municipalities, state and federal agencies, and private land-owners. Sites range from well developed access areas with universally accessible boat ramps and piers, to areas with only gravel parking lots and an access trail leading to a river or pond.

COMMUNITY FISHING PROGRAM

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, in cooperation with local governments, operates Community Fishing Program (CFP) sites that are open to the public, generally with regular opening and closing hours. A daily harvest limit of six forked-tail catfish is established at all sites. Most CFP sites are located in city- or county-owned parks with restrooms and picnicking facilities, as well as other recreational opportunities, available. Many of these sites receive routine stockings of channel catfish and often have a universally accessible fishing pier.

TACKLE LOANER PROGRAM

Fishing equipment, usually rods and spin cast reels, can be borrowed or checked-out for free at many of the Community Fishing Program (CFP) sites and at other locations across the state. Anglers under age 16 receive free terminal tackle (including hooks, sinkers, bobbers, line and fish stringers) in a tackle box that they may keep. A few CFP and Tackle Loaner Program sites have adaptive fishing tackle, which accommodates a wide range of physical disabilities and includes rod harnesses and holders, left- and-right-handed fishing gloves, electric reels and casting devices.

N.C. ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Any angler who catches a fish meeting specific size requirements can apply to have the catch recognized as a trophy fish through the North Carolina Angler Recognition Program (NCARP). Qualification does not require harvesting the fish. This program provides recognition to anglers who catch trophy-sized fish that are not large enough to qualify as a state record fish. See the table on [page 47](#) for current NCARP minimum weight and length requirements. Youth age 15 and younger can apply for a Youth NCARP certificate for any of these fishes. Minimum length and weight requirements are waived.

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE TROUT WATERS PROGRAM

The Mountain Heritage Trout Waters program is a cooperative effort between the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and local governments to encourage trout fishing as a heritage tourism activity in western North Carolina cities that are designated as a “Mountain Heritage Trout Water City.” North Carolina residents and non-residents who want to fish in a stream that is designated as a Mountain Heritage Trout Water may purchase a 3-day license for \$5. The license is valid only for waters that are designated as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters.



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INTRODUCTION

Public waters in the Mountain Region of North Carolina provide good fishing for a wide variety of fish species, including largemouth and smallmouth bass, sunfish, striped bass, crappie, catfish, musky, and three species of trout.

The sites listed in this publication are found in the Mountain Region (see map on [pages 6,7](#)). Sites are listed alphabetically by county and then by water body. Sites include:

- Community Fishing Program sites developed through partnerships between the Commission and local municipalities and organizations.
- Public Fishing Areas developed through partnerships between the Commission and local municipalities, state and federal agencies, and private landowners.
- Boating Access Areas managed by the Commission, which provide free 24-hour access to boat ramps on more than 80 waterbodies in North Carolina.
- Other public access areas for fishing that are not affiliated with the Commission. These include sites operated by federal agencies, N.C. State Parks, municipalities, local organizations, etc.

While some areas include a small maintenance fee, as noted in the “More Info” section, the sites listed do not include for-profit entities, such as marinas.

Information for sites is broken down into a table that includes the following categories:

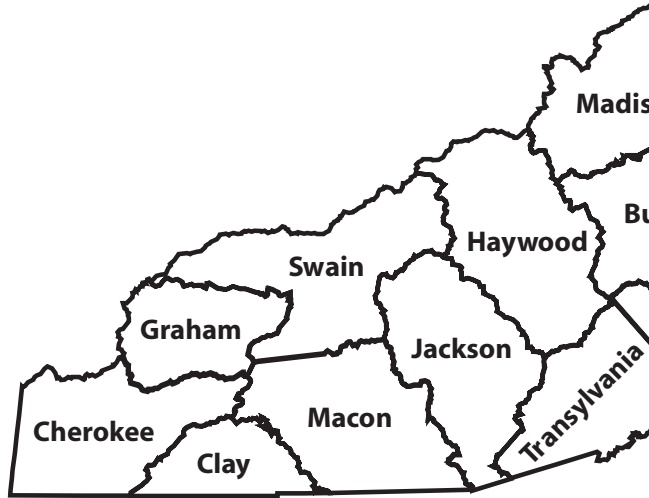
- Site name and the entity that owns or maintains the site;
- Directions;
- More Info, which includes universally accessible amenities (if applicable), loaner tackle (if applicable), type of access (boat, canoe, pier, shoreline), and fishery present.

Attention Anglers: Many of the sites in the booklet are located on private lands. Fishing is allowed at these areas because individual landowners and local organizations have generously provided access to the public for fishing. Show your appreciation for these opportunities by removing your trash, parking within designated parking areas, and being respectful of their property. Failure to do so could result in the closure of these access areas in the future.

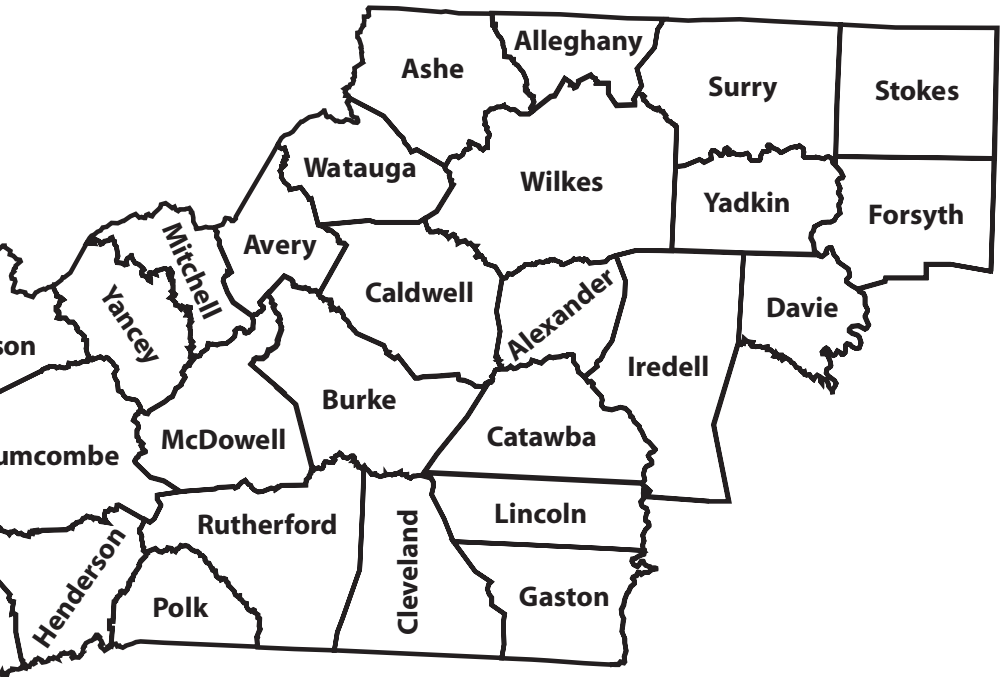
Additional Trout Fishing Information: Only fishing opportunities associated with specific access areas are listed in this publication. However, there are numerous waterbodies designated as Public Mountain Trout Waters that provide less developed access for trout fishing on National Forests, State Parks, private lands, etc. For a complete list of trout fishing opportunities, visit the [trout fishing webpage](#).

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MOUNTAIN REGION MAP OF COUNTIES



Fish management in North Carolina is supported by the Federal Aid in [Sport Fish Restoration Program](#), which utilizes state fishing license money and federal grant funds derived from federal excise taxes on fishing equipment and motorboat fuels.



ALEXANDER COUNTY

LAKE HICKORY (SEE ALSO CALDWELL, CATAWBA COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Dusty Ridge Boating Access Area NCWRC	On north side of lake on S.R. 1185, off S.R. 1138, west of Taylorsville Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, striped bass, catfish
Wittenburg Public Fishing Area Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Wildlife Access Rd., off Shiloh Church Rd., off N.C. 127, in Bethlehem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, pier (two) access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, striped bass, catfish

ELLENDALE POND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Ellendale Pond NCWRC Community Fishing Program site Ellendale Ruritan Club	On S.R. 1340, off Hwy. 64, in Ellendale	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish, channel catfish (stocked)

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

NEW RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Kings Creek Public access area N.C. State Parks	Beside the New River bridge on S.R. 1308 at Alleghany/Ashe county line	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Canoe, shoreline access• Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish, rock bass, muskellunge
Farmers Fish Camp Public Fishing Area NCWRC	Northwest of Sparta, beside the New River bridge on S.R. 1345 off N.C. 93. Park in designated parking area south of bridge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish, rock bass, muskellunge

ASHE COUNTY

ASHE COUNTY PARK POND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Ashe County Park Pond NCWRC Community Fishing and Tackle Loaner programs site Ashe County Parks and Recreation	In Jefferson, from westbound U.S. 221 business/N.C. 88, right on N. Main St. for ~ .9 mile. Left on Ashe Park Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Pier, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, sunfish • Loaner tackle available at park

CHINQUAPIN TROUT LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Chinquapin Trout Lake Public Fishing Area Ashe County Wildlife Club	From Jefferson, N.C. 88 east ~ 10 miles. Left on to S.R. 1599 for 4 miles; entrance is on right about .1 mile past the beginning of paved section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Pier, shoreline access • Trout • Delayed Harvest - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

SOUTH FORK NEW RIVER (SEE ALSO WATAUGA COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Todd Island Park Public access area Todd Community Preservation Org.	Approximately 3 miles south of Todd, at the intersection of Railroad Grade Rd. and Castleford Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish, rock bass, muskellunge
Hwy. 16/88 Public access area Ashe County	East of Jefferson, directly below the South Fork New River bridge on Hwy. 16/88	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish, rock bass, muskellunge
Wagoner Public access area N.C. State Parks	Off Hwy. 88, east of Jefferson, end of Wagoner Access Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish, rock bass, muskellunge
Hwy. 221 Public access area N.C. State Parks	Off Hwy. 221, just west of South Fork New River bridge on Hwy. 221, east of Jefferson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish, rock bass, muskellunge

AVERY COUNTY

NORTH TOE RIVER (SEE ALSO MITCHELL COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Roby Shomaker Wetlands & Family Recreational Park Public Fishing Area Mountain Heritage Trout Water Town of Newland	From N.C. 194 headed north in Newland, left on Mitchell St. Park entrance is on left.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible piers, parking• Pier, shoreline, wading access• Trout• Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY

FRENCH BROAD RIVER (SEE ALSO HENDERSON, MADISON, TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Bent Creek Public access area Buncombe County Parks & Recreation	On N.C. 191, south of Asheville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish, catfish, muskellunge
Carrier Park Public access area RiverLink	In Asheville, on Amboy Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible pier• Canoe, pier, shoreline access• Smallmouth bass, catfish, muskellunge, redbreast sunfish
Corocoran Page (Glen Bridge) Public access area Buncombe County Parks & Recreation	On Pinner Rd., off Glen Bridge Rd. (S.R. 3495), west of Arden	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Smallmouth bass, muskellunge, redbreast sunfish, catfish
French Broad River Park Public access area RiverLink Asheville Parks & Recreation	From Asheville, I-40 to exit 50. North on Hendersonville Hwy./Biltmore Ave. for .8 mile; left on Meadow Rd., for 1.5 mile to intersection with Amboy Rd.; Turn left-one entrance on left; one on right	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two universally accessible piers• Canoe, pier, shoreline, wading access• Smallmouth bass, catfish, muskellunge, redbreast sunfish

BUNCOMBE COUNTY (CONTINUED)

FRENCH BROAD RIVER (SEE ALSO HENDERSON, MADISON, TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES) (CONTINUED)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Hominy Public access area Buncombe County Parks & Recreation	In Asheville, Brevard Rd. to Shelbourne Rd., turn on Hominy Creek Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, muskellunge, redbreast sunfish, catfish
Jean Webb Park Public access area Buncombe County Parks & Recreation	In Asheville, on Riverside Dr., under Haywood Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, muskellunge, redbreast sunfish, catfish
Ledges Park Public access area Buncombe County Parks & Recreation	On N.C. 251, north of Asheville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, muskellunge, redbreast sunfish, catfish
Walnut Island Public access area Buncombe County Parks & Recreation	On N.C. 251, north of Asheville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, muskellunge, redbreast sunfish, catfish
Woodfin Public access area Town of Woodfin	In Woodfin, on N.C. 251, north of Asheville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, muskellunge, redbreast sunfish, catfish

LAKE JULIAN

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Lake Julian NCWRC Community Fishing and Tackle Loaner programs site Buncombe County Parks & Recreation 828-684-0376	From Asheville, I-26 east to exit 37. Left on Long Shoals Rd., for 1.2 mile; park entrance is on right.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier, parking • Boat, canoe, pier, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish, tilapia • Fee

Trout Fishing: Trout fishing is big business. In 2008, anglers contributed more than \$174 million to North Carolina's economy. Check out the Commission's [trout fishing page](#).

BUNCOMBE COUNTY (CONTINUED)

LAKE POWHATAN

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Lake Powhatan Public Fishing Area NCWRC 828-670-5627	From I-26 in Asheville, N.C. 191 south to exit at Biltmore Square Mall for 3 miles. Right on S.R. 1129, stay left at all forks to entrance of Lake Powhatan Recreation Area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible pier near dam • Pier, shoreline access • Trout, largemouth bass, bluegill • Fee • Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

LAKE TOMAHAWK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Lake Tomahawk NCWRC Community Fishing & Tackle Loaner programs site Black Mountain Recreation & Parks 828-669-2052	From Asheville, I-40 east to exit 64; left on N.C. 9; left at third light; right at second light for two miles. Area is on left.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two universally accessible piers, path, parking • Pier, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish

CHARLES D. OWEN POND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Charles D. Owen Pond NCWRC Community Fishing Program site Buncombe County Parks & Recreation 828-684-0376	In Swannanoa, on Warren Wilson Rd., behind Owen Manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier, path, parking • Pier, shoreline access • Catfish

Yellow perch: *Yellow perch live in a variety of aquatic habitats, including warm or cool lakes, ponds and sluggish streams. Yellow perch are often found in cool, clear lakes, with a sandy or gravelly bottom and rooted underwater vegetation. In the Mountain Region, good populations of yellow perch can be found in Lake James and Cheoah, Santeetlah and Nantahala reservoirs.*

BURKE COUNTY

BROUGHTON POND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Broughton Pond Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From I-40 in Morganton, U.S. 64 south for .8 mile; left on S.R. 1949 for 1 mile; left on S.R. 2002 for 1 mile to end of road. Right on gravel road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Pier, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish

LINVILLE RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Bridgewater (Powerhouse) Public Fishing Area Duke Power	Below Lake James on Pow-erhouse Rd. (S.R. 1223), off S.R. 1233, west of Morganton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier, trail • Pier, shoreline access • Trout • Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

CATAWBA RIVER (SEE ALSO CATAWBA COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Town of Morgan- ton Greenway Public access area Town of Morganton	In Morganton, in the Catawba Meadows Park, off Sanford Dr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible piers • Pier, canoe, shoreline access • Brown trout, striped bass, yellow perch, sunfish
Watermill Bridge Public access area Town of Glen Alpine	On Watermill Rd. (S.R. 1147), off N.C. 126, just north of Glen Alpine and west of Morganton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Brown trout, striped bass, yellow perch, sunfish • Special Regulation - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

Mountain Trout: Brook, brown, and rainbow trout inhabit many of the streams in western North Carolina. An estimated 4,000 miles of streams in western North Carolina contain trout. The Commission manages approximately 1,000 miles to protect self-sustaining, wild trout populations. The Commission also stocks nearly 1 million hatchery-raised trout in an additional 1,000 miles of streams and several lakes and ponds to maintain fisheries.

BURKE COUNTY (CONTINUED)

JACOB FORK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Jacob Fork Public Fishing Area N.C. State Parks	From I-40 in Morganton, N.C. 18 south for 9.5 miles; Right on S.R. 1913 for 4.3 miles; Left on S.R. 1924 for 2.6 miles to S.R. 1901 (Gap Rd.) for 1.4 mile; Right on S.R. 1904 (Mountain Park Ave.) for ~ 4 miles to parking area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible piers, trail • Pier, shoreline, wading access • Trout • Delayed Harvest - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

LAKE JAMES (SEE ALSO McDOWELL COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Canal Bridge Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 126, south of Benfield Landing Rd., (S.R. 1234), northwest of Marion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, white bass, crappie, catfish, sunfish
Linville River Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 126, off Jamestown Road, northwest of Morganton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, white bass, crappie, catfish, sunfish

LAKE RHODISS (SEE ALSO CALDWELL COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Huffman Bridge Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From I-40 in Morganton, exit 107; right on N.C. 114 for ~ 2 miles to U.S. 70; left for ~ 2 miles; right on Zion Rd., for ~ 1.4 mile; right on Amherst Rd. for 300 yds. Left on Huffman Bridge Rd., for 1.5 mile; area entrance on right.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small boat, canoe, shoreline access • Hand launch only between orange posts • Largemouth bass, catfish, sunfish, crappie, carp

Brook trout: *The brook trout is the only trout species native to North Carolina waters.*

BURKE COUNTY (CONTINUED)

LAKE RHODHISS (SEE ALSO CALDWELL COUNTY) (CONTINUED)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
John's River Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 18, off U.S. 64, north of Morganton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, sunfish, suckers, crappie, catfish, muskellunge
Rhodhiss Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Weaver Lane, off S.R. 1611, north of Icard and I-40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, sunfish, suckers, crappie, catfish

CALDWELL COUNTY

LAKE HICKORY (SEE ALSO ALEXANDER, CATAWBA COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Gunpowder Public Fishing Area NCWRC	On Hurricane Hill Rd., off Grace Chapel Rd. (S.R. 1758), east of Granite Falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Striped bass, largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish, catfish
Lovelady Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Rocky Mount Rd., off Grace Chapel Rd. (S.R. 1758), north of Hickory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Striped bass, largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish, catfish

LAKE RHODHISS (SEE ALSO BURKE COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Castle Bridge Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Rutherford College Rd., off I-40 at exit 113, northeast of Valdese	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, sunfish, suckers, crappie, catfish
Connelly Creek Boating Access Area/Public Fishing Area, NCWRC	On Waterworks Rd., off Dry Pond Rd., northeast of Valdese	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible path, pier• Boat, pier, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, sunfish, suckers, crappie, catfish

CALDWELL COUNTY (CONTINUED)

WILSON CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Wilson Creek Public Fishing Area NCWRC	Off Brown Mountain Beach Rd., north of Morganton; turn left on S.R. 1328. Road follows Wilson Creek through Pisgah National Forest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 multi-car gravel parking lots• Shoreline, wading access• Trout, smallmouth bass• Hatchery Supported and Delayed Harvest - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

CATAWBA COUNTY

CATAWBA RIVER (SEE ALSO BURKE COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Riverbend Park Public Access Area Catawba County	Off Hwy. 16, just south of Catawba River , below Lake Hickory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish

LAKE HICKORY (SEE ALSO ALEXANDER, CALDWELL COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Oxford Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Claude Rd., off St. Peters Church Road, off N.C. 16, on the southeast side of lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Striped bass, largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish, catfish

LAKE NORMAN (SEE ALSO IREDELL, LINCOLN COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Long Island Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Long Island Rd. (S.R. 1833), off Sherrills Ford Rd., west of Mooresville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, sunfish, catfish, white bass, white perch, spotted bass

CATAWBA COUNTY (CONTINUED)

LOOKOUT SHOALS LAKE (SEE ALSO IREDELL COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Lookout Shoals Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1006, off Oxford School Rd. (N.C. 10), north-east of Conover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, striped bass, crappie, sunfish, catfish

CHEROKEE COUNTY

APPALACHIA RESERVOIR

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Appalachia Lake Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Powerhouse Rd., off S.R. 1314, northwest of Murphy near the Tennessee state line	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat access• Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, crappie, walleye

CHEROKEE LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Cherokee Lake Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From Murphy, U.S. 64 West for ~ 8 miles; right on N.C. 294 for 3.6 miles to the U.S. Forest Service Recreation Area on the right.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible pier• Fishing platform, pier, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish

HIWASSEE RESERVOIR

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Grape Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Joe Brown Hwy./Tennessee St., west of Murphy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible pier• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, crappie, walleye
Hanging Dog Boating Access Area/Public Fishing Area, NCWRC	West of Murphy, on Hanging Dog Rd. (S.R. 1447), off Joe Brown Hwy./Tennessee St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, crappie, walleye

CHEROKEE COUNTY (CONTINUED)

HIWASSEE RESERVOIR (CONTINUED)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Mickens Branch Boating Access Area, Tennessee Valley Authority	On Hiwassee Dam Rd., west of Murphy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, crappie, walleye
Murphy Ramp Boating Access Area, Tennessee Valley Authority	Next to U.S. 19 Business bridge, in Murphy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, crappie, walleye
Ramsey Bluff Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Ramsey Bluff Rd., off Hanging Dog Rd. (S.R. 1447), west of Murphy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, crappie, walleye

HIWASSEE RIVER (SEE ALSO CLAY COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
U.S. 64 High-Bridge Public access area N.C. Dept. of Transportation	From Murphy, U.S. 64 East 3.4 miles, travel over high bridge; turn right to follow access road under bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe access • Smallmouth bass

VALLEY RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Valley River Public access area Cherokee County	On Wilhide St., off Robbinsville Rd., near Andrews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Canoe, shoreline access • Trout • Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required
Konehete Park Public access area Cherokee County	In Murphy on Conaheeta Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline access • Designated Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

CLAY COUNTY

CHATUGE RESERVOIR

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Clay County Park Public access area Clay County	On Sanderson St., off U.S. 64, south of Hayesville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, crappie, walleye, sunfish
Jackrabbit Public Fishing Area Boating Access Area NCWRC	From Hayesville, N.C. 64 East for 4.6 miles; right on N.C. 175 for 3.2 miles; right on Jack Rabbit Campground Rd., for 1.3 mile to campground; follow signs to boating access area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, crappie, walleye, sunfish
Ledford Chapel Boating Access Area/Public Fishing Area, NCWRC	On Ledford Chapel Rd. (S.R. 1151), off U.S. 64, southeast of Hayesville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, crappie, walleye, sunfish
Shooting Creek Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From Hayesville, U.S. 64 east for 5 miles to Hwy. 75; right for 1 mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 universally accessible piers • Pier, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, crappie, walleye, hybrid striped bass, sunfish

HIWASSEE RIVER (SEE ALSO CHEROKEE COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Chatuge Aeration Weir Boating Access Area, Tennessee Valley Authority	On Chatuge Dam Rd., off U.S. 64, south of Hayesville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe access • Trout
Sweetwater Park Public access area Tennessee Valley Authority	On Fires Creek Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe Access • Trout
TVA Canoe Launch Public access area Tennessee Valley Authority	On Chatuge Dam Rd., off U.S. 64, south of Hayesville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe access • Trout

CLEVELAND COUNTY

BROAD RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Broad River Greenway Public access area Town of Boiling Springs	On N.C. 150, off N.C. 18, south of Boiling Springs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline, wading access• Smallmouth bass, catfish, largemouth bass, sunfish, muskellunge

MOSS LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Moss Lake Public access area Town of Kings Mountain	On Oak Grove Rd., north of U.S. 74 and northwest of Kings Mountain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, crappie, hybrid striped bass, sunfish, spotted bass• Launch fee required

DAVIE COUNTY

SOUTH YADKIN RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Cooleemee Boating Access Area, NCWRC	On Trestle Rd., off Junction Rd. (S.R. 1116), northwest of Cooleemee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish
Hwy. 601 Access Public access area Davie County Parks & Recreation	Off Hwy. 601, south of Mocksville at the Davie/Row- an county line	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish

YADKIN RIVER (SEE ALSO FORSYTH, SURRY, WILKES, YADKIN COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Concord Church Boating Access Area NCWRC	Off Hwy. 801, 3.8 miles west of Hwy. 64, southeast of Mocksville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat access• Largemouth bass, spotted bass, sunfish, striped bass, white bass, catfish

FORSYTH COUNTY

BELEWS LAKE (SEE ALSO STOKES COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Piney Bluff Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 65, southeast of Walnut Cove	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish

CENTURY LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Century Lake Park Public access area Kernersville Parks & Recreation	From I-40 Bus, south on S. Main St., left on Century Blvd., park on left	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, pier access• Largemouth bass, sunfish

C.G. HILL MEMORIAL PARK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
C.G. Hill Memorial Park NCWRC Community Fishing Program Forsyth County Parks & Recreation	From Winston-Salem, N. C. Hwy. 67 (Reynolda Rd.) west for ~ 5 miles northwest of Wake Forest University; left on S.R. 1525 (Yadkinville Hwy.) for 2.8 miles; right on S.R. 3210 (Transou Rd.) for 0.9 mile; left on S.R. 1455 (Balsom Rd.) for 0.8 mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish (stocked with channel catfish)

KERNERSVILLE LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Kernersville Lake NCWRC Community Fishing Program Forsyth County Parks & Recreation	From I-40 Business at Kerners- ville, N.C. 66 North for 1.4 mile; right on Dobson St., for 0.9 mile; left on Old Valley School Rd., for 1.4 mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Pier, boat, shoreline access• Rental boats available• Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish (stocked with channel catfish)

FORSYTH COUNTY (CONTINUED)

MALLARD LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Tanglewood Park Public access area Forsyth County Parks & Recreation 336-727-8000	Off Hwy. 158, west of Clemmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paddle boat, shoreline access• Rental paddle boats available• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish• Fee

OLD KERNERSVILLE LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Old Kenersville Lake Park Public access area Kenersville Parks & Recreation	From I-40 Bus., north on S. Main St., veer left on S. Cherry St., left on Oakhurst St., left on Mountain View Dr., right on Lake Dr., to park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, sunfish

SALEM LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Salem Lake Public access area Winston-Salem Recreation & Parks 336-727-8000	On Salem Rd., off Reynolds Park Dr., on the east side of Winston-Salem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, pier access• Rental boats available• Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, hybrid striped bass, catfish• Fee

WINSTON POND

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Winston Pond NCWRC Community Fishing Program Winston-Salem Recreation & Parks	I-40 Business, Exit 6C to U.S. 311 (Martin Luther King Dr.) for 0.4 mile; right on New Walkertown Rd. for ¼ mile; right on Waterworks Rd. for 0.1 mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Shoreline access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish (stocked with channel catfish)

Fishing information: For more information about fishing in North Carolina, visit the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's website, ncwildlife.org/fishing.

FORSYTH COUNTY (CONTINUED)

YADKIN RIVER (SEE ALSO DAVIE, SURRY, WILKES, YADKIN COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Old U.S. 421 Park Public access area Forsyth County Parks & Recreation	Off Hwy. 421, west of Lewisville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish, catfish
Tanglewood Park Public access area Forsyth County Parks & Recreation 336-778-6300	Off Hwy. 158, west of Clemmons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish, catfish • Fee

GASTON COUNTY

CROWDERS LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Crowders Lake Public Fishing Area N.C. State Parks	From Gastonia, I-85 south to Exit 13. South for ~ 1 mile; right on S.R. 2974 for 1.9 mile; left on Sparrow Springs Rd., for ~ 3 miles to park entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Shoreline access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish

LAKE WYLIE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
South Point Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Southpoint Road (S.R. 2525), off N.C. 273, southeast of Gastonia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, sunfish, catfish, white bass, white perch

White bass: White bass often travel in schools, chasing baitfish in the open waters of lakes and large rivers. Look for spawning white bass in the spring and schools of feeding white bass during the summer and fall. Good locations include Lake James, Lake Adger, and Fontana Reservoir.

GASTON COUNTY (CONTINUED)

MOUNTAIN ISLAND LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Davidson Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Horseshoe Bend Beach Rd., (S.R. 1912), off N.C. 16, southwest of Huntersville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish, crappie, striped bass, white bass, white perch
River Bend Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Horseshoe Bend Beach Rd., (S.R. 1912), off NC. 16, southwest of Huntersville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish, crappie, striped bass, white bass, white perch

GRAHAM COUNTY

FONTANA RESERVOIR (SEE ALSO SWAIN COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Cable Cove Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Cable Cove Rd., (S.R. 1287), off N.C. 28, west of Bryson City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, crappie, white bass, sunfish, catfish

LAKE SANTEETLAH

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Avery Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Joyce Kilmer Rd., (S.R. 1134), off S.R. 1147, northwest of Robbinsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, sunfish, crappie, walleye, yellow perch
Cheoah Point Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1147, off 1146, northwest of Robbinsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, sunfish, crappie, walleye, yellow perch

GRAHAM COUNTY (CONTINUED)

LAKE SANTEEELAH (CONTINUED)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Massie Branch Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 143, off N.C. 129, northwest of Robbinsville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, sunfish, crappie, walleye, yellow perch
Massie Branch Public access area U.S. Forest Service	On N.C. 129	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Pier access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, sunfish, crappie, walleye, yellow perch

HAYWOOD COUNTY

RICHLAND CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Vance Street Park Public Fishing Area Mountain Heritage Trout Water NCWRC	From Asheville, I-40 West to Exit 27 (US 19-74) for ~ 5 miles to Waynesville exit (U.S. 276 South); left on Russ Ave., to the second traffic light; left on Howell Mill Rd., for 0.8 mile; right on Vance St.; park is on left.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible paved trail; four paved fishing pads, one fishing platform • Shoreline access • Trout • Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

PIGEON RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Canton Park Public Fishing Area NCWRC	Park is on N.C. 215. Pier is located behind the swimming pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Pier access • Trout, smallmouth bass • Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

HAYWOOD COUNTY (CONTINUED)

WEST FORK PIGEON RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Cold Mountain Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From Canton, N.C. 110 south for 5.5 miles to intersection with U.S. 276 and N.C. 215; N.C. 215 for 7.5 miles; area is on left.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline access• Trout• Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CANE CREEK (SEE ALSO MITCHELL COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Fletcher Commu- nity Park Public access area Fletcher Parks & Recreation	On Howard Gap Road, Town of Fletcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline access• Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

FRENCH BROAD RIVER (SEE ALSO BUNCOMBE, MADISON, TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Westfeldt Park Public access area Henderson County Parks & Recreation	On Butler Bridge Rd., (S.R. 1345), off N.C. 280, near Mills River	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline access• Muskellunge, smallmouth bass

NORTH FORK MILLS RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Information
North Fork Mills River Public access area U.S. Forest Service	From Asheville, I-26 E to N.C. 280 W (Exit 40) to North Mills River Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible pier• Shoreline access• Trout• Delayed Harvest - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

IREDELL COUNTY

LAKE NORMAN (SEE ALSO CATAWBA, LINCOLN COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Hager Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Mackendree Rd., (S.R. 1115), off Brawley School Rd., (S.R. 1100), west of Mooresville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, striped bass, catfish, white perch, spotted bass
McCrary Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 150, 3.9 miles west of I-77, west of Mooresville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, striped bass, catfish, white perch, spotted bass
Pinnacle Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 150, 4.4 miles west of I-77, west of Mooresville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, striped bass, catfish, white perch, spotted bass
Lake Norman State Park Public access area N.C State Parks	On State Park Rd., off Wagner St., east of Troutman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, pier, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, striped bass, catfish, white perch, spotted bass

LAKE NORMAN STATE PARK

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Lake Norman State Park Public access area N.C State Parks	On N.C. 150, 4.4 miles west of I-77, west of Mooresville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Rental canoes available • Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish

LOOKOUT SHOALS LAKE (SEE ALSO CATAWBA COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Information
Sharon Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Old Lion Rd., (S.R. 1530), off S.R. 1009, west of Statesville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, canoe access • Note: steep incline to ramp • Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, striped bass, catfish

JACKSON COUNTY

BALSAM LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Balsam Lake Public Fishing Area NCWRC	On N.C. 281 (Canada Road), 4.1 miles east of N.C. 107, southeast of Sylva	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Canoe access• Trout• Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

BEAR CREEK LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Bear Creek Lake Public Fishing Boating Access Area NCWRC	From Sylva, N.C. 107 south, left on N.C. 281 at Tuckasee- gee; ~ nine miles, left on S.R. 1756; continue ~ five miles. Follow U. S. Forest Service signs beginning at intersection of N.C. 107 and N.C. 281 to Balsam Lake.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat access• Trout, largemouth bass, walleye• Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

CEDAR CLIFF LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Cedar Cliff Lake Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Shook Cove Rd. (S.R. 1135) off N.C. 107, southeast of Sylva	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat access• Largemouth bass, sunfish

GLENVILLE LAKE/LAKE THORPE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Lake Glenville Boating Access Area, NCWRC	On S.R. 1157, 2.7 miles off N.C. 107, north of Cashiers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat access• Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, sunfish, walleye
Pine Creek Boating Access Area, NCWRC	From the junction of N.C.281 S & N.C. 107 S at Tuckasegee, 8.2 miles on N.C.107 S. Right on S.R.1157 (Pine Creek Rd.) for 2.7 miles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat access• Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, sunfish, walleye

JACKSON COUNTY (CONTINUED)

SCOTT CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Monteith Farmstead Park Public Fishing Area Town of Dillsboro	In Dillsboro, exit 23 off U.S. 23/U.S. 74 W; right on Mill St.; right on Old Town Home Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Pier access • Trout • Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

TANASSEE RESERVOIR

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Tanasee Reservoir Public access area Duke Power	On N.C. 281, just south of Wolf Creek Lake, near Transylvania County line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe access • Sunfish, trout • Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

TUCKASEEGEE RIVER (SEE ALSO SWAIN COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
East LaPorte Park Public access area Jackson County	Off N.C. 107, southeast of Sylva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, trout • Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.
Riverfront Park Public Fishing Area Town of Dillsboro	Under the 441 bridge, in Dillsboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, pier shoreline access • Smallmouth bass

WOLF CREEK LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Wolf Creek Lake Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Wolf Pen Rd., (S.R. 1758), off N.C. 281, southeast of Sylva	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, sunfish, trout • Hatchery Supported -Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required

LINCOLN COUNTY

LAKE NORMAN (SEE ALSO CATAWBA, IREDELL COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Beatties Ford Boating Access Area NCWRC	On S.R. 1438, off Old N.C. 73, east of Lincolnton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat access• Largemouth bass, spotted bass, crappie, striped bass, sunfish, catfish, white bass, white perch
Little Creek Boating Access Area NCWRC	On N.C. 150, 3.9 miles west of I-77, west of Mooresville	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat access• Largemouth bass, spotted bass, crappie, striped bass, sunfish, catfish, white bass, white perch

MACON COUNTY

CLIFFSIDE LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Cliffside Lake Public Fishing Area U.S. Forest Service	From Highlands, take U.S 64 northwest for 4 miles; right (north) on Forest Service Road 57 for 2 miles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline access• Trout, largemouth bass• Designated Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

LAKE EMORY

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Little Tennessee Greenway Public access area Town of Franklin	In Town of Franklin on Wells Grove Rd., Greenway Mile 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe, shoreline, wading access• Smallmouth bass

LITTLE TENNESEE RIVER (SEE ALSO SWAIN COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Needmore Game Land Public Fishing Area NCWRC	Multiple, undeveloped locations within the Needmore Game Land tract, northwest of Franklin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline, wade access• Smallmouth bass

MACON COUNTY (CONTINUED)

NANTAHALA LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Big Choga Road Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Big Choga Rd. (S.R. 1657), off Junaluska Rd. (S.R. 1505), east of Andrews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, sunfish, walleye, yellow perch
Rocky Branch Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Big Choga Rd. (S.R. 1657), off Junaluska Rd. (S.R. 1505), east of Andrews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat ramp • Largemouth bass, crappie, striped bass, sunfish, catfish, white bass, white perch

QUEENS CREEK RESERVOIR

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Queens Creek Public access area Duke Power	On Winding Stairs Rd., off U.S. 19/74	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe access • Sunfish, trout • Designated Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

MADISON COUNTY

FRENCH BROAD RIVER (SEE ALSO BUNCOMBE, HENDERSON, TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Barnard Public access area U.S. Forest Service	On S.R. 1151, near Walnut and Barnard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Muskellunge, smallmouth bass
Marshall Public Fishing Area NCWRC	On Blennerhassett Island in the Town of Marshall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Canoe, shoreline access • Muskellunge, smallmouth bass

Striped bass and hybrid striped bass: Striped bass and hybrid striped bass (a cross between striped bass and white bass) are unable to reproduce in western North Carolina waters. As a result, both are stocked by the Commission in several western North Carolina reservoirs and city lakes.

MADISON COUNTY (CONTINUED)

FRENCH BROAD RIVER (SEE ALSO BUNCOMBE, HENDERSON COUNTIES) (CONTINUED)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Murray Branch Public Fishing Area U.S. Forest Service	From Asheville, U.S. 19/23 North to U.S. 70 (Marshall Exit) for 35 miles to Hot Springs city limit; right on S.R. 1304. Right at stop sign for 6 miles to the Murray Branch Recreation Area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Canoe, shoreline access • Muskellunge, smallmouth bass
Redmon Park Public access area Madison County	From Weaverville, U.S.-25N/ U.S. 70W, left on Little Pine Rd, left on Sweetwater Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Muskellunge, smallmouth bass
Stackhouse Public access area Madison County	On Stackhouse Rd., off U.S. 25, east of Hot Springs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Muskellunge, smallmouth bass

MAX PATCH POND

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Max Patch Pond Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From Hot Springs, N. C. 209 south for 5 miles; right on Meadow Fork Rd.; right on Max Patch Rd., for ~ 3 miles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Shoreline, pier access • Trout • Designated Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

SPRING CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Spring Creek Town of Hot Springs; Mountain Heritage Trout Water NCWRC	Off U.S.-25/ U.S.-70 in Hot Springs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline, wading access • Trout • Delayed harvest - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

License Information: Purchase a fishing license online at ncwildlife.org/licensing

McDOWELL COUNTY

CURTIS CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Curtis Creek Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From Marion, U.S. 70 West for ~ 9 miles to S.R. 1227 (Curtis Creek Rd.) Right for 2 miles to U.S. Forest Service Rd., FS 4030	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible piers, parking area• Shoreline, pier, wading access• Trout• Delayed Harvest - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

LAKE JAMES (SEE ALSO BURKE COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Black Bear Boating Access Area NCWRC	On Lake James Rd., off Hankins Rd., off N.C. 226/221, northeast of Marion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, white bass, crappie, catfish, sunfish, muskellunge
Hidden Cove Public access area N.C. State Parks	On N.C. 126, near Lake James State Park headquarters, northeast of Marion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat, canoe access• Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, white bass, crappie, catfish, sunfish, muskellunge

MILL CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Mill Creek at Mountain Gateway Museum Public Fishing Area Mountain Heritage Trout Water Town of Old Fort	From I-40 off Exit 73, turn right on Water St. Parking is on right at Mountain Gateway Museum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline, wading access• Trout• Delayed Harvest - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

Walleye: *The Commission manages for walleye in several western North Carolina reservoirs. A fish prized for table fare, walleye prefer clear, cool water and usually stay in deep water during the day, moving to shallow waters at night to feed. Lake James, Fontana and Hiwassee reservoirs contain the largest populations, however walleye can be caught from other western reservoirs too.*

MITCHELL COUNTY

CANE CREEK (SEE ALSO HENDERSON COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Bakersville Greenway Public Fishing Area Mountain Heritage Trout Water Town of Bakersville	On N.C. 226 headed north in Bakersville, turn left to park entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible piers• Pier, shoreline, wading access• Trout• Hatchery Supported and Delayed Harvest - Public Mountain Trout Waters; a special trout fishing license is required.

NOLICHUCKY RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Poplar Public access area U.S. Forest Service	On N.C. 197 in Poplar, north of Burnsville, near the Tennessee state line	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline, wading access• Muskellunge, smallmouth bass, rock bass

NORTH TOE RIVER (SEE ALSO AVERY COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Spruce Pine River-side Park Fishing Access Area Mountain Heritage Trout Water Town of Spruce Pine	On N.C. 226 (Highland Ave.) headed north in Spruce Pine, turn right on Summit Ave.; left on West Tappan St. Park entrance is on left.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline, wading access• Trout, smallmouth bass• Delayed Harvest - Public Mountain Trout Waters; a special trout fishing license is required.

POLK COUNTY

GREEN RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Fishtop Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From Hendersonville (in Henderson County), take I-26 South to Exit 28; left at exit on Green River Cove Rd. for ~ 4 miles to Fishtop Falls access area on the right.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Trout• Designated Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

POLK COUNTY (CONTINUED)

LAKE ADGER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Lake Adger Marina Boating Access Area NCWRC	Take I-26 E from Asheville to Highway 108 in Columbus, turn left on Highway 9, left on Silver Creek Rd., right on Lake Adger Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat access (60 HP restriction) • Largemouth bass, sunfish, muskellunge

LAUGHTER POND

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Laughter Pond NCWRC Community Fishing and Tackle Loaner programs site Polk County Parks & Recreation Dept. 828-894-8199	From Columbus, Hwy. 108 east for 3.5 miles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible parking, trail, pier • Pier, shoreline access • Catfish, largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish

STOKES COUNTY

DAN RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Hart's Access Public Fishing Area NCWRC	On N.C. 704, 1.9 mile east of the N.C. 704 and N.C. 89 intersection, northwest of Danbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish
Hanging Rock Access Public access area N.C. State Parks	On S.R. 1487, off Hwy. 8/89, northwest of Danbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish
Moratock Park Public access area Town of Danbury	On Moir Farm Rd., off Hwy. 8/89, in Danbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish

STOKES COUNTY (CONTINUED)

DAN RIVER (CONTINUED)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Davis Chapel/Snow Creek Public Fishing Area NCWRC	On Pitzer Rd. at Snow Creek bridge crossing, off of Dodgetown Rd., off N.C. 89 north of Walnut Cove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish
Hemlock Golf Course Access Public Fishing Area NCWRC	At end of Power House Rd., off Power Dam Rd., off N.C. 89, north of Walnut Cove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish

HANGING ROCK LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Hanging Rock Lake Public access area N.C. State Parks	On Hanging Rock State Park Rd., off Hwy. 89, northwest of Danbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Canoe rentals, pier, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, sunfish

BELEWS LAKE (SEE ALSO FORSYTH COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Pine Hall Boating Access Area, NCWRC	On Pine Hall Rd. (S.R. 1904), off N.C. 311, east of Walnut Cove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat access • Largemouth bass, sunfish, crappie, catfish

CENTRAL PARK LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Central Park Lake Public access area King Parks & Recreation	From U.S. 52, north on S. Main St., right on E. Dalton Rd., right on Maple St. to park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pier, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, sunfish

Redbreast sunfish: Redbreast can be found throughout western North Carolina, and frequent eddies and slow pools adjacent to faster current, often in close proximity to submerged boulders, logs, and tree roots. Although often overlooked, they are an extremely attractive fish and take a wide variety of lures and baits.

SURRY COUNTY

BIG ELKIN CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Elkin Municipal Park NCWRC Community Fishing and Tackle Loaner programs site Elkin Recreation & Parks	From 1-77, Jonesville exit toward Elkin for 1.9 mile to N.C. 21; left past the bridge on N.C. 268 for .4 mile; right on Memorial Park Dr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Pier, shoreline access• Sunfish, catfish (stocked with channel catfish)

FISHER RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Fisher River Park Public access area Surry County Parks & Recreation	On Old Country Home Rd., off Prison Camp Rd., north of Dobson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Smallmouth bass, sunfish

MITCHELL RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Mitchell River Public access area Surry County Parks & Recreation	On Zephyr Mountain Park Rd., off of Mountain Park Rd., north of Elkin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoe, shoreline access• Smallmouth bass, sunfish

TUMBLING ROCK RESERVOIR

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Westwood Park NCWRC Community Fishing Program site Mt. Airy Parks & Recreation	In Mt. Airy, off Westlake Dr., at 1250 Galax Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universally accessible• Pier, shoreline access• Largemouth bass, sunfish, catfish (stocked with channel catfish)

Largemouth bass and bluegill: Largemouth bass and bluegill are not found only in central and eastern North Carolina. Great fishing for both of these species exists in many of western North Carolina's reservoirs and small impoundments.

SURRY COUNTY (CONTINUED)

YADKIN RIVER (SEE ALSO DAVIE, FORSYTH, WILKES, YADKIN COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Elkin Crater Park Boating Access Area NCWRC	Just east of S. Bridge St., downtown Elkin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, redbreast sunfish, catfish

SWAIN COUNTY

LITTLE TENNESSEE RIVER (SEE ALSO MACON COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Tellico Creek NCWRC Need- more Game Land Public Fishing Area NCWRC	On Needmore Road at Tellico Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, wade, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass
Rattlesnake Creek NCWRC Need- more Game Land Public Fishing Area NCWRC	From Bryson City, on U.S. 19S/U.S. 74 west, left on Needmore Road to access on left	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, wade, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass

CALDERWOOD RESERVOIR

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Magazine Branch Public access area TAPOCA	Off U.S. 129, below Cheoah Dam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe access • Trout, rock bass • Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

Rock bass: The coolwater rivers in the western part of the state, such as the New, Nolichucky and Little Tennessee rivers, are great places to fish for rock bass. Rock bass are also common in many smaller foothills streams, such as the Mitchell River and Reddies River.

SWAIN COUNTY (CONTINUED)

CHEOAH LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Lewellyn Branch Boating Access Area NCWRC	From junction of N.C. 28 & Fontana Dam Rd. (S.R. 1245), N.C. 28 north for 3 miles; left onto access area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat access • Trout, rock bass • Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

FONTANA RESERVOIR (SEE ALSO GRAHAM COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Horse Park Public Fishing Area Swain County	On Riverview Rd., off U.S. 19 in Bryson City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Pier access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, crappie, white bass, sunfish, catfish
Wilderness Boat Ramp Public Fishing Area NCWRC	On Greasy Branch Rd. (S.R. 1313), off Round Hill Rd. (S.R. 1312), west of Bryson City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, crappie, white bass, sunfish, catfish
Lemmons Branch Boating Access Area NCWRC	From N.C. 28 N. at Swain and Graham county line, 0.1 mile to S.R. 1286 (Tsali Camp-ground Rd.) for 1.2 mile; right on Lemmons Branch Rd., for 1.3 mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, crappie, white bass, sunfish, catfish
Old 288 Public Fishing Area NCWRC	On Bryson Walk (S.R. 1321)/ Old 288, off Slope Street (S.R. 1323), west of Bryson City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, crappie, white bass, sunfish, catfish
Tsali Boating Access Area/Public Fishing Area, NCWRC	On Tsali Road (S.R. 1286) off N.C. 28, on the Graham/Swain county line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, crappie, white bass, sunfish, catfish

Channel catfish: When fishing for channel catfish, anglers typically have the most success using worms and “stink” baits (chicken livers, cheese, etc.)

SWAIN COUNTY (CONTINUED)

TUCKASEEGEE RIVER (SEE ALSO JACKSON COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Tuckaseegee River Public fishing area NCWRC	From U.S. 19 south/74 west, Bryson City exit for 1.1 mile; left on S.R. 1321 for 1.75 mile; left on “Old 288” (S.R. 1321) for .75 mile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible fishing platform • Boat, canoe, platform, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish, channel catfish

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

DAVIDSON RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Coontree Public fishing access U.S. Forest Service	From Brevard, U.S. 276 north for ~ 4 miles to U.S. Forest Service Coontree Recreation Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible path, parking, three piers • Shoreline, pier access • Trout • Catch and release/Artificial Flies Only - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.
Sycamore Flats Public fishing access U.S. Forest Service	On U.S. 276, north of Brevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Shoreline access • Trout • Catch and release/Artificial Flies Only - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.
Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education Public fishing area NCWRC	On Government Rd., off 276 North of Brevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible pier • Shoreline access • Trout • Catch and release/Artificial Flies Only - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY (CONTINUED)

FRENCH BROAD RIVER (SEE ALSO BUNCOMBE, HENDERSON, MADISON COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Westfeldt Park Public access area Henderson County Parks & Recreation	On Butler Bridge Rd. (S.R. 1345), off N.C. 280, near Mills River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, canoe, shoreline access • Muskellunge, smallmouth bass
Champion Park Public access area Town of Rosman	Off U.S. 178, in Rosman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Trout • Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.
Hap Simpson Public access area Transylvania County	On U.S. 276, near Brevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Muskellunge, trout • Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.
Island Ford Public access area Transylvania County	On Island Ford Rd. (S.R. 1103), off U.S. 64, south of Brevard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Trout • Hatchery Supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.
Wilson Road Public access area Transylvania County	On Wilson Rd. (S.R. 1540), in Pisgah Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Muskellunge

LAKE IMAGING

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Lake Imaging Public Fishing Area N.C. Forest Service	From Brevard, U.S. 64 east for 5 miles to Crab Creek Rd.; right for 4.5 miles to Dupont/ Staton Rd., for 3.2 miles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline, fishing platform access • Sunfish, trout

Channel catfish: Channel catfish can be caught any time of the day, but are especially active at night. Many Community Fishing Program sites are stocked periodically with harvestable-size channel catfish and offer some of the best catfishing in the state.

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY (CONTINUE)

LITTLE RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Little River Public access area N.C. Forest Service	On Staton Road, in Dupont State Forest, near Cedar Mountain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline, wading access • Trout • Delayed Harvest - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

WATAUGA COUNTY

SOUTH FORK NEW RIVER (SEE ALSO ASHE COUNTY)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Boone Greenway Trail Public access areas Town of Boone	Multiple access sites in the Town of Boone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline access • Trout, redbreast sunfish
Hwy. 421 Canoe Ramp Public access area Watauga County Parks & Recreation	On S.R. 1515, adjacent to the Hwy. 421 bridge over the South Fork New River in Boone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Trout, redbreast sunfish
Brookshire Park Public access area Watauga County Parks & Recreation	On S.R. 1401, off of Hwy. 421 in Boone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline access • Trout, redbreast sunfish
Green Valley Park Public access area Green Valley Community	On Big Hill Rd., two miles southwest of Todd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish, rock bass, trout

Trout: [Southern Appalachian brook trout](#) are a unique strain of brook trout found only in the southeastern United States. The bulk of their current distribution is within the mountains of North Carolina, and the Commission is actively working to protect this unique resident. Primary threats include habitat degradation and introductions of other trout species.

WATAUGA COUNTY (CONTINUED)

WINKLER CREEK

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Boone Greenway Trail Public access area Town of Boone	Multiple access sites within the Town of Boone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline access• Trout• Wild Trout - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

WATAUGA RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Valle Crucis Community Park Public access area Town of Valle Crucis	Off of Broadstone Rd. (S.R. 1112), in Valle Crucis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shoreline access• Trout• Delayed Harvest - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

WILKES COUNTY

EAST PRONG ROARING RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
East Prong Roaring River Public Fishing Area Stone Mountain State Park	From I-77, U.S. 21 north toward Sparta for ~ 7 miles; left on S.R. 1002 (Traphill Rd.) for 5 miles to S.R. 1784 (John P. Frank Hwy.) to Stone Mountain State Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two universally accessible piers• Shoreline access• Trout• Delayed Harvest - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required.

Smallmouth bass: *Smallmouth bass inhabit numerous streams and rivers in western North Carolina, as well as a few reservoirs. Although they are thought of as a coolwater fish species restricted to large mountain rivers such as the New, North Toe and French Broad, recent research by Commission biologists found good numbers in areas previously believed to be too warm, such as the Yadkin and Broad rivers. This research also revealed many small streams had good numbers of smallmouth. They are often found in pools adjacent to fast currents, as well as near submerged ledges and boulders.*

WILKES COUNTY (CONTINUED)

REDDIES RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Yadkin Greenway Public access area Yadkin River Greenway Committee	Multiple access locations within North Wilkesboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline access • Smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish, trout • Delayed Harvest - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required

W. KERR SCOTT LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Bandit's Roost Public access area U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 336-921-3190	On Walsh Rd., off N.C. 268, just west of Wilkesboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, sunfish, crappie, hybrid striped bass, striped bass, catfish • Fee
Blood Creek Over-look Public access area U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	On Hwy. 268, next to the Hwy. 268 bridge over W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, just west of Wilkesboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing platform • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, sunfish, crappie, hybrid striped bass, striped bass, catfish
Boomer Public access area U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Off U.S. 220 Business, north of Mayodan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, sunfish, crappie, hybrid striped bass, striped bass, catfish
Dam Site Public access area U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 336-921-3390	On Headquarters Rd. (S.R. 1178), off NC. 268, west of Wilkesboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, sunfish, crappie, hybrid striped bass, striped bass, catfish • Fee
Fort Hamby Public access area U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 336-921-3390	On South Recreation Rd., off U.S. 421, west of Wilkesboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, sunfish, crappie, hybrid striped bass, striped bass, catfish • Fee

WILKES COUNTY (CONTINUED)

W. KERR SCOTT LAKE

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Keowee Public access area U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 336-921-3390	On Warrior Creek Rd., off N.C. 268, west of Wilkesboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, pier, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, sunfish, crappie, hybrid striped bass, striped bass, catfish • Fee
Smithey's Creek Public Fishing Area U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 336-921-3390	On South Minton Rd. (S.R. 1147), off U.S. 421, west of Wilkesboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universally accessible • Boat, pier access • Largemouth bass, spotted bass, sunfish, crappie, hybrid striped bass, striped bass, catfish • Fee

YADKIN RIVER (SEE ALSO DAVIE, FORSYTH, SURRY, YADKIN COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Marley's Ford Public access area U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	On Marley's Ford Rd. (S.R. 1137), off of Hwy. 268	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, redbreast sunfish, catfish
Tailwater Park Public access area U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Directly below the W. Kerr Scott Dam, off Old Hwy. 268, west of Wilkesboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, redbreast sunfish, catfish, chain pickerel
Yadkin Greenway Public access area Yadkin River Green- way Committee	Multiple access locations in North Wilkesboro and Wil- kesboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, redbreast sunfish, catfish, chain pickerel
Smoot Park Public access area North Wilkesboro Parks & Recreation	At the corner of Vance and Chestnut streets, in North Wilkesboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, redbreast sunfish, catfish, chain pickerel
Ronda Park Public access area Town of Ronda	Off Clingman Rd. (S.R. 2303) in Ronda, west of Elkin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, redbreast sunfish, catfish

YADKIN COUNTY

YADKIN RIVER (SEE ALSO DAVIE, FORSYTH, SURRY, WILKES COUNTIES)

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Yadkin Shore Public access area Yadkin County Parks & Recreation	Off Hwy. 601 on the right before crossing the Yadkin River, north of Booneville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, redbreast sunfish, catfish
Shoals Access Public access area N.C. State Parks	Off Shoals Rd. (S.R. 1546), north of East Bend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, redbreast sunfish, catfish
Donnoha Park Public access area Yadkin County Parks & Recreation	Off Hwy. 67, east of East Bend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat access, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, redbreast sunfish, catfish
Huntsville access Public access area Yadkin County Parks & Recreation	In Huntsville, south at exit 249 off of U.S. 421, left on Shallowford Rd. to access on west side of bridge over Yadkin River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canoe, shoreline access • Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, redbreast sunfish, catfish

YADKIN COUNTY PARK PONDS

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Yadkin County Park Public access area Yadkin County Parks & Recreation	Off Hwy. 421, just east of Yadkinville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline access to two small ponds • Largemouth bass, sunfish

YANCEY COUNTY

SOUTH TOE RIVER

Site Name	Directions	More Info
Yancey County Toe River Campground Mountain Heritage Trout Water NCWRC	In Burnsville, off Hwy. 80 North, turn right on Blue Rock Road. Park will be on left.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoreline, wading access • Trout, smallmouth bass, rock bass, redbreast sunfish • Hatchery-supported - Public Mountain Trout Water; a special trout fishing license is required

NCARP MINIMUM TROPHY FISH WEIGHT/LENGTH REQUIREMENTS

SPECIES	WEIGHT	LENGTH
Bass		
Bodie (hybrid) Bass	8 lbs.	24"
Largemouth Bass	8 lbs.	24"
Smallmouth Bass	3 lbs.	19"
Spotted Bass	2 lbs.	15"
Striped Bass	10 lbs.	27"
White Bass	2 lbs.	17"
Bowfin	10 lbs.	22"
Carp-Common	20 lbs.	34"
Catfish		
Blue	30 lbs.	41"
Bullhead (any species)	2 lbs.	15"
Channel	10 lbs.	30"
Flathead	30 lbs.	41"
White	4 lbs.	21"
Crappie (black or white)	2 lbs.	16"
Freshwater Drum	12 lbs.	28"
Kokanee Salmon	2 lbs.	14"
Longnose Gar	10 lbs.	48"
Mountain Trout		
Brook	2 lbs.	16"
Brown	2 lbs., 8 oz.	18"
Rainbow	2 lbs., 8 oz.	18"
Muskellunge	20 lbs.	41"
Perch		
White Perch	1 lb.	12"
Yellow Perch	1 lb.	14"
Pickrel		
Chain Pickerel	4 lbs.	26"
Redfin Pickerel	10 oz.	12"
Shad		
American	3 lbs.	16"
Hickory	2 lbs.	13"
Sunfish		
Bluegill	1 lb.	11"
Flier	6 oz.	8"
Green	1 lb.	9"
Pumpkinseed	14 oz.	10"
Redbreast (Robin)	1 lb.	11"
Redear (Shellcracker)	1 lb.	11"
Roanoke Bass	1 lb.	11"
Rock Bass	1 lb.	11"
Warmouth	1 lb.	11"
Walleye	5 lbs.	23"

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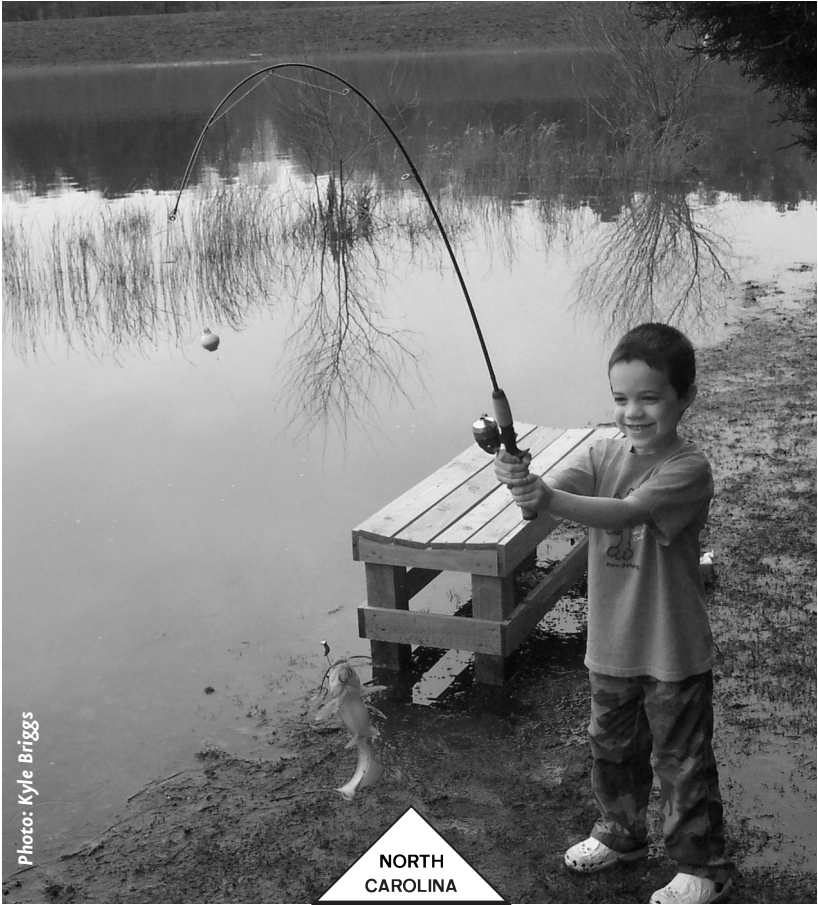


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