

Hiwassee Hiking

Lake Chatuge Recreation Area (1.2 miles, easy)

A loop trail along the lakeshore.

Directions: Located near the west end of Hwy 288 (Sunnyside Drive). Approx. 1/4 mile from Boundary Waters Resort. Pull in make first left down into boat ramp parking. Trailhead can be accessed on main driveway or near lake end of parking area.

Coordinates: 34.9534495, -83.7825115

Miller Trek

(6.5 miles main loop, some shorter, moderate)

Difficult to moderate trails with rolling hills.

Located at Brasstown Valley Resort.

Directions: Use golf course entrance to Brasstown Valley Resort. Parking is on right.

Coordinates: 34.95094, -83.84043

Wagon Train Trail (7 miles, easy)

This is the original path that Georgia Hwy 66 was to follow and holds some of the most spectacular scenery. The beginning of the trail passes through the only “cloud forest” in the state and is rumored to be a favorite of Georgia Governor Zell Miller.

Directions: From the parking lot of Brasstown Bald, use the “access trail.” The trail will veer to the right and you will have to pass the closed gate block. The trail will end up behind the women’s dorm at Young Harris College.

Coordinates: 34.8711278, -83.8130658

Jack’s Knob (4.5 miles, difficult)

This trail begins with an easy-to-moderate climb with rocky soil and is occasionally root-filled. What starts out fairly easy will soon be a steep hike at about 1.7 miles in.

Directions: Beginning on the south end of Brasstown Bald parking area, there’s a break in the fence where the trail begins. It will follow closely to the Towns/Union county line south to Jack’s Gap. Across Georgia 180, the trail leaves Wolfpen Ridge and follows the Hiwassee Ridge as it reenters the Chattahoochee National Forest.

Coordinates: 34.8679393, -83.8124496

Hayesville, North Carolina Hiking

Lake Chatuge Dam (easy)

Take Hwy. 17/69 to Hayesville, NC. Go approximately 5 miles turn right at next light (Hwy 64E) then right at next light (Meyers Chapel Rd). Dam entrance will be on your left at .7 miles. You can park there and walk through to the Clay County Rec Park.

Coordinates: 35.0192902, -83.7885673

Or, to walk from Clay County Recreation Center in Hayesville, NC to the dam, take Hwy. 17/69 north towards Hayesville, NC and watch for Signs Fast on your right. Turn just past Signs Fast onto Meyers Chapel Road and travel approximately 2 miles to second entrance to Clay County Recreation Center and boat ramp parking. Take the trail north out of parking lot and it will take you out to the dam. This provides about a 3 mile walk round-trip.

Coordinates: 35.0097827, -83.7997789

Jack Rabbit Mountain Recreation Area (easy)

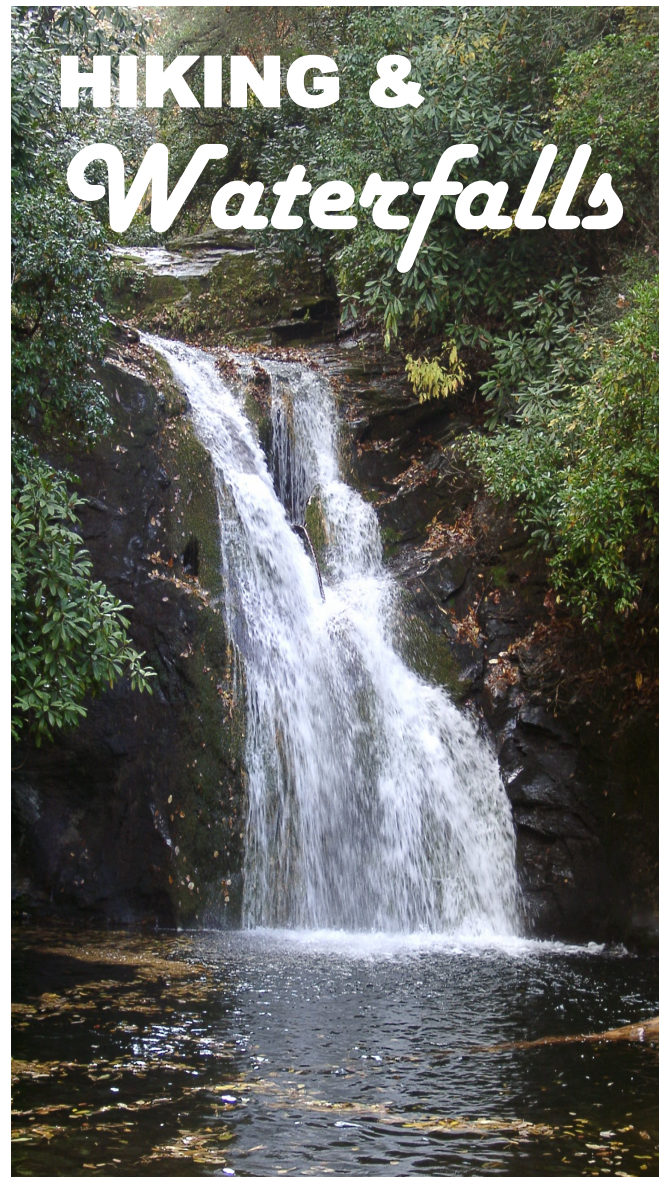
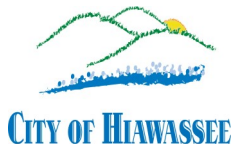
Trails vary from 0.7 miles to 3.1 miles in length..

Directions: In Hiwassee turn north at McDonald’s onto GA75 North. Go approximately 3.5 miles, to the North Carolina - Georgia state line, where it turns into NC175. Proceed 1.5 miles and turn left onto SR1155 into Jackrabbit State Park.

Coordinates: 35.010113057, -83.76950653020

PLEASE NOTE: Some of these trails may be closed because they have not been maintained since the beginning of 2020. Closures for any trails and waterfalls in the Chattahoochee National Forest will be listed at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/conf>

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Hiawassee Waterfalls

Cupid Falls (easy)

Short easy walk—great for kids.

Directions: Take Maple Street in Young Harris (road runs in front of Young Harris City Hall). Continue on Maple Street through Young Harris College Campus. Road will become Thomastown Rd. Cupid Falls on left.

Coordinates: 34.9350125, -83.8403023

High Shoals Falls

(2.4 miles round trip, moderate)

These falls have a succession of five waterfalls and have an estimated total vertical drop of 300'. The High Shoals Trail follows along High Shoals Creek to observation decks beside two of the five streams cascading in the High Shoals Scenic Area. Please stay on the trails and observations decks.

Directions: Take GA75 south toward Helen. Pass the turn for Brasstown Bald (Hwy. 180) look on your left for the High Shoals sign, you are turning onto FS Road 283. Go 1.5 miles on this road to the High Shoals parking area.

Coordinates: 34.8222497, -83.7307826

Horse Trough Falls

(.8 miles round trip, easy)

Excellent trail for novice hikers.

Directions: Take GA75 south toward Helen to Unicoi Gap (where App. Trail crosses). Turn right onto F.S. Road 44 (Wilkes Creek Road). Go 4.5 miles to trailhead.

Coordinates: 34.7875325, -83.7849304



Helen Waterfalls

Raven Cliff Falls

(5 miles round trip, advanced)

Some of the most unusual in the North Georgia area because the water flows through a split in the face of a solid rock outcropping to the ground 100' below. Behind the split, the water drops approximately 60' and then rushes through the rock face and drops 20' into a deep pool. The water then cascades 20 more feet to Dodd Creek. Three other waterfalls can be found on Dodd Creek. The area offers excellent opportunities for day-hiking, however, there are no facilities of any type provided. Exercise extreme caution in this area.

Directions: Take GA75 S towards Helen. North of Helen, turn right onto GA356 (75 Alternate) and go 2.3 miles to the Richard Russell Scenic Byway. Turn right, go 2.8 miles to the trailhead and parking area.

Coordinates: 34.709848, -83.789290

Dukes Creek Falls

(1.6 miles round trip, moderate)

Dukes Creek Trail winds its way into Dukes Creek Gorge where it dead ends across from the 300' Dukes Creek Falls. The area offers scenic beauty and great gold panning opportunities.

Directions: Take GA75 south towards Helen. North of Helen, turn right onto GA356 (75 Alternate) and go 2.3 miles to the Richard Russell Scenic Byway. Turn right onto it and go 2 miles to the Dukes Creek Falls Recreation Area on your left.

Coordinates: 34.703259, -83.788547

Anna Ruby Falls

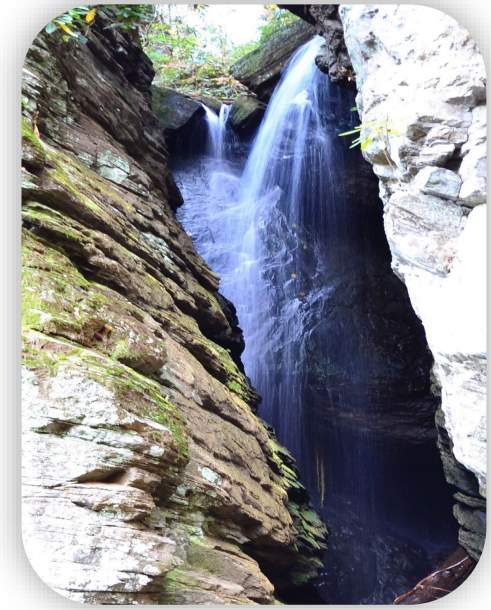
(.8 miles round trip, easy)

Two creeks, Curtis and York climax their run down the steep slopes of Tray Mountain in twin waterfalls. Curtis Creek falling 153' and York Creek dropping 50'. The two waterfalls jointly are called Anna Ruby Falls, named after the only daughter of James H. "Captain" Nicols, retired Colonel of the Civil War who settled in the Nacoochee Valley in 1870.

Directions: Take GA75 south towards Helen. North of Helen, turn left on GA356 and go 1.5 miles. Go left at the entrance road to the falls.

Coordinates: 34.757640, -83.710190

Blairsville Waterfalls



Trahlyta Falls

(1 mile round trip, easy)

This great fall is located past the dam inside Vogel State Park. A mainly flat 1/2 mile trail gets you to the bottom to the viewing platform.

Directions: In Blairsville, take Hwy129 South for 11 miles. The falls will be on the right just before the Vogel State Park entrance. Parking for the falls is at the lake on the right side by the picnic area.

Coordinates: 34.7698537, -83.9194186

Helton Creek Falls

(.6 miles round trip, moderate)

Helton Creek Falls Trail follows Helton Creek to two waterfalls. The trail accesses the lower falls at both the bottom and top of the falls and ends at the bottom of the upper falls. The total vertical drop is more than 100' and the rocks are deceptively slippery around these falls—exercise caution.

Directions: In Blairsville, take Hwy129 South for 11 miles. Turn left on the first gravel road past the entrance to Vogel State Park. Go 2.2 miles to a small pullout parking area and the trailhead will be on the right.

Coordinates: 34.751944, -83.896389