

Western North Carolina Waterfalls

1. Bridal Veil Falls: 2.5 miles east of Highlands on US 64. They are visible from the highway, which at one time traffic went under the falls. Has a drop of 120 feet.

2. Courthouse Falls: Located in the Beech Gap area of Pisgah Forest on Courthouse Creek. Take Hwy 64 E from Cashiers, turn north onto S R 215, to Balsam Grove and Courthouse Creek.

3. Cullasaja Falls: Visible from Highway 64 in the Cullasaja Gorge, these falls are located 11 miles east of Franklin, 9 miles west of Highlands. It has a drop of 250 feet and is accessible by a half-mile of rugged, steep trail.

4. Drift Falls: Located in the Gorges State Park off of Highway 281 S, also known as the "Whitewater Road", these falls are on the Horsepasture River. The park has ample parking and distinct trails.

5. Dry Falls: Located 3.5 miles west of Highlands off of Highway 64, these falls have a drop of 75 feet and can be walked under. They can be reached by a paved walkway from the parking area.

6. Glen Falls: These falls can be reached by traveling south for three miles on Highway 106, then turning left onto US Forest Road with "Glen Falls" marker. The falls consist of three large falls, dropping about 60 feet. They can be reached by a one-mile trail that is steep and rough.

7. Horsepasture Falls: Also located on Horsepasture River, in the Gorges State Park on Highway 281 S, close in vicinity to Drift Falls. Ample parking and marked trails.

8. Kiesee Falls: From Cashiers, travel 16 miles east on Highway 64, to the "Gloucester Road". The falls are located on Kiesee Creek in Balsam Grove, near Courthouse Falls.

9. Indian Creek Falls: These falls are in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. From Bryson City, take the "Deep Creek Road" north 3 miles to the Deep Creek Campground. The one mile trail to the falls is designated as "easy". The falls themselves are 60 feet high.

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Whitewater Falls

10. Juneywhank Falls: These falls are located one quarter mile downstream from Indian Creek Falls; just follow the directions above to Deep Creek Campground.

11. Looking Glass Falls: From the town of Waynesville, take US Highway 276 south, going approximately 22 miles. Parking is well marked, and a short easy trail will take you to the falls.

12. Rainbow Falls: This is the third set of falls that are located in the Gorges State Park, located off of Highway 281S, about three miles south of the Highway 64 and Highway 281S intersection.

13. Soco Falls: These falls are 6 miles north of the town of Cherokee, on U S 19. They are located on the slope of Soco Bald.

14. Tom's Branch Falls: Also located in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in the Deep Creek area. From Bryson City, take the Deep Creek Road north for 3 miles to the campground. The falls are a quarter mile walk from Deep Creek campground.

15. Toxaway Falls: From the town of Cashiers take Highway 64 east for just under 16 miles. The falls pass under the road and there is a small pull-off, but there is no public access.

16. Whitewater Falls: This is the highest waterfall in the Eastern United States. It has a drop of 411 feet in North Carolina and another 400 feet in South Carolina. Located on Highway 281S, (Highway 130 in South Carolina) the falls have a walking path a quarter mile long to one viewing area, and stairs to a second area. There is a large parking area, public restrooms and picnic grounds available. There is a small fee for parking.

17. Silver Run Falls: These are the falls to see if you want to get up close and personal with the water. They are not very high (only about 30 feet), but you can get in and wade right up to the falls. A wonderful place to have a picnic and relax on some of our warmer summer days. Located on Hwy 107S approximately four miles from the Cashiers crossroads, there is a gravel pull-off with a short walk to the water. We hope you have enjoyed the map. Please call us if we can help you find your special mountain home.