



Hikes

Tellico Gap Hike

HWY 19/74 West (Go out of Nantahala Cabins Lane and turn left)

Go 9.8 miles, turn left on Wayah Road. (This is the road to the put in for rafting) Follow Wayah Road 4.7 miles, turn left on Otter Creek Road, after 2.6 miles it turns to a gravel road. Follow another 1.2 miles to parking area with wooden rail road tie walls. Park on left. (GO Left to the trail) Follow the Appalachian Trail North. The Appalachian Train (AT) is marked with white paint on trees. Follow about 1.5 miles about 1 hour hike to a Fire Tower. Bring camera.

Waterfall Hikes

Mingo Falls

HWY 74 to Exit 74 - Located in Cherokee, NC about 20 minutes from Nantahala Cabins

From HWY 74, follow 441 North at end where it comes to a T, turn right at that light then turn left at the next light, Kentucky Fried Chicken will be on the left. Go down to where the Cherokee Fun Park is on the left, turn right at that light then an immediate left on the Big Cove Road. Drive 4.5 miles to Mingo Falls Campground on the right, where the trail begins.

Mingo Falls is on the Cherokee Indian Reservation (Qualla Boundary), just outside the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. No special permits are required for access to the reservation. The falls is one of the tallest and most spectacular in the southern Appalachians.

Juney Whank Falls

HWY 74 to Exit 67 - Located in Bryson City at Deep Creek

Trailhead: Follow the signs through downtown Bryson City to Deep Creek Campground. Continue past the campground to the trailhead at the end of Deep Creek Road. Backtrack on foot 0.1 mile along the road to the trail. Juney Whank Falls is divided into an upper and lower section. Both can be viewed from the footbridge which crosses Juney Whank Branch at the falls.

The stream and falls are said to be named after a Mr. Junaluska "Juney" Whank, who may be buried in the area.

Indian Creek/Tom Branch Falls

HWY 74 to Exit 67 - Located in Bryson City at Deep Creek

Trailhead: Follow the signs through downtown Bryson City to Deep Creek Campground. Continue past the campground to the trailhead at the end of Deep Creek Road. Walk Deep Creek Trail 0.7 mile to the junction with Indian Creek Trail. On your way you can view elegant Tom Branch Falls located on the far side of Deep Creek. Turn right at the junction with Indian Creek Trail and proceed approximately 200 feet to Indian Creek Falls.

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