



EXCLUSIVE 2026 GUIDE

ADVENTURE

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA



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Stay on Trails

Always stay on marked trails and follow posted signs. Venturing off designated paths near waterfalls can lead to dangerous terrain.

Supervise Children

Keep children close and within sight at all times. Moving water and rocky banks demand constant adult supervision.



Watch Your Step

Avoid waterfall tops and slippery rocks. Wet surfaces are extremely hazardous — use caution with photos near ledges.

Never Hike Alone

Always hike with a companion and carry a fully charged cell phone. Let someone know your route before heading out.



Within the Estates Trail Guides

Toxaway River Trail

 **Distance** 2 – 3 Miles

A stunning riverside trail winding along the Toxaway River. Choose from multiple route options ranging from a gentle 2-mile walk to a more immersive 3-mile journey. Difficulty rating 2–4. Ideal for all skill levels seeking waterfall vistas and lush forest scenery.

 **Duration** 1 – 2.25 Hours

Follow the river downstream for the most scenic experience. Trail markers are clearly posted at each junction. Wear waterproof footwear and stay on marked paths at all times for a safe and rewarding adventure.

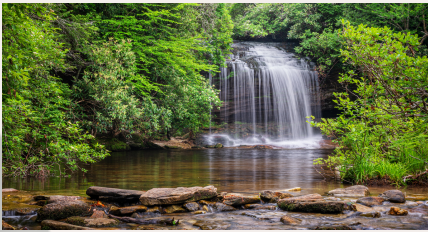


Meadow Ridge

Up to 2-Mile Loops

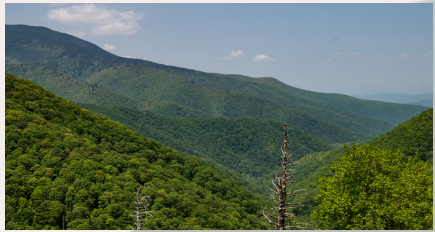
A peaceful, easy-rated trail (Difficulty 1) featuring sweeping meadow views and gentle rolling terrain. Perfect for families and casual hikers. Multiple loop options allow you to customize your outing through open highland meadows.

Panthertown Valley Trails



Schoolhouse Falls

One of Panthertown Valley's most beloved destinations. A stunning cascade tucked into lush forest, accessible via a scenic trail through the valley's pristine wilderness.



Little Green Mountain

A rewarding summit hike offering sweeping panoramic views across Panthertown Valley. Moderate terrain winds through hardwood forest to an open rocky summit.



Granny Burrell Falls

A hidden gem along the valley floor, this graceful waterfall rewards hikers with a serene and secluded setting. Ideal for a peaceful afternoon adventure.



Warden Falls

A more remote cascade tucked deep within Panthertown Valley. The trail to Warden Falls passes through old-growth forest and offers exceptional solitude.

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Gorges State Park & Others



Rainbow & Turtleback Falls

Two of Gorges State Park's most beloved destinations, Rainbow Falls and Turtleback Falls offer dramatic cascades along the Horsepasture River. The trail winds through lush forest with stunning views at every turn.

Whitewater Falls

At nearly 411 feet, Whitewater Falls is among the highest waterfalls east of the Rockies. A short paved path leads to the main overlook — a must-see landmark within Gorges State Park.



Lower Whitewater Falls

Lower Whitewater Falls plunges over 200 feet into a pristine gorge below. Accessible via a moderate trail, this hidden gem rewards hikers with one of the most breathtaking waterfall views in the Southeast.



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Pisgah National Forest

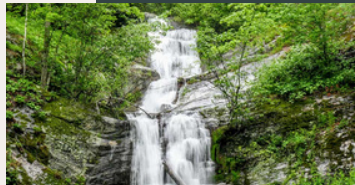
John Rock

A striking granite dome rising above the Davidson River valley, John Rock offers sweeping panoramic views of the Pisgah National Forest canopy. The moderate 5.2-mile loop rewards hikers with one of the finest summit vistas in Western North Carolina.



Daniel Ridge Falls

A hidden gem tucked within Pisgah's lush interior, Daniel Ridge Falls cascades dramatically over ancient granite slabs. The relatively easy 3.2-mile trail winds through rich forest and stream crossings before revealing this stunning multi-tiered waterfall.



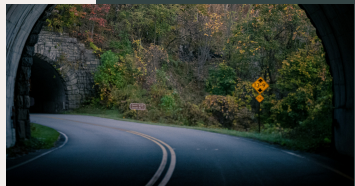
Looking Glass Falls

One of the most photographed waterfalls in the Southeast, Looking Glass Falls plunges 60 feet into a pristine pool below. Easily accessible from the parkway, this iconic cascade is a must-see landmark in the heart of Pisgah National Forest.



Blue Ridge Parkway

The legendary Blue Ridge Parkway winds through some of Appalachia's most breathtaking scenery, offering endless overlooks, wildflower meadows, and misty ridgeline vistas. A signature scenic drive through the soul of the Southern Highlands.





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