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FOREST WATCH

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THE FORESTS

The 1.2 million acres of National Forests in North Carolina include mountains, rolling piedmont hills, and the sandy pine forests of the coastal plains. The four Forests - the Pisgah, Nantahala, Crockett and Watauga provide a variety of recreation opportunities from the mountains to the sea.

The 495,000-acre Pisgah National Forest lies in the mountainous western North Carolina. It is the largest of the mountains from North Carolina. It is the mountainous western North Carolina. It is the largest of the mountains from North Carolina.

FOREST ATTRACTIONS

The National Recreation Trail follows through hardwood and pine forests, covering a trail 100 miles long. Located between miles east of Davidson on NC 88.

White Oak River is a slow-moving, meandering river on the Crockett National Forest with access from Haywood Landing. Shore banks carry cypress, red cedar, and an occasional alligator are some of the attractions you may see along this river.

Waikiki Poplar is the second largest yellow-poplar in the United States. It is named for John Waikiki, an early-day ranger on the Nantahala National Forest. It is located near a spectacular trail area located on Forest Road #27, less than 2 miles from the parking area.

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TIPS FOR VISITORS

SEASONS: Summer is the best time for swimming in mountain lakes and streams is between early June and late August.

SUPPLIES: Groceries, supplies, and services are available within a half-hour drive of all areas listed herein.

PESTS: Snakes, ticks, and other pests usually are only a minor problem but may be present. Bring insect repellent and appropriate first aid supplies.

FLORA: Wildflowers, trees, shrubs, ferns, and mosses are part of the forest. They are beautiful and interesting. Do not pick them.

WILDLIFE: Deer, turkeys, and other animals are common. Do not feed them.

DIRECTIONS TO RECREATION AREAS AND POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1. BRICE CREEK:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
- 2. CANNONDIFF CREEK:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
- 3. CEDAR POINT CAMPOUNDER:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
- 4. FISHER LANDING:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
- 5. HAYWOOD LANDING:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
- 6. IRON RIVER RECREATION AREA:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
- 7. KING CREEK:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
- 8. MOUNTAIN VIEW RECREATION AREA:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
- 9. NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
- 10. PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
- 11. WATAUGA NATIONAL FOREST:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
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- 18. LAKE CHARLOTTE RECREATION AREA:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
- 19. NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
- 20. BUTLER CREEK GROUP CAMP:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
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- 38. CRADLE OF FORESTRY IN AMERICA:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
- 39. CURTIS CREEK AUTO TOUR:** From Hwy 280, north 12 miles on US 421 to a small town. Turn right on US 421 to the right.
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