

Waterfalls Near Scaly Mountain

Within an approximate 30-mile radius of 700 Happy Hill Road

Sorted by overall access difficulty | Clickable details and turn-by-turn directions

EASIEST ACCESS

Roadside and nearly no-walk views

These stops require little or no hiking. Traffic, limited pull-offs and private-property boundaries are the main concerns.



Waterfall illustration

1 Estatoah Falls - Roadside View Only

EASY VIEWING / PRIVATE PROPERTY

Access: No hike; distant roadside view

Area: Dillard / Sky Valley, GA | **Radius:** 1.1 mi straight-line

A dramatic multi-tiered cascade visible at a distance from GA 246, especially when leaves are off the trees. The falls are on private property: remain at a lawful roadside viewpoint and do not enter posted land.

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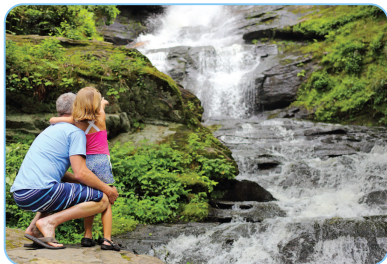


Photo: Explore Rabun

2 Mud Creek Falls

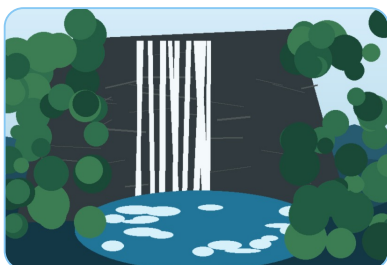
EASY

Access: Roadside; optional creek trail

Area: Sky Valley, GA | **Radius:** 1.2 mi straight-line

A broad waterfall at the end of Tahoe Lane. Viewing requires almost no walking; an informal creekside path continues downstream past smaller cascades. Use care on wet rock and respect nearby property.

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Waterfall illustration

3 Bridal Veil Falls

EASY

Access: Roadside pull-off; nearly level viewing

Area: Highlands, NC | **Radius:** 7.4 mi straight-line

A delicate curtain of water beside US 64. Visitors can walk along the old paved lane behind the falls, but vehicles no longer pass underneath. Parking is limited, so stay fully clear of traffic.

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ROADSIDE WATERFALLS

Quick scenic stops along US 64

These falls are easy to reach, but the Cullasaja Gorge has narrow shoulders, blind curves and fast-moving water.



Waterfall illustration

4 Lake Sequoyah Dam Falls

EASY VIEW / DIFFICULT BANK

Access: Roadside overlook; optional steep scramble

Area: Highlands, NC | **Radius:** 7.4 mi straight-line

Also called Kalakaleskies Falls, this man-made cascade spills below Lake Sequoyah. The safest view is from the US 64 pull-off; the bank below is steep and should be avoided when wet.

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Waterfall illustration

5 Cullasaja Falls

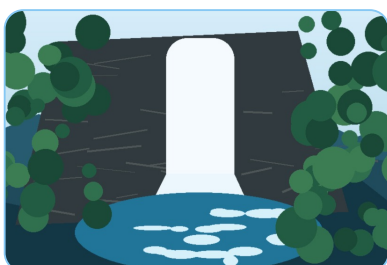
EASY VIEW / HAZARDOUS PULL-OFF

Access: Roadside overlook only

Area: Cullasaja Gorge, NC | **Radius:** 8.7 mi straight-line

A powerful 250-foot series of cascades seen from a small pull-off on the Mountain Waters Scenic Byway. Do not attempt the unofficial descent to the base; park completely off the narrow highway.

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Waterfall illustration

6 Bust Your Butt Falls - Quarry Falls

EASY ACCESS / WATER HAZARDS

Access: Very short walk from roadside pull-offs

Area: Cullasaja Gorge, NC | **Radius:** 7.3 mi straight-line

A stair-step river cascade and popular summer swimming area beside US 64. Swift current, hidden rocks and changing water levels can make sliding or swimming unsafe; admire from shore when flow is high.

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SHORT ACCESS ROUTES

Short paths and developed walkways

Walking distance remains brief, although stairs, wet pavement, unpaved roads or remote parking add complexity.

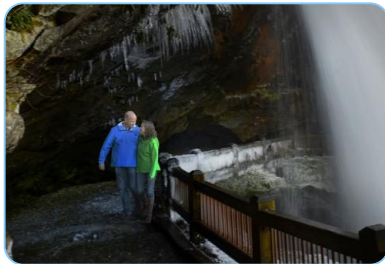


Photo: Visit Highlands, NC

7 Dry Falls

EASY TO MODERATE

Access: About 0.2 mile round trip; paved path and stairs

Area: Highlands, NC | **Radius:** 6.9 mi straight-line

A short developed path descends to viewing platforms and a walkway behind the waterfall. The return requires climbing stairs, and spray can make the path slick. A Forest Service parking fee may apply.

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Photo: Explore Rabun

8 Darnell Falls

EASY

Access: About 0.5 mile round trip

Area: Rabun Gap, GA | **Radius:** 3.3 mi straight-line

A short walk down an old road leads to a lively two-tier cascade. The approach road is unpaved, parking is limited and the final walking surface can be muddy after rain.

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Waterfall illustration

9 Bad Branch Falls

EASY TRAIL / REMOTE ROAD

Access: About a 5-minute walk

Area: Lake Seed, GA | **Radius:** 18.4 mi straight-line

A short unmarked path reaches a pretty 20-foot cascade off Crow Creek Road. The drive is the larger commitment: expect winding lake roads and limited roadside parking.

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EASY SHORT HIKES

Waterfalls reached in roughly one mile or less

These outings are family-approachable for many visitors, but roots, wet surfaces and limited parking are common.



Waterfall illustration

10 Mooney Falls

EASY TO MODERATE

Access: About 0.2 to 0.5 mile round trip

Area: Standing Indian, NC | **Radius:** 9.8 mi straight-line

A very short forest walk leads to two viewpoints of a long, sliding cascade near Standing Indian. Forest Service Road 67 may be slow or seasonally affected, so check access before departure.

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Waterfall illustration

11 Minnehaha Falls

EASY TO MODERATE

Access: About 0.4 mile round trip

Area: Lake Rabun / Lakemont, GA | **Radius:** 19.3 mi straight-line

A short trail follows Fall Branch to a graceful, multi-tiered waterfall framed by rhododendron. The final road is narrow and parking is very limited, particularly on weekends.

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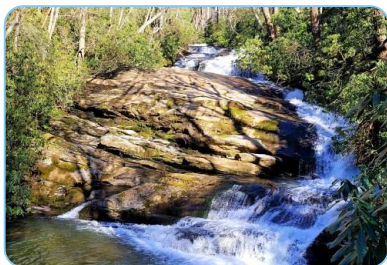


Photo: Visit Highlands, NC

12 Upper Middle Creek Falls - Hidden Falls Trail

EASY TO MODERATE

Access: About 1.0 mile round trip

Area: Scaly Mountain, NC | **Radius:** 0.5 mi straight-line

A forest trail on the Highlands Aerial Park property descends to a secluded waterfall. Check in with the park and complete any required waiver before entering the trail system.

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EASY TO MODERATE

Forest trails with climbing or rough footing

Allow more time for elevation, switchbacks and natural trail surfaces. Carry water and download directions before leaving pavement.



Waterfall illustration

13 Becky Branch Falls

EASY TO MODERATE

Access: About 0.5 mile round trip

Area: Warwoman Dell, GA | **Radius:** 8.2 mi straight-line

A compact cascade reached from Warwoman Dell using the Bartram Trail and a signed connector. The route is short but includes a sharp climb, switchbacks and exposed drop-offs in places.

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Waterfall illustration

14 Martin Creek Falls

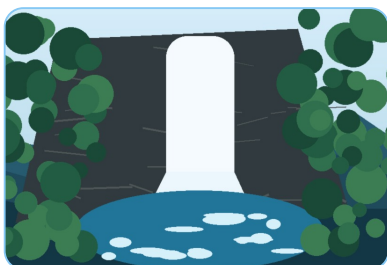
EASY TO MODERATE

Access: About 1.0 mile round trip

Area: Warwoman Dell, GA | **Radius:** 7.5 mi straight-line

Continue along the Bartram Trail from Warwoman Dell to a quiet two-tier waterfall in a shaded cove. The path is generally manageable but includes roots, wet sections and modest climbing.

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Waterfall illustration

15 Rufus Morgan Falls

EASY TO MODERATE

Access: About 1.0-mile loop

Area: Franklin, NC | **Radius:** 15.9 mi straight-line

A pleasant cove-forest loop known for spring wildflowers and a broad sliding cascade. The trail is short but the remote approach and natural footing warrant sturdy shoes.

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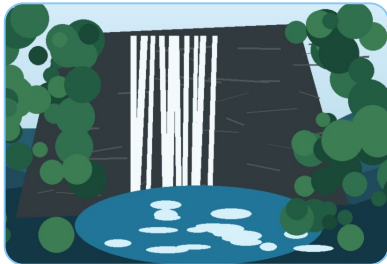
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MODERATE HIKES

Woodland waterfalls and remote access roads

These routes combine natural trails with gravel-road approaches. Sturdy footwear and an offline map are strongly recommended.



Waterfall illustration

16 Picklesimer Rockhouse Falls

MODERATE

Access: About 1.2 to 1.3 miles round trip

Area: Blue Valley, NC | **Radius:** 4.4 mi straight-line

An unblazed forest path reaches a slender waterfall dropping in front of a deeply recessed rock shelter. Navigation can be confusing; carry an offline map and avoid the slick area behind the falls during high flow.

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Photo: Visit Highlands, NC

17 Secret Falls - Big Shoals Falls

MODERATE

Access: About 1.3 to 1.5 miles round trip

Area: Highlands, NC | **Radius:** 8.8 mi straight-line

A woodland trail and creek crossing lead to a secluded waterfall and pool. The final spur to the base is steep and rough; the gravel approach road can be rutted after bad weather.

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Waterfall illustration

18 Big Laurel Falls

MODERATE

Access: About 1.0 mile round trip

Area: Standing Indian, NC | **Radius:** 10.2 mi straight-line

A creekside trail near Standing Indian follows an old railroad grade to a broad forest cascade. The walk is not long, but remote road access and wet rocks increase the overall outing difficulty.

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MODERATE AND REMOTE

Longer walks or difficult road approaches

Road conditions can change after storms. Low-clearance vehicles may need to park farther away, increasing the hiking distance.



Waterfall illustration

19 Stonewall Creek Falls

MODERATE DUE TO ACCESS

Access: About 0.5 mile round trip from the near trailhead
Area: Tiger / Clayton, GA | **Radius:** 14.1 mi straight-line

A short forest walk reaches a photogenic cascade, but the unpaved approach is long and can be rough. Do not rely on low-clearance access after heavy rain; parking farther away lengthens the hike.

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Waterfall illustration

20 Hemlock Falls

MODERATE

Access: About 2.0 miles round trip
Area: Lake Burton, GA | **Radius:** 19.0 mi straight-line

A gradual creekside trail follows Moccasin Creek to a 15-foot waterfall and pool. Expect roots, bridges and small wet crossings; the narrow access road can be rough.

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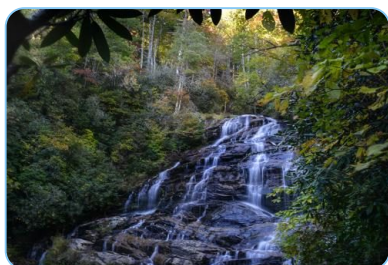


Photo: Visit Highlands, NC

21 Glen Falls

MODERATE

Access: About 2.4 miles round trip
Area: Highlands, NC | **Radius:** 5.4 mi straight-line

A descending trail reaches overlooks for three major waterfall sections on Overflow Creek. Save energy for the return climb and remain on the established overlooks above the steep gorge.

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MORE DEMANDING OUTINGS

Steeper trails and backcountry access

These destinations require stronger preparation, careful navigation and extra time. Begin early and verify road conditions.



Waterfall illustration

22 Panther Falls and Angel Falls

MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

Access: About 2.0 miles round trip

Area: Lake Rabun, GA | **Radius:** 18.1 mi straight-line

The trail from Rabun Beach Campground passes Panther Falls around the halfway point and continues uphill to Angel Falls. The upper section is steeper, with roots and wet rock near the viewing areas.

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Waterfall illustration

23 Holcomb Creek Falls and Ammons Falls

MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

Access: About 1.1 to 1.3 miles round trip

Area: Rabun Bald area, GA | **Radius:** 3.7 mi straight-line

A steep forest trail connects two impressive waterfalls near the North Carolina line. The return climb is demanding, and the remote Forest Service roads require extra time and careful navigation.

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Waterfall illustration

24 Dick's Creek Falls

MODERATE / REMOTE ACCESS

Access: About 0.6 mile round trip

Area: Chattooga River, GA | **Radius:** 10.2 mi straight-line

A short trail reaches a powerful cascade where Dick's Creek enters the Chattooga River. The destination is remote, with gravel roads and potentially difficult crossings; verify road conditions and carry an offline map.

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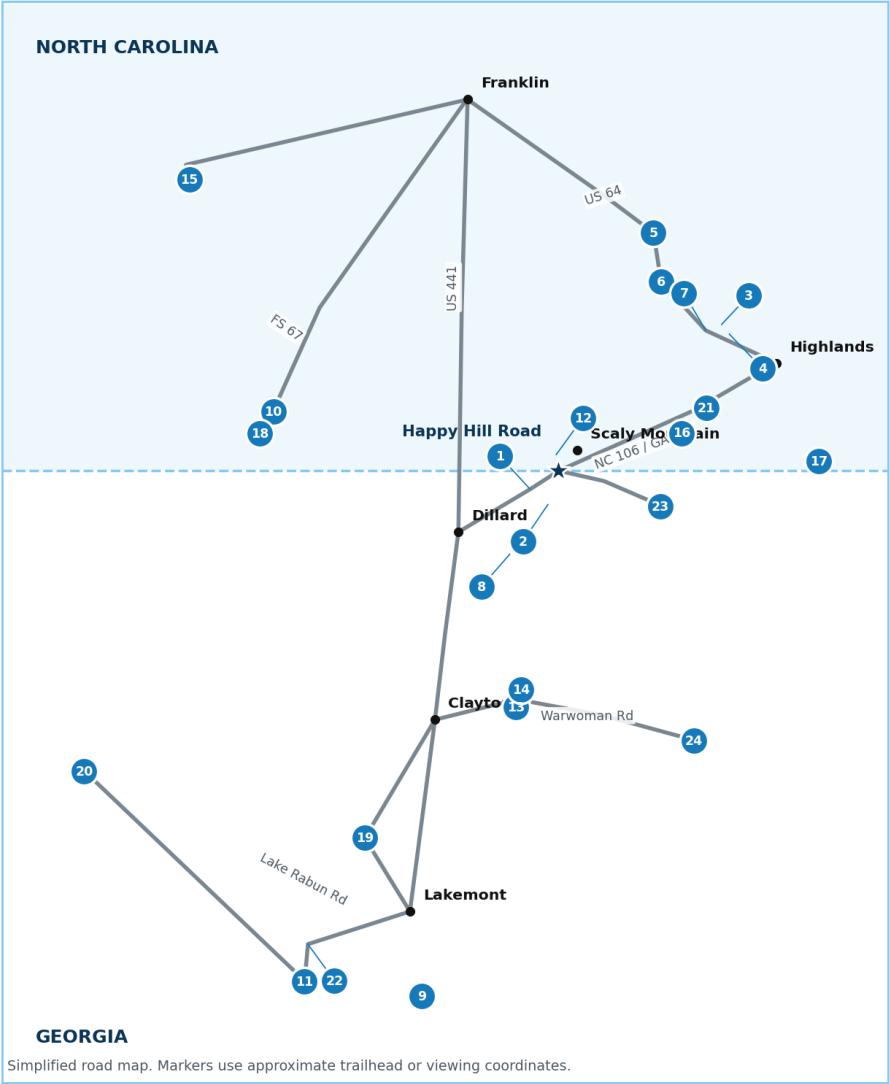
Waterfall Road Map

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REGIONAL MAP

Waterfalls within 30 miles of Happy Hill Road



MAP KEY

Numbers match the guide listings.

- 1 Estatoah Falls
- 2 Mud Creek Falls
- 3 Bridal Veil Falls
- 4 Lake Sequoyah Dam Falls
- 5 Cullasaja Falls
- 6 Bust Your Butt Falls
- 7 Dry Falls
- 8 Darnell Falls
- 9 Bad Branch Falls
- 10 Mooney Falls
- 11 Minnehaha Falls
- 12 Upper Middle Creek Falls - Hidden Falls Trail
- 13 Becky Branch Falls
- 14 Martin Creek Falls
- 15 Rufus Morgan Falls
- 16 Picklesimer Rockhouse Falls
- 17 Secret Falls - Big Shoals Falls
- 18 Big Laurel Falls
- 19 Stonewall Creek Falls
- 20 Hemlock Falls
- 21 Glen Falls
- 22 Panther Falls and Angel Falls
- 23 Holcomb Creek Falls and Ammons Falls
- 24 Dick's Creek Falls

Use each listing's clickable Map / directions link for turn-by-turn navigation. Forest roads and parking conditions can change.

All selected waterfalls are within approximately 20 miles straight-line of Happy Hill Road; mountain-road driving mileage is often substantially longer.