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At the edge of the Great Smoky Mountains, The Cheoah River, Little Tennessee River, Nantahala River, Oconaluftee River and Tuckasegee River all flow through the North Carolina Smokies and into Fontana Lake, creating a spectacular "Blueways Trail" throughout the region. These five spectacular rivers, the lakes along the way and their watersheds encompass the Nantahala National Forest and two National Park units, creating the largest outdoor

recreation areas in the Southeastern United States. These rivers, known as the **Great Rivers and Great Lakes of the Great Smokies**, offer fishing, canoeing, kayaking, tubing and a host of recreational opportunities, so it's no surprise that it's also one of the most visited areas.

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CHEOAH RIVER

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The Cheoah River is located in the extreme southwestern corner of North Carolina, near Robbinsville. Twenty miles long, the Cheoah is one of the most physically demanding rivers in the world. On release days, sections of the Cheoah offer challenging Class IV and V rapids, the perfect challenge for the most adventurous paddlers. With its unique features and exciting rapids, paddlers agree that the Cheoah will become one of the crown jewels of the whitewater world.



NANTAHALA RIVER

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The Nantahala offers river rafting and kayaking through family-friendly rapids and is also a popular spot for the amateur and Olympic paddler. As one of America's most popular whitewater runs, it features eight miles of Class II rapids before splashing through the exciting Class III whitewater of Nantahala Falls. The Nantahala is also recognized as one of the area's premier trout streams. So good, in fact, that Trout Unlimited included it on their list of the Top 100 Trout Streams in the U.S.



TUCKASEGEE RIVER

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The Tuckasegee, known as the "Tuck," originates in Jackson County and runs through Cullowhee, Webster, Dilworth and Bryson City on its way to Fontana Lake. A popular river for tubing, floating, canoeing, rafting and kayaking, it's best known for fishing. With many areas as wide as many western rivers, the Tuck offers plenty of room for back casting. It's such a popular area for fishing that Jackson County Chamber of Commerce produced its own fly-fishing map for the Tuck. If you're looking for an exhilarating way to experience fly-fishing, make sure and check out a float trip on the Tuck.



LAKE GLENVILLE

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The highest-elevation lake east of the Mississippi, Lake Glenville, is a reservoir located eight miles from Cashiers, North Carolina. Like the mountains that meet its shore, the lake's bottom plunges steeply to eighty feet or more, creating one of our deepest lakes. With over twenty-six miles of pristine shoreline, Lake Glenville's waters have become a tourist destination for kayakers, canoe paddlers, water-skiers and pleasure boat enthusiasts. Encompassing 1,497 acres and surrounded by cliff sides, it's the perfect cool retreat for the Southeast's hot summers.