

WATERFALLS

- 1) **WHITEWATER FALLS** ~At 420 ft., this is the tallest waterfall in the East. An easy walk of 5-10 minutes leads to an overlook & view of the falls. Go East on US 64, 9 miles to Sapphire, take 281 South for 8.7 miles to the parking area on the left.
- 2) **TURTLEBACK FALLS**~ A great swimming hole! Park in the Gorges State Park and follow trail.
- 3) **RAINBOW FALLS**~ The Masterpiece of the Horsepasture River! Just below Turtleback Falls.
- 4) **NARROWS FALLS**~ The crowning jewel of Sapphire Valley! Take US 64 East approx. 3 miles from SV entrance, turn right into Holly Forest 2 & 3, go to second road on Left, Holly Road, you will see a sign for Narrows Falls on Right (gravel road) travel to dead-end, follow 1/2 mile trail.
- 5) **CASHIERS SLIDING ROCK**~ Natures waterslide! From the Cashiers Crossroads, take 107 South 1.5 miles, turn Right onto Whiteside Cove Road (SR 1107). Go 3 miles, park just past the bridge. Easy short paths lead to the slide & swimming hole.
- 6) **SILVER RUN FALLS**~ This 40 foot Fall cascades into a beautiful pool of chilling water. From the Crossroads, take 107 South almost 4.1 miles to the gravel parking area on the left shoulder. Follow trail to Falls.
- 7) **BRIDAL VEIL FALLS**~ From Downtown Highlands, go 2.5 miles West on US 64. Years ago the original highway was routed behind these falls. Falls on Right.
- 8) **DRY FALLS**~ You can walk underneath this 80 foot Falls just like Bridal Veil. 1 mile West of Bridal Veil.
- 9) **CULLASAJA GORGE & FALLS**~ Undoubtedly one of the most spectacular waterfalls in the South, though a bit tricky to view. Continuing West on US 64, past Dry Falls. Located below & parallel to the highway in the Cullasaja River Gorge.
- 10) **UPPER & LOWER SATULAH FALLS**~ Two high narrow Waterfalls are visible from overlooks on the West side of Hwy 28. Upper Satulah can be viewed from the road, 2.3 miles South on Hwy 28. Travel an additional 1.2 miles & look for the gravel pull-off to the Right to view Lower Satulah.
- 11) **GLEN FALLS**~ A series of 3 large Falls dropping approx. 60 feet each, on the East Fork of Overflow Creek in the Blue Valley area. From Highlands, go about 2 miles South on NC 106, turn Left onto SR 1618 & the parking area is 1.1 miles down this road.
- 12) **HURRICANE FALLS**~ Lake Glenville, 30-40 ft, accessible only by boat (falls into lake). From Cashiers, north on NC-107, 5 miles to marinas, ask about falls.
- 13) **CHATTOOGA RIVER/IRON BRIDGE**~ Remember Deliverance? It was filmed near here! From the Crossroads, take 107 South to Bull Pen Road on Right, follow road 5 miles, cross bridge, park, swim, fish, picnic, hike, have fun!if you happen to hear a banjo.....

TRAILS

- A) **BALD ROCK Mtn. ~ FAIRFIELD LAKE TRAIL**~ The Centerpiece to Sapphire Valley! From the SV Entrance, travel East on US 64 1/2 mile, turn Left to Fairfield Lake and Boat Dock. Lake trail starts beside the picnic pavilion. To get to the Bald Rock trail, go further down US 64 East, approx. 3/4 miles, turn Left on Gold Creek Rd (next to the Fire Station) go over small bridge, Fairfield Lake will be on your left, the entrance to the trail is just up the road on the Left.
- B) **PANTHER TOWN VALLEY**~ Features dramatic granite cliffs & scenic waterfalls. From the Sapphire Valley Entrance, take US 64 West for 1.5 miles, turn Right onto Cedar Creek Rd. (SR 1120). Follow approx. 2 miles to the intersection of SR 1121 at Zachary's Gap. Turn Right onto SR 1121 & proceed 3.6 miles to the tiny primitive parking area at the Panther town Valley gate. The access road is an excellent foot travel path, no motor vehicles.
- C) **YELLOW MOUNTAIN**~ The highest summit in the area at 5,127 feet! From the Crossroads, take US 64 West for 3.2 miles. Turn Right on Norton Rd., go 2 miles & turn Left on Yellow Mountain Rd., go 2.6 miles & turn Left on Mill Creek Rd., go .8 miles & turn left at gravel driveway. At this point the road splits, take the Right fork. Look carefully for the Forest Service sign on the Left. Park off the road & begin your hike taking the trail leading Left.
- D) **WHITESIDE MOUNTAIN**~ The ridge line of Whiteside forms the Eastern Continental Divide, at 4,930 feet. Half-a-billion years old, it's one of the oldest Mountains in the world! Originally igneous granite, transformed into a metamorphic rock called gneiss. Peregrine Falcons have been re-established at Whiteside, and can often be seen nesting on the rock face. Take US 64 West about 7 miles from the Crossroads, turn Left onto Wildcat Ridge Road (South) just past the Whiteside Overlook, go about 1.2 miles to the Whiteside parking area. The trail is about 2 miles roundtrip. Take the steps leading up to the trail, up on the right are a series of stairs, you can take these to get to the top quicker (more strenuous), or keep going straight for much easier hike.
- E) **ELLICOTT ROCK**~ This famous rock marks the boundary of N.C., S.C. & Georgia. This is 7 miles round-trip, moderate to more difficult & takes about 4.5 hours. From the Crossroads, go Left on NC 107 South. Turn Right onto Whiteside Cove Rd, travel 9 miles, then turn Left onto Bull Pen Rd., and travel 1.7 miles until you reach a pull off to the Right at the Ellicott Rock Wilderness Area sign. Follow the steps to the trail head.

OVERLOOKS

- 1) **WHITESIDE MOUNTAIN OVERLOOK** From the Cashiers Crossroads, take US 64 West about 7 miles. Looking out over the Whiteside area you will be faced with the majesty and austerity of the mountains & Cashiers Valley. Peregrine Falcons were "re" released in this area in 1986 and are thriving, most times you can see them "dancing" their own ballet in the sky.
- 2) **BLUE VALLEY OVERLOOK**~ Located 3.5 miles South of Highlands on NC 106. Looking at Blue Valley you experience the feeling that the whole world is made of mountains ~ they seem to go on forever. Shifting Blues & Greens make this overlook different each time you visit. There are several pull-off areas on NC 106.
- 3) **SUNSET ROCK OVERLOOK**~ Located at the end of a 20 minute moderate hike beginning just across from Highlands' Nature Center (go East on Highlands' Main Street to Horse Cove Rd.). Sunset Rock overlooks the town of Highlands. Looking to the East, off of Sunset Rock, you will be able to see the whole depth of Horse Cove.
- 4) **LAKE JOCASSEE OVERLOOK**~ Located on SC Hwy 37. Take either NC 107 south or NC 281 South and turn onto SC Hwy 37. There is a large parking lot/overlook where on a clear day you can see Lake Jocassee to the right, Lake Keowee to the left in South Carolina, and further on, Lake Hartwell in Georgia.

DRIVES

- HORSE COVE ROAD**~ Begin at the end of Main St. in Highlands. After winding 37 curves, you enter the beautiful Horse Cove. Turn Right on Rich Gap Rd. go approx. 67 yards to the 2nd largest Poplar tree in NC. Back on Horse Cove, proceed to the fork. To the Right is Bull Pen Rd. This takes you to the Chattooga River and the Iron Bridge. Turning Left takes you to Whiteside Cove, with a magnificent view of Whiteside Mountain. On the way you'll see Grimshaw's, the "World's Smallest Post Office". Whiteside Cove will bring you out to NC 107 just south of Cashiers, turn Left to take you back to Cashiers.
- BUCK CREEK ROAD**~ "The Highlands By-Pass". The Buck Creek Community sits in a basin with mountains covered with hardwoods surrounding it, which makes a spectacular showing in the fall. If your lucky, you'll see a few flocks of wild turkeys! At the end of Buck Creek you can turn left on US 64 and return to Highlands by way of the Cullasaja Gorge, or turn Right, which takes you into the town of Franklin.

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