

High Country

of north carolina



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High Country FISHING

3 The New River

PRISTINE FISHING CONDITIONS

Cool summer temperatures and calm waters make fishing in the High Country a popular sport. Two rivers of the High Country are known to have some of the best fishing locations in the eastern United States: The New River and Watauga River.

The New River is the second oldest river in the world and one of few that flow North. The headwaters are located in Blowing Rock, NC and the slow-flow and mature ecosystem house a thriving fish population.

The Watauga River is a freestone stream and houses a diverse population of aquatic insects hatching most of the year, that are hard to find in most mountain rivers.

2 Fly Fishing on Watauga River

TROUT, BASS & MUSKELLUNGE

The mountain rivers are home to many species of fish, including: Rainbow, Brown and Brook Trout, Small-Mouthed and Red-Eye Bass and Muskellunge.

3 Elk Creek Outfitters

WHERE to FISH

There are many fishing guides available in the High Country that will help you perfect your cast and find the best fishing locations. Many guides are certified casting instructors and all hold NC fishing licenses.

Many mountain cabins, inns and hotels offer fishing packages, or find a canoe-in campground along the river for the ultimate adventure!

If you would like to fish on your own, use the guide on the next page to help plan your trip.



THE NC HIGH COUNTRY'S BEST PUBLIC FISHING LOCATIONS

WATAUGA COUNTY

Green Valley Park on the South Fork New River

Species of Fish: Brown Trout, Redbreast Sunfish, Rock Bass, and Smallmouth Bass

Shore & Boat Accessible

Phone: (828) 264-6866

Address:

3592 State Road 1347

Todd, NC 28684

Todd Island Park on the South Fork New River

Species of Fish: Redbreast Sunfish, Rock Bass, and Smallmouth Bass

Shore & Boat Accessible

Phone: (336) 877-5401

Address:

Railroad Grade Rd at Castle Ford

Todd, NC 28684

Valle Crucis Park on the Watauga River

Species of Fish: Brook Trout, Brown Trout, and Rainbow Trout

Shore Accessible Only

Address:

2918 Broadstone Rd.

Valle Crucis, NC 28691

ASHE COUNTY

Kings Creek Access on the South Fork New River

Species of Fish: Muskellunge, Redbreast Sunfish, Rock Bass, and Smallmouth Bass

Shore, Pier, & Boat Accessible

Address:

River Mile 7 on Highway 221

West Jefferson, NC 28694

Highway 221 Access on the South Fork New River

Species of Fish: Redbreast Sunfish, Rock Bass, and Smallmouth Bass

Shore & Boat Accessible

Address:

River Mile 15 on Highway 221

West Jefferson, NC 28694

Wagoner Road Access on the South Fork New River

Species of Fish: Redbreast Sunfish, Rock Bass, and Smallmouth Bass

Shore & Boat Accessible

Address:

Wagoner Access Road

West Jefferson, NC 28694

