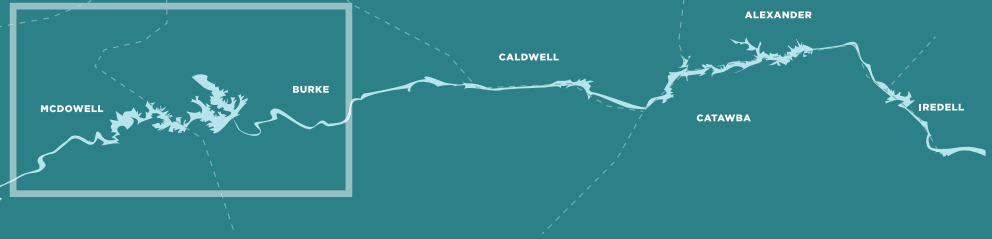


# SECTION 1: LAKE JAMES



## ACCESS POINTS

- 1** **Greenlee Park**  
McDowell County  
35.689922, -82.050486
- 2** **Phillips Landing**  
City of Marion  
35.707656, -82.033650
- 3** **Black Bear**  
NC Wildlife Resources Commission  
35.748186, -81.966940
- 4** **Hidden Cove**  
Lake James State Park  
35.730100, -81.890910
- 5** **Canal Bridge**  
Lake James State Park  
35.739337, -81.886381
- 6** **Long Arm Paddle Campsites**  
Lake James State Park  
35.748540, -81.851500
- 7** **Linville (Spur)**  
NC Wildlife Resources Commission  
35.792284, -81.885716
- 8** **Bridgewater Portage**  
NC Wildlife Resources Commission  
35.742000, -81.843000
- 9** **Bridgewater**  
NC Wildlife Resources Commission  
35.740270, -81.835030

\* Spur indicates a boat access area that is connected by branch off the main Catawba River Trail and leads to a dead end and does not loop or connect back to the main trail.

## DESCRIPTION

- 1.4 miles off U.S. Highway 70 on Old Greenlee Road**
- Located at the corner of 221 North Business and the Catawba River**
- 7.4 miles from Marion on Lake James Road**
- 8.8 miles from Marion on Highway 126**
- 9.8 miles from Marion on Highway 126**
- Accessible only by boat**
- 9.4 miles from Glen Alpine along Highway 126**
- 0.12 miles west of intersection of Powerhouse Road and North Powerhouse Road**
- 3.8 miles from Glen Alpine along Powerhouse Road**

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## HISTORY

The Catawba River is an important water way to Western North Carolina and has fostered a rich history for the region. Named for the Catawba Tribe of Native Americans that resided in the area for over 12,000 years, it hosted the earliest inland European settlement of Spanish conquistadors, Fort San Juan, until it was destroyed by fire in 1568.

During the Revolutionary War, it was a major route for the march of the Overmountain Victory men on their way to defeat the British Loyalists at King's Mountain, turning the tide of the war, and helping to secure our Nation's independence.

Over the years, water quality suffered and flow was decreased by human use. Thanks in part to the Clean Water Act of 1972, the Upper Catawba River Basin continues to recover and now is home to over 30 species of fish making it one of the most diverse fisheries in Western North Carolina, and home to ten different species of mussels and crayfish.

Today, the river provides water and power to millions of people within the region and continues to be an important recreational resource.

## LEGEND

- Local Roads
- Limited Access Highway
- Highway
- County Boundaries
- Hydrography

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911

#### General Information Numbers

NC Wildlife Resources Commission	(800) 662-7137
Alexander County	(828) 632-9332
Burke County	(828) 764-9000
Catawba County	(828) 465-8200
City of Hickory	(828) 323-7412
City of Marion	(828) 652-3551
City of Morganton Recreation	(828) 438-5350
Lake James State Park	(828) 584-7728
McDowell County	(828) 652-7121
Town of Valdese Parks & Recreation	(828) 879-2132
<b>Marinas</b>	
Lake James Marina	(828) 254-5253
Castle Bridge Marina	(828) 726-0718
Lakeside Marina	(828) 495-8181
Rink Dam Marina	(828) 632-7937
Taylorsville Beach Marina	(828) 632-7649
Mimosas Marina and Boat Landing	(828) 584-1886
Bear Creek Marina	(828) 655-1400

#### Visitor Information

Alexander County Tourism Office	(828) 632-1161
Burke County Visitor Center	(828) 433-6793
Caldwell County Visitor Center	(828) 726-0323
Hickory Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau	(828) 322-1335
Lenior Tourism Office	(828) 757-2200
McDowell County Visitor Center	(828) 652-4240

#### Respect Property

Please keep the Upper Catawba River Trail clean. Leave no trace by carrying trash with you and dispose of it properly. The trail is a publicly-owned river flowing through private property. River users should not trespass, abuse or litter the waters, banks or shoreline of the trail. Contact Lake James State Park, other land managing agency, or property owner prior to any overnight camping. Reservations may be required for overnight, or camping may be prohibited.