

ACCESS POINTS



Watermill Road



35.743771, -81.77244
Morganton Weir
City of Morganton



Morganton Weir Dam Portage City of Morganton 35,739871, -81,729688



35.740853, -81.71796 River Village



City of Morganton 35.747091, -81.706037 Rocky Ford



35.772230, -81.691189

Johns River (Spur)



35.793163, -81.676864
Huffman Bridge



NC Wildlife Resources Commissio 35,789574, -81,619653 Valdese Lakeside Park



Castle Bridge NC Wildlife Resources Commission



Conley Creek NC Wildlife Resources Commission



Lakeside Park in Granite Falls Town of Granite Falls 35.786480, -81.440664



Rhodhiss NC Wildlife Resources Commission 35.771500, -81.442400



Rhodhiss Portage
NC Wildlife Resources Commission

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

DESCRIPTION

1.2 miles from Glen Alpine on Watermill Glen Alpine Road

2.5 miles from Morganton Downtown 333 Poplar Street

2.4 miles from Morganton Downtown 110 Coulter Street

1.8 miles from Morganton Downtown 120 Greenlee Ford Road

1.0 miles from Morganton Downtown 301 Sanford Drive

1.8 miles from Morganton Downtown 541 Lenoir Road/US 64 3.8 miles from Morganton along Lenoir Road (Old Highway 64)

5.7 miles from Morganton along Huffman Bridge Road

Lovelady Road Northeast Valdese

3.4 miles from Connelly Springs along Connelly Springs Road

At the terminus of Waterworks Road next to the Rhodhiss Water Plant

At the terminus of Lakeside Avenue,

Located at the terminus of Weaver Lane off Rhodhiss Road

Located on Carolina Avenue in town of Rhodhiss Funding and support for the Upper Catawba River Trail provided by





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



Hydrography

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911 General Information Numbers

NC Wildlife Resources Commission Burke County 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 (828) 879-2132

Marinas

 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

 Mirrosa Marina and Boat Landing
 (828) 584-1886

 Bear Creek Marina
 (828) 653-2609

Vistor Information

 Alexander County Tourism Office
 (828) 632-1161

 Burke County Vistor Center
 (828) 433-6793

 Caldwell County Visitor Center
 (828) 726-0323

 Hickory Metro Convention & Visitors Burea
 (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.