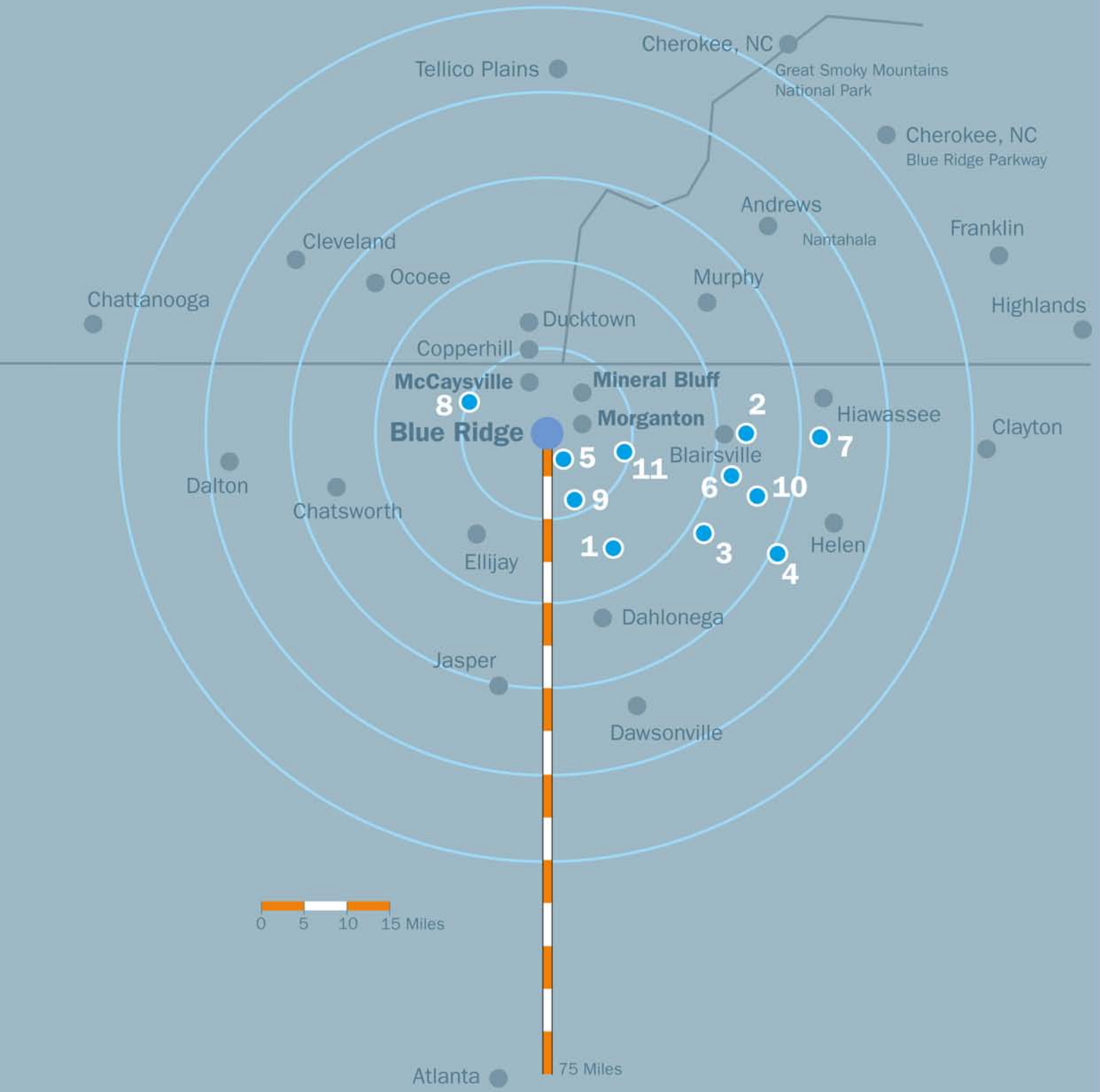


Surrounded by Waterfalls

1. Amicalola Falls
2. Anna Ruby Falls
3. Desoto Falls
4. Dukes Creek Falls
5. Fall Branch Falls
6. Helton Creek Falls
7. High Shoals Falls
8. Jack's River Falls
9. Long Creek Falls
10. Raven Cliffs Falls
11. Sea Creek Falls



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1. AMICALOLA FALLS – LOCATED WITHIN AMICALOLA STATE PARK, THE FALLS DROP 729 FEET IN SEVEN CASCADES; AMICALOLA IS SAID TO BE THE HIGHEST WATERFALL EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI. FROM BLUE RIDGE, TAKE HWY 515 SOUTH TOWARD ELLIJAY. TURN LEFT ONTO HWY 52 EAST FROM ELLIJAY ABOUT 19 MILES. LOOK FOR THE LEFT FORK TOWARD AMICALOLA FALLS STATE PARK.

2. ANNA RUBY FALLS – APPROACH TRAIL IS .4 MILES BUT SOMEWHAT STEEP. TWO OBSERVATION DECKS OFFER A BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF THE TWIN FALLS. TAKE HWY 515 EAST TO HIAWASSEE, THEN FOLLOW GA 75 SOUTH TOWARD HELEN. TURN LEFT ON GA 356 FOR 1.5 MILES AND LEFT AGAIN AT THE ENTRANCE ROAD AT THE SIGN THROUGH UNICOI STATE PARK. GO 3.5 MILES TO THE PARKING AREA, WHERE THE TRAIL IS ACCESSED FROM THE PARKING LOT.

3. DESOTO FALLS – A 2.5 MILE TRAIL BEGINS AT THE BRIDGE IN THE LOWER LOOP OF DESOTO FALLS RECREATION AREA. FROM BLAIRSVILLE, TAKE US 19/129 SOUTH TOWARD DAHLONEGA. THE ENTRANCE WILL BE ON THE RIGHT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MOUNTAIN. IT IS ABOUT 18 MILES BEFORE DAHLONEGA.

4. DUKES CREEK FALLS – FOLLOW A .3 MILE TRAIL AS IT WINDS ITS WAY INTO DUKES CREEK GORGE, AND DEAD-ENDS ACROSS FROM THE 300-FOOT DUKES CREEK FALLS. TAKE HWY 515 TO HIAWASSEE, THEN GA 75 SOUTH TOWARD HELEN. TURN RIGHT ON GA 356 AND FOLLOW FOR 2.3 MILES TO THE RICHARD RUSSELL SCENIC BYWAY. TURN RIGHT AND GO 2 MILES TO THE DUKES CREEK FALLS PARKING LOT.

5. FALL BRANCH FALLS IS A DOUBLE WATERFALL WITH MOUNTAIN LAUREL AND RHODODENDRON GROWING ALONG THE TRAIL AND CREEK BANK. THE HIKE TO THE FALLS IS ABOUT 30 MINUTES ROUND TRIP. IN BLUE RIDGE, FOLLOW ASKA ROAD SOUTH FOR EIGHT MILES. TURN RIGHT ON A PAVED ROAD (TOCCOA RIVERSIDE RESTAURANT IS ON THE LEFT). THE TRAIL IS THREE MILES ON THE RIGHT, JUST PAST FOREST WARDEN GARFIELD STANLEY'S HOME.

6. HELTON CREEK FALLS – THERE ARE TWO FALLS ON HELTON CREEK NEAR BLAIRSVILLE. A SHORT TRAIL DESCENDS TO THE FIRST WATERFALL THEN CLIMBS TO THE SECOND LARGER

WATERFALL. PLEASE BE CAREFUL – THE ROCKS ARE SLIPPERY! FROM BLUE RIDGE, TAKE HWY 515 NORTH TO BLAIRSVILLE. IN BLAIRSVILLE, TAKE US 19/129 SOUTH ABOUT 11 MILES. TURN LEFT ONTO HELTON CREEK ROAD, THE FIRST ROAD PAST THE ENTRANCE TO VOGEL STATE PARK. GO 2.2 MILES; THE ROAD TURNS TO GRAVEL. THERE WILL BE A SMALL PARKING LOT ON THE RIGHT IN A CURVE, AND THE TRAIL IS MARKED.

7. HIGH SHOALS FALLS – FIVE FALLS IN THE 170 ACRE SCENIC AREA. THERE ARE SEVERAL PATHS TO THE WATERFALLS. TAKE HWY 515 EAST TO HIWASSEE. THEN TAKE GA 75 SOUTH TOWARD HELEN FOR ABOUT 9 MILES. JUST PAST GA 180 ON THE LEFT IS A HIGH SHOALS SIGN. TRAVEL 1.4 MILES TO THE HIGH SHOALS SCENIC AREA.

8. JACKS RIVER FALLS – LOCATED IN THE COHUTTA WILDERNESS AREA ON THE JACKS RIVER, THIS BEAUTIFUL WATERFALL IS THE MOST VISITED SITE IN THE COHUTTAS. FOR THE SHORTEST HIKE IN, APPROACH FROM THE NORTHWEST ACCESS POINT. FROM CHATSWORTH, GO NORTH ON US 411 13 MILES TO CISCO. TURN RIGHT ON OLD HWY 2. CONTINUE ON THIS ROAD 10 MILES TO FS 62 ON THE RIGHT. TURN RIGHT ON FS 62 AND GO 4.4 MILES TO THE JACKS RIVER TRAILHEAD. TRAIL TO THE FALLS IS 3.5 MILES FOLLOWING AN ABANDONED RAIL BED.

9. LONG CREEK FALLS – LONG CREEK FALLS IS ACCESSED VIA THE APPALACHIAN-BENTON MACKEYE TRAILS BEGINNING AT THREE FORKS, AND FOLLOWS LONG CREEK 1.0 MILES UPSTREAM TO A SHORT BLUE BLAZED SIDE TRAIL THAT LEADS TO THE FALLS. THE HIKE IS AN EASY 2.2 MILES ROUND TRIP. FROM BLUE RIDGE, FOLLOW ASKA ROAD TO THE END (13.5 MILES). TURN RIGHT ONTO NEWPORT ROAD AND GO 4.5 MILES TO THE END. TURN LEFT ONTO DOUBLEHEAD GAP ROAD, CROSS A NEW CONCRETE BRIDGE AND COME TO A DIRT GRAVEL ROAD. CONTINUE ON THIS ROAD .3 MILES TO THE INTERSECTION WITH DIRT-GRAVEL FS ROAD 58, INTERSECTING SHARPLY FROM THE RIGHT. CONTINUE EAST INTO THE FOREST AND UPHILL 5.3 MILES TO THREE FORKS. NOONTOOTLA CREEK IS ON THE RIGHT AS YOU ASCEND. THE TRAIL BEGINS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD AND STARTS AS A GRADUAL HIKE ALONGSIDE LONG CREEK. THERE ARE THREE SHORT ASCENTS BEFORE REACHING THE BLUE BLAZED SIDE TRAIL TO THE FALLS AT 1.1 MILES.

10. RAVEN CLIFFS FALLS – APPROACH TRAIL IS 2.5 MILES IN THE RAVEN CLIFFS WILDERNESS AREA. USE EXTREME CAUTION. THE TRAIL FOLLOWS CASCADING DODD CREEK UPSTREAM TO THE CLIFFS. TAKE HWY 515 TO HIWASSEE, THEN TAKE GA 75 SOUTH TOWARD HELEN. TURN RIGH

TON GA HWY 356 AND GO 2.3 MILES TO THE RICHARD RUSSELL SCENIC BYWAY. TURN RIGHT AND GO TO MILE MARKER 3. THE TRAILHEAD IS WHERE DUKES CREEK RUNS UNDER THE SCENIC HIGHWAY. PARKING IS ALONG THE ROAD.

11. SEA CREEK FALLS – A 30-FOOT WATERFALL WITH A SHALLOW POOL AT THE BOTTOM, ABOUT ONE HOUR FROM BLUE RIDGE. FROM MORGANTON, FOLLOW GA HWY 60 SOUTH 17.7 MILES TO THE COOPER CREEK RECREATION AREA TURNOFF ON THE LEFT. CONTINUE ON FS ROAD 4, 2.9 MILES TO A FORK. TURN LEFT AND FOLLOW ROAD .3 MILES. PARK AND WALK .1 MILE TO THE FALLS.