ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, NC



4 RIVERS



3 LAKES

ROCK THE ROCO

4 RIVERS | 3 LAKES

YOU'RE IN A GOOD PLACE... TO GO WITH THE FLOW!

Welcome to the Blueway! This is your perfect getaway to explore nature. Create your own adventure. Take a leisurely float or a thrill-seeking ride down rapids. With a number of access points and variety of trips, your paddling experience can last a few hours or several days. On the RoCo Blueway, we've got an outdoor adventure for everyone. So, pack a picnic. Bring along the family. And get ready to ROCK THE ROCO!





- READ MAPS, PLAN AHEAD, AND PREPARE! You will not return
 where you put in. You will need to have transportation ready at
 your take out point.
- KNOW THE WATERS YOU PLAN TO FLOAT OR BOAT, AND AVOID WATER CONDITIONS THAT ARE BEYOND YOUR SKILL LEVEL.
- WHERE ARE YOUR PUT IN AND TAKE OUT SPOTS? Have you shared these with others? Some accesses are primitive.
- NOT READY TO FLY SOLO? NEED TRIP SUGGESTIONS?
 SHUTTLE SERVICES? CONTACT OUR OUTFITTERS LISTED ON PAGE 27.

SAFETY TIPS

All water experiences are at your own risk. Any form of water activity can be dangerous and can result in personal injury, property damage, or death. Know the risks and your skill level before getting in the water. These tips will ensure a much safer and enjoyable water experience:

- PLAN AHFAD.
- KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEATHER.
- DO NOT GO NEAR THE DAMS! Your safety depends on following all posted safety regulations, warnings, and suggestions.
- BUDDY SYSTEM. Never wade, tube, swim, or boat alone. Go with someone who knows the river and/or lake.
- LIFE JACKET REQUIRED. Essential for fishing, wading, tubing, swimming, or boating on moving water.
- CHECK YOUR GEAR. Dress appropriately and protect your feet.
 Take a spare paddle, first aid kit, rain gear, sunscreen,
 sunglasses, a wide brim hat, insect repellent, etc. Put extra
 clothing, gear, and food in water proof bags. Bring ample water.
- WATCH OUT! Avoid downed trees (strainers), sharp rocks, and other river hazards.
- BE OFF OF THE WATER
 BEFORE DARK. Ensure you
 know the time length of your
 planned route.



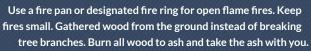
LEAVE NO TRACE



PLAN AHEAD & PREPARE.

Every river trip is different. Always know what is ahead including rapids, dams, and where the next access is located. Check weather and water conditions before hitting the water.

BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE.





STICK TO TRAILS & OVERNIGHT RIGHT.

Stick to designated trails to and from the water access and durable surfaces on the riverbanks. If choosing to camp along the water, be sure to camp in designated areas.

KEEP WILDLIFE WILD.

Observe wildlife from a distance. Never feed wildlife. Protect them by storing food and trash securely. When fishing, clean up all lines, hooks, and bait so the wildlife doesn't get hurt or tangled.



TRASH YOUR TRASH.

Pack it in...pack it out. Place all trash and food scraps in garbage bags and carry it home.

SHARE OUR TRAILS.

Whether you boat, float, or paddle, people have a range of skill levels and different ideas about enjoying the outdoors. Be mindful of noise level as sound travels better on water. Respect others so that our blueways are welcoming and relaxing for all.



LEAVE IT AS YOU FIND IT.

While our rivers and riverbeds have a diverse collection of natural finds, snap a picture to remember them by instead of removing them. Leave rocks, shells, and critters where you find them.





DANRIVER

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9 SECTIONS | 49 MILES

River is North Carolina's favorite Lazy River"! This slow-moving and leisurely

The Dan

river is well-suited for paddlers of any skill level and is an adventure filled with the unique historic and natural sights of Rockingham County.

As the river progresses, paddlers can see

fossils that have been dated to over 200 million years ago, as well as the remains of villages inhabited by the Saura people. Additionally, the Dan River is the only remaining place in North Carolina to see remnants of the Batteau system, which used the shallow draft-bottomed craft for commercial river transportation during the 1800's.

1 - MADISON RIVER PARK

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2 - SLINK SHOAL SLUICE

3 - JACOBS CREEK

4 - SETTLE BRIDGE

5 - GAMELAND ACCESS

6 - MATRIMONY CREEK

7 - STONE TOWER

8 - MEBANE BRIDGE

9 - DANVILLE

MADISON RIVER PARK LINDSEY BRIDGE TO

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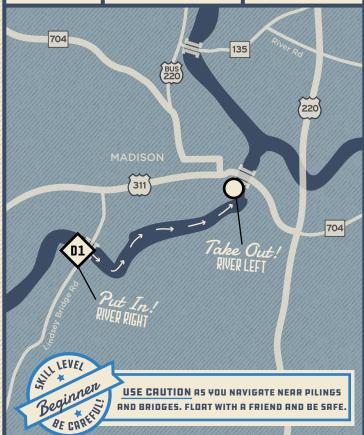
Put In GPS: 36.3748, -79.9923 | Take Out GPS: 36.3851, -79.9547

Features: This is a perfect section of River for the Beginner and Experienced Alike. Starting at Madison River Park, look out for Ruins of the Historic Cape Fear & Yaokin Valley Railroad Bridge and Pilings of the Old Madison Covered Bridge as you near the End of Your Trip.

3 MILES

1+ HRS/PADDLE

2+ HRS/TUBE



Section ?

SLINK SHOAL SLUICE

NC 704 BRIDGE TO JACOBS CREEK BATTEAU

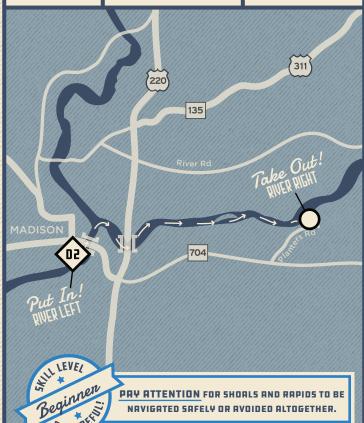
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Features: The Confluence of Mayo, Lone Island, Wing Dams, and Slink Shoal Sluice (The "Crown Jewel" of the Historic dan River Batteru Navigation System). From the Moment You pass under HWY 220 to the take Out, there are no Bridges, Roads, or Buildings visible from the River.

4.25 MILES

2+ HRS/PADDLE

4+ HRS/TUBE



JACOBS CREEK JACOBS CREEK BATTEAU TO SETTLE BRIDGE

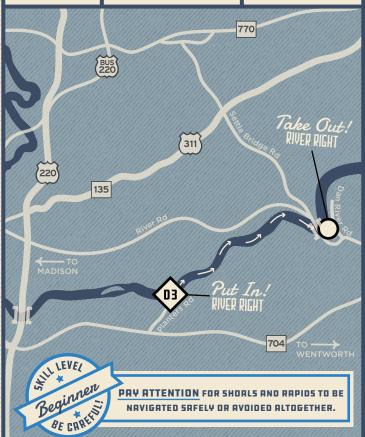
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Features: THROUGHOUT THIS SECTION, REMNANT STRUCTURES OF THE HISTORIC DAN RIVER BATTERU NAVIGATION SYSTEM OCCUR, AS WELL AS OLD NATIVE AMERICAN FISH TRAPS. FOLLOW THE TRAIL TO THE METAL STAIRS TO USE THE RIVER ACCESS. THIS SITE IS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

4.25 MILES

2+ HRS/PADDLE

4+ HR5/TUBE



SETTLE BRIDGE SETTLE BRIDGE TO GAME LAND ACCESS

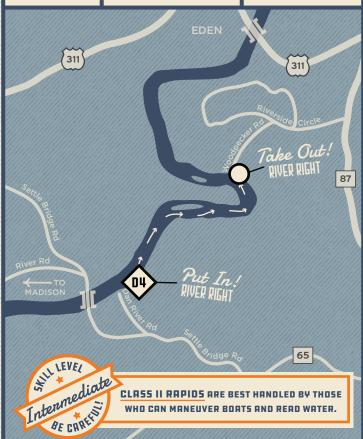
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Features: EAGLE FALLS ISLAND IS ABOUT A 1.5 MILES FROM SETTLE BRIDGE. THE ROUTE LEFT OF THE ISLAND GOES THROUGH A WING DAM AND A SLUICE, & THE ROUTE TO THE RIGHT FEATURES SHOALS & A SERIES OF DROPS. AT THE END OF THIS SECTION, THE RIVER MAKES A 180'TURN, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE "BENT" JUST BEFORE ACCESS ON RIVER RIGHT.

4 MILES

2+ HRS/PADDLE

4+ HRS/TUBE



GAMELAND ACCESS GAMELAND ACCESS TO

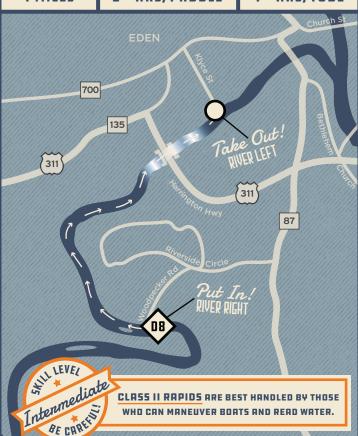
KYLCE STREETPut In GPS: 36.4336, -79.7973 | Take Out GPS: 36.4755, -79.7779

Features: This section features several sluice and fish traps structures including gallaways lower fish dam sluice & fish trap, & sneeds strongs fish dam sluice. Just past the harrington hwy bridge is a nice little class II drop. Major tributaries enter including whetstone creek, Buffalo creek, & Matrimony Creek.

4 MILES

2+ HRS/PADDLE

4+ HRS/TUBE



MATRIMONY GREEK

KLYCE STREET TO LEAKSVILLE LANDING

Put In GPS: 36.4755, -79.7779 | Take Out GPS: 36.4855, -79.7637

Features: This section is perfect for a relaxing day on the river to LERKSVILLE LANDING OR FLOAT THROUGH SECTION 7 TO THE EDEN WILDLIFE ACCESS. JUST UPRIVER IS A HERON ROOKERY. DOWNRIVER WILL BRING YOU PAST THE OLD LERKSVILLE WATER INTAKE AND ORIGINAL LOGS OF THE 1820 BATTERU LANDING.

1 MILES

.5+ HRS/PADDLE

1+ HRS/TUBE



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WITH A FRIEND EVEN ON BEGINNER SECTIONS.

STONE TOWER LEAKSVILLE LANDING TO EDEN WILDLIFE ACCESS

Put In GPS: 36.4855, -79.7637 | Take Out GPS: 36.4756, -79.7502

Features: ABOUT.5 MILE BELOW THE LEAKSVILLE LANDING IS A LARGE STONE TOWER FROM THE 1838 LEAKSVILLE TOLL BRIDGE. THE SMITH RIVER ENTERS ON THE LEFT BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT THE EDEN WILDLIFE ACCESS ON YOUR RIGHT. THE TAKEOUT IS JUST PAST THE POWERLINES WHICH PASS OVERHEAD.

1.5 MILES

1+ HRS/PADDLE

2+ HRS/TUBE

311 87 87 STAY SAFE: PAY ATTENTION AND ALWAYS FLOAT WITH A FRIEND EVEN ON BEGINNER SECTIONS.

Section B

MEBANE BRIDGE EDEN WILDLIFE ACCESS TO DRAPER LANDING

Put In GPS: 36.4756, -79.7502 | Take Out GPS: 36.4988, -79.6813

Features: This section is not recommended for Tubing, and Prodling only with a guide is advised. The Beautiful arched mebane Bridge, Built in 1924, is just downstream of the put in. You must portage around the duke energy dam. Watch out for signs while on the river.

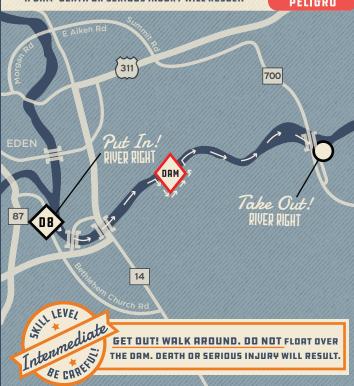
5 MILES

2+ HRS/PADDLE

DON'T/TUBE

LOOK FOR AND FOLLOW ALL DAM SIGNS AND WARNINGS.
GET OUT AND WALK AROUND THE DAM! NEVER GO OVER
A DAM-DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY WILL RESULT.

DANGER DAM AHEAD PELIGRO



DANVILLE

DRAPER LANDING TO ABREU-GROGAN PARK, VA

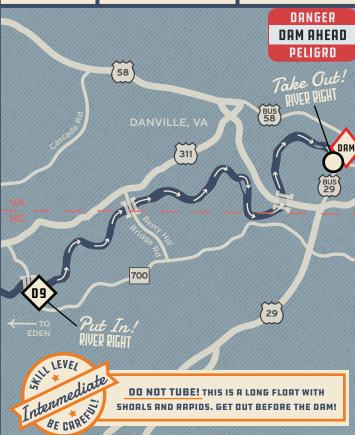
Put In GPS: 36.4988, -79.6813 | Take Out GPS: 36.5751, -79.4343

Features: KEEP RIGHT FOR THE EASIEST RUN ON THE FIRST SHOALS. THERE ARE SEVERAL BATTEAU SLUICES, NATIVE AMERICAN FISH TRAPS, AN IMPORTANT HERON ROOKERY, AND SEVERAL 200 MILLION-YEAR-OLD ROCK FORMATIONS. THE LARGE ADAM'S ISLAND IS A GREAT HALFWAY STOP TO STRETCH YOUR LEGS.

21.5 MILES

9+ HRS/PADDLE

TOO LONG/TUBE



SMITH RIVER

2 SECTIONS | 14 MILES

The Smith River is a beautiful destination along the NC/VA border. This section of the river benefits from a regular inflow of crystal-clear, cold water from a neighboring VA dam, which helps

maintain temperatures for the
Smith's population of wild brown
trout. This stretch of

river is a scenic and unobstructed paddle free from development and home to growing

populations of Osprey and Bald Eagle. It winds through Rockingham County for its final

> five miles before joining the Dan River.

DAM

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1 - THE BEND

2 - ISLAND FORD

THE BEND MITCHELL ROAD TO RIVER OUTFITTERS ACCESS

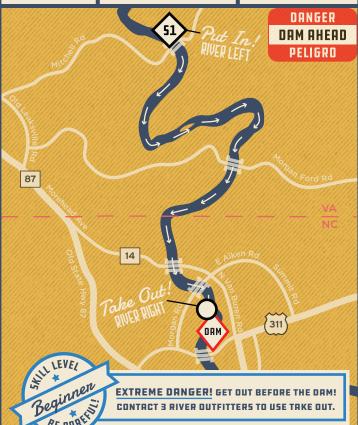
Put In GPS: 36.6022. -79.7763 | Take Out: Contact 3 River Outfitters

Features: In this wide and beautiful section, watch for bald eagles, osprey and more as you head around the bend from heary county, va into eden, nc. takeout is privately owned by troublesome creek outfitters just upstream from the spray dam – so watch out!

12 MILES

4+ HRS/PADDLE

TOO LONG/TUBE



ISLAND FORD ISLAND FORD TO LEAKSVILLE WILDLIFE ACCESS

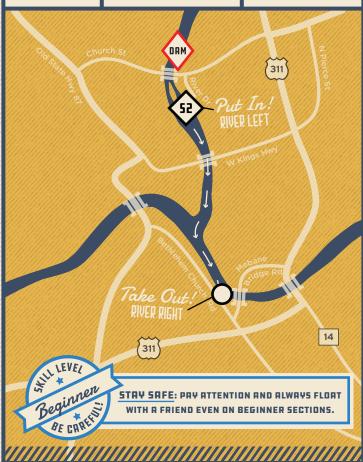
Put In GPS: 36.5020, -79.7566 | Take Out GPS: 36.4756, -79.7502

Features: WITH GREAT PARKING AND EASY ACCESS, THIS SECTION IS SHORT BUT SWEET. THE HUGE FORD ISLAND STARTS THE TRIP AND TAKES YOU RIGHT THROUGH THE HEART OF EDEN, NO BEFORE MERGING WITH THE DAN RIVER. THIS FLOAT IS SURE TO BE A SMITH RIVER SPECIAL!

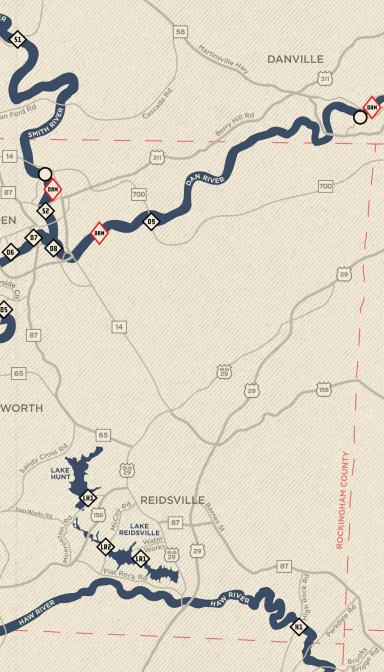
2 MILES

1+ HRS/PADDLE

2+ HRS/TUBE







MAYO RIVER

3 SECTIONS | 21.5 MILES

If you're looking to conquer rushing rapids, the
Mayo River is the perfect choice! Experienced
paddlers will find thrilling Class II and III rapids in the
northernmost section of the river. The following
sections of the river smooth out into slower waters as
the Mayo winds through western Rockingham County
until it converges with the Dan River.

The Mayo flows through a scenic gorge featuring rock bluffs and two natural waterfalls. Paddlers can catch glimpses of history through the well-preserved fish traps (weirs) placed by early Native American inhabitants, as well as dams used to generate power during America's industrial

DAM

1 - NORTH FORK

2 - BOILING HOLE

3 - WASHINGTON MILLS

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NORTH FORK MODRES MILL, VA TO ANGLIN MILL BRIDGE

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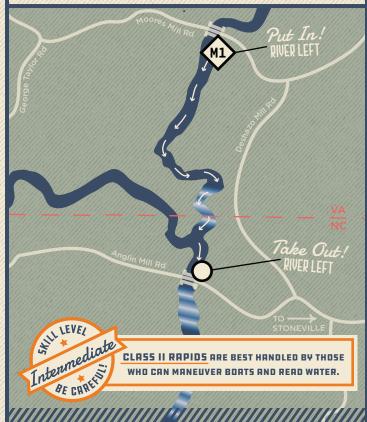
Features: BYRD'S LEDGE IS A CLASS II RAPID, MARKING THE BORDER OF NC AND VA. THE MOST CHALLENGING SECTION IS "THE GRAND STAIRCASE," A SERIES OF LEDGES ACROSS THE RIVER JUST BELOW THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH MAYO, WHICH IS PART OF THE MAYO RIVER STATE PARK.

6 MILES

2+ HRS/PADDLE

5+ HRS/TUBE

PARKING AT THE MODRE'S MILL ACCESS IS VERY LIMITED! SHUTTLE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.



Section ?

BOILING HOLE ANGLIN MILL BRIDGE TO 220 BUS. BRIDGE

Put In GPS: 36.5353, -79.9909 | Take Out GPS: 36.4388, -79.9379

Features: This section includes a beach area and class III
Rapid "Boiling Hole" which may be portaged using the mayo beach
Road access or run the Rapids, get out, and do it again. For the full
TRIP, get out at the Bus. 221 Overpass before the 2 Dams Downstream!

9.5 MILES 4+ HRS/PADDLE TOO LONG/TUBE DANGER DAM AHEAD PELIGRO 770 311 **EXTREME CAUTION, CLASS III RAPIDS ARE FOR** EXPERTS. GET OUT BEFORE THE DAMS DOWNSTREAM!

WASHINGTON MILLS

NC-135 ACCESS TO JACOBS CREEK BATTEAU

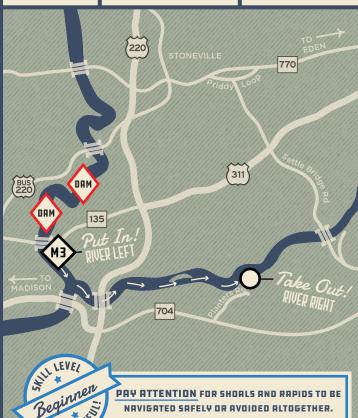
Put In GPS: 36.4073, -79.9650 | Take Out GPS: 36.3897, -79.8883

Features: Joining the DAN RIVER 1.5 MILES IN, THIS TRIP OFFERS QUITE A LOT. YOU'LL FLOAT PAST SLUICES, WING DAMS, SHOALS, RAPIOS, AND EVEN A LARGE ISLAND. THE REMAINS OF THE OLD BATTEAU NAVIGATION SYSTEM MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR BEGINNERS TO NAVIGATE THE SHOALS AND RAPIOS.

6 MILES

2+ HRS/PADDLE

4+/TUBE



HAW RIVER

1 SECTION | 3 MILES

Visitors to the Haw enjoy
the many recreation
opportunities found on and
around the river, including hiking,
paddling, swimming, fishing, and
picnicking, as well as the solitude
and quiet that can be found in
many secluded stretches.

Paddlers will enjoy a trip through the history of the region as they move along the river. Reminders of previous inhabitants can be seen in the form of 1000 year-old Native American fish traps, ruins of 18th century grist mills (some of these are rumored to have been stations on the Underground Railroad!), and numerous textile mills built during the Industrial Revolution – many that

1 - HIGH ROCK

have been transformed and revitalized for new purposes.

HIGH ROCK HIGH ROCK ACCESS TO BROOKS BRIDGE

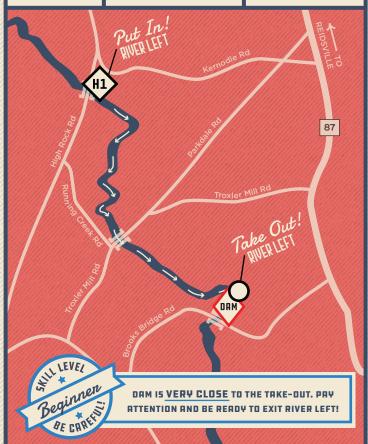
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Features: Access is located at the high rock ford historical site, an important american revolutionary war site. It is also the site of one of the earliest known grain mills in rockingham county. The access has a short hiking/walking trail with a small gravel parking lot.

3 MILES

1+ HRS/PADDLE

2+ HRS/TUBE





BL1 - Carolina Marina: GPS 36.3034, -80.0121

BL2 - Pine Hall Double Boat Ramp: GPS 36.2999, -80.0533

BL3 - Humphrey's Ridge: GPS 36.2826, -80.0303

BL4 - Piney Bluff: GPS 36.2416, -80.0636

Belews Lake is a large reservoir formed from Belews Creek, a small tributary of the Dan River. Water-lovers of all types can be found on Belews Lake; swimming, tubing, fishing, paddling, boating, and jet-skiing are all encouraged on the nearly 4,000 surface acres and 88 miles of shoreline. After extensive cleanup efforts in the 1980s and '90s, Belews

Lake is some of the cleanest water in North

Carolina and has a healthy and abundant fish population (much enjoyed by area anglers!). Its central Piedmont location, friendly marinas, and warm waters make Belews

Lake a popular place.

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Hall Rd

BL4

LAKE REIDSVILLE

LR1 - Lake Reidsville Park: GPS 36.2938, -79.6824 LR2 - McCoy Rd Access: 36.2971, -79.7068

Lake Reidsville is 750 acres of pure fun; offering fishing, boating, water-skiing, hunting, picnicking, and more to area residents and visitors alike. Since it serves as the primary water source for the surrounding area, swimming is off-limits in Lake Reidsville. Anglers flock to the small inlets and coves around the lake hoping to catch a record-breaking big bass, crappie, bream, or other

fresh-water fish, with fishing tournaments held regularly. Lake Reidsville is also a stop on the NC Birding Trail! Visitors may be able to spot

Goldfinches, Prairie Wobbles, Yellow Breasted Chat, Indigo Bunting, wintering waterfowl, Red Tail Hawks and Great Blue Herons, just to name a few.

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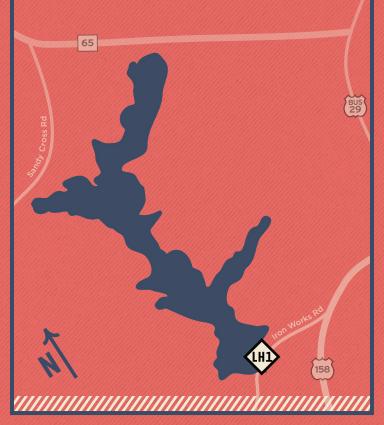
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LAKE HUNT

LH1 - Lake Hunt Iron Works Rd Access: GPS 36.3261, -79.7221

Lake Hunt is a small reservoir located just outside of Reidsville, perfect for a quiet day spent paddling in the calm water or fishing for its abundant Black Bass, Crappie, and Yellow Perch populations. An annual pass is required to use Lake Hunt and can be obtained by calling 336.349.4738.



Fish:	Binds:
BLUEGILL SMALLMOUTH BASS LARGEMOUTH BASS CHANNEL CATFISH STRIPED BASS ROANOKE LOGPERCH* BROWN TROUT ORANGEFIN MADTORN	RED TAILED HAWK BALD EAGLE* BLUE HERON WOOD DUCK BARRED OWL RAVEN CARDINAL WILD TURKEY MALLARD
Mammals:	Plants:
WHITETAIL DEER BEAVER RED FOX SQUIRREL RIVER OTTER	VIRGINIA CUP PLANT GOLDENSEAL MOUNTAIN LAUREL Mone:
Insects :	70/401111111111111111111111111111111111
DRAGONFLY BUTTERFLY LADYBUG *NOTE: ENDANGERED SPECIES	TURTLE FROG SALAMANDER LIZARD CRAYFISH FRESHWATER MUSSEL*
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Roanoke Logpench:	

in the Dan, Mayo, and Smith watersheds. This large darter can be identified by the distinctive orange stripe that runs across the first dorsal fin. Classified as a state and federally endangered species, the Roanoke Logperch is especially threatened by dams, which interrupt their river journey. Environmental advocates have begun working with dam owners to remove dams that are no longer in use to help

restore Roanoke Logperch populations.

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**** ECONO LODGE (336) 627-5131 110 E ARBOR LN, EDEN

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**** HAMPTON INN (336) 627-1111 724 5 VAN BUREN RD, EDEN

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**** QUALITY INN (336) 634-1275 2203 BARNES ST, REIDSVILLE

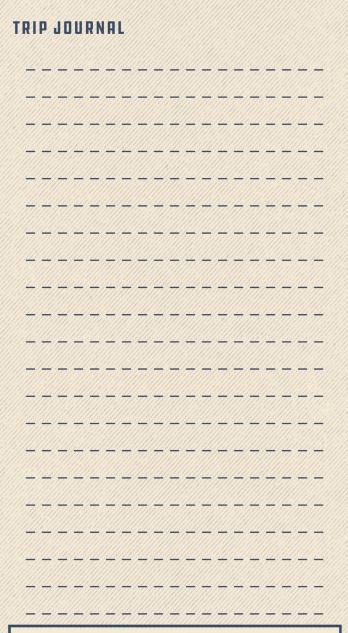


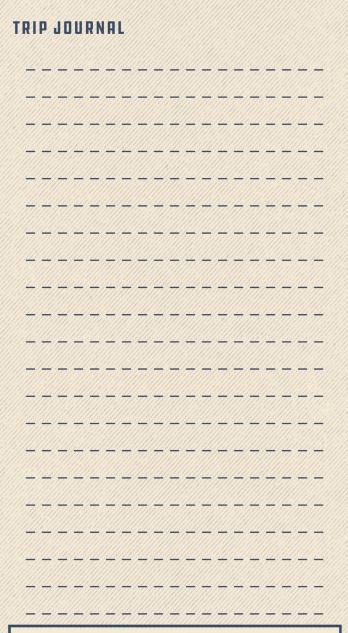


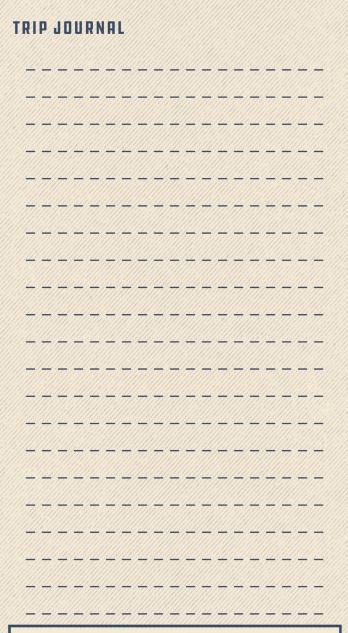
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TRACKER

☐ MADISON RIVER PARK (DAN RIVER)
SLINK SHOAL SLUICE (DAN RIVER)
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□ DANVILLE (DAN RIVER)
☐ THE BEND (SMITH RIVER)
☐ ISLAND FORD (SMITH RIVER)
□ NORTH FORK (MAYO RIVER)
☐ BOILING HOLE (MAYO RIVER)
☐ WASHINGTON MILLS (MAYO RIVER)
☐ HIGH ROCK (HAW RIVER)
☐ BELEWS LAKE
☐ LAKE REIDSVILLE
☐ LAKE HUNT







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ALL RIVER AND LAKE EXPERIENCES ARE
AT YOUR OWN RISK. ANY FORM OF RIVER
AND LAKE RECREATION IS DANGEROUS
WHEN AT FLOOD STAGE.

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