

### 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 AHEAD.
- 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.**

Use a fire pan or designated fire ring for open flame fires. Keep fires small. Gathered wood from the ground instead of breaking tree branches. Burn all wood to ash and take the ash with you.



### 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.



It's easy to support Rockingham County Trails; tag us in your social media by using @visitrockinghamcountync #VisitRoCoNC #YearoftheTrail

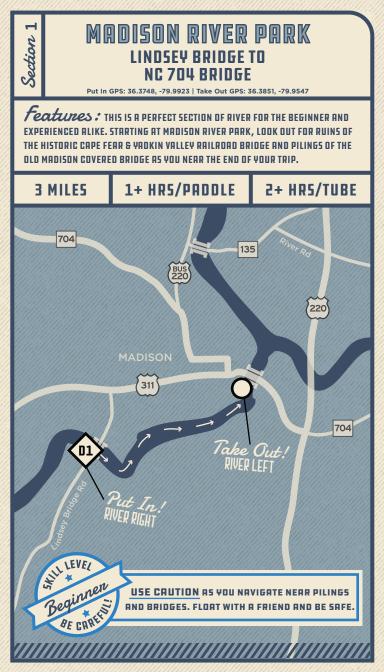
## DAN RIVER

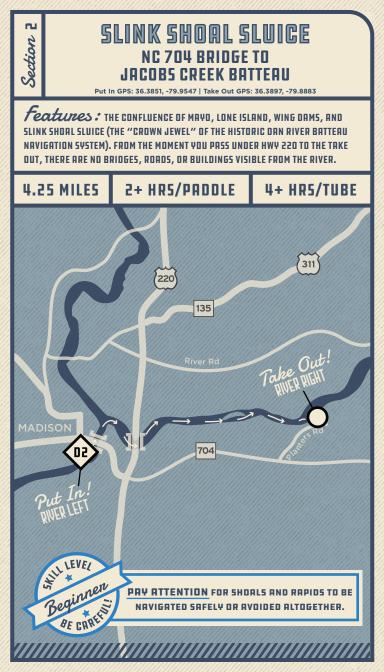
9 SECTIONS | 49 MILES



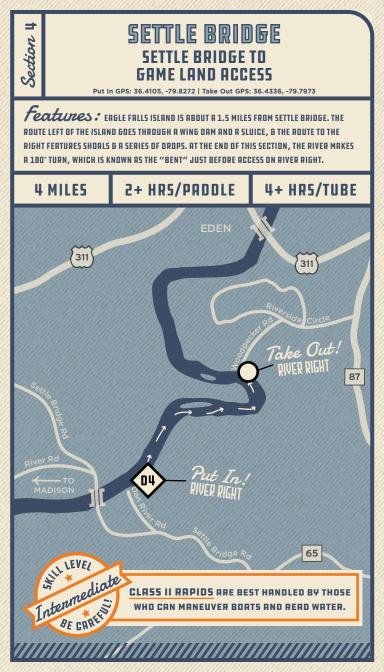
The Dan **River is North** Carolina's favorite DAM 'Lazy River"! This **D**7 D8 slow-moving and leisurely river is well-suited for paddlers D6 09 of any skill level and is an adventure filled with the unique historic and 04 natural sights of Rockingham County. 03 As the river progresses, paddlers can see fossils that have been dated to over 200 million 02 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.

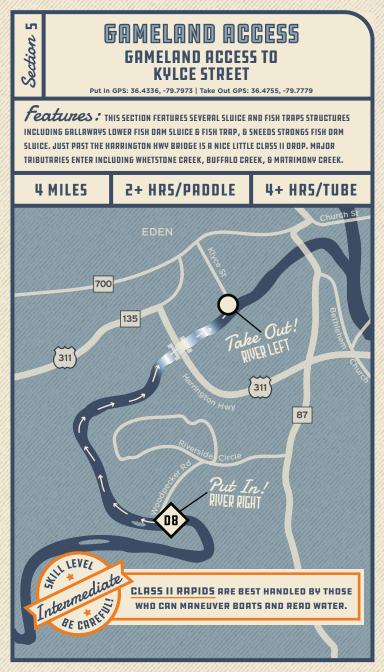
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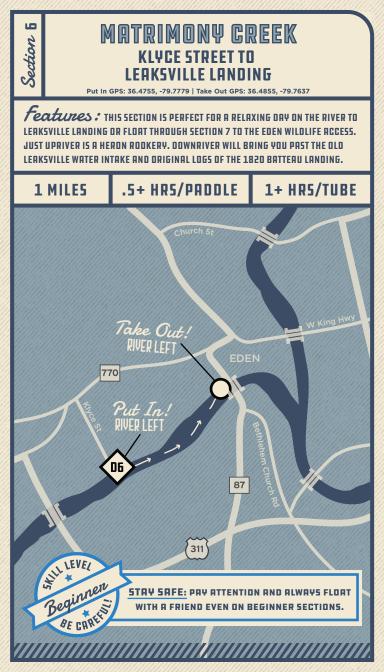


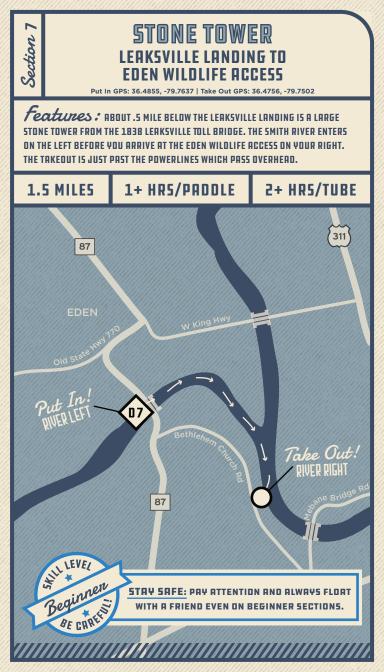


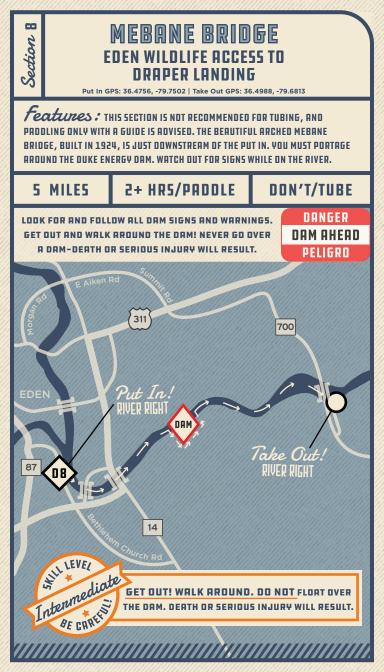












### DANVILLE DRAPER LANDING TO ABREU-GROGAN PARK, VA

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 batteru 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.

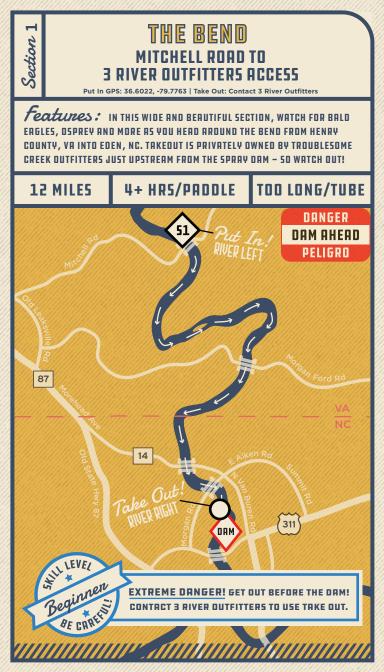
### 9+ HRS/PADDLE TOO LONG/TUBE **21.5 MILES** DANGER DAM AHEAD PELIGRO 258 Take Out RIVER RIGHT BUS DAM 700 29 Put In: RIVER RIGHT Intermediate DO NOT TUBE! THIS IS A LONG FLOAT WITH SHOALS AND RAPIDS. GET OUT BEFORE THE DAM!

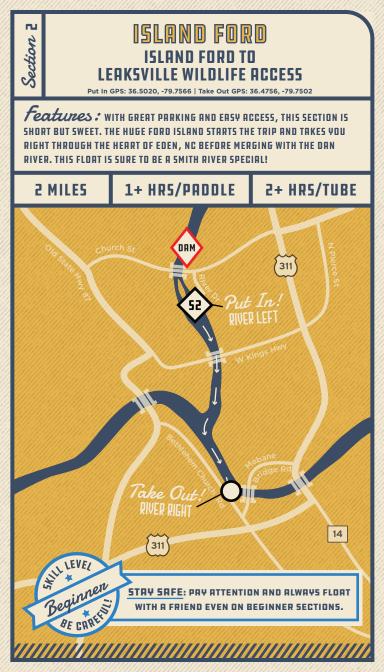
### SMITH RIVER 2 SECTIONS | 14 MILES

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.

1 - THE BEND

2 - ISLAND FORD









# 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 revolution.

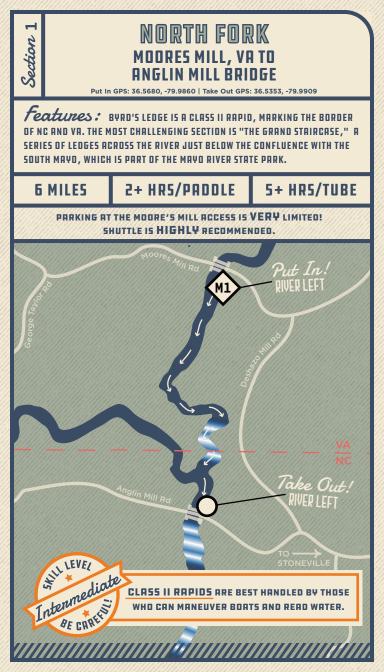
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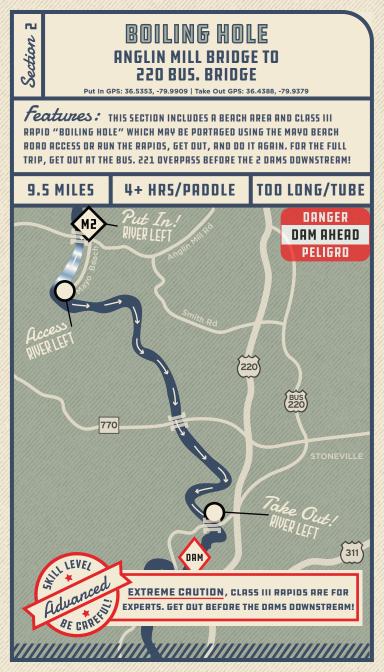
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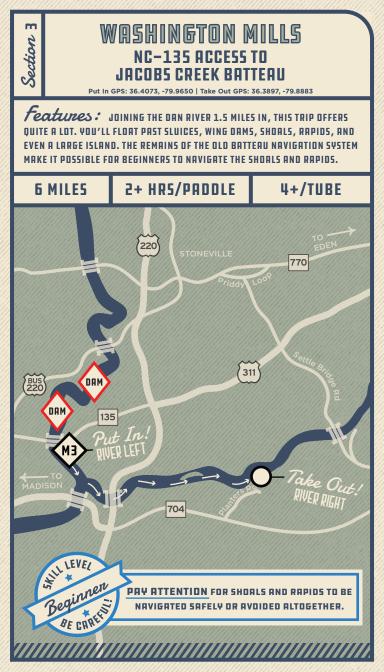
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2 - BOILING HOLE

3 - WASHINGTON MILLS







# 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 have been transformed and revitalized for new purposes.

#### 1 - HIGH ROCK



Put In GPS: 36.2519, -79.5640 | Take Out GPS: 36.2229, -79.5434

**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+ HR5/PADDLE 2+ HR5/TUBE

DAM IS <u>VERY CLOSE</u> TO THE TAKE-OUT. PAY ATTENTION AND BE READY TO EXIT RIVER LEFT!

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Take Out!

# BELEWS LAKE

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.

> > Church Rd

### 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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# 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.

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

Roanoke Logpench:

Fun Fact: In North Carolina, the Roanoke Logperch is only found 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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