



FRENCH BROAD RIVER Vicinity

Recreation Opportunities

Featured Activities



Hook a Fish! Paint Creek is a favorite fishing destination, regularly stocked with rainbow trout. Fishing for catfish and small-mouthed bass is popular along French Broad River. While fishing Allen Branch Pond for bass and bluegill, walk the ¼-mile accessible trail along its shoreline to learn about pond ecosystems.



Explore the Forest! Two scenic drives include FR 209 along Brush Creek to US 25/70 and TN 107, and Paint Creek Campground to Hurricane Gap on FR 31 to Hot Springs on FR 467 and US 25/70. Visit two of the last remaining firetowers in the Southern Appalachians, Meadow Creek and Rich Mountain. Like explorers in the late 1700s, view majestic Paint Rock, where Paint Creek flows into French Broad River.



Picnic in the Woods! Tables, grills and restrooms are located on Paint Creek corridor, FR #41 and at Murray Branch Recreation Area on French Broad River. Group picnicking facilities at Houston Valley Recreation Area include clusters of tables, a reservable pavilion and a grassy volleyball court. The day use fee is \$2/vehicle.



Hit the Trail! Enjoy the scenery from horseback on 35 miles of multi-use trails, open also to mountain bicycles and foot travel. Hit the trail from Burnett Gap or Weavers Bend, both accommodating horse trailers. Explore Burnett Gap Trail #510A and Brush Creek Trail #510B, the newest loop system along the crest of Brush Mountain. Appalachian National Scenic Trail #1, for hiking only, lies along the area's eastern edge.



Sleep under the Stars! Nestled in a bend of the creek, Paint Creek Campground's 19 single and 2 double sites are equipped with wooden picnic tables, accessible fire rings and lantern posts. Other amenities include water and vault toilets. Most sites can accommodate RVs up to 35 feet, with no hookups. Single sites are \$10/day and double sites are \$20/day.

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Welcome...

True to its name, the French Broad River winds boldly along the southern edge of this part of Cherokee National Forest. In the heart of the area lies Paint Creek, where fishing, wading and picnicking are popular activities. Water-based opportunities also include driving along scenic Brush Creek or warm-water fishing in Allen Branch or Paint Creek ponds. The area's wooded mountainsides and creek gorges are linked by an extensive road and trail system. Lying in a triangle between the Tennessee towns of Greeneville and Newport and Hot Springs, NC, the main routes into this area are TN 70 and TN 107.

Nearby....

- Rafting on French Broad River
- Hot Springs, NC's mineral springs
- Bubbling Springs Shooting Range
- Private outfitters