

The Nationwide Rivers Inventory 100 Segments for the State of North Carolina

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River	County	Reach	Length (miles)	Year Listed/ Updated	Potential Classification	ORVs	Description	Other States
Ararat River	Surry	RM O, confluence with Yadkin River, to RM 23, Mount Airy.	23	1982		S, R	Significant scenic and recreational values.	
Barnes Creek	Montgomery, Randolph	RM O, confluence with Uwharrie River, to RM 9, headwaters one mile above Montgomery County Line.	9	1982		S, R, G, F	Scenic mountain stream that flows through Uwharrie National Forest.	
Barnes Creek	Montgomery, Randolph	Confluence with Uwharrie River to headwaters one mile above Montgomery County line	9	1982/ 1993	R	F, W	See Barnes Creek Comments	

Barnes Creek Comments: Supports diversity of fish species including three game fish and one intolerant darter. Unusually high diversity of aquatic macroinvertebrates.

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Bennetts Creek	Gates	RM O, confluence with Chowan River, to RM 17, Merchants Millpond.	17	1982		S, R, F, W, H, C	Isolated stream bordered by swamp forests; habitat for variety of flora and fauna.	
Big Laurel and Puncheon Fork	Madison	Confluence with French Broad River to US Highway 25	4	1982/ 1993	S	S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See Big Laurel and Puncheon Fork Comments	
Big Laurel and Puncheon Fork	Madison	US Highway 25 to headwaters	28	1982/ 1993	R	S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See Big Laurel and Puncheon Fork Comments	
Big Laurel and Puncheon Fork Comments: Flows through a 1200 foot deep gorge. Fishing, hiking, viewing scenery, and whitewater boating. Four rare fish species. Ghost town of Runion located on Big Laurel Creek. High probability for archeological sites.								
Big Laurel Creek and Puncheon Fork	Madison	RM O, confluence with French Broad River, to RM 32, headwaters south of TN State line.	32	1982		S, R, G, F, W	Fast flowing stream with exceptional scenic values, including 1200 foot deep gorge area.	

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Big Swamp and Little Marsh Swamp	Robeson, Bladen, Hoke	RM O, confluence with Lumber River at Lumberton, to RM 48, headwaters northeast of Dundarrach.	48	1982		S, R, F, W	Typical blackwater coastal stream with hardwood bottomland swamps that provide excellent wildlife habitat; good fishery.	
Black River	Pender, Bladen, Sampson	RM O, confluence with Cape Fear River, to RM 52, junction of Six Runs and Little Coharie Creeks.	52	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Excellent example of slow-moving blackwater stream with numerous white sand beaches and bars.	
Cane Creek	Alamance	RM O, confluence with Haw River, to RM 16, near Snow Camp and State Road 1004 bridge.	16	1982		S, R, F, W, H, C	Natural stream with significant historical values.	
Cane River	Yancey	RM O, confluence with Nolichucky River, to RM 39, headwaters in Mount Mitchell.	39	1982		S, R, G, F, W	Scenic, recreational mountain stream.	

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Cape Fear River	Cumberland, Harnett, Lee, Chatham	RM 144, approximately four miles above I-95 bridge, to RM 195, confluence with Haw and Deep Rivers.	51	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Popular recreational trail with unique geological features and 150 foot cliffs; rare plant species; numerous historical features.	
Cape Fear River	Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, Columbus, Bladen	RM 27, Wilmington, to RM 63, one mile below US Lock No. 1.	36	1982		S, R, F, W, H, C	Remote and secluded segment with islands, inviting shores, and diverse flora and fauna.	
Caraway Creek	Randolph	RM O, confluence with Uwharrie River, to RM 33, headwaters northwest of Glenola.	33	1982		S, R, F, W, H, C	Scenic recreational stream.	
Cashie River	Bertie	RM O, Albemarle Sound and NC 45 bridge, to RM 19, near Winsor.	19	1982		S, R, F, W	Good example of typical free-flowing blackwater stream.	

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Catawba River	McDowell	RM 203, backwaters of Lake James, to RM 225, headwaters in vicinity of Black Mountain.	22	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Inspiring scenery rich in diversity of flora.	
Catawba River, Henry Fork	Catawba, Burke	RM 18, above dam at Brookford, to RM 45, headwaters in South Mountains Management Area near Rutherford County Line.	27	1982		S, R, F, W	Natural, scenic corridor area abounding in flora.	
Catawba River, Warrior Fork	Burke	RM O, confluence with Catawba River, to RM 24, headwaters in Long Arm Mountain.	24	1982		S, R, G	Rocky whitewater stream with steep gradient and numerous boulders.	
Cedar Creek	Montgomery	RM O, confluence with Uwharrie River, to RM 5, headwaters northwest of Troy.	5	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Heavily forested, cool water mountain stream.	

Cheoah and Snowbird Creek	Graham	RM 16, backwaters of Lake Santeetlah Reservoir, to RM 35, headwaters near TN State Line.	19	1982		S, R, F, W, H, C	Small stream that flows through Nantahala National Forest.	
Cheoah and Snowbird Creek	Graham	Backwater of Lake Santeetlah to Owl Camp Branch	10	1982/ 1993	R	S, F, W, H, C	See Cheoah and Snowbird Creek Comments	
<u>Cheoah and Snowbird Creek Comments:</u> Fishing, hunting, hiking, primitive camping, and viewing scenery. Largest stream in NC with fish population comprised solely of brook trout. Historical interest relative to railroad logging that occurred in 1930's.								
Cheoah and Snowbird Creek	Graham	Owl Camp Branch to headwaters	9	1982/ 1993	W	S, F, W, H, C	Has unique "wild" brook trout population.	
Chowan River	Bertie, Chowan, Hertford, Gates	RM O, Albemarle Sound, to RM 51, VA State Line.	51	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Blackwater stream with outstanding wildlife values, endangered flora, and extensive recreational opportunities.	
Cold Springs Creek	Haywood	RM O, confluence with Pigeon River, to RM 6, headwaters near Madison County Line.	6	1982		S, R, F, W	Small mountain stream that flows entirely within Harmon Den Wildlife Management Area.	

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Colly Creek	Pender, Bladen	RM O, confluence with Black River near Currie, to RM 36, headwaters in Big Colly Swamp.	36	1982		S, R, F, W	Remote float stream that flows through Bladen State Forest.	
Cullasaja River	Macon	From spillway of Lake Sequoyah (Town of Highlands) to the confluence with Little Tennessee River.	24	1995	S	S, R, G, F, W, H, C, O	See Cullasaja River Comments	

Cullasaja River Comments: In a 7.5-mile national forest section, the river drops 1300 feet. Known as the Cullasaja Gorge, it has three well-known waterfalls. The gorge has been recognized as botanically diverse, beautiful, and geologically unique in the Southern Blue Ridge. Numerous rare plants occur within the gorge. US64 roughly parallels the river and has been designated a USFS Scenic Byway. The river is a NC Class B trout stream. Archaeological sites have been identified dating from as early as the Archaic Period.

Dan River	Rockingham, Stokes	RM 81, VA State Line, to RM 173, VA State Line.	92	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See Dan River Comments	
Dan River	Caswell	RM 42, VA State Line, to RM 58, confluence with Hogans Creek.	16	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See Dan River Comments	

Dan River Comments: Popular recreational stream with diversified scenic and physiographic features; significant archaeological and geologic values; 200 foot bluffs and 1000 foot deep gorge area.

Davidson River	Transylvania	RM O, confluence with French Broad River, to RM 16, headwaters south of Haywood County Line.	16	1982		S, R, G, F, W	Highly scenic stream with diversity of recreational opportunities; within Pisgah Wildlife Management Area.	
Davidson River	Transylvania	Confluence with French Broad River to headwaters south of Haywood County line	16	1982/ 1993	R	F, W, H, C	Classified as special native trout waters. High probability for archeological sites. Part of old Vanderbilt estate where forestry was first practiced in America.	
Deep River	Lee, Chatham, Moore	RM O, confluence with Cape Fear River, to RM 51, NC 22 bridge.	51	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Abundance of wildlife; very remote and scenic flatwater stream with variety of aquatic flora.	
Dutchman's Creek	Montgomery	RM O, confluence with Uwharrie River, to RM 28, headwaters west of Troy.	28	1982		S, R, F, W, H, C	Typical cool water scenic mountain stream that supports small mouth bass fishery.	

Eno River	Durham, Orange	RM 11, Roxboro Road, to RM 31, Churton Street in Hillsborough.	20	1982		S, R, G, F	Highly scenic stream providing quality recreational opportunities.
Fisher River	Surry	RM O, confluence with Yadkin River, to RM 18, Top of Blue Ridge and Dobson.	18	1982		S, R, F, W	Excellent float stream in scenic setting.
Fishing Creek	Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash, Franklin, Warren	RM O, confluence with Tar River, to RM 61, one mile above NC 561 bridge.	61	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Essentially primitive shoreline; excellent game fishery.
French Broad River	Buncombe	Barnard, NC, to Hot Springs, NC	8	1982/ 1993	S	S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See French Broad River Comments1
French Broad River	Buncombe	Hot Springs, NC, to Tennessee State line	8	1982/ 1993	R	S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See French Broad River Comments1
French Broad River	Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania	RM 148, above Asheville, to RM 208, Rosman.	60	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See French Broad River Comments1

French Broad River Comments1: River exposes unique structure and group of formations called Hot Springs Window. Thermal springs are unique to NC. Significant falls.

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French Broad River	Buncombe	Asheville, NC, to Barnard, NC	22	1982/ 1993	R	S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See French Broad River Comments2	
French Broad River Comments2: Whitewater boating, fishing, and duck hunting. Large number of rare and native fish species. High probability for archeological sites. Was lifeline in settlement and development of western NC.								
French Broad River	Madison, Buncombe	RM O 101, TN State line, to RM 138, Asheville.	37	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Excellent canoeing stream that supports diversity of wildlife and variety of flora.	
Goshen Swamp	Duplin	RM O, confluence with North-east Cape Fear River, to RM 16, NC 403 bridge.	16	1982		F, W	Abundance and diversity of wildlife.	
Great Coharie Creek	Sampson	RM O, confluence with Black River, to RM 33, junction of Beaverdam Creek and Ward Swamp.	33	1982		S, R, F, W, H, C	Good example of typical blackwater stream.	

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Green River	Polk	RM 27, Lake Adger backwaters, to RM 43, Lake Summit Dam.	16	1982		S, R, G, F, W	One of most popular float streams with rugged, scenic gorge area and sizable cascades.	
Haw River	Alamance, Orange, Guilford, Rockingham	RM 22, Chatham County Line and State Road 1545 bridge, to RM 87, US 220/NC 150 Bridge.	65	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Outstanding whitewater course that drops through constricted scenic valley.	
Johns River	Burke, Caldwell	RM O, confluence with Catawba, to RM 19, Collettsville.	19	1982		S, R, F, W, H, C	Remote forested corridor.	
Linville River	Burke, Avery	RM 7, one mile below NC 126 Bridge, to RM 44, headwaters five miles south of Banner Elk.	37	1982		S, R, G, F, W	Spectacular gorge area and continuous series of waterfalls; excellent hiking opportunities in Roan Mountain National Forest.	

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Linville River	Avery, Burke	Headwaters to northern boundary of Linville Gorge Wilderness	22	1982/ 1993	R	S, G	See Linville River Comments	
Linville River	Avery, Burke	Northern wilderness boundary to southern wilderness boundary	12	1982/ 1993	W	S, G	See Linville River Comments	
Linville River	Avery, Burke	Southern wilderness boundary to Lake James one mile below NC 126 bridge	3	1982/ 1993	S	S, G	See Linville River Comments	
<u>Linville River Comments:</u> Linville Gorge in southern part of Grandfather Mountain Window has complex sequence of rocks emplaced by two overriding splay thrust sheets.								
Little Coharie Creek	Sampson	RM O, confluence with Great Coharie Creek, to RM 27, State Road 1006 Bridge.	27	1982		R, F, W	Excellent recreational potential.	

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Little Tennessee River	Swain, Macon	RM 85, above Lake Fontana, to RM 108, Lake Emory.	23	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Excellent float stream flowing over a bed of gravel, boulders, and ledges bordered by beautiful scenery.	
Lower Little River	Harnett, Cumberland, Hoke, Moore	RM O, confluence with Cape Fear River, to RM 62, headwaters north of West End.	62	1982		S, R, F, W	Small, scenic and remote Piedmont stream with excellent recreational potential.	
Lumber and Drowning Creek	Columbus, Robeson	RM 14, SC State Line and Fairbluff, to RM 47, Lumberton.	33	1982		S, R, F, W, H, C	See Lumber and Drowning Creek Comments	
Lumber and Drowning Creek	Robeson, Scotland, Hoke, Richmond, Moore, Montgomery	RM 53, above Lumberton, to RM 127, headwaters west of Samarcand.	74	1982		S, R, F, W, H, C	See Lumber and Drowning Creek Comments	

Lumber and Drowning Creek Comments: Secluded blackwater stream with heavily forested cypress swamps; abundance of flora and fauna.

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Mayo River	Rockingham	RM O, confluence with Dan River, to RM 16, VA State Line.	16	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	A most popular and extremely scenic whitewater stream in northern Piedmont Province.	
Mills and South Fork	Henderson, Transylvania	RM O, confluence with French Broad River, to RM 29, headwaters near Haywood County Line.	29	1982		S, R, G, F, W	Small remote mountain stream affording variety of recreational values; upper reach in Pisgah National Forest.	
Mitchell River	Surry, Alleghany	RM O, confluence with Yadkin River near Mountain Park, to RM 26, headwaters north of Roaring Gap.	26	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	One of most scenic and natural streams in northwest.	
Moore's Creek	Pender	RM O, confluence with Black River, to RM 8, Moore's Creek National Military Park.	8	1982		S, R, F, W, H, C	Meandering wilderness stream with significant historical values.	

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Mountain Creek	Stanley	RM O, confluence with Pee Dee River, to RM 14, headwaters east of New London.	14	1982		S, R, F, W, H, C	Significant fishery, cultural, and recreational values.	
Mountain Creek	Richmond	RM O, confluence with Pee Dee River and Blewett Falls Lake, to RM 8, NC 73 Bridge.	8	1982		F, W	Significant habitat of redbreast sunfish.	
Nantahala River	Swain, Macon	RM 4, Lake Fontana, to RM 22, Nantahala Powerhouse and Aquone Lake.	18	1982		S, R, G, F, W	See Nantahala River Comments	
Nantahala River	Clay, Macon	RM 29, backwaters of Lake Aquone Reservoir, to RM 48, headwaters.	19	1982		S, R, G, F, W	See Nantahala River Comments	

Nantahala River Comments: One of most popular recreational streams in the southeast; flows through deep gorge area.

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Nantahala River (above lake)	Macon	Backwaters of Nantahala Lake to headwaters in Standing Indian basin near NC-GA State line	19	1982/ 1993	R	W, H, C, O	See Nantahala River (above lake) Comments	
<u>Nantahala River (above lake) Comments:</u> Native trout waters. Four bogs are significant examples of mountain wetlands. Habitat for rare bog turtle and wetland-bog plant communities. Significant Native American sacred site.								
Nantahala River (below lake)	Macon, Swain	Lake Fontana to Nantahala Powerhouse and lake	18	1982/ 1993	R	S, R, G, W	See Nantahala River (below lake) Comments	
<u>Nantahala River (below lake) Comments:</u> Nantahala Gorge is most extensive formation in southwestern NC of limestone and Murphy marble. Number of rare or endemic Southern Appalachian plant species. Whitewater boating, picnicking, fishing, and viewing scenery.								
Neuse River	Craven, Pitt, Lenoir	RM 49, State Road 1400 bridge, to RM 83, Caroline RR bridge near town of Kingston.	34	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See Neuse River Comments	
Neuse River	Lenoir, Wayne, Johnston, Wake	RM 88, above Kingston, to RM 199, below Bridges Lake.	111	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See Neuse River Comments	
<u>Neuse River Comments:</u> Varying degrees of contrast within segment drops; superb scenery; numerous outstanding historical features.								

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New River, North Fork	Ashe	RM O, confluence with New River below Weavers Ford, to RM 39, town of Maxwell.	39	1982		S, R, G, F, W	Scenic pastoral stream with numerous recreational opportunities.	
New River, South Fork	Ashe, Watauga	RM 22, junction of Dog Creek east of Jefferson, to RM 91, headwaters near Boone.	69	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	RM 0 through 22 designated component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.	
Nolichucky River	Mitchell, Yancey (NC) Union (TN)	The main stem from Poplar, NC downstream to the railroad bridge at Unaka Springs, TN	8	1993	S	S, R, G	See Nolichucky River Comments	TN
<u>Nolichucky River Comments:</u> Spectacular scenery with steep slopes rising more than 2,000 feet adjacent to the river. The Gorge is a popular attraction for whitewater boaters, including commercial outfitters.								
North Toe River	Yancey, Mitchell, Avery	RM O, confluence with Cane and Nolichucky Rivers, to RM 46, US 19E bridge north of Ingalls.	46	1982		S, R, G, F, W	Scenic mountain stream with many overhanging rocks and bluffs.	

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Northeast Cape Fear River	New Hanover, Pender, Duplin	RM 3, Ness Creek junction, to RM 106, State Road 1502 Bridge.	103	1982		S, R, F, W	Very scenic and unique coastal plain blackwater stream.	
Oconaluftee River	Swain	RM O, confluence with Tuckasegee River, to RM 22, headwaters near Weaver Mount and TN State Line.	22	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Scenic recreational stream that flows through the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.	
Pee Dee River	Anson, Richmond, Montgomery, Stanly	RM 166, SC State Line, to RM 208, Lake Tillery.	42	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See Pee Dee River Comments	
<u>Pee Dee River Comments:</u> Traverses Piedmont Region with much of its course flowing through impressive lowland swamp; scenic bluffs, numerous oxbow lakes and sandbars.								
Pigeon River, East Fork	Haywood	First bridge on US Highway 276 to Shining Rock Wilderness boundary on US 276	3	1982/ 1993	R	S	Numerous cascades and small falls.	

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Pigeon River, East Fork	Haywood	Shining Rock Wilderness boundary on US 276 to headwaters	4	1982/ 1993	W	S	Primitive and accessible by foot travel only. Numerous cascades and small falls.	
Pigeon River, Little East Fork	Haywood	RM O, confluence with West Fork of Pigeon, to RM 8, headwaters in Sherwood Wilderness Management Area.	8	1982		S, R, G, F, W	Flows through Pisgah National Forest.	
Pigeon, East Fork	Haywood	RM 14, US 276 bridge (first crossing), to RM 21, headwaters northeast of Black Mountain	7	1982		S, R, F, W	Highly scenic stream; headwaters in Sherwood Wildlife Management area.	
Potecasi and Ramsey Creeks	Hertford, Northampton	RM O, confluence with Meherrin River, to RM 43, US 158 Bridge.	43	1982		S, R, G, F, W	Excellent example of an upper coastal plain creek with an abundance and diversity of flora and fauna.	

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Rock Creek River	Montgomery	RM O, confluence with Little River, to RM 13, headwaters west of Troy.	13	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Scenic Piedmont mountain stream that supports significant sport fishery.	
Rocky River	Chatham	RM O, confluence with Deep River, to RM 36, State Road 1300 bridge.	36	1982		S, R, G	Excellent canoeing stream with exciting whitewater run.	
Six Runs Creek	Sampson	RM O, confluence with Black River, to RM 24, State Road 1904 Bridge.	24	1982		F, W	Significant sport fishery and wildlife values.	
Smith River	Rockingham	RM O, confluence with Dan River near Eden, to RM 5, VA State Line.	5	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Popular for riverine recreational opportunities; inviting ledges and rapids.	
South River	Bladen, Sampson, Cumberland	RM O, confluence with Black River, to RM 66, Rhodes Pond.	66	1982		S, R, F, W	Extremely scenic and natural stream affording variety of recreational activities.	

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Tar River	Nash, Franklin, Vance, Granville, Person	RM 99, State Road 1933 Bridge west of Winstead Crossroads, to RM 192, headwaters north of Dennys Store.	93	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Attractive stream with several whitewater segments; secluded picturesque ravines and gorges.	
Tellico River	Cherokee	RM 47, TN State Line to RM 53, headwaters near Graham County Line north of McDaniel Bald.	6	1982		S, R, G, F, H, C	Wild, whitewater mountain stream with spectacular waterfalls and variety of recreational opportunities.	
Tellico River	Cherokee	NC-TN State line to headwaters near Graham County line north of McDaniel Bald	6	1982/ 1993	R	O	Considered eligible for study because of outstanding values on section of river in TN such as waterfalls and wild whitewater.	

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Thompson River	Transylvania	Headwaters near Jackson County/Transylvania County line to the South Carolina state line.	6	1995	W	S, R, G, W, O	See Thompson River Comments	

Thompson River Comments: The river contains scenic waterfalls, cascades, and rapids. The main gorge and sheer cliffs caused by erosion and river action are impressive. Extensive surrounding forests support healthy populations of game and non-game species, including black bear. The main gorge area contains tropical species, while other vegetation representative of the Southern Appalachians are found.

Town Creek	Brunswick	RM O, confluence with Cape Fear River, to RM 23, headwaters approximately two miles above State Road 1413 Bridge.	23	1982		S, R, F, W	Small coastal stream that supports excellent fishery.	
Toxaway River	Transylvania	From N.C. 281 bridge to Lake Jocassee.	13	1995	W	S, R, G, W, O	See Toxaway River Comments	

Toxaway River Comments: The Toxaway lies within a scenic, wild, and rugged mountain region. The terrain is characterized by high mountain balds, rock outcrops and cliffs, and lower hills and valleys. There are picturesque waterfalls and rugged gorges. Rare and unique species are present. The remote watershed harbors good populations of non-game and mountain game species.

Tuckaseigee River	Swain, Jackson	RM 15, Bryson City, to RM 53, Lake Cedar Cliff Impoundment.	38	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See Tuckaseigee River Comments	
<u>Tuckaseigee River Comments:</u> Scenic, natural stream that flows through ancestral home of Cherokee Indians; significant potential for recreational activities.								
Upper Little River	Harnett	RM O, confluence with Cape Fear River, to RM 47, junction of Mulatto Branch and Little Juniper Creek.	47	1982		S, R, G, W	Scenic blackwater stream.	
Uwharrie River	Montgomery, Randolph	RM O, confluence with Pee Dee River, to RM 61, headwaters south of High Point and Guilford County Line.	61	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	Scenic stream with stretches of gentle rapids, oxbow islands, several high bluffs and impressive rock outcrops; spawning habitat for white bass.	
Uwharrie River	Randolph, Montgomery	Confluence with Pee Dee River to headwaters south of town of High Point and Guilford County line	61	1982/ 1993	R	S, H, C	High probability for archeological and historical sites.	

Waccamaw River	Brunswick, Columbus	RM 75, SC State Line to RM 114, Lake Waccamaw.	39	1982		S, R, F, W, H, C	See Waccamaw River Comments	
<u>Waccamaw River Comments:</u> Deep blackwater swamp stream characterized by numerous buttressed tree species, predominated by Spanish moss draped cypress; abundance and variety of wildlife.								
Watauga River	Watauga, Avery	RM 51, TN State Line, to RM 77, headwaters north of Grandfather Mountain.	26	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See Watauga River Comments	
<u>Watauga River Comments:</u> Spectacular, very steep and scenic Watauga gorge area with several falls and huge boulders; recreational opportunities throughout.								
White Oak River	Carteret, Onslow, Jones	RM O, Atlantic Ocean, to RM 44, Hofmann Forest	44	1982		S, R, F, W	Clear blackwater stream bordered by Croaton National Forest.	
White Oak River	Jones, Onslow	Hofmann Forest to powerline	24	1982/ 1993	R	S, W, H, C, O	See White Oak River Comments	
White Oak River	Jones, Onslow, Carteret	Powerline to town of Stella	11	1982/ 1993	S	S, W, H, C, O	See White Oak River Comments	
White Oak River	Onslow, Carteret	Stella to Atlantic Ocean at Swansboro	9	1982/ 1993	R	S, W, H, C, O	See White Oak River Comments	
<u>White Oak River Comments:</u> Fishing, hunting, picnicking, camping, canoeing, and motorboating. Habitat for American alligator, number of wading birds and waterfowl. Includes four distinct ecotypes: saltwater marsh, hardwood swamp, upland hardwood forest, and pine forest.								

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Whitewater River	Transylvania and Jackson	From confluence of Whitewater Creek and Silver Run Creek near NC 107 in the Nantahala National Forest to the South Carolina state line.	7	1995	W	S, R, G, F, W, O	See Whitewater River Comments	

Whitewater River Comments: The exposure of ancient rocks produces some of the most spectacular scenery in western North Carolina. Sheer cliffs and gorges are caused by erosion. Upper Whitewater Falls cascades 411 feet. The Whitewater Gorge contains tropical mosses and ferns. Water quality and fishing are excellent. A portion of the 43-mile Foothills Trail runs from the USFS parking lot at upper Whitewater Falls.

Wilson Creek	Caldwell, Avery	RM O, confluence with Johns River, to RM 20, headwaters one mile below Grandfather Mountain.	20	1982				
Wilson Creek	Avery, Caldwell	Headwaters to NC Highway 90	6	1982/ 1993	W	S, R, G, H, C	See Wilson Creek Comments	

Wilson Creek Comments: Exposes formations of Grandfather Window structural feature. Native trout waters. Fishing, hiking, primitive camping, hunting, wading, swimming, and viewing scenery. Old CCC camp at Mortimer.

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Wilson Creek	Avery, Caldwell	NC Highway 90 to Johns River	14	1982/ 1993	R	S, R, G, H, C	Challenging canoe/kayak run with Class II-V rapids.	
Yadkin River	Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Yadkin, Surry	RM 41, South Yadkin River Junction, to RM 130, I-77 Bridge.	89	1982		S, R, G, F, W, H, C	See Yadkin River Comments	

Yadkin River Comments: Clear lively mountain stream that traverses the oldest formations of the North American Continent, Carolina gneiss of the Archean Epoch.

Outstanding Resource Values (ORV) Definitions:

Scenery (S): The landscape elements of landform, vegetation, water, color, and related factors result in notable or exemplary visual features and/or attractions. When analyzing scenic values, additional factors -- such as seasonal variations in vegetation, scale of cultural modifications, and the length of time negative intrusions are viewed -- may be considered. Scenery and visual attractions may be highly diverse over the majority of the river or river segment.

Recreation (R): Recreational opportunities are, or have the potential to be, popular enough to attract visitors from throughout or beyond the region of comparison or are unique or rare within the region. Visitors are willing to travel long distances to use the river resources for recreational purposes. River-related opportunities could include, but are not limited to, sightseeing, wildlife observation, camping, photography, hiking, fishing and boating.

- Interpretive opportunities may be exceptional and attract, or have the potential to attract, visitors from outside the region of comparison.
- The river may provide, or have the potential to provide, settings for national or regional usage or competitive events.

Geology (G): The river, or the area within the river corridor, contains one or more example of a geologic feature, process or phenomenon that is unique or rare within the region of comparison. The feature(s) may be in an unusually active stage of development, represent a "textbook" example, and/or represent a unique or rare combination of geologic features (erosional, volcanic, glacial, or other geologic structures).

Fish (F): Fish values may be judged on the relative merits of either fish populations, habitat, or a combination of these river-related conditions.

- *Populations:* The river is nationally or regionally an important producer of resident and/or anadromous fish species. Of particular significance is the presence of wild stocks and/or federal or state listed (or candidate) threatened, endangered or sensitive species. Diversity of species is an important consideration and could, in itself, lead to a determination of "outstandingly remarkable."
- *Habitat:* The river provides exceptionally high quality habitat for fish species indigenous to the region of comparison. Of particular significance is habitat for wild stocks and/or federal or state listed (or candidate) threatened, endangered or sensitive species. Diversity of habitats is an important consideration and could, in itself, lead to a determination of "outstandingly remarkable."

Wildlife (W): Wildlife values may be judged on the relative merits of either terrestrial or aquatic wildlife populations or habitat or a combination of these conditions.

- *Populations:* The river, or area within the river corridor, contains nationally or regionally important populations of indigenous wildlife species. Of particular significance are species considered to be unique, and/or populations of federal or state listed (or candidate) threatened, endangered or sensitive species. Diversity of species is an important consideration and could, in itself, lead to a determination of "outstandingly remarkable."
- *Habitat:* The river, or area within the river corridor, provides exceptionally high quality habitat for wildlife of national or regional significance, and/or may provide unique habitat or a critical link in habitat conditions for federal or state listed (or candidate) threatened, endangered or sensitive species. Contiguous habitat conditions are such that the biological needs of the species are met. Diversity of habitats is an important consideration and could, in itself, lead to a determination of "outstandingly remarkable."

Prehistory (P): The river, or area within the river corridor, contains a site(s) where there is evidence of occupation or use by Native Americans. Sites must have unique or rare characteristics or exceptional human interest value(s). Sites may have national or regional importance for interpreting prehistory; may be rare and represent an area where a culture or cultural period was first identified and described; may have been used concurrently by two or more cultural groups; and/or may have been used by cultural groups for rare sacred purposes. Many such sites are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which is administered by the NPS.

History (H): The river or area within the river corridor contains a site(s) or feature(s) associated with a significant event, an important person, or a cultural activity of the past that was rare or one-of-a-kind in the region. Many such sites are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A historic site(s) and/or features(s) is 50 years old or older in most cases.

Cultural (C): The river or area within the river corridor contains archaeological sites or areas significant to traditional cultures. Examples might be American Indian burial grounds, petroglyphs, the oldest known human use site in a region, or streams that support traditional agriculture, subsistence fishing, or religious ceremonies.

Other Values (O): While no specific national evaluation guidelines have been developed for the "other similar values" category, assessments of additional river-related values consistent with the foregoing guidance may be developed -- including, but not limited to, hydrology, paleontology and botany resources.