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Stream	County	State	Cat #	Ecology	Fishability	Miles	Width	Flow	Food/Cover	Pressure	Regulation	Directions	Notes
Avery Creek	Transylvania	NC	FBR 1-82-3	Rainbow	Typical	1.5	17	12	Good	Heavy	Wild	Brevard, off US 276, Avery Creek Road	
Basin Creek	Wilkes	NC	YAD 1-58-2-2	Rainbow	Typical	5	18		Good	Moderate	Park	From 1-77, West off NC 21 on SR 1002 (Traphill Rd) at Hilltop Grill for 5.9 miles, right on SR 1737 (McGrady Road) for 5.2 miles; continue on dirt road for approx. 1 mile. Access also by foot trail from Parkway	
Big Horse Creek - Upper	Ashe	NC (VA)	NEW 1-8-6 U	Rainbow, Brown, Brook	Open	3.8	25	20	Good	Light	C&R Lure	SR 1362 which parallels the stream & an old railroad grade	Headwaters begins in VA
Big Snowbird Creek - Upper	Graham	NC	LTN - 1-2-2-22-6 U	Brook	Typical	7	2.8	30	Good	Moderate	Wild	Access by foot trail from end of SR 1120 from hooper Bald and from Cherokee Cty, New Cherohala Skyway Road	Very remote
Bullhead Creek	Wilkes	NC	YAD 1-58-1-5	Brown, Rainbow, Brook	Typical	3.8	22	25	Excellent	Light	C&R Fly	I-77 to exit 83, US 21 N for 6.3 miles to Stone Mtn SP. Go through park to SR 1739 - foot trail and \$15.00 fee for one of 8 sections available	
Cataloochee Creek - Upper	Haywood	NC	PGN 1-15-2 U	Brown, Rainbow	Typical	15	70		Good	Moderate	Park	I 40 to NC 451 and cross the Pigeon River. Left at end of bridge, 2 miles on paved road. Left on gravel road for 23 miles into valley	An opportunity to hear and see Elk in NC again
Courthouse Creek	Transylvania	NC	FBR 1-11--12	Brown, Rainbow	Typical	2	22	15	Excellent	Moderate	Wild	NC 215 and the USFS Courthouse Creek Rd. off SR 1369	
Curtis Creek - Upper	McDowell	NC	CAT 7-27-U	Brown, Rainbow, Brook	Tight	4.5	22	12	Feed	Heavy	Wild	I-40 at Old Fort, go North on Curtis Creek Rd. across NC 70. Access is by trails off SR 1227 which parallels the stream	3 tributaries, Big Rock Camp Branch, Licklog Branch (rainbow/brown, then all browns), Bear Drive Branch (rainbow)
Davidson River - Middle	Transylvania	NC	FBR 1-82-M	Brown, Rainbow	Open	0.5	34	40	Good	Moderate	C&R Fly	From Brevard N on US 276	
Davidson River - Special	Transylvania	NC	FBR 1-82-S	Brown, Rainbow	Typical	1	39	30	Good	Moderate	C&R Fly	From Brevard N on US 276 - below the Pisgah hatchery	
Davidson River - Upper	Transylvania	NC	FBR 1-82 U	Rainbow	Typical	3	16	12	Excellent	Moderate	C&R Fly	From Brevard N on US 276 - road 72 and the rearing station road	
E Fork Pigeon River - Upper	Haywood	NC	PGN 1-41 U	Brown, Rainbow	Open	10	28	30	Excellent	Moderate	Wild	Via foot trail from US 276 off the Parkway	
Fires Creek - Upper	Clay	NC	HIW 1-33 U	Rainbow	Open	4	26	15	Good	Moderate	Wild	From Murphy - East on US 64 East on Mission Dam Road, Access is by USFS 340 road off SR 1344	
Harper Creek - Upper	Avery	NC	CAT 7-6-12-3-5	Brown, Rainbow	Typical	3	21		Good	Moderate	Wild	From Linville, S on NC 181 and take Jonas Ridge Road past the Parkway, then USFS Lost Cove Road. From Morganton, NC181 N. to Steel Creek Bridge, East on Akado Road. From Lenoir, NC 90 to Colletsville, West on Adako Road then N on Brown Mtn Road	
Hazel Creek	Swain	NC	LTN 1-4-8	Rainbow, Brown, Brook	Typical	13.5	35		Excellent	Heavy	Park	A major stream of the smokies. Access via boat from Fontana Village on Fontana Lake	A primitive road parallels the stream. At .5 miles, NPS #86, Proctor, capacity 20. Then Horseshoe fishing site. At 3.3 miles, NPS #85, Sawdust Pile, capacity 20. At 5 miles, NPS #84, Sugar fork, capacity, 8. At 5.6 miles, NPS#83, Bone Valley, Capacity 20. At 8.6 miles, NPS #82, Calhoun Camp, Capacity 15. At 10.5 miles, NPS#81, Proctor creek, capacity 15. At 133.5 miles, NPS #80, Hazel Creek Cascades, Capacity 12.

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Horespasture River - Upper	Transylvania	NC	SAV 2 M	Brown	Typical	11	58	50	Fair	Moderate	Wild	From Brevard, West on US 64. Access by NC 281, SR 1149 bridge and SR 1152. Headwaters is Sapphire Valley Resort	
Joes Fork Creek	Caldwell	NC	YAD 1-74-2	Brown	Typical	6	15	25	Excellent	Light	Wild	From Patterson area N of Lenoir, access is by a rough foot trail off of SR 1502 and a dirt road that parallels the stream	Very remote
Looking Glass Creek - Upper	Transylvania	NC	FBR 1-82-7-U	Rainbow	Tight	3	16	11	Excellent	Heavy	Wild	Access is by the Blue Ridge Parkway, US 276 which parallels the entire stream	
Lost Cove Creek	Avery	NC	CAT 7-6-12-3-7	Brown, Rainbow	Typical	6.4	20	30	Excellent	Moderate	C&R Fly	From Linville, S on 181 and take Jonas Ridge Road past the Parkway, then USFS Lost Cove Road. From Morganton, NC 181 N. to Steel Creek Bridge, East on Akado Road. From Lenoir, NC 90 to Collettsville, West on Adako Road then N on Brown Mtn Road. North on NC 90 from Mortimer, continue to Edgemont. Access is several northside trails from USFS Lost Cove road and USFS 464	Very remote
M Fork Pigeon River - Upper	Haywood	NC	PGN 1-42-13 U	Brook	Typical	4	21	20	Excellent	Moderate	Wild	Access by jeep road off NC 215 and USFS Road off SR 1111. Foot Trail off of Parkway	
Mackey Creek	McDowell	NC	CAT 7-22	Rainbow, Brown, Brook	Typical	3.3	20	15	Excellent	Moderate	Wild	Access by jeep road from SR 1412 or by trail off SR 1227	
N Harper Creek - Lower	Avery	NC	CAT 7-6-12-3-5-2 L	Brown, Rainbow	Typical	3.7	17	12	Excellent	Moderate	Wild	From Linville or Parkway, take NC 221 turn south on Edgemont Road. From Lenoir take NC 90 to Collettsville, turn West on Adako Road. Access is by foot trail from USFS road 464	
N. Toe River - Middle	Avery	NC	NKY 1-9 M	Brown, Rainbow	Open	7.4	29	50	Good	Heavy	Hatchery	Access is by SR 1157 and US 19E	
Nantahala River - Special	Macon	NC	LTN 1-5 S	Brown, Rainbow	Open	2.5	39	100	Good	Light	Wild	From Franklin, W on US 64. At Rainbow Springs, South on USFS 57. Access is by foot trail from Standing Indian Campground	
Nantahala River Upper	Macon	NC	LTN 1-5 U	Rainbow, Brown, Brook	Typical	5.2	23	20	Excellent	Moderate	Wild	From Franklin, W on US 64. At Rainbow Springs, South on USFS 57. Access is off of a gravel road by turning right at Wallace Gap. (second old NC 64 sign off of NC 64 heading west 9 miles from Franklin)	
Panthertown Creek	Jackson	NC	TUK 1-76	Brook	Tight	2.5	25		Excellent	Light	C&R Lure	Salt Rock entry from NC 64 east of Cashiers, Cedar creek Road, turn on right at pond after pavement ends	
Pigeonroost Creek	Mitchell	NC	NKY 1-9-3	Rainbow, Brook	Typical	5.3	15	10	Good	Moderate	Wild	Access by USFS Road and Trails off SR 1349	Very remote
Roaring Creek	Avery	NC	NKY 1-9-52	Rainbow, Brook	Typical	5	22	30	Good	Moderate	Wild	Take US 19E North of Spruce Pine. Access is by SR 1132 which parallels the stream	
S. Harper Creek	Avery	NC	CAT 7-6-12-3-5 U	Brown, Rainbow	Typical	3.8	16	5	Good	Moderate	Wild	Take NC 221 from Linville	
S. Mills River - Upper	Transylvania	NC	FBR 1-66-3 U	Rainbow, Brown, Brook	Typical	2.5	28	25	Good	Moderate	Wild	North on NC 276 from Brevard, right on Yellow Gap Road just beyond Cradle of Forestry	
S. Toe River - Special	Yancey	NC	NKY 1-9-18-S	Brown, Rainbow	Typical	1.5	27	30	Excellent	Moderate	C&R Fly	NC 221/NC 226 N from Marion, West on NC 80. Access on USFS road	
S. Toe River - Upper	Yancey	NC	NKKY 1-9-18-U	Brown, Rainbow	Open	3.5	15	12	Excellent	Moderate	Wild	Access is by USFS 472 off NC 80	
Slickrock Creek	Graham	NC	LTN 1-2-1	Brown, Brook	Typical	9.6	31	40	Excellent	Moderate	Wild	Access is by foot trails from Calderwood Lake by boat and 1 1/2 mile trail from the end of USFS road at Big Flat Gap	Very remote

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Steels Creek - Lower	Burke	NC	CAT 7-7-3-1 L	Brown, Rainbow	Typical	2.5	23	25	Good	Moderate	Wild	NC 181 from Morganton, North approx. 3 miles from the Steels creek bridge to USFS Road 128 (gated) on left. By foot from USFS #128	
Steels Creek - Upper	Burke	NC	CAT 7-7-3-1 U	Rainbow, Brown, Brook	Typical	2.5	18		Good	Heavy	Wild	NC 181 from Morganton, North approx. 6 miles from the Steels creek bridge to USFS Road (gated) on left. By foot from USFS Road	Very remote
Upper Creek - Middle	Burke	NC	CAT 7-7-3 M	Brown, Rainbow	Typical	3	27	30	Excellent	Moderate	Wild	NC 181 from Linville (S) or Morganton (N). Can be reached by foot trail from NC 181 or by a 5.4 mile long jeep trail off USFS Road 982	
Upper Creek - Upper	Burke	NC	CAT 7-7-3 U	Brown, Rainbow	Typical	2	22	25	Excellent	Moderate	Wild	NC 181 from Linville (S) or Morganton (N). Greentown area is relatively inaccessible but can be reached by foot trail from NC 181	Very remote
Wilson Creek - Middle	Avery	NC	CAT 7-6-12-3 M	Brown	Open	2.3	31	40	Excellent	Light	C&R Lure	From Linville or Parkway, take NC 221 turn south on Edgemont Road. From Lenoir take NC 90 to Collettsville, turn West on Adako Road. Access is by foot trail from USFS 258	Very remote
Wilson Creek - Upper	Avery	NC	CAT 7-6-12-3 U	Rainbow, Brown, Brook	Typical	4.5	17	25	Excellent	Moderate	C&R Lure	From Linville or Parkway, take NC 221 turn south on Edgemont Road. From Lenoir take NC 90 to Collettsville, turn West on Adako Road. Access is by foot trail from USFS 192.	