



HEADWATERS

OUTFITTERS

French Broad River



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We're known as the local fly shop on the headwaters of the French Broad River watershed and it's surrounding tributaries.

With programs for anglers of all skill levels, and options for retreats and groups as well. We work with you to customize and create the right fishing outing for you.

Guides at Headwaters Outfitters are licensed, highly skilled and passionate in their field of work. Providing unique, memorable and educational experiences for both new and seasoned anglers is a daily goal for our guides. Join us on the water!

PRIVATE VS PUBLIC WATER

When choosing a trip, you'll see private water and public water trips are available. Some of the biggest differences in location and setting are as follows:

On private water trips, you'll have exclusive access to unique private property, fishing sections of the rivers that only Headwaters Outfitters' clients fish.

On public water trips, you'll fish local streams nearby that are open to everyone. Many, but not all, of these streams are located within our public lands including: Pisgah National Forest and Dupont State Forest. (Both of which we are permitted to guide on).

The best time to enjoy trout fishing around here is generally in cooler weather, October thru May. Otherwise catching is weather dependent. We also offer bass charters on area lakes and group trips-see the next page.

INCLUDED IN TRIP COST

- A licensed, knowledgeable fishing guide who can assist you with casting, locating fish, and whatever questions you may have.
- All necessary fly fishing equipment-rod, reel, fly line, leaders, tippet, flies, boots and waders when needed.

NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST

- A North Carolina Fishing License. You will need an "Inland Fishing License", available in either a 10 day or annual option. You can purchase this ahead of time by visiting NCwildlife.org.
- A ride to and from the water you'll be fishing. Your guide will set a meeting time and place and plan a shuttle, if needed, with you prior to your trip.
- Lunch, beverages and snacks are not provided.



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Half Day Trout Wade Trips-4 Hours:

Public Water Anglers/Rate

1 Person-\$275
2 Persons-\$425

Private Water Anglers/Rate

1 Person-\$325
2 Persons-\$500
3 Persons-\$675

Full Day Trout Wade Trips-4 Hours

Public Water Anglers/Rate

1 Person-\$375
2 Persons-\$550

Private Water Anglers/Rate

1 Person-\$450
2 Persons-\$650
3 Persons-\$825

Full Day Guided Float Trip-8 Hours

Smallmouth Bass, Trout & Musky-Fly Or Light Tackle
\$600 Up To Anglers

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

Headwaters Outfitters operates in the Pisgah Ranger District of The Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina under Permit# PIS4338-07 and is an equal opportunity provider.

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Fishermen of all abilities enjoy exploring a wide variety of WNC and upstate SC lakes with Captain Ty while fishing with conventional gear. You're guaranteed to find more than a few bass and other warm water species that call these lakes home!

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Enjoy a half or full day on Western North Carolina lakes and rivers throughout Brevard, Cashiers, Lake Toxaway, Glenville, Lake James, Lake Keowee, Lake Jocassee, and Lake Hartwell. We do provide trips to private lakes if the client has prior permissions.

All gear will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. We work with you to customize and create the right fishing outing for you.

BASS CHARTERS

Full Day Charter

1-3 Anglers: \$600

½ Day Charters

1-3 Anglers: \$450

INCLUDED IN TRIP COST

- A licensed, knowledgeable fishing guide who can assist you with casting, locating fish, and whatever questions you may have.
- Transportation from Headwaters' shop to and from the lake you will be fishing
- Fishing equipment-including rods, reels, and lures.

NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST

- A North Carolina Fishing License. You will need an "Inland Fishing License", available in either a 10 day, or annual option. You can purchase this ahead of time by visiting NCwildlife.org.
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For over 30 years, we have provided customers and clients unique and memorable river excursions. Enjoy canoeing and kayaking river trips on the first 20 miles of the French Broad River.

Thousands of paddlers have explored this peaceful section of the French Broad River Watershed. The section is perfect for brand new paddlers, but is beautiful enough to bring the most seasoned paddlers.

You, your family and friends will encounter a lively, yet gentle current with fast-moving shoals and sharp river bends along the way, all part of a natural river environment. This makes this section of the French Broad River a great trip for beginning paddlers and children, or anyone seeking a relaxing river trip. These self-guided Canoeing and Kayaking River Trips are offered daily April – October and you can choose your take-out from a 3, 4, or 7 hour river trip by canoe or kayak. Join us on the water!

SELF GUIDED PADDLING TRIPS

Hannah Ford River Run- 8 miles, 3 hours*

Canoe or Kayak \$50.00 per person age 18 and up, \$45 per person age 4-17.

Island Ford River Run- 10 miles, 4 hours* Tuesdays Only

Canoe or Kayak \$55.00 per person age 18 and up, \$50 per person age 4-17.

Hap Simpson River Run- 20 miles, 7 hours* Tuesdays 10am Only

Canoe or Kayak \$75.00 per person age 18 and up, \$70 per person age 4-17.

Island Ford Overnight Campout

Canoe or Kayak \$70.00 per person age 18 and up, \$65 per person age 4-17.

Hap Simpson Overnight Campout

Canoe or Kayak \$90.00 per person age 18 and up, \$85 per person age 4-17.

*PLEASE NOTE: TIMES ON THE RIVER VARY ACCORDING TO WEATHER AND WATER CONDITIONS.

OTHER SEASONAL TRIPS INCLUDE:

Signs of Spring guided trip-Saturdays in April

Cruise then Booze at Oskar Blues Brewery self guided trip-Friday evenings in June, July, August

Paddle then Pints at Ecusta Brewing self guided trip-Wednesday mornings in June, July, August

Discovery at Dusk guided trip- Friday Evenings in September

Colors of Fall guided trip- Sundays in October

Bear Lake guided cruises

Shuttles And Equipment Rentals Also Available

CANOEING & KAYAKING RIVER TRIPS INCLUDE:

- Canoe (max. 2 adults/2 small children) or kayak (solo or tandem).
- Life jackets and paddles, river safety video.
- Parking with shuttle service to and from the river.
- Riverside orientation and instruction, river map.

CANOEING & KAYAKING RIVER TRIP RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Personal Gear – dress for weather conditions.
- River shoes – no flip-flops or heel-less shoes
- Drinks, snacks, picnic lunch or order from Food Truck.
- Bear repellent (LOL gotcha, just kidding)- but bug spray and sunscreen!
- Gratuities – if our river staff provides excellent service, it's acceptable to tip them.



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100%
ALL AGES - ALL SKILLS



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Cool off and enjoy
“Mountain Style” tubing on
this family friendly
adventure.

Our 1–2 hour Mountain Style tubing trip down the French Broad River will satisfy the entire family on a hot summers day. Kids ages 4+ enjoy this time with family and friends on this beautiful river. The average water temperature of the French Broad River in the summer is 65 degrees and ranges from 6” to 4’ deep. Perfect wouldn’t you say, AND you get to leave the work to us!

Our tubing adventures are very popular! We have limited space and accept reservations which we highly suggest. We also recommend that you come as early in the day as possible! When in the mountains, plan your water activities early in the day! We hope to see you, your family & friends on the river this summer.

We provide The tube – The lifejacket – The transportation! How hassle free is that?

EASTATOE TUBE RUN

\$20.00 Per Person (Ages 4 + Recommended).

Group Rate \$15 Per Person (Minimum 10 Tubers).

Available Mid-May Through Mid-September.

Reservations Highly Encouraged. Walk In Space Is Limited.

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TUBING TRIPS INCLUDE:

- Your tube.
- Your lifejacket.
- Parking, transportation to and from the river.
- Riverside orientation.
- 2 tube runs if you wish.

NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- River attire – bathing suits.
- Appropriate Shoes must be worn. No flip flops or heel-less shoes.
- Sunscreen, hats, sunglasses.
- Eyeglass safety straps.
- Change of dry clothes for after your tubing trip.



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For more than three decades, Headwaters Outfitters has been providing unforgettable adventures in the Blue Ridge Mountains for families. Allow our seasoned guides to lead you on a private trip through the stunning landscapes of Pisgah National Forest, Gorges State Park, or DuPont State Forest.

Avoid the stress of researching hiking locations amidst the multitude of options available. This task becomes particularly daunting when planning a family outing with varying levels of experience, emphasizing the need for safety for all participants. Our proficient hiking guides possess the expertise to select an ideal trail leading to a picturesque waterfall or a panoramic mountain ridge tailored to your group's needs.

Learn about the fauna, flora, waterways, and other natural wonders you see along the trail. Your guide will also ensure you are well-prepared for the hike by providing guidance on essential items to bring along. We offer half day and full day trips with the option of transportation on a case-by-case situation.

Headwaters Outfitters has complete permits and insurance for commercial activities on all public lands where we guide. All of our guides hold certifications in Wilderness First Aid and CPR, ensuring your safety throughout the expedition.

Half Day Guided Hike-3 to 4 Hours

1-3 Hikers

\$200

Additional Hikers

\$30 Each
Max 6 In Group

Full Day Guided Hike-7 to 8 Hours

1-3 Hikers

\$400

Additional Hikers

\$50 Each
Max 6 In Group

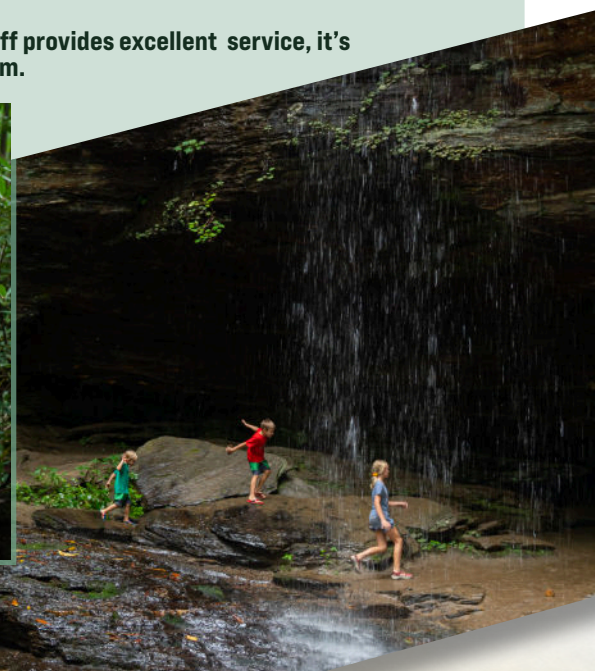
For groups of more than 6 hikers please email us at lydia@headwatersoutfitters.com

GUIDED HIKING TRIPS INCLUDE:

- Personal guide.
- Shuttle services available upon request.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED FOR YOUR TRIP:

- Personal Gear – dress for weather conditions (rain jacket, extra layers, day pack.
- Hiking shoes – good tread, water resistant, closed toe.
- Drinks, snacks, picnic lunch or order from a Food Truck, on site most days April thru October.
- Bear repellent (LOL gotcha, just kidding)- but bug spray and sunscreen!
- Gratuities – if our staff provides excellent service, it's acceptable to tip them.



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SHOP & RELAX

Whether you're sending it down the river for the first time or you're an experienced angler-we've got you covered. For boating we have a great selection of canoes, kayaks and SUP's from Old Town, Perception, Wenonah, and Badfish plus equipment you'll need like Bending Branches paddles and Astral PFD's and accessories to get you out on the water.

For fishing we're your one stop shop with a full line of rods, reels, and clothing from Simms, Reddington and others. We've also got a large selection of sun and water essentials-dry bags, sunscreen, and sunglasses. When you're off the water relax in style with a great looking Headwaters t-shirt, or clothing from Free Fly, Simms, Dovetail, and much more. Need a last minute gift? Look no further. Find that perfect item that someone special needs-river maps and guides, specialty gifts and souvenirs, local coffees, local art and more. We're sure you'll find that unique gift.



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The Forks Of The River taproom is your destination place for local craft beer on tap and a variety of beer, wine and cider, as well as CBD and non-alcoholic drinks ready to take on your next adventure.

Local taps from within the French Broad watershed with endless rotating beers, ciders and wines!



The Forks of the River, a local name for our location, is a taproom that not only celebrates the birthplace of the French Broad River but also the quality of water we all enjoy. We dedicate 12 taps to our breweries within our watershed that makes beer from these pristine mountain waters. We are here because of the water and so is the beer.



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MAKE A LITTLE FAMILY HISTORY OF YOUR OWN.

For over 300 million years the French Broad River has wound its way through the scenic Appalachian Mountains, and for just over thirty years adventures on the river have started here at mile zero with Headwaters Outfitters. Our cool clear mountain waters are perfect for fly fishing, paddling, or tubing for the whole family.



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