

PADDLING TRIPS



N. MAYO/MAYO RIVER TRIPS

1) Moores Mill to Anglin Mill Bridge
3.25 mi \ 2-3 hrs \ Class I-II

Put In: Bridge GPS: 36.5680, -79.9860
Take Out: River left under bridge GPS: 36.5353, -79.9909

Features: Byrd's Ledge, named for William Byrd, is class II rapid. Most challenging section is "The Grand Staircase," a series of ledges across the river just below the confluence with the South Mayo River, which is part of the Mayo River State Park. Anglin Mill Fish Weir is one of the best preserved in the County.

2) Anglin Mill Bridge to 220 Business Bridge
9.5 mi \ 4-6 hrs \ Class I-III

Put In: Bridge GPS: 36.5353, -79.9909
Take Out: River left just before 220 Bridge GPS: 36.4388, -79.9379

Last public access before dams! Exit river here!

Features: Now part of the Mayo River State Park, this section includes a "beach" area and Class III rapid "Boiling Hole" that can be portaged on the road. Look for 1,000-year-old Native American fish traps (identify them by V-shaped rock structures pointing downstream). Hickory Creek enters from river right over broad smooth bedrock.

Nearby: Stoneville's nature trail connects Memorial Park to downtown shops and eateries. Mayodan has restaurants, a popular mountain bike trail, bike rentals, and more. Headquarters to Mayo River State Park is located between the two towns with hiking trails, picnic shelters, and grills.

MAYO TO DAN RIVER TRIP

3) Mayodan Access to Settle Bridge
8 mi \ 3-5 hrs \ Class I

Put In: Parking GPS: 36.4073, -79.9650
Takeout: River right past bridge GPS: 36.4105, -79.8272

Features: Confluence of the Mayo and Dan rivers, Lone Island, Slink Shoal Sluice and Wing Dams (the crown jewel of the historic Dan River batteau navigation system).

Nearby Put In: Mayodan offers local restaurants, antique stores, a mountain bike trail, and more.

Nearby Take Out: Wentworth offers local restaurants, 5 miles of hiking trails at Rockingham Community College, Chinqua-Penn Walking Trail, and Museum & Archives of Rockingham County.

SMITH RIVER TRIP

4) Mitchell Road to 3-R-0 Access
12 mi \ 4-5 hr \ Class I

Put In: Bridge GPS: 36.6022, -79.7763
Take Out: River right on private landing. Public granted access with permission. Contact 3-R-0 at (336) 627-6215.

Features: Beautiful stretch of river with good fishing and lots of wildlife. Look for bald eagles and osprey. An island about 4 miles long makes a good lunch stop. Several historical features on this trip.

Nearby Put In: Eden offers restaurants, trails, and shopping.

SMITH TO DAN RIVER TRIP

5) Island Ford Landing to Leaksville Wildlife Access
2.5 mi \ 1-2 hr for paddlers \ 2-4 hr for tubers \ Class I

Put In: Access GPS: 36.5020, -79.7566
Take Out: River right access GPS: 36.4756, -79.7502
Known locally as "the boat landing."

Features: Confluence of the Smith with the Dan River.

Nearby: This access is on the Smith River Greenway and near the Dan River Basin Association, Three Rivers Outfitters, and Troublesome Creek Outfitter. Eden offers restaurants, trails, and shopping.

LAKES

6) Lake Reidsville Park
Flat water

Camp Store: GPS: 36.2940, -79.6822

Features: 750-acre lake with many coves and fishing holes. Water skiing allowed in designated areas. Heron, deer, ducks, and other wildlife are often spotted. Abundance of big bass, crappie, and bream. Canoes, kayaks, and SUPs available for rent seasonally. Tent and RV camping. All visitors check in at the camp store upon arrival.

7) Lake Hunt

Flat water

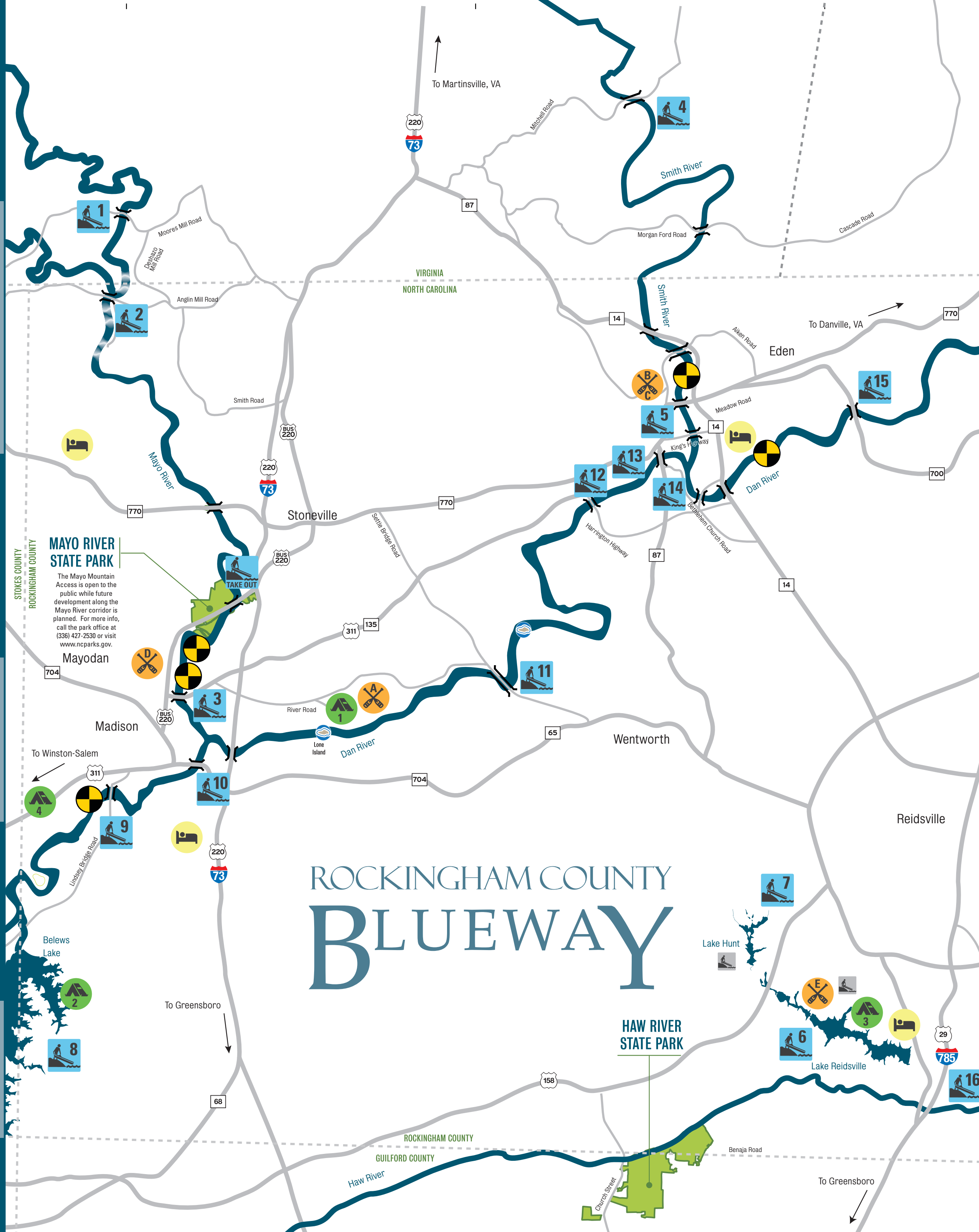
Lake Hunt is open to visitors holding season passes, which may be purchased at Lake Reidsville Camp Store.

Nearby: Reidsville, where the motto is "Live Simply; Think Big," offers a seasonal farmers' market, festivals throughout the year, unique shopping, dining, and public walking/biking trails, including Lake Reidsville trails.

8) Belews Lake

Flat water

Belews Lake is a 3,864-acre cooling reservoir for a Duke Energy power plant. Because the lake is so warm, it is popular for water sports almost year-round. Caution should be practiced near the dam area. For more information on access and allowable activities visit CarolinaMarina.com. Carolina Marina is located at 548 Shelton Road, Stokesdale, NC.



LEGEND

- Access Point
- Future 2020 Access Points
- State Highway or Interstate
- County Road
- Islands
- Outfitters
- Campground
- State Parks
- Counties
- Accommodations
- Bridge
- Caution: Dam or Hazard
- Class II or III Rapids

CAUTION/ WARNING

CAUTION: Dams pose a significant danger. Always use caution around the dams and avoid running over the dams. To spot a dam, look for a shallow line in the water that reaches from one side of the river to the other. Also avoid fallen trees and other debris.

WARNING! DO NOT GO NEAR THE DAMS! Swimming or boating near the dam can be deadly. Powerful hydraulics churning below the surface can trap and hold you underwater. THERE ARE NO DAM WARNING SIGNS POSTED ON THE RIVER. Portages are unmarked. Swimming or boating near the dams can be deadly.

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DAN RIVER TRIPS

9) Lindsey Bridge to NC 704 Bridge
2.5 mi \ 1-2 hrs for paddlers \ 2-4 hrs for tubes \ Class I

Put In: Bridge GPS: 36.3748, -79.9923
Take Out: left just before bridge GPS: 36.3851, -79.9547

Features: Ruins of historic Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad Bridge and pilings of old Madison Covered Bridge

Nearby Put In: Mayodan has restaurants, a popular mountain bike trail, and more. **Nearby Take Out:** Wentworth offers local restaurants, 5 miles of hiking trails at Rockingham Community College, Chinqua-Penn Walking Trail, and Museum & Archives of Rockingham County.

10) NC 704 Bridge to Settle Bridge
8.5 mi \ 3-5 hrs \ Class I-II

Put In: Bridge GPS: 36.3851, -79.9547
Take Out: River right just past bridge GPS: 36.4105, -79.8272

Features: Confluence of Mayo, Lone Island, and Slink Shoal Sluice, and Wing Dams (the "crown jewel" of the historic Dan River batteau navigation system). Wing Dams channel water to the center of the river and make it possible for novices to run the shoals & rapids.

Nearby Put In: Madison with local restaurants and fast food, tube rentals, and antique stores. Nearby take out: Wentworth with locally owned restaurants, 5 miles of hiking trails at Rockingham Community College, Chinqua-Penn Walking Trail, and Museum & Archives of Rockingham County.

11) Settle Bridge to Leaksville Landing Access

10 mi \ 4-6 hrs \ Class I-II

Put In: Bridge GPS: 36.4105, -79.8272
Take Out #1: River left at Klyce St landing GPS: 36.475448, -79.777513
Take Out #2: River left before bridge GPS: 36.4855, -79.7637

Features: Small rapid created by the rubble from the original bridge; easy channel is on river left near the bank. Eagle Falls Island is about a mile farther; stay on river right at the falls. Batteau sluice on the left of the island was the site of the proposed town of Jackson (1818) located at the then head of navigation on the Dan. Leaksville Landing, just above take out, is the only known batteau port on the Dan River.

Nearby Put In: Wentworth offers local restaurants, hiking trails at Rockingham Community College, Chinqua-Penn Walking Trail, and Museum & Archives of Rockingham County.

Nearby Take Out: Eden offers wide variety of restaurants, trails, river outfitters, and specialty shops.

12) Klyce St. Landing (new!) GPS: 36.475448, -79.777513

13) Leaksville Landing to Leaksville Wildlife
1.5 mi \ 1 hr for paddlers \ 2 hrs for tubes \ Class I

Put In: Bridge GPS: 36.4855, -79.7637
Take Out: River right access GPS: 36.4756, -79.7502
Known locally as "the boat landing."

Features: About ½ mile below the Leaksville Landing Bridge is a large stone tower, a remnant of the 1838 Leaksville Toll Bridge. Batteau sluice is on river right. Smith River enters from river left ¼ mile later.

Nearby: Eden offers a wide variety of restaurants, trails, and river outfitters.

14) Leaksville Wildlife Access to Draper Landing

5 mi \ 2-3 hrs \ Class 1

Put In: GPS: 36.4756, -79.7502
Take Out: River right just past bridge GPS: 36.4988, -79.6813

CAUTION: Duke Energy dam approximately 2 miles downstream from put in must be portaged on river right.

Features: The beautiful arched Mebane Bridge, built in 1924, is just downstream of the put in. Below the Duke Energy dam, look for Native American fish traps (V-shaped rock structures pointing downstream), and batteau sluices.

Nearby: Eden offers a wide variety of restaurants, trails, river outfitters, and more.

15) Draper Landing to Abreu-Grogan Park

21.5 mi \ 10-12 hr \ Class I-II

Put In: Bridge GPS: 36.4988, -79.6813
Take Out: River right access GPS: 36.5751, -79.4343

Features: 200 million-year-old Triassic conglomerate formations, Native American fish traps (look for V-shaped rock structures pointing downstream), batteau sluices, and an important heron rookery. Excellent fishing.

Nearby Put In: Eden with a wide variety of restaurants, city museum, trails, and river outfitters.

16) Haw River Access to Brooks Bridge Paddle Access

3 mi / 2-3 hrs / Class I

Put In: GPS: 36.2513, -79.5644
Take Out: GPS: 36.2222, -79.5453

Features: Access is located at the High Rock Ford Historical Site, which was an important American Revolutionary War site. It is also the site of one of the earliest known grain mills in Rockingham County. There is a ¼-mile hiking/walking trail at the site as well as several kiosks providing historical information. This is the first and only public access to the Haw River in Rockingham County.