



## DuPont State Recreational Forest Tour

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The tour starts at the Visitors Center, 201 South Main Street. From the Visitors Center turn right onto Main Street to the second stop light and turn right onto Caswell Street. When crossing Church Street the road becomes Kanuga Road; follow Kanuga Road, which becomes Crab Creek Road, approximately 12 miles to DuPont State Forest. Turn left on DuPont Road just before the Transylvania county line.

Follow DuPont/Staton Road for 3.1 miles, the Hooker Falls parking lot will be on the right just before the Little River bridge. You may continue on for another 1 mile to High Falls parking area on left.

DuPont State Forest - The forest encompasses more than 10,000 acres in Henderson and Transylvania counties. It is situated on a plateau of the Little River valley, with waterfalls and rolling land bordered by moderately steep hills and mountains. The forest is presently open to the public for hiking, horseback riding, biking, and fishing (with a NC fishing license). Hiking, biking, and horseback riding are allowed on designated trails. DuPont Forest is registered as NC Gamelands. Hunting is allowed by special permit only, which is issued by agents of the NC Wildlife Resources Commission.

- Hooker Falls is the fourth falls on the Little River, and drops about 11' into Cascade Lake. Hooker Falls was part of the original DuPont State Forest, and has become a popular swimming hole. Hooker Falls from the Staton Road parking area at Little River, walk down the river 0.25 mile on Hooker Falls Road. Hooker Falls is easily accessible year round.
- Triple Falls is the third of the Little River Falls, which consists of three distinct cascades, totaling about 120' in vertical drop. The falls was featured in the movie Last of the Mohicans. Triple Falls is about a 15-minute walk from the Hooker Falls parking area. From the Hooker Falls parking lot on Staton Road, cross over Staton Road, watch for traffic. The Triple Falls Trail runs along Little River upstream for 0.3 mile. There is a trail down to the falls further up on the left.

Return the same way, or continue up to High Falls.

- High Falls is the second and tallest of the Little River falls, and slides 150' down an inclined plane of granite. It can be viewed from a picnic shelter, built on the site of the old Buck Forest Hunt Club lodge, or from a slippery trail to the bottom of the falls. High Falls is about a 15-minute walk further upstream from Triple Falls. From the parking area go 1/2 mile on Buck Forest Road. Turn left on Triple Falls Trail; turn immediately right on High Falls Trail.
- Bridal Veil Falls is the first falls of the Little River, and is probably the most unique. It drops off an overhanging ledge which allows visitors to walk underneath (as shown in Last of the Mohicans), then the water sheets down a long, shallow inclined plane of granite before tumbling into the pool below. Bridal Veil Falls is a much longer hike via the Fawn Lake Access Area, see the trail map for details.

Bring a lunch; picnic sites with tables are available.

When leaving DuPont State Forest turn right onto Staton Road, at the stop sign turn right onto Crab Creek Road, travel approximately 12 miles to Historic Downtown Hendersonville.

We hope you enjoyed your tour!