

# South Carolina Waterfalls Overview

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**Big Bend Falls** on Chattooga River: Oconee County; located due west of Cherry Hill Campground on State Highway 107; three-hour walk

**Blue Hole Falls** on Cedar Creek: Oconee County; located one mile north of Spy Rock Road; about 15 feet high; falls into a beautiful pool for which it is named; two-hour walk

**Brasstown Creek Falls** on Brasstown Creek: Oconee County; located 0.5 miles from Brasstown Creek Road; each has three tiers 20–30 feet high; 20-minute walk

**Bull Sluice Falls** on Chattooga River: Oconee County; located 300 yards above the bridge where US 76 crosses the Chattooga River; river falls 14 feet in three drops; one of the most spectacular and deadly whitewater areas on the river

**Chau Ram Falls** on Ramsey Creek: Oconee County; located at Chau Ram County Park, off US 76, 200 yards above the intersection of Ramsey Creek and the Chauga River; about 30-feet high; one-minute walk from parking area

**Chauga Narrows Falls** on Chauga River: Oconee County; located 0.5 miles below Blackwell Bridge on state secondary road 193; chute type falls about 25 feet high; 30-minute walk on fishing trail

**Cheohee Falls or Miuka Falls** on Townes Creek: Oconee County; located below Cherry Hill Campground on a spur trail off the Winding Stairs Trail; about 70-feet high; one-hour walk

**Fall Creek Falls on Fall Creek:** Oconee County; located one mile west of intersection of state secondary road 196 and FS 722; three separate falls from 30- to 50-feet high; difficult two-hour walk; no trail

**Issaqueena Falls or Catechee Falls** on Cane Creek: Oconee County; located just off Highway 28; four miles north of Walhalla at Stumphouse Tunnel Park; about 200-feet high, named in legend for a famous Cherokee Princess who escaped a band of Indian warriors by jumping with her baby in her arms over the falls to a ledge below; 15-minute walk to bottom

**King Creek Falls** on King Creek: Oconee County; located 0.5 miles southeast of Burrells Ford; about 70- to 80-feet high; named for the King family that lived at the bottom of the falls; easy 20-minute walk

**Laurel Fork Falls** on Laurel Fork Creek: Pickens County; located at northeastern tip of Lake Jocassee; about 70-80 feet high; falls directly into lake; made up of Laurel Fork Creek, Jackies Branch and Bad Creek; 30-minute boat ride

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**Lee Falls** on Tamassee Creek: Oconee County; located 200 yards below Foothills Hiking Trail; one mile east of state Highway 107; 80-100 feet high; falls drop in three separate places which were named for the Lee family who lived nearby; one-hour walk; last 200 yards to bottom very difficult; near vertical with no trail

**Licklog Falls** on Pigpen Branch: Oconee County; located 0.75 miles northwest of state secondary road 196; about 80 feet high; falls into the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River; another 15 feet falls from tributary located 0.5 miles upstream; one-hour walk

**Long Creek Falls** on Long Creek: Oconee County; located four miles west of Long Creek, SC; about 40-foot high; falls almost directly into the Chattooga River; three-hour walk

**Lower Whitewater Falls** on Whitewater River: Oconee County; located just south of North Carolina/South Carolina border; about 400-foot high; together with Upper Whitewater Falls located just within North Carolina, they are the highest cascades in the eastern United States; series of cascades and falls; fall directly into Lake Jocassee; can be reached by a 20-minute boat ride

**Opossum Creek Falls** on Opossum Creek: Oconee County; located three miles southwest of Long Creek; falls have double drop; about 125 to 150 feet high; difficult two-hour walk

**Rainbow Falls** on Cox Camp Creek: Greenville County; located at Camp Greenville YMCA Camp just south of the South Carolina line; about 90-foot high; one-hour walk

**Raven Cliff Falls** on Matthews Creek: Greenville County; also called Raven Rock Falls and Hurricane Falls; located on private land off US 276 between Caesar's Head and North Carolina line; 800 to 1800 feet high; volume of water comes from several creeks which join to form Matthews Creek; one-hour walk

**Riley Moore Falls** on Chauga River: Oconee County; located 0.5 miles from Spy Rock Road, six miles northwest of Westminster; about 12 feet high and 100 feet wide; named for the Riley Moore family who lived close to the falls; site of old grist mill; spikes and drilling still evident in rock around the falls; 45-minute walk

**Spoonauger Falls or Rock Cliff Falls** on Spoonauger Creek: Oconee County; located 0.5 miles north of Burrells Ford; two miles due west of state Hwy. 107; about 60-foot high; named for the Spoonauger family who lived at the top of the falls; stream flows into Chattooga River below falls; easy 15-minute walk

**Station Creek Falls** on Station Creek: Oconee County; located 0.5 miles west from Hwy 271; near Oconee Station; 80-foot high in two tiers; 30-minute walk

**Yellow Branch Falls** on Yellow Branch: Oconee County; located 0.5 miles above Yellow Branch Recreation Area on Hwy. 28 below the Stumphouse Ranger Station; about 60-foot high; difficult one- to two-hour walk

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