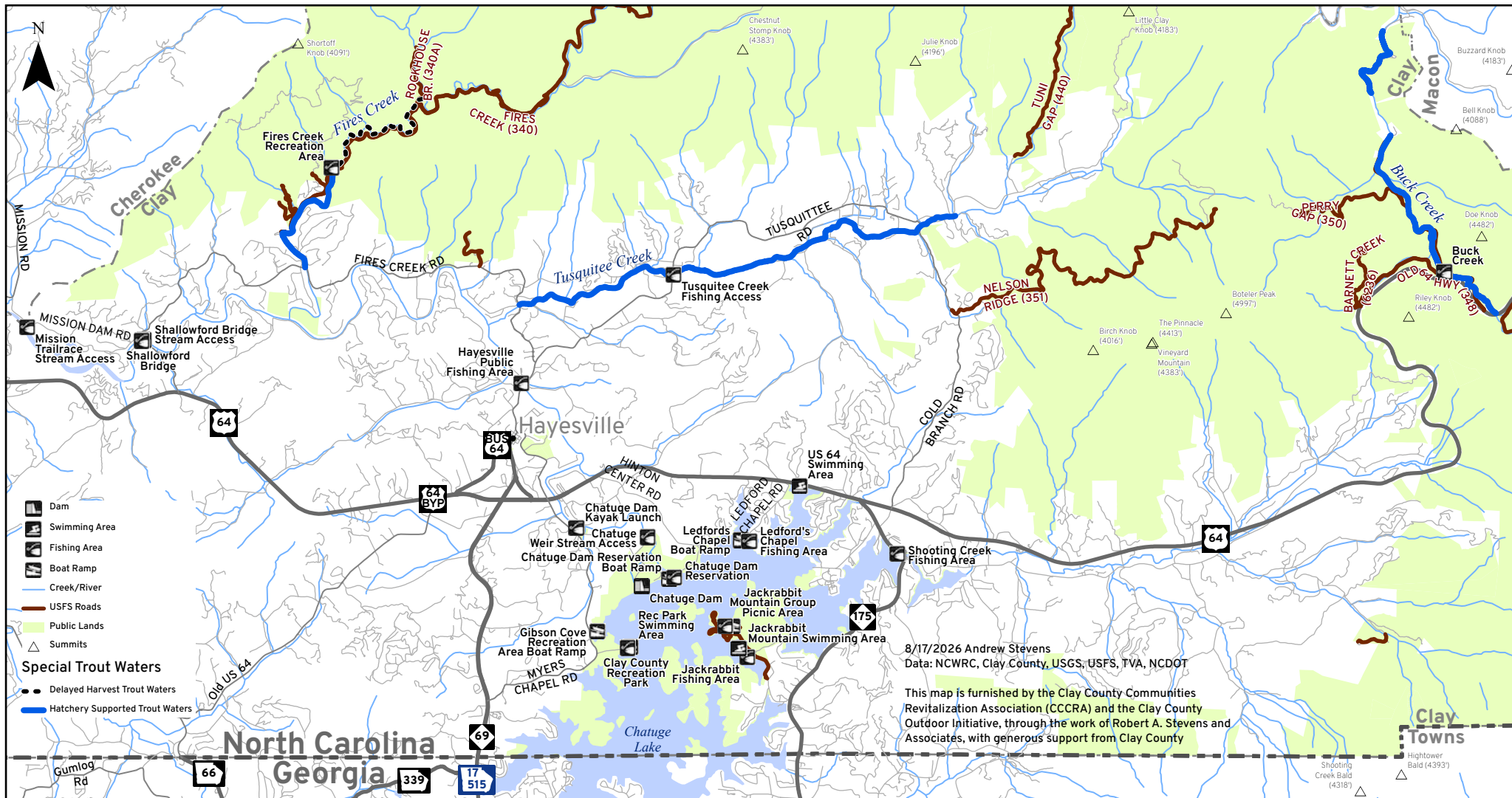


Clay County North Carolina Fishing and Water Recreation



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Thunderstorms and Flash Flooding are common in Clay County due to it's nature as a rainforest. Keep up with the latest forecasts, watches and warnings from weather.gov, and NOAA Weather Radio. Refer to your radio's user manual for channel information for the appropriate frequencies, and be aware that coverage varies from each transmitter across the county.

Emergency Alerts for Clay County are broadcast from:

- KXI22 - Brasstown Bald - 162.500 MHz
- WWG82 - Joanna Bald - 162.525 MHz
- KXI75 - Blue Ridge - 162.475 MHz

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North Carolina Fishing, including seasons and licenses, are regulated by the Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC). Refer to the latest regulations and season dates for information, including requirements for fishing and boating licenses, boat registration, and more.

Jackrabbit Mountain Recreation Area



Alongside its extensive trail system for mountain biking, hiking and trail running, Jackrabbit features a designated swimming (fee) area, boat ramp, and fishing area. Access from NC 175 on the east side of Lake Chatuge.

Shooting Creek Fishing Area



Handicap-accessible public fishing piers, with short paved trail looping between small parking areas. Access directly from NC 175.

Tusquitee Creek



Small Paved Parking Area and walk-in access to Hatchery Supported waters of Tusquitee Creek, a short drive from Hayesville on Tusquitee Road.

Hayesville Public Fishing Area



Wooden slip boat launch on the Hiwassee River, and gravel parking area just north of downtown Hayesville via Tusquitee Road, just across the Hiwassee River Bridge.

Buck Creek



Perry Gap, a USFS road, leads to the hatchery Supported Trout waters of Buck Creek, with access off US 64 high in the eastern mountains of Clay County. Little to no cell service available in the area, so alternative communications and 4WD are recommended.

Chatuge Dam/Gibson Cove



TVA operated dam that creates Lake Chatuge. The Dam property includes the Weir Fishing Area, and a separate Kayak Launch. All of this is north of Gibson Cove Campground and Boat Ramp, and Clay County Recreation Park, which include picnic, boat ramp, and camping facilities operated by the County, all accessible from Myers Chapel Road. Chatuge Dam Reservation, with access via Hinton Center Road from US 64, adds an additional boat ramp and picnic area for day use.

Fires Creek



Mountain stream fishing opportunities abound in Fires Creek Recreation area off Fires Creek Road, with both hatchery stocked and delayed harvest trout waters, and a Blue Ridge Snorkel Trail site. Shallowford Bridge Picnic Area offers fishing and Kayak access to the Hiwassee River. Mission Trailrace (off Mission Dam Road at Shallowford Bridge) allows Boat Launch access below Mission Dam, but may require 4WD to access due to poor maintenance of the parking area.

US 64 Swimming Area



Gravel parking area with easy sloped grass access to swimming, kayaking, and fishing on the north shore of Lake Chatuge. Access directly off US 64 east of Hayesville, across from Deerfield Inn.

Ledford's Chapel Boat Ramp



Access from US 64 via Ledford's Chapel Road, large paved parking area, boat ramp, and public fishing pier.

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