

Clay County North Carolina Parks and Trails

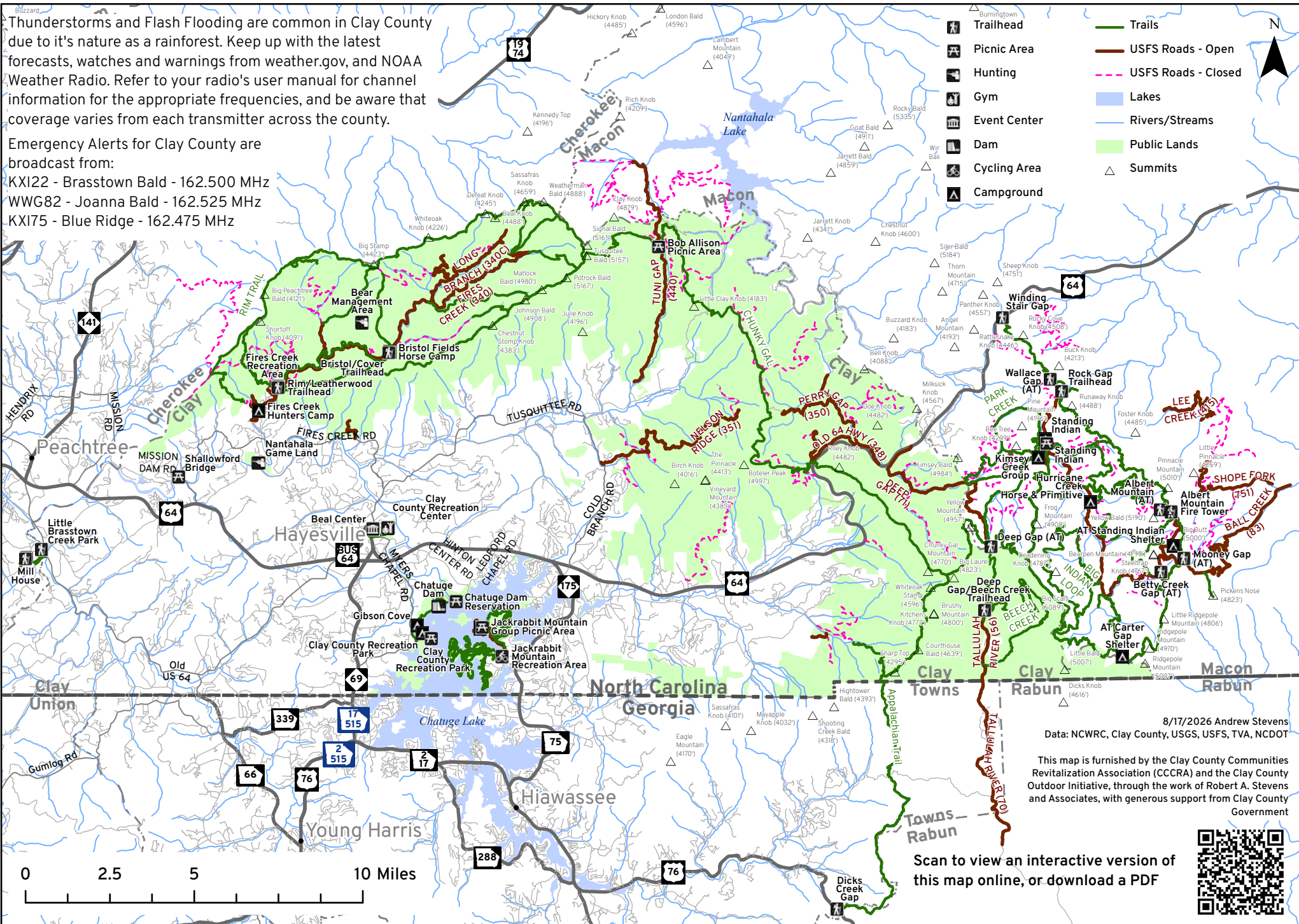
Thunderstorms and Flash Flooding are common in Clay County due to it's nature as a rainforest. Keep up with the latest forecasts, watches and warnings from weather.gov, and NOAA Weather Radio. Refer to your radio's user manual for channel information for the appropriate frequencies, and be aware that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



Jackrabbit Mountain Recreation

Area



USFS Land with extensive trail system for mountain biking, hiking and trail running. Open year round, includes picnic area, bike wash and maintenance station, and toilet facilities. A campground, designated swimming (fee) area and fishing area are part of the site. Access from NC 175 on the east side of Lake Chatuge.

Little Brasstown Creek Park/

John C. Campbell Folk School



Near Brasstown, the historic John C. Campbell Folk School hosts several miles of natural-surface trails across their campus, alongside some outdoor art installations along the Rivercane Walk. The Mill House Trail and White Oak Trail, two connected loops, feature 1 mile total of technical terrain, including over 200' of ascent. Access via Brasstown Road off Old US 64 W.

Fires Creek



Extensive hiking and mountain stream fishing opportunities abound in Fires Creek Recreation area off Fires Creek Road, with dozens of miles of USFS trails, and both hatchery stocked and delayed harvest trout waters. A Blue Ridge Snorkel Trail site, a horse camp, primitive campgrounds, and more dot the northwest corner of Clay County, as well as game lands for hunting bear, deer and turkey. Shallowford Bridge Picnic Area offers fishing access to the Hiwassee River, while Bob Allison Picnic Area, with access from Tuni Gap FS Road, serves as a mid-point trailhead for Chunky Gal Trail, connecting Fires Creek to the Appalachian Trail.

Downtown Hayesville



The Clay County Recreation Center offers picnic shelters, outdoor sports fields for baseball, softball, soccer, and pickleball, a playground, and more, as well as an indoor pay-use gym and workout facilities. The Quannassee Path (see round logo above and on signs along the trail) connects the Rec Center and fields with 1¼ total miles of mixed-surface trails to downtown and the Beal Center, Clay County's historic courthouse, now an event center. Access from Anderson Street and US 64 Business.

Chatuge Dam



TVA operated dam that creates Lake Chatuge. A trail runs across the top of the dam and connects Gibson Cove campground 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.

Appalachian Trail/Standing

Indian



The much-beloved AT runs through the eastern corner of Clay County, and crisscrosses the Macon County line for several miles. Standing Indian Wilderness Area features dozens of miles of other side trails along this corridor, as well as numerous campground and picnic areas, trailheads, and a horse camp. Access via US 64 in Macon County, Deep Gap via Tallulah River FS Road in Rabun County GA, or Dicks Creek Gap on US 76 East of Hiawasse GA.

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