River History

The French Broad River flows from Transylvania County, NC, into Tennessee. Its confluence with the Holston River, just above Knoxville, is the headwaters of the Tennessee River. The term "broad" was applied to two rivers that run through western North Carolina. The one that flowed into French colonial territory was named the French Broad, and the other that stayed in English territory (the American colonies) was named the English Broad, now just the Broad River.

In Cocke County, NC, the river picks up the Pigeon River and the Nolichucky River, after which it is impounded behind Douglas Dam. In Sevier County, TN, it picks up the Little Pigeon River, then flows through a wide gap in Bays Mountain before joining the Holston River at Knoxville.

The lower portion of the river is Douglas Dam, which is one of the larger TVA developments on a Tennessee River tributary stream. Douglas was developed largely to meet the electric power demands of World War II defense industries.

MAP LEGEND

- County
- Municipality
- Public Park
- Other Public Property
- Lake / River
- River Mile
- Creek
- Interstate Hwy. Label
- U.S. Hwy.
- County Hwy.
- Interstate Hwy
- Major Road
- Minor Road
- Put-in with Amenities
- Put-in, no Amenities

Enlarged Put-in View

Put-in Location

Target Area

SCALE FOR MAIN MAP

0 1 2 3mi

0 1 2 3 4Km

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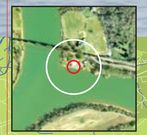
ACCESS	GOV. NED McWHERTER PARK	ISLAND HOME AIRPORT	HOLSTON RIVER PARK	FORKS OF THE RIVER	CRUZE LANDING	SEVEN ISLANDS W.R.	MOUNTAIN COVE MARINA	LEADVALE	RANKIN BRIDGE	TENT CAMPING USA	CHEROKEE NF BOAT RAMP
River Mile	River Mile 648.6	TN River Mile 651	1.5 mi. above French Broad	River Mile 0.1	River Mile 12.75	Mile 17.8	River Mile 32.4	River Mile 67.8	Down from mi. 73 on Douglas	River Mile 87	River Mile 96
GPS	35 57'45.205"N / 83 53'49.182"W	35 57'40.357"N / 83 52'26.763"W	35 58'39.121"N / 83 51'32.671"W	35 57'35.163"N / 83 50'56.256"W	35 57'54.707"N / 83 44'8.420"W	35 57'5.675"N / 83 40'59.950"W	35 58'6.213"N / 83 31'9.950"W	36 3'0.22"N / 83 12'29.77"W	36 3'0.22"N / 83 12'29.77"W	35 56'24.79"N / 83 4'4.44"W	35 55'17.55"N / 82 57'46.76"W
Parking	Parking	no	Parking	Parking	no	no	Parking	Parking (no overnight)	Parking (no overnight)	Parking (no overnight)	Parking (no overnight)
Water	no	no	Water fountain / pump	Water fountains	no	no	no	no	no	Water fountains	no
Restroom	Portable toilet (seasonal)	no	Restrooms	Restrooms/Portable toilet	no	Portable toilet	Restrooms	no	no	Restrooms	no
Picnic Area	Shelter & grills	no	Picnic tables	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
Greenways	Paved Greenway	no	Paved greenway	Trails	no	Trails	no	no	no	no	no
Other	Playground **Note:** *This launch is in an urban area near Downtown Knoxville. It is designed for motorized and non-motorized boats.*	There are no amenities at this site. **Note:** *From upstream, paddle into channel, river left, that forms south edge of Otter Island. Enter the channel after passing the end of the Ijams boardwalk.*	Fishing Pier Playground	Food, Phones **Note:** *Across the river from the launch site is the Forks of the River Wildlife Management Area. You may land anywhere on the TWRA property.*	**Note:** *No amenities at this site.*	**Note:** *Seven Islands Wildlife Refuge is adjacent to the launch site.*	Seasonal cafe **Note:** *Hours vary by season.*	**Note:** *Some signage. Administered by TWRA (423-587-7037)*	**Note:** *Administered by TWRA (423-587-7037)*	Food, showers, shuttle services. **Notes:** *Be advised campground is adjacent to Bobarosa Saloon. Tent Camping USA: 423-613-9762*	**Notes:** *A narrow concrete walkway (150ft. in length) leads to the French Broad.*

Ned McWherter Park

Island Home Airport

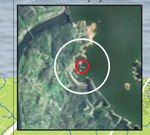
Holston River Park



Forks of the River

Cruze Landing

Seven Islands Wildlife Refuge



Mountain Cove Marina

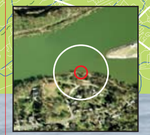
Leadvale

Rankin Bridge

Tent Camping USA

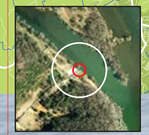
Cherokee NF Boat Ramp

Volunteer Landing



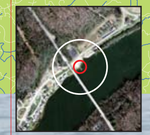
Island Home Park

Ijams



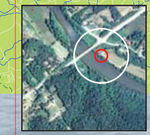
Claussen Landing

Highway 66



Tailwaters

Walters Bridge



Highway 321

Bridgeport Market

The Sandbar

Weaver Bend

ACCESS	VOLUNTEER LANDING	ISLAND HOME PARK	IJAMS NATURE CENTER	CLAUSSEN LANDING	HIGHWAY 66	TAILWATERS	WALTERS BRIDGE	HIGHWAY 321	BRIDGEPORT MARKET	THE SANDBAR	WEAVER BEND
River Mile	TN River Mile 646.6	TN River Mile 649	TN River Mile 651.5	River Mile 15.6	River Mile 28.3	River Mile 31.6	River Mile 64.4	River Mile 78	River Mile 83	River Mile 89	River Mile 100
GPS	35 57'31.113"N / 83 55'0.340"W	35 57'42.691"N / 83 52'58.912"W	35 57'27.831"N / 83 52'0.216"W	35 56'42.001"N / 83 41'50.456"W	35 56'16.341"N / 83 34'54.131"W	35 57'30.74"N / 83 32'51.04"W	36 2'31.99"N / 83 15'22.68"W	35 58'56.03"N / 83 9'33.84"W	35 57'15.62"N / 83 7'23.12"W	35' 55'2.832"N / 83' 1'51.145"W	35 55'49.33"N / 82 54'7.52"W
Parking	Parking	On-street parking	Parking (at Ijams)	no	no	Parking	Parking (no overnight)	Limited parking (no overnight)	Parking (no overnight)	Limited parking (no overnight)	Parking (no overnight)
Water	Water fountains	Water fountain	Water fountain (at Ijams)	no	no	Water fountains	no	no	no	no	no
Restroom	Restrooms	no	Restrooms (at Ijams)	Portable toilet	Restrooms (on highway)	Restrooms	no	no	no	no	no
Picnic Area	no	Picnic tables	no	no	no	Picnic tables	no	no	Phones	no	no
Greenways	Paved greenways	Paved greenways	Trails	Trails	no	Trails	no	no	no	no	no
Other	Phone, Food, and Trails **Note:** *1) Put-in on the left (as you face ther river) past the riverboat pier or 2) on the right, you may portage on the stairs..*	Playground Tennis **Note:** *No vehicular access to the water.*	**Note:** Reaching Ijams Nature Center requires a steep climb. Ijams has animal exhibits, food, boardwalks, and a museum.	Trails	Phone and food (on highway) **Note:** *Amenities are not at this site. Paddlers must leave boat and walk up highway. No place to lock up boat.*	**Note:** *Showers, playground, swimming area, fishing pier.* *Warning: Current below dam can be very dangerous.**	Food available nearby, fishing **Note:** *Administered by Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (423-587-7037).*	**Note:** *No signage. Not administered by Cherokee National Forest.*	**Note:** *Ask at Bridgeport Market for permission to use this site. A public access area at the new Bridgeport Birdge, about 1 mile upstream, is scheduled for late 2010.*	**Note:** *Unimproved river access on Old River Rd. Administered by the U.S. Forest Service.*	**Notes:** *Paint Mountain Trail and Chimney Rocks Trail. Cherokee National Forest: 423-476-7511. (Check for camping advisory on website)*