



NANTAHALA OUTDOOR CENTER

NANTAHALA ADVENTURE RESORT GUIDE

500 Acres of Outdoor Adventure,
Lodging, Dining, Shopping, & More!

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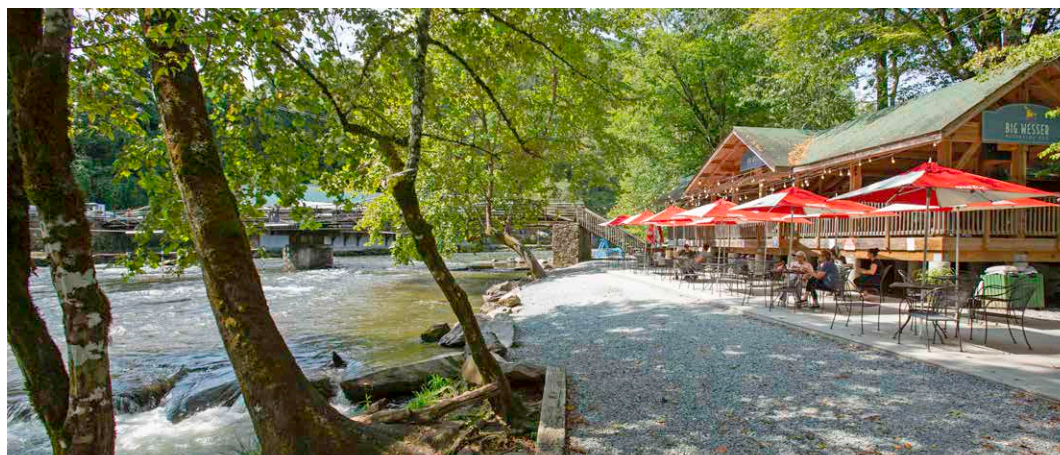
START YOUR ADVENTURE





LEADERS IN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SINCE 1972

NOC has been leading trips down the Nantahala River and beyond for over 50 years. Our 500 acre resort lies nestled in the Nantahala Gorge at the intersection of the Appalachian Trail and the Nantahala River. Enjoy 100+ itineraries of river, lake, aerial, and trail adventures, kayak and canoe instruction, SOLO Wilderness Courses, and more. With a variety of lodging options, you can stay in the heart of adventure while feeling away from it all.



RIVERSIDE DINING

River's End Restaurant *Open Year-Round*
NOC's riverside gastropub offers American-style cuisine and gorgeous views of the Nantahala River from every seat in the house.

Big Wesser Riverside Pub *Open Seasonally*
Found on the banks of the Nantahala River, Big Wesser perfectly combines a convenient location, casual food, and Summer weekly live music.

Slow Joe's Donut Bus *Open Seasonally*
Serving fresh-made donuts, coffee drinks, ice cream, dog treats, and more!

SHOPPING

Outfitter's Store
Our Outfitter's Store is a world-famous whitewater specialty shop, and also carries a variety of clothing and gear for all outdoor enthusiasts!

NOC General Store
Convenient stop for cold beverages, local beer, snacks, and grab-n-go sandwiches.



The Nantahala is the quintessential mountain river experience with crystal clear water, fun rapids and breathtaking scenery. NOC is the only company on the river where you paddle right back to campus!



GUIDED WHITEWATER RAFTING

Great For: Ages 7+ or 60lbs
Duration: 3 Hours

NOC's most popular activity! This classic river experience is great for paddlers of any skill level. Guides will navigate you downriver through Class I-II rapids, with float breaks to admire the scenery, ending with a splashy finish at Class III Nantahala Falls.

GUIDED DUCKY TRIP

Great For: Ages 9+
Duration: 3 Hours

Inflatable kayaks—a.k.a duckies—are a fun and more exciting way to experience the Nantahala. An NOC guide will accompany your group to instruct on techniques and more as you enjoy the paddle downriver.



RAFT & DUCKY RENTALS

Great For: Ages 7+
 Experienced Paddlers
Duration: 2-3 Hours

Best for more experienced paddlers, embark on a more exciting paddle down the Nantahala with a raft or ducky rental. NOC provides all equipment, safety talk, and shuttle to the put-in.





Just a short walk from the center of the Nantahala Campus and lodging is beautiful Fontana Lake. NOC offers flatwater rentals or guided tours, great for anyone looking for a milder adventure and perfect for younger children.



GUIDED KAYAK LAKE TOUR

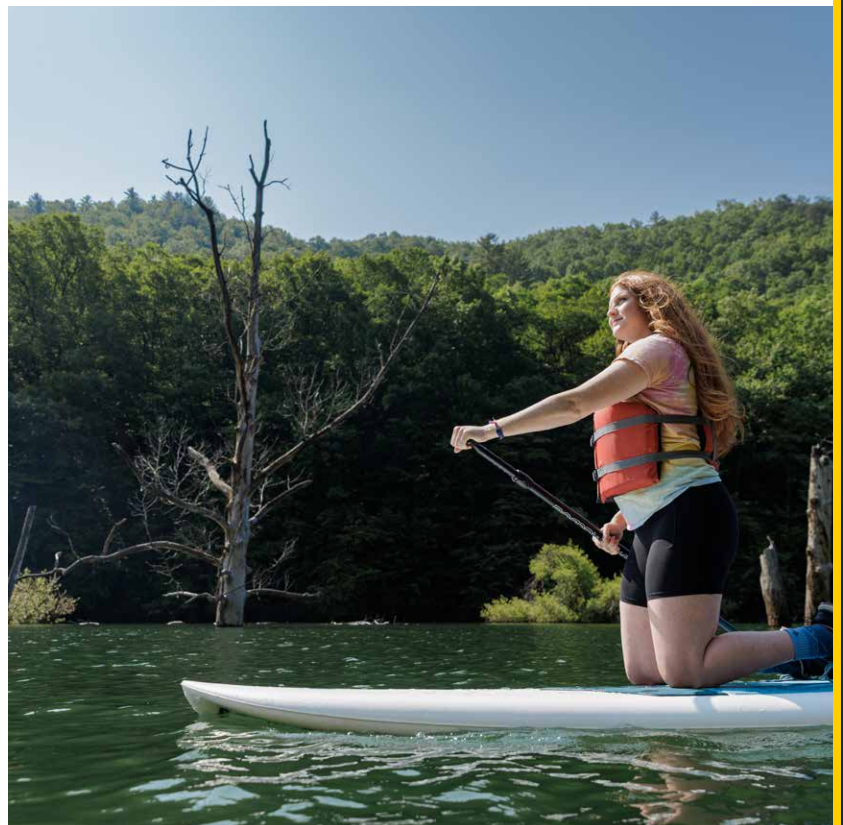
Great For: Ages 4+
Duration: 3 Hours

Explore miles of Fontana Lake with an NOC guide showing you the way. Great for individuals, families and groups looking for a calmer scenic adventure. Paddle sit on top kayaks (single or tandem), enjoy the scenery and learn about local ecology.

STAND UP PADDLEBOARD & KAYAK RENTALS

Great For: Ages 4+
Duration: 2 Hours

Enjoy a peaceful paddle or an energetic workout with stand up paddleboards or sit on top kayaks available for rent to explore scenic Fontana Lake.





Experience the Nantahala Gorge and Smoky Mountains with a zip line adventure! NOC offers a variety of itineraries at our 500-acre Bryson City campus, perfect for a half day, or combined with other river activities for a full day of fun.

For an added dose of adventure, try our Moonlight Zip Tour!



MOUNTAINTOP ZIP LINE

Great For: Ages 10+, 100-250lbs
Duration: 3+ Hours

Fly through the Smoky Mountain skies on this exhilarating, premier zip line adventure. With almost two miles of zip lines, you'll go above the tree canopies to experience 360-degree views of the mountains in this unforgettable trip.

For younger adventurers 75lbs+, try our new Mountaintop Zip Line *Lite!*



Pair zip lining with rafting in our River to Ridge Package!

ZIP LINE ADVENTURE PARK

Great For: Ages 6+, 60-250lbs
Duration: 2 Hours

Zip line into our elevated challenge course! Experience two levels of obstacles with climbing nets, balance beams, and tunnels. Take on the climbing wall at the end!



Combine with rafting with the Raft & Ropes Package!



Hit the trails with mountain biking right from campus at Flint Ridge or nearby Tsali. NOC provides all equipment and gear. Explore the Smokies with a guided hike!



FLINT RIDGE MOUNTAIN BIKE RENTALS OR GUIDED TRIPS

Great For: Ages 7+
Heights of 4'11"-6'5"

Our onsite trail system offers an extensive, intermediate network of trails with dense wooded areas, switchbacks, and more! Grab a bike rental, or let an experienced NOC guide take you on a tour!

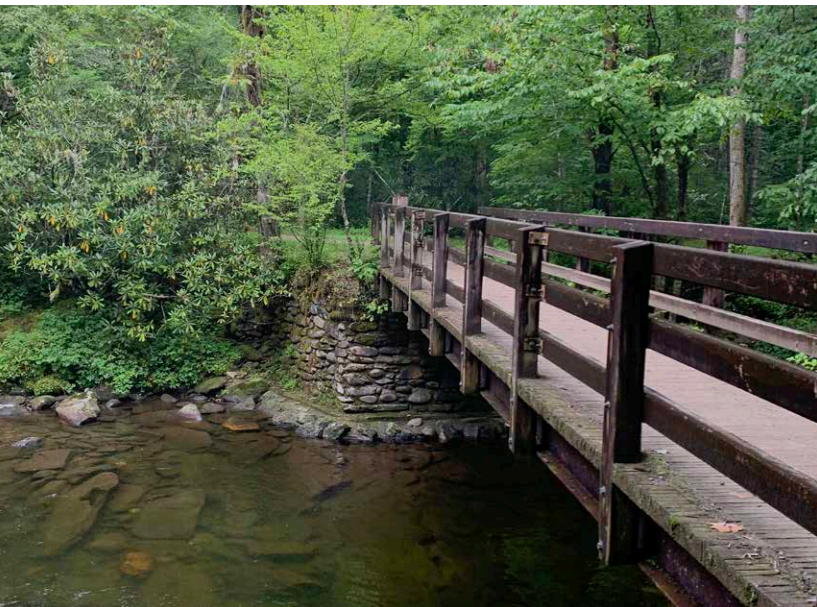
TSALI TRAILS GUIDED MOUNTAIN BIKING

Great For: 10+
Duration: 3+ Hours

Experience fun trails and scenic overlooks with a guided mountain biking tour on Tsali, just a short drive away.



Enjoy the river and the trails with our Pedal & Paddle Adventure Package!



DEEP CREEK GUIDED HIKE

Great For: Ages 6+
Duration: 3+ Hours

Visit the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to experience waterfalls, unique plants and more with a professional guide.



Experience a full day of adventure with a Deep Creek Hike & Raft Package!



Just steps from the river, trails, lake, dining, and shopping, NOC offers a variety of lodging for individuals, couples, families, and large groups.



THE HEMLOCKS BY NOC

Newly built in 2025, these one and two king bedroom bungalows offer a luxurious retreat complete with modern furnishings, fireplace, eat-in kitchen, and private deck. Two ADA units available.

TRAILSIDE CABINS

Choose one of four cozy cabins along the trail with spacious layouts, full kitchens, sitting areas with flat screen TVs, and decks.



NOC lodging can easily fit any size group, whether you're a solo traveler or a group of thirty! From modern bungalows to cabins, and hostel-style bunkhouses, we have everything you need for a retreat in the outdoors.



DOGWOOD LODGE

A micro-lodge with private rooms and facilities connected by a shared common area. Choose a King room or Double + twin bunk room or rent the entire lodge!

BASECAMP

A thru-hiker haven. Hostel-style bunkhouses offering individual or shared bunk rooms with use of common facilities on-site. Great for individuals, groups, or students taking courses onsite.



CAMPING

The NOC onsite camping area features raised platform tent pods, van camping accommodations and car camping. Guests have access to the Basecamp shared facilities.



Renowned for our unparalleled expertise in paddling instruction, wilderness and emergency medicine, technical rescue, and survival skills training, NOC has been a beacon of excellence in instructional services since our inception in 1973.

NANTAHALA OUTDOOR CENTER PADDLING SCHOOL

Operating since 1973, NOC instructors teach outdoor kayak, canoe, and packrafting courses for beginner to advanced level paddlers on area rivers and lakes.



WILDERNESS MEDICINE & SURVIVAL

Providing experiential instruction and certification for outdoor enthusiasts and professionals in first aid, first responder, EMT, WEMT, survival & navigation, and more.



Work hard, play harder. At NOC, kids dive into summer camp adventures and build paddling skills through our renowned Paddling School, while adults can explore whitewater at Raft Guide School.



BRYSON CITY WHITEWATER KAYAK CAMPS

NOC's renowned Paddling School provides two unique experiences for kids and teens to kayak on rivers throughout the Southeast.

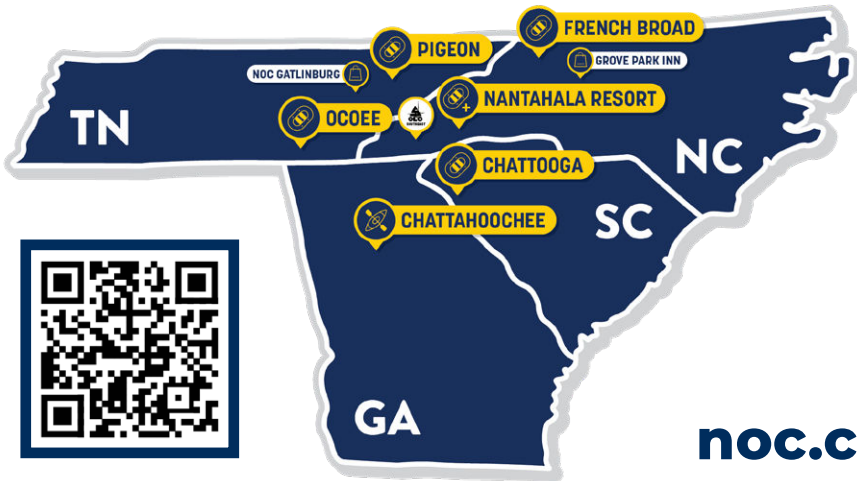
RAFT GUIDE SCHOOL & CLINICS

Aspiring professionals seeking to embark on a career as a commercial raft guide receive unparalleled training through NOC's Raft Guide School.



Check out our on site live music & events at noc.com/events

LOCATIONS ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST



Check us out at our other rivers, retail locations, and outdoor schools in the southeast and beyond.

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