



# Great Smoky Mountains National Park

## Deep Creek

National Park Service  
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## The Park's Most Active Recreation Area is Just Five Minutes From Downtown Bryson City

Those who think the Great Smoky Mountains are in Tennessee are not even half right. North Carolina encompasses more than half of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and most of that is in Swain County.

In fact, one of the most beautiful areas in the National Park is just a few minutes outside Bryson City. Deep Creek has more fun things to do than any other area of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

- Hiking trails from easy to moderate
- Three sparkling waterfalls
- Fishing for native trout
- Tubing including a thrilling 'whitewater' section
- Swimming in a mountain stream
- Bike riding on old logging roads
- Horseback riding trails (bring your own horse)
- Camping and picnicking



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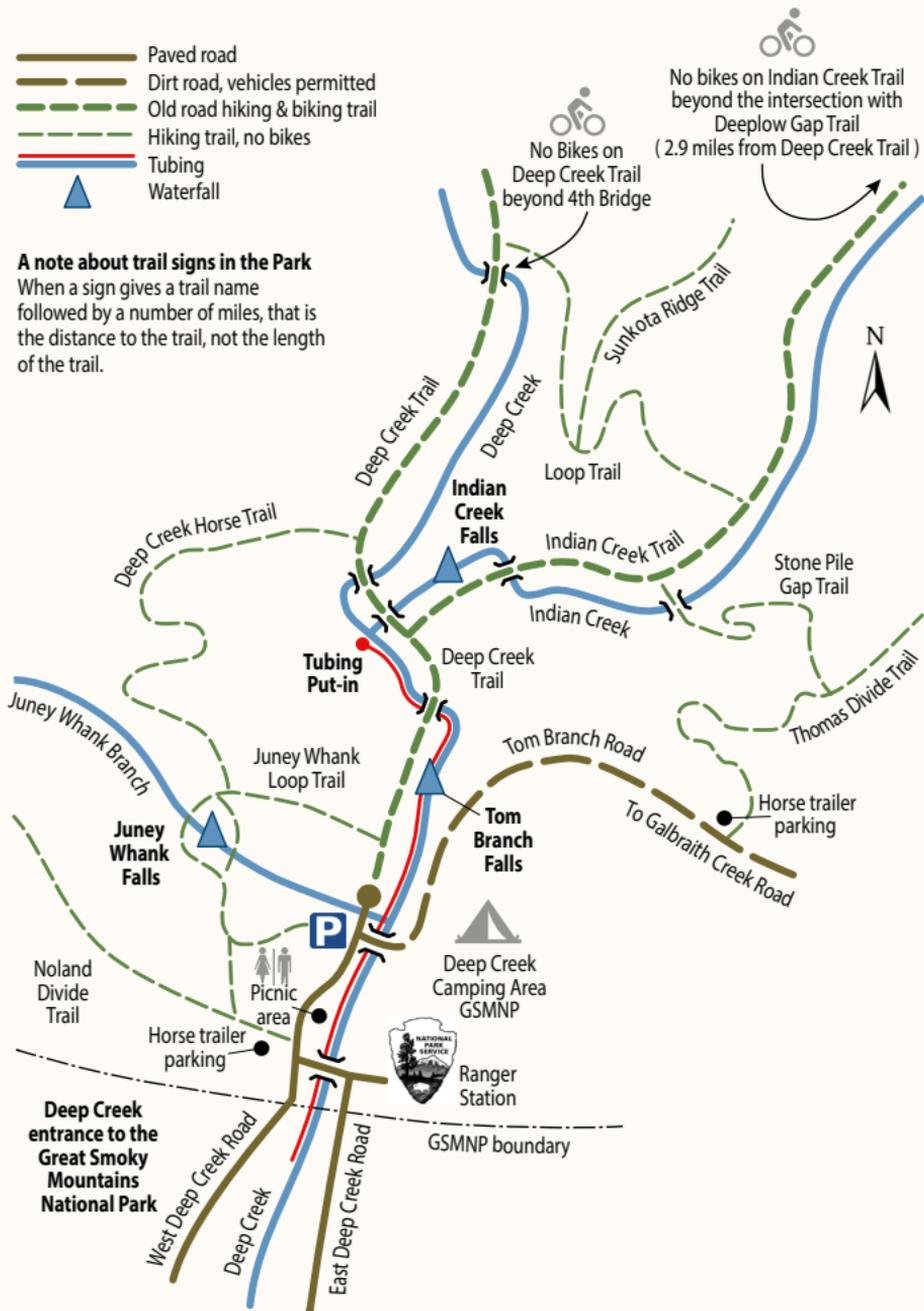
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# Deep Creek Trails & Waterfalls



**A note about trail signs in the Park**  
When a sign gives a trail name followed by a number of miles, that is the distance to the trail, not the length of the trail.



**In addition** to hiking and biking trails and waterfalls, Deep Creek offers a variety of activities including:

**Picnicking** – A picnic area is open year round with plenty of tables and grills, and restrooms.

**Creek Tubing** – Floating down the cool and pristine waters of Deep Creek is by far one of the favorite pastimes for families spending time in Bryson City. Tube rentals are available from several vendors on West Deep Creek Road outside the park.

**Fishing** is allowed in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park with a valid fishing license or permit from either North Carolina or Tennessee.

**No Pets** – Pets are not allowed on trails even on a leash.

**Bicycles** – Bikes are not allowed on any trails EXCEPT for marked sections of Deep Creek trail and Indian Creek trail.

**Horses** – Horses are allowed on all trails EXCEPT for the section of Deep Creek Trail where tubing is allowed.