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Nantahala Bikeway North Carolina



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Trail users enjoy mountain views and beautiful forested scenery through the river gorge. The area is known for its seasonal wildflowers and thickets of rhododendron. The river is also a popular spot for rafters and kayakers.

A bike lane on U.S. 19 offers those riding on the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad excursion train to the gorge to



hop off and safely access the trail (a short transition on SR 1100 to the paved trail).

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States: North Carolina Counties: Swain Length: 1.2miles Trail end points: Nantahala Center to Nantahala Gorge (raft launch site) Trail surfaces: Asphalt Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Fishing,Wheelchair Accessible,Mountain Biking,Walking,Cross Country Skiing

## **Parking & Trail Access**

Parking is available at both ends of the trail, off of US Highway 19/74. For parking at the southern terminus, turn east on Wayah Road. To park at the northern terminus, turn east onto a Forest Service Road from US 19/74 and cross the river. For more information, contact:

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