

**NANTAHALA RAFTING with FAST RIVERS**  
**DIRECTIONS — Please call if lost — (828) 321-4037**  
**1965 US Highway 19, Topton, NC 28781**



PLEASE PRINT THESE DIRECTIONS and give each driver a copy. GPS does not guarantee arrival at the correct location. There are several outposts and it can be very confusing. Please cross-reference our written directions to avoid the stress of getting lost. And remember, we are just a phone call away ~ let us help make your car ride to us more enjoyable.

**FROM ASHEVILLE, NC:** 87 miles, 1 1/2 hours. Take I-40 West approximately 20 miles to Exit 27 (Highway 19/23/74 W toward Cherokee/Bryson City/Maggie Valley). This is the Great Smoky Expressway. Stay on this 4-lane road. DO NOT EXIT. You will bear left twice. Go past the Waynesville, Sylva, Cherokee, and ALL Bryson City exits. About 8 miles past Exit 64 (do not exit into Bryson City), the 4-lane divided highway turns into a 2-lane (Hwy 28 will veer to the right, stay straight on 19/74W). Once it turns into a 2-lane road continue another 11 1/2 miles (approximately) toward Murphy (still on Hwy 19/74). You will follow the river in its entirety (1st seeing it on your right and then seeing it on your left). Fast Rivers is on the left side of the road about 1/4 mile past Wayah Rd. Just after Wayah Rd, Hwy 19/74 opens to 2 lanes, get in the left lane. Look for our Fast Rivers sign that looks like our logo. Use the 2nd entrance to our outpost.

**FROM ATLANTA, GA:** 144 miles, 2 1/2 hours. Take I-575 which will become Hwy 5/Hwy 515. Stay on Hwy 515E. Continue for 81 miles. Just past Blue Ridge take a left onto Hwy 60 (at the light). Follow for 3 miles into Mineral Bluff. Take a right onto GA Spur 60, which will take you over the GA/NC state line (14 miles). This road will dead-end at a stop sign. Turn right toward Murphy, NC. Follow 74 E approximately 36 miles to Fast Rivers. We are on the right side of the road about 1/4 mile past Rowland Creek Baptist Church. Look for our Fast Rivers sign that looks like our logo. Use the 1st entrance to our outpost. If you see the Nantahala River on your right, you've just passed us.

**FROM BRYSON CITY, NC:** 21 miles, 30 minutes. Take 74 W. You will travel about 8 miles before the 4-lane divided highway turns into a 2-lane (Hwy 28 will veer to the right, stay straight on 19/74W). Once Hwy 19/74W turns into a 2-lane road continue another 11 1/2 miles (approximately) toward Murphy (still on Hwy 19/74). You will follow the river in its entirety (1st seeing it on your right and then seeing it on your left). Fast Rivers is on the left side of the road about 1/4 mile past Wayah Rd. Just after Wayah Rd, Hwy 19/74 opens to 2 lanes, get in the left lane. Look for our Fast Rivers sign that looks like our logo. Use the 2nd entrance to our outpost.

**FROM CASHIERS, NC:** 64 miles, 1 1/2 hours. Take 107 North which will turn into 23. Continue through Sylva and Dillsboro. At 441 go North (right turn). 441 will intersect with 74 West. Stay on 74 West. Follow directions from Bryson City, NC. FROM CHATTANOOGA, TN: 117 miles, 2 1/4 hours. Out of Chattanooga take I-75 North to Highway 64 East. Stay on Highway 64/74 past the Ocoee River and into North Carolina. Continue on 74 East, you will pass through Murphy and Andrews. Just outside of Andrews,

U.S. Highway 74/19 will narrow into a 2-lane highway and proceed into the Nantahala Gorge. From this point continue approximately another 9 miles to Fast Rivers. We are on the right side of the road about 1/4 mile past Rowland Creek Baptist Church. Look for our Fast Rivers sign that looks like our logo. Use the 1st entrance to our outpost. If you see the Nantahala River on your right, you've just passed us.

**FROM CHEROKEE, NC:** 30 miles, 45 minutes. Take 441 South 5 miles to Highway 74 West toward Bryson City (do not follow Hwy 19 to Bryson City, it will take you through town and can get confusing). Stay on Hwy 74W. Follow directions from Bryson City, NC.

**FROM CLEVELAND, TN:** 85 miles, 1 3/4 hours. Take 64E to 74E. Follow 74E to Fast Rivers. We are on the right side of the road about 1/4 mile past Rowland Creek Baptist Church. Look for our Fast Rivers sign that looks like our logo. Use the 1st entrance to our outpost. If you see the Nantahala River on your right, you've just passed us.

**FROM FONTANA VILLAGE/FONTANA DAM, NC:** 35 miles, 40 minutes. Take 28 South. It will dead end. Take a right onto Hwy 19/74W. (Do not go left toward Bryson City). Travel approximately 11 1/2 miles toward Murphy. You will follow the river in its entirety (1st seeing it on your right and then seeing it on your left). Fast Rivers is on the left side of the road about 1/4 mile past Wayah Rd. Just after Wayah Rd, Hwy 19/74 opens to 2 lanes, get in the left lane. Look for our Fast Rivers sign that looks like our logo. Use the 2nd entrance to our outpost.

**FROM GAINESVILLE, GA:** 100 miles, 2 1/4 hours. Take I-985/365 which changes to Hwy 441 North to Franklin, NC. (Do not continue on 365N). Turn right onto 441 by-pass and follow it to Dillsboro. Continue on 441N which will merge with 74W. Stay on 74W. Follow directions from Bryson City, NC.

**FROM GATLINBURG, TN:** 66 miles, 1 1/2 hours. Follow 321 West 3 miles to 441 South. Take 441 South toward Cherokee, NC (35 miles-through the Great Smoky Mountains-very scenic) and beyond for an additional 5 miles to Highway 74 West toward Bryson City (do not follow 19 through downtown). Follow directions from Cherokee, NC.

**FROM GREENVILLE, SC:** 137 miles, 2 1/4 hours. Take I-26 to Asheville. Get on I-40 West and follow directions from Asheville, NC.

**FROM KNOXVILLE, TN:** 100 miles, 2 – 2 1/2 hours. Take I-40 East toward Asheville, NC. Follow directions from Asheville (see above). ALTERNATE ROUTE, take Highway 129 South past the Knoxville Airport. Continue on Hwy 129 South into North Carolina, past Lake Santeetlah and the upper Fontana Dam. (This is an extremely curvy road). Stay on Hwy 129 through the town of Robbinsville. Continue another 12 miles until this highway dead ends into Highway 19/74. Turn left onto Hwy 19/74 East. Continue approximately 3 miles to Fast Rivers. We are on the right side of the road about 1/4 mile past Rowland Creek Baptist Church. Look for our Fast Rivers sign that looks like our logo. Use the 1st entrance to our outpost. If you see the Nantahala River on your right, you've just passed us.

**FROM MAGGIE VALLEY, NC:** 46 miles, 1 hour. Follow 19 North to 276 East to 74 West. Stay on 74 West. Follow directions from Bryson City, NC.

**SYLVA, NC:** 36 miles, 45 minutes. Take 74W. Follow directions from Bryson City, NC.