

# SOME FABULOUS LAKES AND RIVERS TO VISIT

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*So little time and so many amazing places to see! Below are just a few special lakes and rivers for you explore during the hot summer months.*

**LAKE JOCASSEE, SOUTH CAROLINA**– Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains at the South and North Carolina border, this clear and pristine lake features six waterfalls and clear blue-green waters. It was included in National Geographic's, “Last 50 Great Wild Places on Earth”. Located in the Devil’s Fork State Park, it has a reservoir of over 300 feet in depth and has an incredible underwater cemetery at the bottom of the lake,

Jocassee is home to amazing and endangered bird species including bald eagles, wild Loons and Horned Grebes. Also be on the lookout for amazing wildflowers including the rare Oconee Bell, mountain laurels and wild rhododendron. The best way to see this lake is by boat – it’s a little too large see by kayak unless you have a few spare days. Be sure and make a reservation in advance if you’d like to visit with a boat.



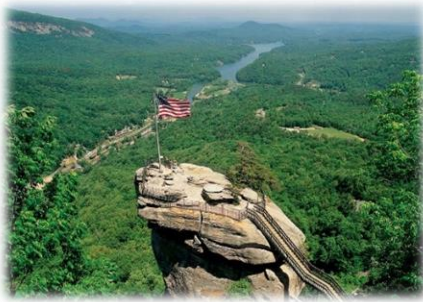
## **LOWER GREEN RIVER, SALUDA, NORTH CAROLINA** –

This is a wonderful nature preserve in the Saluda Gorge is a treat to explore. Enjoy cool mountain waters on an afternoon kayak or tubing trip. Full of level I and II rapids, this is a popular and bustling place on a Saturday in July. Best to visit on a weekday if you want to avoid the crowds! Kayaking reservations can be made at Green River Adventures for a 3 or 6 mile trip.





**LAKE LURE, NORTH CAROLINA** – This wonderful mountain lake was formed by a dam of the Broad River in 1927. Lake Lure was the primary filming location of the iconic movie, *Dirty Dancing* in 1987, and hosts an annual festival event honoring the movie. The lake features cool mountain water, a sandy public beach and gorgeous views of Chimney Rock State Park. Hope you have the chance to enjoy this charming, nostalgic lake nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains.



**LAKE HARTWELL, GEORGIA** – This is Georgia's second largest lake and borders Clemson University at its northern edge. With warmer water, it's a perfect place to go in spring, summer and fall. It's wonderful for swimming, camping, fishing, boating and water sports. Enjoy numerous private sandy white beaches throughout the lake and take time to visit some of the local waterfront restaurants on the lake including the Tilly's Tiki Bar and Grill at Harborside Marina.





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