

## Otter Falls – Seven Devils, NC

Length	Difficulty	Streams	Views	Solitude	Camping
1.0 mls	★	★	N/A	★	N/A
<b>Hiking Time:</b> 30 minutes <b>Elev. Gain:</b> 270 ft <b>Parking:</b> Park at the Otter Falls trailhead. 36.14953, -81.80894					

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Otter Falls is a nice waterfall and easily accessible via a short hike in the resort town of Seven Devils, NC. The small recreational park features 4 short trails dropping down into the Valley Creek watershed. The hike outlined here follows 3 of these trails forming a loop to Otter Falls, skipping the Yellow Trail which dead ends at a non-existent overlook. Located close to Boone, Grandfather Mountain, and Banner Elk, this is a great family hike or short stop while you are in the area.

- ▶ **Mile 0.0** – A small parking area for the Otter Falls trail system is located off Skyland Drive. Begin the Red Trail loop and turn left at the split in 100 feet.
- ▶ **Mile 0.3** – Intersection of the Red and Blue Trail loops. Turn left following the Blue Trail uphill.
- ▶ **Mile 0.4** – Blue Trail loop T-junction with the Orange and Yellow Trails. The Yellow Trail heads left towards a dead end. Turn right onto the Orange Trail and immediately turn left downhill while the Blue Trail loop turns right.
- ▶ **Mile 0.5** – The Orange Trail loop splits at the observation area above the waterfall. Turn left to take the long way down to Valley Creek.
- ▶ **Mile 0.6** – Reach the base of Otter Falls on Valley Creek. This ~20-foot waterfall flows over large overhanging bedrock. When you are done admiring the falls, follow the stairs up to the observation area.
- ▶ **Mile 0.7** – Turn left onto the Blue Trail loop.
- ▶ **Mile 0.8** – Turn left onto the Red Trail loop.
- ▶ **Mile 1.0** – Hike ends at the parking area.