

Some Great Activities Only A Mile Away!

Lake Glenville

“The Pines” Recreational Area

In 2015 Duke Power developed a beautiful picnic and beach area along the northern shore of Lake Glenville. Lake Glenville has 27 miles of shoreline and is over 1500 acres in size. This is only a mile away from Arrowmont Stables & Cabins.

By the way, Lake Glenville is the highest lake east of the Mississippi River. It is breathtakingly beautiful (of course, every place is here in the mountains). You will think you are in Lucerne, Switzerland, when you see it. Needless to say the water quality is very good and can be very cold if you happen to be more than a few feet below the sun-warmed surface.



It is several hundred feet at its deepest.

Bring your boat if you like.

There is a public boat ramp for you with plenty of parking for your truck and trailer while boating on this beautiful lake.

Or you may rent a boat at the nearby marina.

Below is a picture of the festivities when the lake came on line in October 1941.

Lake Glenville was developed by the TVA in mid 1940 to provide electricity to rural areas. When it was built, it had the highest vertical drop of any plant east of the Rocky

Mountains, 1207 feet.



It was originally named Thorpe Reservoir after the President of Nantahala Power and Light, the company that originally built the reservoir.

When the war started, its electricity was sent to Alcoa, Tennessee, for the war effort in constructing airplanes for the military.

At maximum capacity Thorpe powerhouse, located down the mountain nearly in Tuckaseegee, was able to produce 21,000 kilowatts of electricity. The powerhouse now is remotely controlled to produce electricity for the area.

High Falls, below the dam and bridge of the lake, was fed by the waters now feeding the reservoir. The roar of the water was so loud it could be heard for miles around.

On occasion you can still hear the roar when Duke Power does a planned release to lower lake levels or for kayakers.

Boating, swimming, picnicking, fishing and just plain fun describes some of the activities available here.



Only a mile away from this fun spot is another great activity, [horseback riding](#)! You know the horse trails are incredibly majestic just from what you see here. Plus, there are some comfortable, simple [vacation cabins](#) on the 200 acre horse farm as well. This beautiful remote farm ranges in elevation from 4200 feet at the top of Cullowhee Mountain down to 3400 feet in its picturesque little valley. This is a terrific vacation destination!



While Boating, enjoy the many falls and streams that feed Lake Glenville with high quality, cold mountain water.

High Falls Hike

Just across the road from the Pines Recreation area is parking for the hike to High Falls. Normally the water that feeds the falls is diverted to the Thorpe Power House on Hwy 107 but several times a year there are scheduled releases for recreational purposes, aka a “Kayaker's Dream”.

But Kayaker's aren't the only ones who enjoy the falls. They are beautiful to enjoy for anyone whether they are full boar rushing from the overflow of Lake Glenville or simply the normal quiet flow of the falls. A great time for a family outing or just a private adventure.

It is a 2 mile hike to the falls which is about 2 hours round trip. The beginning of the hike from the parking area across from “the Pines” is pretty gentle but you can see it becomes steeper as you near the falls. It drops about 600 feet which isn't bad going down. It's just coming back up is when it starts to bite a bit. Duke did a great job building steps for you along the steeper parts. We used to have to chop our way through laurel thickets and deal with a lot of mud, so this seems easy now. There are even railings in some parts.

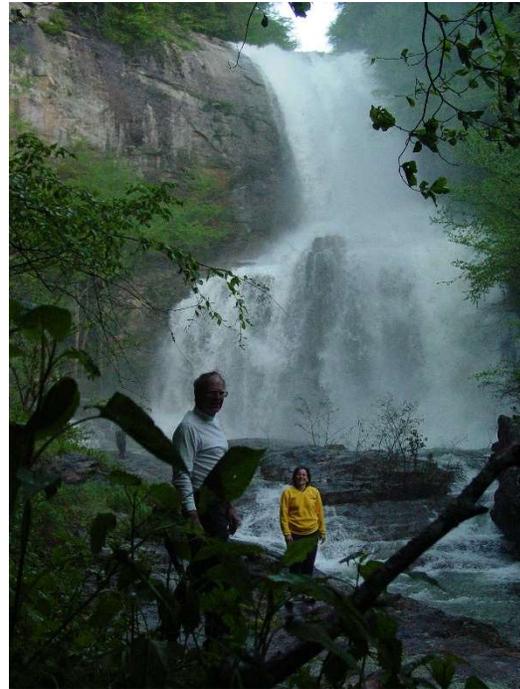




Here are some pictures when the water is at normal flow...



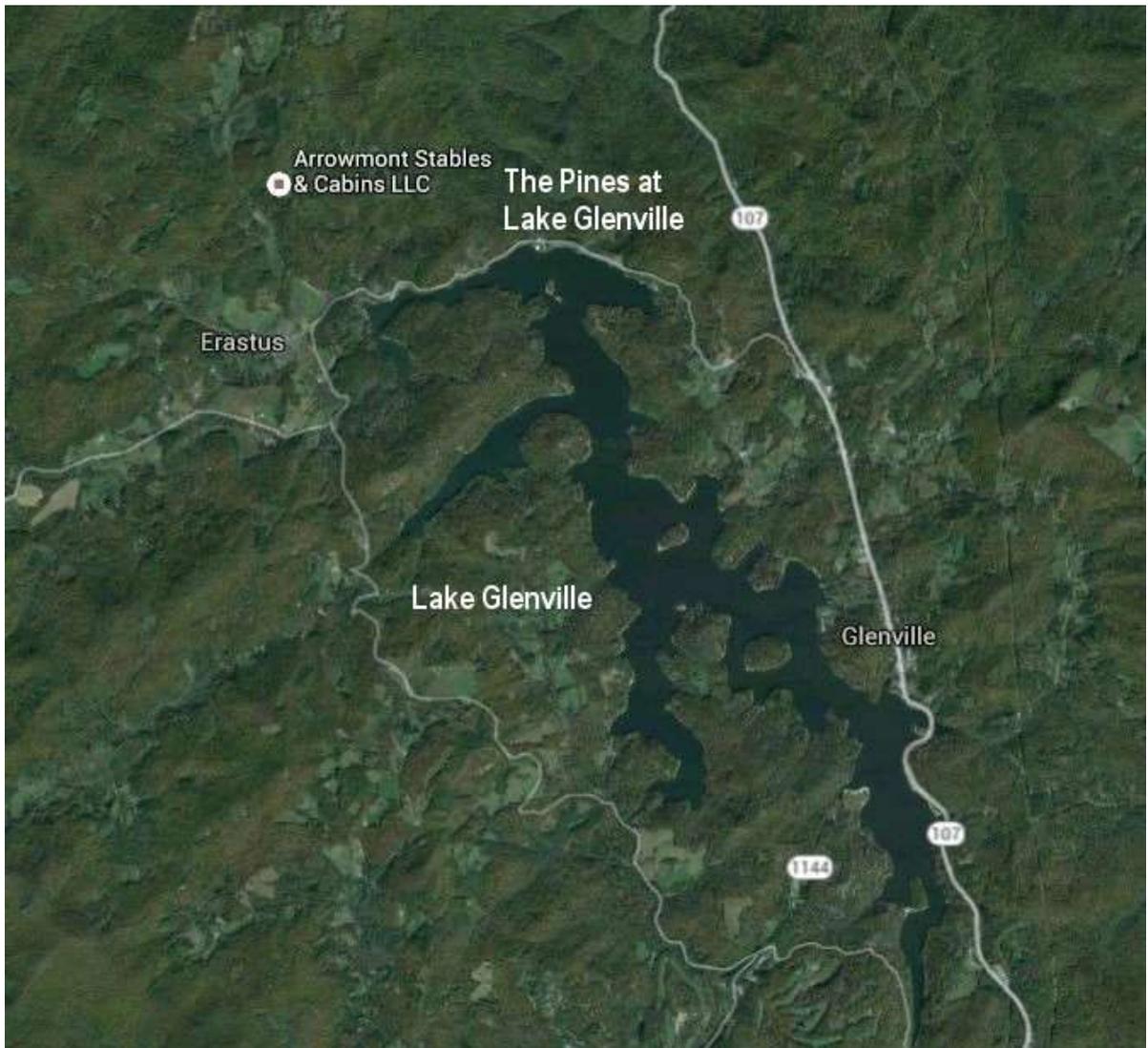
This is what the falls look like when there is a scheduled release from the lake... it's hard to see with all the mist. Plus, the roar of the water makes it almost impossible to hear one another.



Just north of High Falls are another set of falls called **“Hatcher Falls”** along **Rough Run Stream** which has its head waters on Arrowmont and merges into the Tuckasegee River which starts at High Falls.



Now you see why this is called “the Land of Waterfalls”!



Some information to help you...

HIGH FALLS STATISTICS

Height: 150 ft

Stream: West Fork Tuckaseegee River

Landowner: Duke Energy

GPS: 35.204157, -83.160125

HIKE INFORMATION

Difficulty: More Difficult

Length: 2.0mi

Tread Condition: Moderately Rough

Climbing: Climbs Steeply (600 ft)

Parking

Free parking is available at the High Falls trailhead at Lake Glenville.

GPS Coordinates

35.198550, -83.159517 (N35 11.913 W83 09.571)

2016 Release Days

To see the big water, visit on these prescribed recreation flow days (West Fork Tuckaseegee River Bypass Releases), 10 AM-4 PM: April 16, April 17, June 4, June 18, July 3, July 30 and August 20.