

Little Bradley Falls

Driving Directions:

From the Saluda Library drive down Main Street to Ozone Dr. Turn Left on Ozone and go under the I-26 overpass. The road name changes to Holbert Cove Road. Head east on Holbert Cove Road for 3.1 miles to a pullout on the left just before the road crosses Cove Creek. The trailhead on the left is for Big Bradley Falls. Little Bradley is across the road on the right. Watch out for poison ivy getting out of your car and on the trail.

Hiking Directions:

Walk across the road and cross Cove Creek. Take the path that climbs the bank and follows the stream higher up. After about 0.1 mile, the trail forks. Go right. After another 0.2 miles, the trail swings left as you come to a creek. Take the path on the right that descends and crosses the creek. If the water is high, you will have to wade to cross. Continue 0.2 mile to a crossing of Cove Creek, which will probably be a wade unless the water is low. After you cross, follow an easy grade for 0.4 mile to a small stream. Little Bradley is a short distance beyond the crossing.

Educational Information:

Little Bradley Falls is located in the Green River Game Lands. The Game Lands is a relatively undisturbed wilderness area containing narrow gorges, steep ravines, coves, old growth and mixed hard wood forests. The area is managed by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission and is named after the Green River, which runs through a rugged gorge on the Blue Ridge escarpment. Cove Creek originates near Saluda and Pearson Falls and then flows north and into the Green River. It first flows under I-26 and over two waterfalls-Big Bradley and Little Bradley. At one point on the gorge it drops through a six-foot wide crevice known as the "Narrows".

Waterfall Safety:

OBSERVE all posted signs leading to a waterfall area.

STAY on marked trails and observation areas.

DO NOT jump off waterfalls or dive into pools.

DO NOT climb on rocks above waist height.

DO NOT swim or wade upstream near a waterfall.

EXPECT slick rocks around waterfalls.