

## Trail Guide

The trail leaves the parking area on Skyland Drive (elevation 3,840') and descends onto four (4) colored trails, consisting of two (2) loops, and two (2) dead end trails. Each trail is marked with red, blue, yellow, or orange markers on wooden posts. Benches are provided at each intersection, and also at dead-end viewpoints. There is an observation platform near the Falls at an elevation of 3,620'. In spring, summer, and fall, the hike to Otter Falls waterfall leads through a cool mountain forest. In winter, snow and ice are common. The Park may be closed in extreme weather.

## A Little History

Long before the creation of Seven Devils resort in the mid-1960's, and the Town incorporation in 1979, historic Valley Creek was visited by eminent 19<sup>th</sup> century botanist Asa Gray. He likely passed these falls in July 1841 on his way to the peak of 5,200 foot Hanging Rock, where he had a "fine and close view of the rugged Grandfather Mountain." The Town's vista of that striking High Country summit still impresses Seven Devils residents and visitors today. The Town of Seven Devils purchased the 9.78-acre property in 2013, with assistance from the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, and the Conservation Fund. More than 100 Seven Devils residents and friends donated funds to match grants for the purchase, and for improvements and additional trails in Phase II. The result is a state park-quality nature trail in a pristine area.

We hope you enjoy Otter Falls Park and your visit to the Town of Seven Devils – come back & visit us soon!

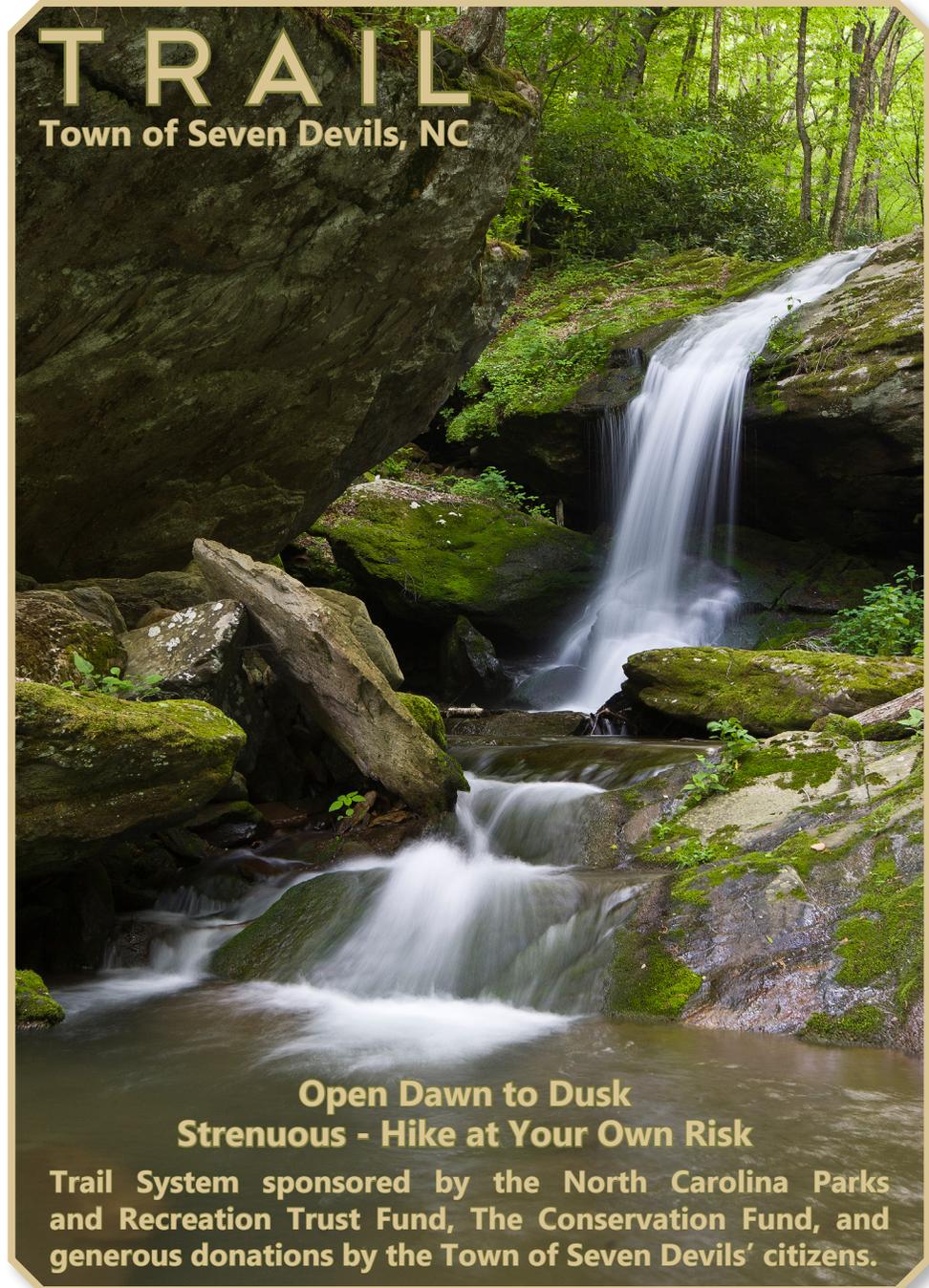
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# OTTER FALLS

TRAIL  
Town of Seven Devils, NC



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Strenuous - Hike at Your Own Risk

Trail System sponsored by the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, The Conservation Fund, and generous donations by the Town of Seven Devils' citizens.

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# Otter Falls Trail Map Seven Devils, N.C.

Parking	Hiking Trail	Streams
Trailhead	Orange	Roads
Viewpoint	Red	
Bench	Yellow	
Waterfall		

0 65 130 Feet



## Welcome to Otter Falls Trail

This moderately strenuous hike starts from a trailhead parking area on Skyland Drive and descends to scenic Otter Falls on Valley Creek. The 0.6-mile hike to the falls creates a round trip of about 1.2 miles. The path is graded and relatively gradual with a smoothed surface—but it descends about 230 feet to the falls—so you will have an identical climb back to your car. Sturdy running or lace-up shoes are sufficient, but hiking boots are recommended.

This map was created by the High Country Council of Governments for the Town of Seven Devils in December 2016.