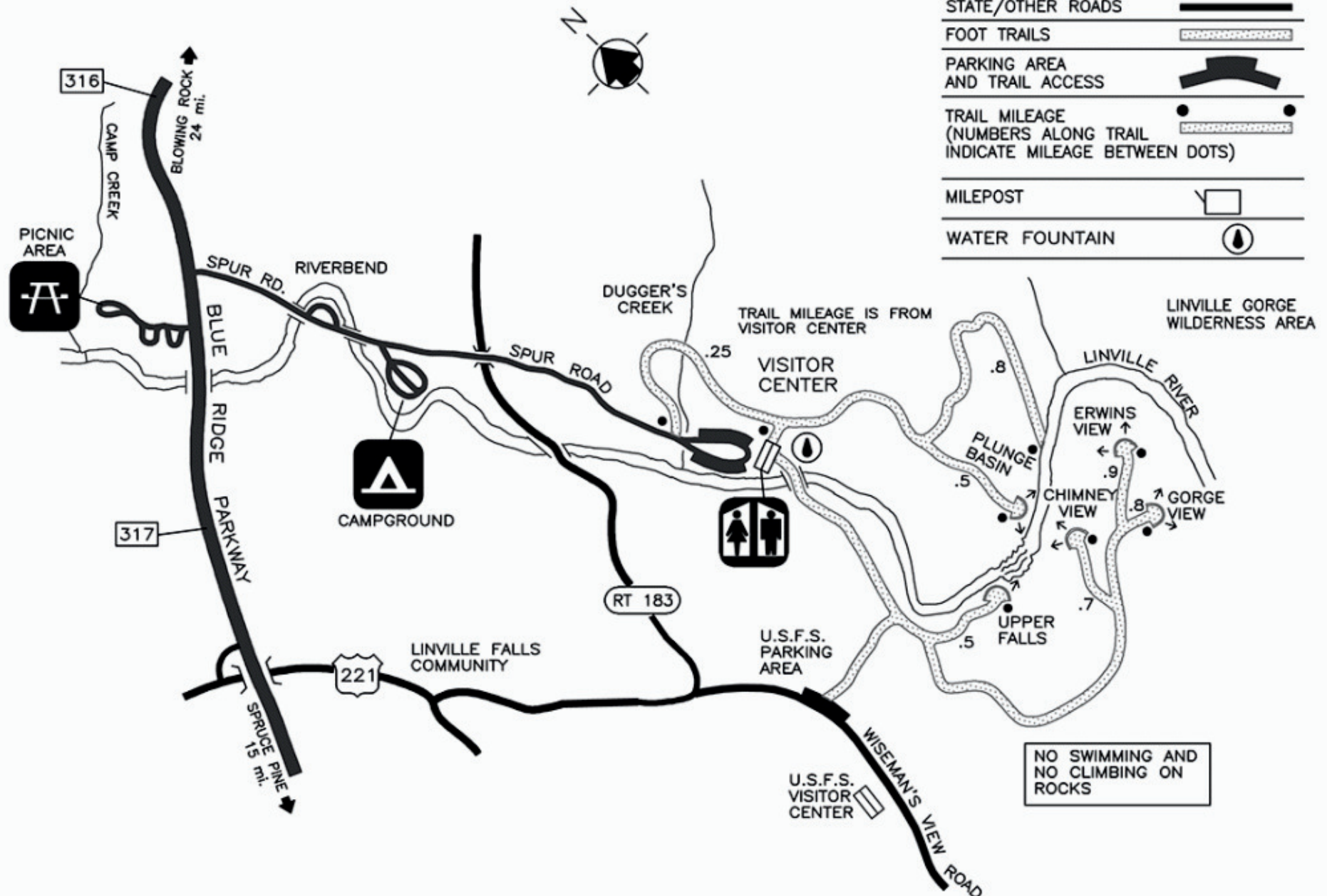


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Linville Falls is the most photographed waterfall in NC and is a breathtaking series of dramatic, tiered waterfalls located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina at Milepost 316.4 of the Blue Ridge Parkway. The falls mark the beginning of the Linville Gorge, formed by the Linville River, which continues its descent of nearly 2,000 feet through the rugged canyon. This deep gorge, known by the Cherokee as "the river of many cliffs," is nicknamed the "Grand Canyon of the East" or the "Grand Canyon of the Southern Appalachians".

HIKING TRAILS

Two main hiking trails lead to views of Linville falls. Both begin at the Linville Falls Visitor Center and pass through remnants of a virgin hemlock forest mixed with other familiar tree species such as white pine, oaks, hickory, and birch. A colorful and varied display of wildflowers decorates the trails in spring. Red and golden leaves in fall beautifully contrast with the soothing green of hemlocks.

ERWIN'S VIEW TRAIL

A moderate 1.6 mile round-trip walk, offering hikers four overlooks, each revealing a different aspect of the Linville Falls area.

LINVILLE GORGE TRAIL

The trail to Linville Gorge forks 0.2 mile from the visitor center. The right fork takes hikers to Plunge Basin Overlook where they can view the lower falls and the Chimneys. The left fork winds down through rock cliffs to the bottom of the falls where the force of the water cascading over the falls creates a large pool. Both of these trails are strenuous.

