

Nantahala Bypass Releases  
Cascades and Upper Nantahala  
2026 Schedule

When	Dates	Target Flow (cfs)	Hrs	Times
One Spring Saturday Between April 15 and 30	April 18 & 19	250	6	10 am to 4 pm
One Spring Sunday Between April 15 and 30		350	6	10 am to 4 pm
Four Summer Afternoons Between June 15 and Aug 31	June 19 July 1 July 24 August 7	250	3	4 pm to 7 pm
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One Fall Saturday Between September 15 and 30	Sept 26-27	300	7	10 am to 5 pm
One Fall Sunday Between September 15 and 30		425 250 (These flows occur as a single event)	5 2	10 am to 3 pm 3 pm to 5 pm

**Notes:**

- Release times listed above are the times when flows should arrive immediately below the confluence of Whiteoak Creek with the Nantahala River.
- All flows in the Nantahala gorge on the dates listed above are additive to the generation flows of about 550 cfs and natural stream flow.

WARNING: HIGH FLOWS AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WHERE SUCH FLOWS OCCUR CAN CREATE DANGEROUS CONDITIONS IN THE BYPASSED REACH. DUKE ENERGY RELEASES THESE FLOWS SOLELY TO COMPLY WITH ITS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. DUKE ENERGY NEITHER ENCOURAGES NOR DISCOURAGES RECREATIONAL USE OF HIGH FLOWS BY THE PUBLIC. ANY RECREATIONAL USE BY THE PUBLIC DURING HIGH FLOWS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO EXPERIENCED BOATERS.