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Join us for a Free Lecture on the History of the French Broad River

Brevard, NC, 9/2/2026— One of the world's oldest rivers flows through Western North Carolina, carrying with it stories that predate the dinosaurs. Over 300 million years ago, the French Broad River formed on the supercontinent Pangea, and it has been of incredible importance to the unique ecology, original inhabitants, and earlier settlers of what became known as the Appalachian Mountains.

On **Thursday, September 10th**, FIND Outdoors is proud to invite the public to the **free Stewards and Storytellers Learning Series** on the **History of the French Broad River**. The lecture will be presented by **David and Debi Whitmire**, founding members of Headwaters Outfitters, a paddle sports and fly-fishing guide company in Rosman, whose work on the French Broad River has inspired 1000's of outdoor stewards and recreationalists.

Join us to learn about the river's fascinating history, geology, and lasting impact on the region through an engaging and educational experience. The event opens at 5:30 PM, and the lecture will begin promptly at 6:00 PM.

Tickets are free thanks to support from Self Help Credit Union, but RSVP's are made at www.gofindoutdoors.org and are encouraged. The event is open to the public and includes two complimentary alcoholic beverages and light snacks. Drinks are made available through generous support from Oskar Blues.

The FIND Outdoors NEST is located at 49 Pisgah Hwy, Suite 3, Pisgah Forest, NC. FIND Outdoors proudly provides the NEST to aligned partners and organizations to interface with the community and provide means for collaboration. To request the space, please fill out the form on the FIND Outdoors website.

The Stewards & Storytellers Learning Series brings together community members, outdoor professionals, educators, and conservationists to share knowledge and inspire stewardship of our public lands through engaging presentations on a variety of outdoor topics. Keep an eye out for upcoming events in the series held all summer long!

FIND Outdoors is a 501(c)(3) outdoor recreation nonprofit that centers forest education and stewardship. Based in Pisgah Forest, FIND Outdoors has been stewarding public lands for over 50 years, with a vision to create a lasting community of appreciation for the outdoors. Learn more about FIND and ways you can be involved at www.gofindoutdoors.org/about.

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SEPT 10, 2026

The History of the French Broad River

The French Broad River is one of the oldest rivers in the world, flowing for over 300 millions years. Join us and learn how this river carved its path through the landscape.

David & Debi Whitmire
Featured Speakers

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- JUNE 11** Bioluminescence in Western North Carolina
with Jennifer Frick-Ruppert
- JULY 9** Native Plants for Landscapes & Home Gardens
with Tony Ward
- JULY 23** Edible & Medicinal Plants of the Smokies
with Lee "Natty" Trebotich
- AUG 20** Wildlife Photography Basics
with Steve Matadobra
- SEPT 10** History of the French Broad River
with David & Debi Whitmire
- SEPT 24** Natural Resource Management
with Robert Beانبlossom

49 Pisgah Hwy, Suite 3, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768
All events start at 6:00 PM

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