



Vehicle for Hire Services

With the cost of owning personal transportation rising, more residents of the GCLMPO area may turn to vehicle for hire services as a major means of transportation. The GCLMPO area has multiple taxi cab service companies. Rates are regulated by the municipalities or counties in which they are located. These companies offer local and long distance service. A number of the taxi companies also run shuttle service to the Charlotte Douglas International Airport.



GASTON COUNTY

- AAA Taxi
707 Grover St, Gastonia
(704) 861-0855
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815 E Park Ave, Gastonia
(704) 861-0855
- BLUE CABS OF NC
543 Cox Rd, Gastonia
(704) 674-4457
- Carolina Specialty Transport
438 E Long Ave, Gastonia
(704) 899-5595
- City Cab Company
720 W Airline Ave, Gastonia
(704) 867-4620
- Cook's Cab Company
217 Allison Ave, Gastonia
(704) 868-8181
- Metro Cab
1104 E Ozark Ave, Gastonia
(704) 852-4147
- TnT Personal Transportation Services
Dallas
(704) 215-8149
- Yellow Cab Co of Gastonia
913 W Franklin Blvd, Gastonia
(704) 867-6391

Residents in Gastonia who chose taxi service as a means of transportation are protected under municipal codes which state:

“ a) No person owning or operating a taxi cab within the city limits may charge fares in excess of those prescribed in the schedule of taxicab fares adopted by resolution of the council, a copy of which shall be on file in the clerk's office and shall also be available from the administrator.

CLEVELAND COUNTY

- AA United Cab
220 S Washington St, Shelby
(704) 482-7000
- East Marion Cab Company
211 E Marion St, Shelby
(704) 487-6200
- Ellis Exclusive Transportation
219 S Battleground Ave, Kings Mountain
(704) 466-4946
- Weaver's Taxi
521 Carolina Ave, Shelby
(704) 487-9193
- Your City Taxi Company
518 Carolina Ave, Shelby
(704) 487-9158

LINCOLN COUNTY

- Denver Cab Co
183 Highland Woods Ct, Denver
(704) 308-5459
- Specialized Transport
2380 Industrial Park Rd, Lincolnton
(704) 735-5676
- Yellow Cab of Lincolnton
2380 Industrial Park Rd, Lincolnton
(704) 748-1313

Residents in Lincolnton who chose taxi service are also protected under the City of Lincolnton's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 112, which states:

“ It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain and operate a taxicab stand for the parking of taxicabs without first obtaining a license to operate a taxicab from the city.

It shall be unlawful to operate one or more taxicab stands within the corporate limits of the city without having the proper taxicab license from the city and without charging and collecting the rates as prescribed by the city.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle as a taxicab until the vehicle has been registered in accordance with requirements in this state and all proper licenses have been obtained therefor from the city and state.



LYFT AND UBER

Lyft and Uber are two examples of transportation network companies that predominantly operate through mobile apps. Riders must download the mobile app, sign up, enter a valid phone number, and enter a valid form of payment. Passengers can then request a ride from a nearby driver.

Waterways & Blueways

CATAWBA RIVER

The Catawba River is a tributary of the Wateree River in North Carolina and South Carolina. The river is approximately 220 miles (350km) long. As shown in **Figure 16-1**, it rises in the Appalachian Mountains and drains into the Piedmont and is impounded through a series of reservoirs for flood control and hydroelectricity. The river is named after the Catawba tribe of Native Americans. They were known in their own language as the Kawahcatawbas, “the people of the river”.

It rises in the Blue Ridge Mountains in western McDowell County, North Carolina, approximately 20 miles (30 km) east of Asheville. It flows ENE, forming, along with the Linville River, Lake James. It then passes north of Morganton, then southeast through the Lake Norman reservoir. From Lake Norman it flows south, passing east of Gaston County and west of Charlotte, then flowing through the Mountain Island Lake and

Lake Wylie reservoirs, where it forms approximately 10 miles (15km) of the border between North Carolina and South Carolina. It flows into northern South Carolina, passing Rock Hill, then through Fishing Creek Reservoir near Great Falls, and then into the Lake Wateree reservoir, approximately 30 miles (50 km) northeast of Columbia, where it becomes the Wateree River.

SOUTH FORK CATAWBA RIVER

The South Fork Catawba River (locally known as the South Fork River) begins just south of Hickory, NC and travels 48.5 miles through Lincoln and Gaston counties where it feeds into the Catawba River at Lake Wylie. The river offers miles of natural landscapes, with great fishing and paddling opportunities.

The South Fork Catawba River is home to a variety of wildlife, including great blue herons, osprey, bald eagles, and deer. Users who access the river from the Spencer Mountain River Access will paddle through some of the most ecologically diverse lands in our region, many of which are permanently protected by the Conservancy.

THE BROAD RIVER AND FIRST BROAD RIVER IN CLEVELAND COUNTY

The Broad River originates in the Blue Ridge Mountains of eastern Buncombe County, North Carolina and flows generally south-southeastwardly, through or along the boundaries of Rutherford, Polk and Cleveland Counties in North Carolina; and Cherokee, York, Union, Chester, Fairfield, Newberry and Richland Counties in South Carolina. In North Carolina, the river is dammed to form Lake Lure; Principal tributaries of the Broad River include the Green, Second Broad and First Broad (Cleveland County) Rivers in North Carolina.

BLUEWAYS

A blueway or water trail is a water path or trail that is developed with launch points, camping locations and points of interest for canoeists, paddle boarders and kayakers. Blueways are typically developed by state, county or local municipalities to encourage recreation, ecological education and preservation of wildlife resources.

Figure 16-1. Catawba River Chain



Developed as Carolina Thread Trail projects in Gaston, Cleveland, and Lincoln counties, various blueways have a number of boat launches located along the South Fork, Catawba, and First Broad Rivers.

Catawba Lands Conservancy opened a canoe and kayak access point on the South Fork Catawba River in May 2009 called the Spencer Mountain River Access. The trip down to the R.Y. McAden River Access take out point is approximately 2 hours, 5.5 miles.

River stream features vary from slow moving water with a few Class I/II rapids where rock ledges have been carved from the river bottom to concentrated rapids at approximate mile 3.5. There is a dam approximately 5.5 miles down the river - users must exit the river on the right (river right) before the dam. Those continuing downstream can use the Adam Springs Portage on the left. Downstream from the dam, paddlers will encounter the headwaters of Lake Wylie which is slower moving water and a number of rich wetlands along the stream banks.

Available launch locations along the South Fork River Blueway in Gaston County include:

- **Spencer Mountain River Access**
(Catawba Lands Conservancy)
261 Stanley-Spencer Mountain Road,
Spencer Mountain
**Special note: The Spencer Mountain River Access is by permit only. A permit can be requested by contacting the Catawba Lands Conservancy.*
- **South Fork River Park**
(Gaston County Parks and Recreation)
4185 Mountain View Street, Gastonia
- **R. Y. McAden Take-out**
(Catawba Lands Conservancy)
119 Willow Drive, McAdenville
- **South Fork Village**
(Town of Cramerton)
2000 Rivers Edge Drive, Belmont
- **C.B. Huss River Access**
(Town of Cramerton)
382 11th Street, Cramerton

- **Goat Island Park**
(Town of Cramerton)
141 8th Avenue, Cramerton
- **Centennial Center**
(Town of Cramerton)
100 Center Street, Cramerton
- **Riverside Park**
(Town of Cramerton)
Riverside Drive, Cramerton
- **Baltimore River Access**
(Town of Cramerton)
301 Cramer Mountain Road, Cramerton

Available launch locations along the Catawba River Blueway in Gaston County include:

- **Mountain Island Park**
(City of Mount Holly)
400 Mountain Island Road, Mt. Holly
- **River Street Park**
(City of Mount Holly)
300 N River Street, Mt. Holly
- **Tuckaseege Park**
(City of Mount Holly)
165 Broome Street, Mt. Holly

Available launch locations along the South Fork River Blueway in Lincoln County include:

- **Ramsour's Mill Battlefield**
(Lincoln County)
402 Jeb Seagle Drive, Lincolnton

Available launch locations along the First Broad River Blueway in Cleveland County include:

- **First Broad River Trail Access**
(City of Shelby)
940 W Grover Street, Shelby

