Cautions:

- Stay on trails.
- Heed warning signs.
- Rocks are moss-covered and very slick. DO NOT climb on rocks.
- Wear good walking shoes.
- Allow plenty of daylight.
- Take drinking water.
- Trail is moderate to strenuous with variable surfaces.
- Emergency Services and Police Department are located adjacent to Memorial Park on Park Avenue.
- Call 911 for Emergency.

Glen Burney Trail

The trail head entrance is located in Annie Cannon Park off Laurel Lane.

The trail is 1.6 miles long and drops 600 feet from an elevation of 3520 at the base of Glen Marie Falls.

The creek that runs along the trail and over the falls is known as New Year’s Creek, which flows into John’s River, part of the Catawba River Basin.

History of the Glen Burney Trail

Named for the Scottish translation of glen “a place in the woods.” Also referred to as a valley between hills. The origin of Burney is not known.

It is suspected that the trail dates back at least to the late 1800’s. There is a photograph of the falls dating back to 1895. It is also believed the trail was used by Indian hunters.

In 1892 Emily Pridden founded the Skyland School and owned Glen Burney area. In July 1906 she donated 33 acres to the Town of Blowing Rock to be used as a park. The area was to be known as Glen Burney Park and is to remain a perpetual trail for future generations to enjoy.

The first waterfall along the trail is known as the Cascades, the second waterfall is known as Glen Burney Falls and the third waterfall is Glen Marie Falls.