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**New River Trail State Park (Foster Falls)**  
**Hiwassee to Draper Map - Blaze Color:**



1. GPS: Lat. 36° 57.702, Lon. -80° 43.014  
 Trail Parking Area accessed from Julia Simpkins Rd. SR693.
2. GPS: Lat. 36° 57.923, Lon. -80° 44.48  
 MP 9.0: Near milepost 9 is the Delton Bridge at Claytor Lake. From this 180 foot long bridge you can begin to see the effect of the dam and the transition from the swiftly flowing river to the slower moving waters of Claytor Lake.
3. GPS: Lat. 36° 58.65, Lon. -80° 44.921  
 MP 8.0: Bridge #1506, also known as the Clark's Mill Trestle, is a 500 foot long trestle over Delton Road and the stream that fed the former Clark's Mill. Underneath the trestle—and under the water backed up by the Claytor Lake Dam—are the remains of the old mill. The railroad bed leaves the New River at this point and heads for Pulaski.
4. GPS: Lat. 36° 58.907, Lon. -80° 45.026  
 MP 7.7: Bridge #1505 is a 350 foot long steel trestle that makes a high crossing over Delton Road. As you travel this section of the trail you may notice the change in grade and elevation. While most railroad grades are mild and usually less than 2%, (That's two feet of elevation gained or lost in every one hundred feet of distance) you'll see that the trail is somewhat higher above the New River at this point than along the banks of the river near milepost 16.
5. GPS: Lat. 36° 59.514, Lon. -80° 44.911  
 MP 7.0: As you make the transition from the New River Valley to the rolling hills surrounding Pulaski, you will begin to see the change from the former industrialized river industries to the small farms that are more typical of the region.
6. GPS: Lat. 36° 59.646, Lon. -80° 44.731  
 MP 6.5: The Sloan Creek Trestle is a 360 foot long, steel trestle that soars over Sloan Creek and the surrounding pastures.
7. GPS: Lat. 36° 59.972, Lon. -80° 44.524  
 MP 6.2: At Draper there are several amenities for the traveler on the New River Trail. Another town on the line with a rich railroad heritage, Draper is the first station established after Pulaski. The town was named after Joan and Betty Draper who lived in Blacksburg at the time of the Indian massacre in 1755. The Indians held Betty hostage for 8 years, during which time she cared for her two sons, also taken captive, and gave birth to a daughter which she gave up to her Shawnee captors. After her release she and John moved to the area and established a ferry service across the New River. This town has several interesting buildings and homes, including the notable Draper Mercantile.
8. GPS: Lat. 36° 59.984, Lon. -80° 44.528  
 Draper Parking Area: From I-81, take Exit 92 and follow VA 658 east through Draper. Park across from Bryson's Store, less than 1 mile from interstate.

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