

**TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP**  
**camp phone: 828-754-7067**  
**camp location: 6211 Hwy 90, Collettsville, NC 28611**

**NOTE 1** (From East & SW via Lenoir): *Map programs like Google Maps & Mapquest have not always proven reliable to accurately locate Collettsville or the camp location. If using these type programs or a GPS device, we suggest locating Ross & Co. Convenience Store (1902 Harper Ave. NW, Lenoir, NC), and then following directions below, beginning with \*follow Abington Road from turn at the BP Station (Ross & Co.).*

**NOTE 2** Rt. 64 West from Statesville to Lenoir provides a good two lane alternative to the I-40 and US 321 described route via Hickory.

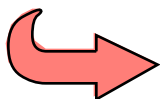
**FROM ALL LOCATIONS EAST OF THE CAMP:**

The camp is reached from most locations in Southern Conference via I-40 and US Highway 321 north from Hickory toward Lenoir.

[From Atlanta, take I-85 North to Gastonia, NC; Hwy. 321 north from Gastonia to Lenoir.]

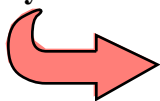
To get through or around Lenoir follow one of two options below:

**OPTION A:  
Lenoir**



Turn left from Highway 321 onto Business Rt. 18 in Lenoir (at the intersection with a Burger King and a Rite Aid Pharmacy. Follow Harper Avenue (Bus. Rt. 18) through the center of town. As the road becomes one-way, continue onto West Avenue which parallels Harper for several blocks in the business district before merging back to Harper Avenue. At the four-lane highway, turn first, left, onto the four lane road, and then almost immediately right onto Abington Road at next traffic light (There is a **BP station/convenience store** at this intersection.) (This route follows NC Bike Route #2 through Lenoir including the turn onto Abington Road.)

**OPTION B:  
Lenoir  
By-Pass**



After passing Caldwell Community College (on left) and Bush Pontiac/Oldsmobile (on right), take exit ramp off Highway 321 labeled "SOUTHWEST BLVD EXIT - MORGANTON". Travel approximately 4.5 miles to a major intersection (Morganton Blvd.) with a traffic light. Proceed straight, following signs for "NORTH BUSINESS 18 - DOWNTOWN". The second traffic light beyond Morganton Blvd. is at Abington Road (marked by a **BP station** and convenience store). **Turn left onto Abington Road.**

**FROM LOCATIONS SOUTHWEST OF THE CAMP:**

From the Southern Mountains of NC including churches in Asheville, Hendersonville, and Tryon, travel through Morganton and then proceed on Route 18 to Lenoir. When approaching Lenoir at By-pass intersection, follow signs for "NORTH BUSINESS 18 - DOWNTOWN". The second traffic light beyond this left turn is at Abington Road [marked by a **BP station and convenience store.**] **Turn left onto Abington Road.**

**CONTINUATION OF DIRECTIONS FOR ALL PERSONS TRAVELING THROUGH LENOIR:**

**\*Follow Abington Road** until it ends at NC Route 90. **Turn left, traveling west on Highway 90.** Go through the village of Collettsville and continue on Rt. 90 for another seven miles. A blue store and gas station operated by L. C. Hudspeth on the left will indicate that you are about one mile from the camp. A sign at the entrance on the left will direct persons into the camp via a bridge over the Johns River. Registration is conducted in the Dining Hall opposite the flag pole.

**FROM BLOWING ROCK AND BOONE AREA:**

Turn right onto the **Globe Road** (also called '**Johns River Road**' by some persons) as you travel South on Main Street in Blowing Rock, one block South of Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church. Bear left at each fork in the road, including the intersection at Globe Baptist Church and also the next stop sign which is state highway Rt. 90. Turn left here also and continue on this paved road to the camp. The Johns River parallels Rt. 90 on the right. Johns River Valley Camp is about eleven miles from Blowing Rock via the Globe/Johns River Road. Seven of these eleven miles are gravel surface.

A **paved road alternative** from Blowing Rock is to travel east on Highway 321 toward Lenoir. Turn right at the Patterson intersection (opposite Hwy. 268: "Cheeks Grill & Convenience / BP Station"). Then take the second road to the right (Setzer Creek Road) and follow it until it dead ends onto Rt. 90. Turn right here and continue through Collettsville and beyond for another seven miles. Distance from Blowing Rock via this more civilized route is 33 miles.