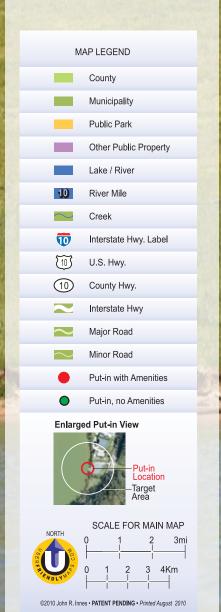
## **River History**

The French Broad River flows from Transylvania County, NC, into Tennessee. Its confluence with the Holston River, just above Knoxville, is the headwaters of the Tennessee River. The term "broad" was applied to two rivers that run through western North Carolina. The one that flowed into French colonial territory was named the French Broad, and the other that stayed in English territory (the American colonies) was named the English Broad, now just the Broad River.

In Cocke County, NC, the river picks up the Pigeon River and the Nolichucky River, after which it is impounded behind Douglas Dam. In Sevier County, TN, it picks up the Little Pigeon River, then flows through a wide gap in Bays Mountain before joining the Holston River at Knoxville.

The lower portion of the river is Douglas Dam, which is one of the larger TVA developments on a Tennessee River tributary stream. Douglas was developed largely to meet the electric power demands of World War II defense industries.



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