From the shores of the Chesapeake Bay to the peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains, step into Virginia’s backyard for hiking, biking, paddling, climbing, and more. Take advantage of all four seasons, whether you’re on the A.T., Blue Ridge Parkway, or one of the many ski runs. Finalists. North Carolina. The organizers of Kanawha Falls Fest found the perfect location for a paddling event, with world-class rapids, a waterfall for freestyle moves, and easy access for spectators. In 2017, 56 paddlers competed in the inaugural event. Although it was cancelled in 2018 due to high water, organizers are excited to continue growing the festival as an event leading up to Gauley Fest. The Blue Ridge Mountains get their name from the distinctive blue haze that characterizes the range from afar. The peaks are more than just a predominant feature of the eastern United States; it is a landscape through which Mother Nature shows her talent for beauty and grace. Spanning six states, the mountain range is the gateway to the Appalachian Trail. Where are our Blue Ridge Mountain cabin rentals? Far from the noise of vibrant Atlanta, GA, and offering different scenery from coastal Savannah, GA, a Blue Ridge Mountains vacation rental is a great place to escape into the solitude of nature. Find your perfect Blue Ridge Mountains cabin rental and book today. Discover the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Vacasa Guide to Blue Ridge Mountain Cabin Rentals. At times magical, the waterfalls of the Blue Ridge Mountains are framed in Southern Appalachian majesty. Add hiking to a waterfall, and you double your pleasure. With Waterfalls of the Blue Ridge, updated by veteran outdoors writer Johnny Molloy, you can explore more than 110 waterfalls ranging from 50 to 100 feet high. For this latest edition, over 30 new waterfalls were added. Some require no hike at all, while others can be seen only from the trail, with hikes ranging from a half-mile to several miles round-trip. The mountain laurel-lined path follows an old road on a slight downgrade. The gorge of Piney River cuts ever deeper to your right. At mile 2.0, the old road continues straight, but the Piney Branch Trail veers right and follows another old road.