North Carolina’s largest river basin

Cape Fear River Basin
The basin that was the scene of the nation’s first documented gold discovery.

Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin
Contains one of the oldest rivers in the world

New River Basin
is 41% water, contains more national wildlife refuges than any other, and has the fewest people of all NC river basins.
Known as the "River of Death" by Native Americans and early settlers, because spring floods claimed so many lives.
Neuse River Basin

Contains the longest river within NC’s borders
This mountain river basin is trout country.
This basin contains over half of the 160,000-acre Croatan National Forest, which hosts the largest population of carnivorous plants of any national forest.
Savannah River Basin

North Carolina’s smallest river basin
This basin contains North Carolina’s largest natural lake, Mattamuskeet.

Tar-Pamlico River Basin
Broad River Basin

River basin featured in the 1992 film “Last of the Mohicans”