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New aerial playground to open in Nantahala

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Looking for a way to get the ya-yas out of the kids this summer? Try out the Nantahala Outdoor Center's newest playground, the Treetop Adventure Nets.

NOC will hold a grand opening for the new feature on Friday, June 30. NOC is on U.S. 19 West, just west of Bryson City.

The new playground is for ages 2 and older. The ship-themed canopy feature at Nantahala Outdoor Center's flagship campus is the first 100-percent net-based aerial playground in the United States, according to the NOC.

Children are suspended 10-20 feet above the ground floor with views of the Nantahala River. They can explore, climb, slide, and navigate through a series of tunnels, open spaces, chutes, and pathways to reach the upper "crow's nest" overlooking the scenic river and the 2013 Freestyle World Championship play wave.

No tree-climbing or rock-climbing experience is required. The Treetop Adventure Nets is a fully netted enclosure, allowing participants to enjoy the course without the need for a harness.



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The Nantahala Outdoor Center will open a new aerial ropes adventure for kids June 30.

Morning, midday, afternoon and evening two-hour time slots are available daily. The introductory cost is \$19.99 per person for two hours of unlimited access. All children ages 4 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, visit www.noc.com.