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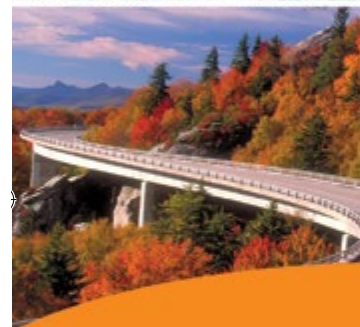
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Greensboro, NC	2 hours
Greenville/Spartanburg, SC	3 hours
Knoxville, TN	3 hours
Columbia, SC	3 hours, 15 minutes
Raleigh, NC	3 hours, 15 minutes
Durham, NC	2 hours, 45 minutes
Fayetteville, NC	3 hours, 45 minutes
Atlanta, GA	5 hours
Charleston, SC	5 hours, 15 minutes
Wilmington, NC	5 hours, 15 minutes



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Family Attractions

Families have been coming to the High Country for cool, fresh air and spectacular views since well before the Civil War. Many industrial and textile magnates established country estates here to enjoy the surroundings. The oldest attractions are areas of natural beauty such as The Blowing Rock and Grandfather Mountain. The “newer” are oriented to family adventures such as the wild west-themed Tweetsie Railroad, the strange and historic Mystery Hill and the adrenaline-pumping Hawksnest Zipline. Whatever your family’s tastes, you’re sure to make memories on your journey in the High Country.



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The Blowing Rock

432 The Rock Rd, Blowing Rock, 828-295-7111
The current of air flowing upward from the Rock prompted the Ripley’s “Believe-it-or-Not” cartoon about “the only place in the world where snow falls upside down.” Come see this unusual phenomenon!
theblowingrock.com

Grandfather Mountain

2050 Blowing Rock Hwy, Linville, 800-468-7325
Inspirational views, mile-high swinging bridge, native wildlife, picnicking and hiking. Open all year, weather-permitting. grandfather.com See our ad on page 9

Hawksnest Zipline

2058 Skyland Dr, Seven Devils, 800-822-4295
Zipline riding is an exciting & safe experience for the entire family. The course is operated year-round, weather permitting. Reservations required.
hawksnestzipline.com See our ad on page 12

Linville Caverns

19929 Hwy 221 N, Marion, 800-419-0540
See inside a mountain...NC’s only show cave. Half hour guided tours into a natural limestone cavern featuring stalactite and stalagmite formations & an underground stream!
linvillecaverns.com See our ad on page 8

Mast General Store

Hwy 194, Valle Crucis, 828-963-6511
Charles Kuralt called the Mast Store in rural Valle Crucis “a destination;” on the National Register of Historic Places. mastgeneralstore.com See our ad on page 34

Mystery Hill

129 Mystery Hill Ln, Blowing Rock, 828-264-2792
Fun! Mystery Hill explores the relationship of science, optical illusion and natural phenomena in a hands-on entertainment center. Mystery House, Appalachian Heritage Museum, Native American Artifacts Museum. mysteryhill-nc.com

Sky Valley Zip Tours

634 Sky Ranch Rd, Boone, 855-4-SKY-ZIP
Experience a true zip line canopy adventure! Over a mile of cable & elevations up to 300 ft, the course features 10 zip lines, cliff jumping, waterfalls and a swinging bridge. skyvalleyziptours.com

Tweetsie Railroad

300 Tweetsie RR Rd, Blowing Rock, 800-526-5740
North Carolina’s first family theme park with a fun-filled train, Tweetsie! Amusement rides for all ages, live entertainment, gem mining, deer park, shops and restaurants. Open May-October tweetsie.com
See our ad on page 8




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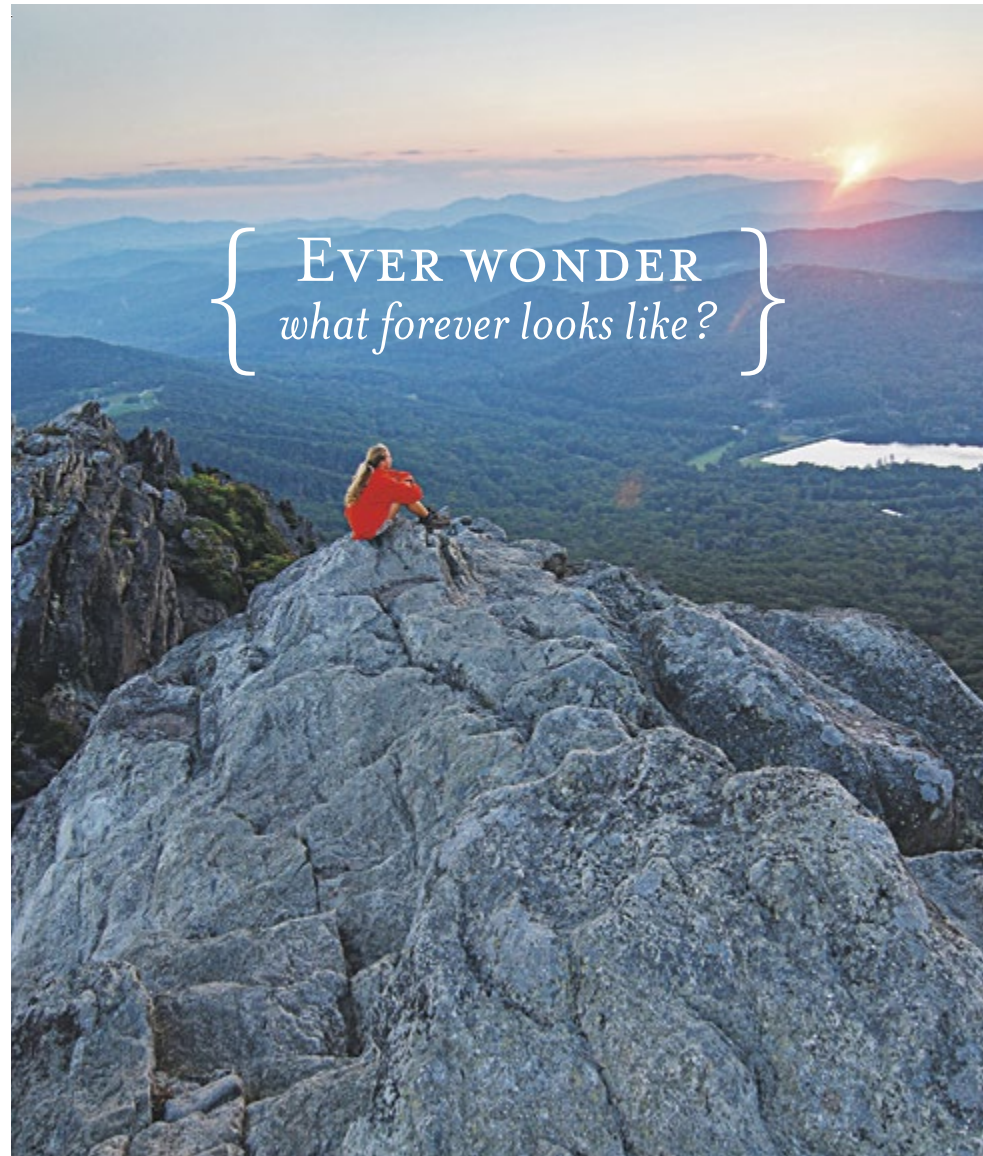
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Outdoor Recreation

Year-round activities abound in the High Country- hiking, canoeing or boating, mountain biking, road cycling, ziplining, rock climbing and bouldering- are just a few adventures visitors of all ages can enjoy!

Paddling and hiking in the summer are wonderful as you explore the scenery and enjoy some of the most pleasantly mild weather in the SE United States. Whether you're camping for a weekend, or just enjoying a quick stroll along a leg-stretching trail on the Blue Ridge Parkway, it is hard to imagine a better way to experience this glorious mountain region than immersing yourself in outdoor activities. Don't forget to bring your camera to capture quick pictures of wildlife along the trail and expansive vistas from the mountaintops.

Canoeing or whitewater rafting on some of the South's most exciting rivers is an experience not to be missed. Boating, fishing and mountain biking at the nearly 3,800-acre Kerr Scott Reservoir are great no matter what the season. Ziplines and gem mining offer a thrilling experience as well. And for those of you who enjoy a "good walk spoiled," try one of the challenging (and award-winning) mountain golf courses.



FISHING

Elk Creek Outfitters

1560 Hwy 105, Boone, 828-264-6497
Professional guide service-full day float trips, wilderness walk trips, flyfishing schools & overnight trips for trout, musky & smallmouth. ecoflyfishing.com

Foscoe Fishing Company & Outfitters

8857 Hwy 105 S, Boone, 828-963-6556
In the heart of Foscoe, surrounded by 300+ miles of creeks and streams, we offer local wade and float trips down the renowned South Holston and Watauga rivers. foscoefishing.com

Grandfather Trout Farm

10767 Hwy 105 S, Banner Elk, 828-963-5098
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GOLF

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Public golf course. Discover the challenge & savor the breathtaking views of our championship course. Located in unspoiled Ashe County just 30 minutes from Boone. We feature reasonable rates & a friendly atmosphere. mountainaire.com See our ad on page 12

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Linville Land Harbor

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dutchcreektrails.com

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cherokeeadventures.com

High Mountain Expeditions

1380 Hwy 105S, Boone, 800-262-9036
Whitewater rafting on the Nolichucky & Watauga rivers, hiking and caving. Quality adventure trips with excellent equipment, comfortable, well-maintained vehicles and professional guides noted for their skill and experience.
highmountainexpeditions.com
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1655 Hwy 105, Boone, 866-411-RAFT(7238)
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3385 Hwy 321, Boone, 800-444-7238
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wahoosadventures.com

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Tourism Information

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58 S Main St, Sparta, 800-372-5473
Hours: 9-5 M-F (June-Dec on Sat)
sparta-nc.com
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Ashe County Chamber & Visitors Center
01 N Jefferson Ave, West Jefferson
888-343-2743, Hours: 9-5 M-F
ashechamber.com
See our ad on page 54

Avery County Chamber & Visitors Center
4501 Tynecastle Hwy, Banner Elk
800-972-2183, Hours: 10-4 M-F & 1-3:30 wknds
averycounty.com

Beech Mountain Area Chamber & TDA
403-A Beech Mtn Pkwy, Beech Mountain
828-387-9283, Hours: 9-5 M-S
Cresting at 5,506ft, Beech Mountain is the highest town and ski resort in Eastern America. Summer temps rarely exceed 76, creating an ideal climate for hiking, mountain biking, and golfing. beechmtn.com

Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce
132 Park Ave, Blowing Rock, 800-295-7851
Hours: 9-5 M-F, blowingrock.com

Blowing Rock Visitor Center & TDA
159 Chestnut St, Blowing Rock, 877-750-4636
Hours: M-S 9-5, Experience legendary views, waterfalls, hiking trails, Tweetsie Railroad, The Blowing Rock outlets, downtown shops, bed & breakfasts, country inns, cabins and resorts. blowingrock.com

Boone Area Chamber of Commerce
870 W King St, Suite A, Boone, 828-264-2225
Hours: M-F 9-5, boonechamber.com

Boone & Watauga County TDA
815 W King St, Ste 10, Boone, 800-852-9506
Advertising and promoting tourism in Watauga. Come stay, play, eat and shop!
exploreboonearea.com
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Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce
11 Crystal St, Spruce Pine, 800-227-3912
mitchell-county.com

NW NC Visitor Center & Rest Area
2121 E Hwy 421, N Wilkesboro, 336-667-1259
Hours: M-Sat 8:30-5, Sun 12:30-5
nwnvisitorcenter.com

Town of Seven Devils TDA
1356 Seven Devils Rd, Seven Devils, 828-963-5098, Located between Boone and Banner Elk offering rental accommodations with great views, affordable real estate, shopping, restaurants, tennis, snowtubing & ziplining. sevendevis.net
See our ad on page 54

West Jefferson TDA
866-607-0093, Established in 1915, West Jefferson has always held on to its small town appeal. Listed on the National Register of Historical Places, West Jefferson gives visitors a sense of history as well as a mix of modern culture. visitwestjefferson.org

Wilkes County Chamber of Commerce
717 Main St, North Wilkesboro, 336-838-8662
Hours: M-F 8:30-5, explorewilkes.com



Winter Attractions

Outdoor activities in the winter months are among the most popular in the High Country, and for good reason. With each changing season comes a new set of intriguing adventures, adventures that yield unforgettable memories and an unparalleled opportunity to experience the scenic majesty that makes the area unique.

The High Country winter brings with it everyone's favorite form of precipitation: snow! Resorts here cater to tubers, skiers and ice skaters alike. Whatever your preference for getting down the mountain, the High Country's mountains can provide everything but the gravity in your joyous descent down one of the well-kempt runs. Day sessions, night sessions and midnight sessions are available to every level of snow sport enthusiast, from the most experienced to the first-time visitor in need of their very first lesson.

The area also offers ice skating, snowshoeing, sledding, cross country skiing, and when conditions are dry and just a bit warmer, ziplining and mountain biking. Winter hikes are another exciting opportunity when weather allows and often provide exceedingly long-range views in the crisp air.



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Appalachian Ski Mountain

940 Ski Mtn Rd, Blowing Rock, 800-322-2373
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Beech Mountain Youth Sledding Hill

403 Beech Mtn Parkway, Beech Mountain
800-468-5506, Free sledding for children 12 and under. Open Mid-November - Late March with on site snow making. Sleds are not provided. beechmntn.com

Hawksnest Snow Tubing

2058 Skyland Dr, Seven Devils, 800-822-4295
With more than 20 lanes of snow tubing, Hawksnest is the largest snow tubing park on the East Coast with 4 different tubing areas. hawksnesttubing.com
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A ski shop that's totally committed to serving you with quality products and personal service. Our shop offers the best in ski equipment, apparel and accessories. Full-service maintenance and repair. skicountrysports.com

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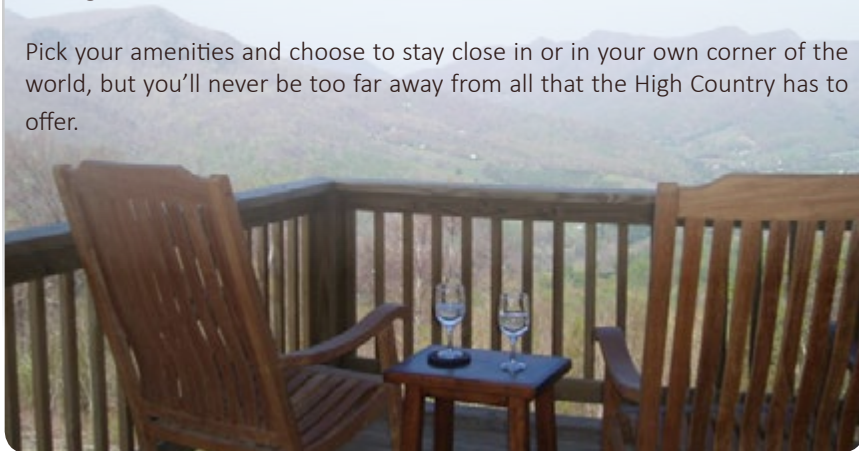
501 Beech Mtn Pkwy, Beech Mtn, 828-387-4838
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Accommodations

A week or a weekend of fun is only possible when you have a comfortable home away from home to rest up. The High Country is filled with accommodations to suit most any getaway for families, couples, reunions, groups, and even corporate retreats.

Choose from hotels, independently owned lodges, cabins, condos, homes, or luxury accommodations. There are many bed and breakfasts and country inns offering all the comforts of home and the opportunity to stay in an historic setting.

Pick your amenities and choose to stay close in or in your own corner of the world, but you'll never be too far away from all that the High Country has to offer.



CAMPGROUNDS

Blue Bear Mountain Camp

196 Blue Bear Mtn Rd, Todd, 828-406-4226
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Boone KOA Campground

123 Harmony Mtn Ln, Boone, 800-562-2806
138 sites, \$28-up, pull-thrus, store, laundry, hot showers, full hook-ups, games, mini-golf, cabins. Take Hwy 194N 3 miles, turn left on Ray Brown Rd. Go 1 mile. koa.com/where/nc/33145.htm

Flintlock Family Campground

171 Flintlock Campground Dr, Boone, 888-850-9997, 118 sites, store, stream, laundry, hot showers, full hook-ups, camping, cabins, playground. flintlockcampground.com

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Banner Elk, Beech Mountain, Sugar Mountain										
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Valle Crucis Area										
Lazy Bear Lodge B&B 828-963-9201, 828-773-4289 315 Lazy Bear Trail, Vilas lazy-bear-lodge.com	\$159-\$179	5								
The Mast Farm Inn 828-963-5857, 888-963-5857 2543 Broadstone Rd, Valle Crucis mastfarminn.com	\$99-\$419	14								
Mountainside Lodge Bed & Breakfast 828-963-4006, 877-687-4333 1709 Broadstone Rd, Banner Elk mountainsidelodgebb.com	\$120-\$190	4								
Taylor House Inn 828-963-5581, 800-963-5581 Historic Valle Crucis, Hwy. 194 S. 4584 N Hwy 194, Banner Elk taylorhouseinn.com	\$84-\$224	9								
Valle Crucis Bed & Breakfast 828-963-2525 2171 Broadstone Rd, Banner Elk vallecrucisbandb.com	\$139-\$199	5								
Boone, Blowing Rock Area										
Bob Timberlake Inn at Chetola 828-295-5500, 800-243-8652 500 N Main St, Blowing Rock bobtimberlakeinn.com	\$218-\$380	8								
Lovill House Inn 828-264-4204, 800-849-9466 404 Old Bristol Rd, Boone lovillhouseinn.com	\$129-\$219	6								
West Jefferson, Ashe County Area										
Buffalo Tavern Bed & Breakfast 336-877-9080, 877-615-9678 958 W Buffalo Rd, West Jefferson buffalotavern.com	\$89-\$159	4								



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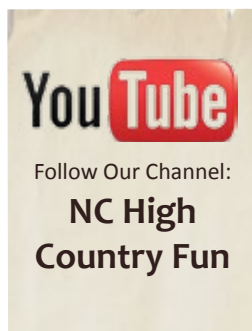
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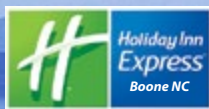
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Boone, Blowing Rock Area									
Leatherwood Mountains 336-973-4142, 877-736-8686 512 Meadow Road, Ferguson leatherwoodmountains.com	Varies								
Mountaineer Inn and Log Cabins 828-295-7991 827 N Main St, Blowing Rock mountaineaireinn.com	\$69-\$295								
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Willow Valley Resort 828-963-6551 354 Bairds Creek Rd, Boone willowvalley-resort.com	\$90-\$150							Both	
West Jefferson, Ashe County Area									
4 Seasons Vacation Rentals & Sales 336-246-2700, 866-207-4837 370 S. Main St, West Jefferson 4seasonsvacations.com	\$99-\$275								
Fall Creek Cabins <i>See our ad on page 20</i> 336-877-3131 P.O. Box 190, Fleetwood fallcreekcabins.com	Varies								
Valle Crucis, Foscoe, Sugar Grove Area									
Foscoe Rentals <i>See our ad on page 20</i> 828-963-8142, 800-723-7341 133 Echota Parkway, Boone NCMountainVacations.com	\$89-\$480								
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Valle Crucis, Foscoe, Sugar Grove Area									
Mill Ridge Vacation Rentals 828-963-4900, 828-963-4925 229 Clubhouse Dr, Banner Elk millridgeresort.com	\$116-1180								
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Mountain City, Tennessee									
Redtail Mountain Resort 423-727-7600 300 Country Club Ln, Mountain City, TN redtailmountain.com	Varies								
HOTELS, MOTELS & INNS	Rates	Pool	Whirlpool	Fireplace	Pets Allowed	WiFi	Handicap Access	Breakfast	(Non)Smoking
Banner Elk, Beech Mountain, Linville									
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Boone, Blowing Rock Area									
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Blue Heaven Resort 800-368-5168 911, Rock Cliff Rd, Boone theblueheavenresort.com	\$125 & up								
Chetola Resort at Blowing Rock <i>See our ad on page 24</i> 828-295-5500, 800-243-8652 500 N. Main St, Blowing Rock chetola.com	\$125-\$372								

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Blowing Rock, Boone Area									
Comfort Suites <i>See our ad on page 24</i> 828-268-0099, 888-854-5959 1184 Hwy. 105, Boone hgmhotels.com	\$59-\$229								
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Holiday Inn Express of Blowing Rock 828-295-4422 8412 Valley Blvd, Blowing Rock hiexpress.com	\$74-\$184								Both
Holiday Inn Express of Boone <i>See our ad page 22</i> 828-264-2451, 888-SEE-MTNS 1943 Blowing Rock Rd, Boone expressboone.com	\$70-\$249								
Meadowbrook Inn 828-295-4300, 800-467-6626 711 Main St, Blowing Rock meadowbrook-inn.com	\$89-\$350								
Ridgeway Inn 828-295-7321, 800-821-4908 131 Yonahlossee Rd, Blowing Rock thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com	Varies								

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The Village Inn <i>See our ad page 20</i> 828-295-3380, 800-821-4908 7876 Valley Blvd, Blowing Rock thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com	Varies								
West Jefferson, Ashe County Area									
Best Western Eldreth Inn 336-246-8845, 800-221-8802 829 E Main Street, Jefferson bestwestern.com/eldrethinnatmtjefferson	\$56-\$85								Both
Hampton Inn 336-846-4000, 800-426-7866 203 Hampton Place, West Jefferson hamptoninn3.hilton.com	\$89-\$159								
Jefferson Landing Lodge & Golf 800-292-6274, 888-292-2310 Hwy. 16/88, Jefferson jeffersonlandingclub.com	109-\$763								
Nation's Inn 336-246-2080, 800-801-3441 107 Beaver Creek School Rd, W Jefferson nationsinn.com	\$59-\$106								Both
Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro									
Holiday Inn Express of Wilkesboro 336-838-1800, 800-HOL-IDAY 1700 Winkler St, Wilkesboro hiexpress.com/wilkesboronc	\$70-\$130								Both
Mountain City, Tennessee									
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Boone Independent Restaurants 240 Shadowline Dr, Boone, 828-719-8693 booneindependentrestaurants.org	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies
Chick-fil-A 2082 Blowing Rock Rd, Boone Indoor playground 828-264-4660, chick-fil-a.com	160	20	B/L/D	M-Sa 6:30am- 10pm	\$	Chicken
Cracker Barrel 1601 Blowing Rock Rd, Boone Old fashioned country store 828-264-4425, crackerbarrel.com	180	N/A	B/L/D	M-Sa 6-10pm (11pm F-Sa)	\$	Old fashioned country food
Dan'l Boone Inn Restaurant 130 Hardin St, Boone Seasonal Hours, call ahead 828-264-8657, danlbooneinn.com	300	100	B/L/D	M-Su 8am- 9pm	\$\$	Family-style comfort food, Buses welcome
The Gamekeeper Restaurant 3005 Shulls Mill Rd, Boone Seasonal hours, call ahead 828-963-7400, gamekeeper-nc.com	--	--	D	M-Su 6pm- Until	\$\$\$\$	Fine Dining Fresh Local Seasonal Produce Meats and Fish
Golden Corral 187 Watauga Village Dr, Boone Buses Welcome 828-264-9909, goldencorral.com	275	150	B/L/D	M-Th 11-9:30 (Sa-Su 7:30- 9:30)	\$	Buffet, Salad Bar, Dessert Bar
Makoto's Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar 2124 Blowing Rock Rd, Blowing Rock Chef performs at your table! 828-264-7976, makotos-boone.com	210	100	L/D	M-Sa 11am- 9:30pm	\$\$- \$\$\$	Sushi Bar, Japanese Teppanyaki
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Timberlake's Restaurant at Chetola Resort 500 N. Main St, Blowing Rock Menu inspired by Bob Timberlake 828-295-5531, chetola.com	--	100+	B/D	Varies by Season	\$\$\$	Fine Dining
Vistas at Redtail Mountain 300 CountryClub Ln, Mountain City TN Upscale Casual Dining 423-727-7600, redtailmountain.com	200	65+	L/D	M-Su 11:30-9pm	\$\$- \$\$\$	Sunday Brunch, patio dining, all ABC permits
Woodlands Barbeque 8304 Valley Blvd, Blowing Rock Featuring live music 828-295-3651, woodlandsbbq.com	180	100	L/D	M-Su 11am- 9pm	\$- \$\$\$	Chopped and sliced beef, pork, ribs and chicken

Farmers' Markets

West Jefferson, Sparta Area

Alleghany County Farmers' Market

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May 11-Oct 12, Sat: 9-1pm
June 13- Aug 29, Thurs: 4-6pm

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Lansing Farmers' Market

Lansing Fire Dept, 336-384-1603
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Banner Elk, Beech Mtn Area

Avery County Farmers' Market

170 Linville St, Newland, 828-733-8274
June 16-Oct 20: Sat: 9-12pm

Spruce Pine Farmers' Market

Upper St, Spruce Pine, 800-227-3912
May 2-Oct 31, Wed: 2-5pm

Mountain City, TN

Mountain City Farmers' Market

110 Court St, Mountain City, 423-895-9980
May 4-Oct, Sat: 9-1pm
June 14- Aug 28, Tues: 3-6pm

Boone, Blowing Rock Area

Blowing Rock Fresh Market

Wallingford Road Parking Area, 828-295-7851
May 16-Oct 10, Thurs: 4-6pm

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2989 Tynecastle Hwy, Banner Elk, 828-898-8088
Scenic & lifestyle prints and digital files available for your home & business. Order online. Also, commercial photography services for the High Country and internationally. bushphoto.com

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts

423 W King St, Boone, 828-262-3017
Visual arts come to life at Appalachian State University's premier art museum! Acclaimed exhibitions, lectures, special events & workshops for all ages. Free admission; guided tours available. turchincenter.org

Wilkes Heritage Museum, Inc

100 E Main St, Wilkesboro, 336-667-3171
Preserving history & heritage through the Wilkes Heritage Museum, Old Wilkes Jail & Robert Cleveland Log Home. All are open to the public, with admission charged, Tues-Sat: 10am-4pm. wilkesheritagemuseum.com

Agri-Tourism

Have you ever had the hankerin' to go out and dig in the dirt, plant some little seeds, and see what springs up?

The High Country offers many fun ways to experience life down on the farm - picking apples while listening to stories of Revolutionaries tromping through the woods to change history or learning how to spin alpaca fur.

The rocky soil on Blue Ridge mountainsides is perfect for growing grapes, and many vintners in the area combine fruits with varietals for signature wines you can sample on site.

Start a new family tradition of finding the perfect centerpiece for your Christmas and holiday celebrations fresh in the field. Choose and Cut Tree Farms dot the landscape in the High Country and have provided the White House Christmas Tree for seven out of the last 20 years.



Apple Hill Farm courtesy of Maria Richardson

FARM & WINERY TOURS

Apple Hill Farm

400 Apple Hill Rd, Banner Elk, 828-963-1662
Mountain view farm featuring alpacas, llamas, goats, donkeys & horses! Guided walking tours Saturdays at 2pm: May 16-Oct 10. Private group & school tours year round. Christmas on the Farm from Nov-Dec: 9-5. applehillfarmnc.com

Banner Elk Winery

60 Deer Run Ln, Banner Elk, 828-260-1790
Nestled in the awe-inspiring majestic Blue Ridge Mountains stands the High Country's original winery. Enjoy award-winning wines such as our Double Gold Winner Marechal Foch or Gold Medal, Seyval Blanc. bannereelkwinery.com

Coffey's Orchard at Coffee Grounds

833 Ridge Rd, Boone, 828-964-2645
Small Century farm selling apples, fall produce & seasonal decorations. Offering fall weekday agri-education group tours, year-round fiber arts programs and in-school programs by appt. Call for directions, do NOT rely on GPS.

Daniel Boone Native Gardens

651 Horn in the West Dr, Boone, 828-264-6390
Features a collection of NC native plant material in an informal landscape design for education and preservation. See the Wrought Iron Gates made by Daniel Boone VI. Seasonal. danielboonegardens.org

The Historic Orchard at Altapass

1025 Orchard Rd, Spruce Pine, 888-765-9531
Historic orchard astride the Blue Ridge Parkway. Stories of early settlers and Revolutionary War, hayrides, music on weekends, crafts, apples. Seasonal, 7 days a week. altapassorchard.com

Thistle Meadow Winery

102 Thistle Meadow, Laurel Springs, 800-233-1505, A winery that allows you to see just how wine is made daily and how you can make wine to your taste. Visitors welcome. thistlemeadowwinery.com

CHOOSE & CUT FARMS

Appalachian Evergreens

1371 Hwy 194, Boone, 877-266-1609
Mail-order wreaths, choose & cut trees and a full range of fresh Christmas greenery for individuals and wholesale. apeevergreens.com

Big Ridge Tree Farm

762 George Eggers Rd, Banner Elk, 828-963-5151
Choose & Cut Christmas trees. Quality Fraser firs, 6'-9' & tabletops up to 4'. Handmade wreaths, garland, refreshments, crafts & tree stands. Free bailing, loading & hayrides. Open daily starting weekend before Thanksgiving. Groups welcome. bigridgetreefarm.com

Cornett Deal Christmas Tree Farm

142 Tannenbaum Ln, Vilas, 828-964-6322
Choose & cut farm open Thanksgiving weekend and the following weekend. Trees up to 11ft, wreaths, hayrides, refreshments, tree shaker, tree drill machine, stands and local crafts. cmtreefarm.com

Farm Tour & Nature Walk

Walking tour of working Christmas tree farm. 70-minute tour includes local history, .75-mile hike, shearing demo, 48ft long suspension bridge, blueberry operation, mountain views, passive solar energy. Weekends. Adults \$8 Children \$5 swingingletreefarm.com

NC Christmas Tree Association

577-3 George Wilson Rd, Boone, 800-562-8789
Promotional and educational association for growers of NC Christmas trees. ncchristmastrees.com

Sugar Plum Farm

1263 Isaacs Branch Rd, Plumtree, 828-765-0019
100-acre choose & cut tree farm. Learn about the production of Christmas trees. Handcrafted ornaments made by mountain people, tours, hayrides, catered food, and event buildings. Agri-tainment and hiking trails. sugarplumfarm.com

Watauga County Christmas Tree Assoc.

971 W King St, Boone, 828-264-3061
Involved in choose & cut days when shoppers may go to Christmas tree farms, select and cut a free tree. Visit our website: wataugachristmastrees.org

Blue Ridge Parkway

Conceived as a work project during the Great Depression, the Blue Ridge Parkway is an entrance-fee-free national park. Along its 469-mile length are many parks within the park that will invite you to pull over and stretch your legs, enjoy a picnic, or just admire the scenery.

Many of the most sought after views and iconic parts of the drive, including the Linn Cove Viaduct and Moses Cone Manor, are located in the heart of the High Country.



BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Blue Ridge National Heritage Area

195 Hemphill Knob Rd, Asheville, 828-298-5330
Serving the mountains & foothills of NC. Find out more about preserving, interpreting and developing the cultural and natural heritage of the region.
blueridgeheritage.com

See our ad on page 2

Blue Ridge Parkway Association

PO Box 2136, Asheville, 828-670-1924
500+ member association dedicated to promoting the entire Blue Ridge Parkway area. Produces the annual Blue Ridge Parkway Directory & Travel Planner. blueridgeparkway.org

Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation

717 S Marshall St, Winston-Salem, 866-308-2773
Support the Blue Ridge Parkway by visiting a Parkway Plus partner and donating to the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.

parkwayplus.org

Parkway Craft Center

BRP MP 294, Blowing Rock, 828-295-7938
Come for the view...leave with a piece of our heritage. This grand manor is home to a showcase of the best crafts from a 9 state region. Open 9-5 daily, March 15-Nov 30.

southernhighlandguild.com

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Looking for milepost itineraries, birding & wildflower information, photos and more in-depth information on the Blue Ridge Parkway? **Visit:** highcountryparkway.com



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BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Cumberland Knob (MP 217.5)

This recreation area is home to a mix of woodlands and open fields.



Doughton Park (MP 240)

Named for Robert Doughton, this park provides excellent opportunities for many activities.



E.B. Jeffress Park (MP 272)

After a picnic or snack, walk this park's short trail to the beautiful Cascades Falls.



Moses Cone Memorial Park (MP 292)

Enjoy the 3600 acres Moses Cone, textile magnate, purchased containing many trails as well as his beautiful estate, Flat Top Manor House, which now houses crafts by members of the Southern Highlands Craft Guild.



Julian Price Park (MP 297)

This beautiful park is the perfect mountain retreat with its 7 trails, picnic tables, and streams.



Linn Cove Viaduct Visitor Center (MP 304.3)

This stop affords up-close views of the Viaduct as you hike part of the Tanawha Trail.



Linville Falls Visitor Center (MP 316.4)

Hike to overview of Linville Falls Gorge, often referred to as the Grand Canyon of the East.



Museum of NC Minerals (MP 331)

This visitor center showcases many of the minerals found at nearby Spruce Pine, with fun and educational interactive displays.

Blue Ridge Parkway Office

828-271-4779

Road closures, facilities, and activities

828-298-0398



www.highcountryparkway.com

Milepost itineraries, birding & wildflower information, photos and more!

NATIONAL & STATE PARKS

Pisgah National Forest

Encompassing 500,000 acres of land, Pisgah's slopes are covered with hardwoods & home to waterfalls, whitewater rivers, trails & forest roads. Permit may be required. Call 828-652-2144.



W. Kerr Scott Reservoir

This man-made lake is home to 30 miles of trails, seven boat launches, and four designated swimming areas and beaches. Permits required for some activities. Call 336-921-3390.



Elk Knob State Park

The newest park, still in its developmental stage, has newly opened trails to the summit of Elk Knob. To learn more, call 828-297-7261.



Grandfather Mountain State Park

The park encompasses the backcountry of Grandfather Mountain with many trails & camping spots. Permits required, call 828-963-9522.



Mount Jefferson State Park

This year-round park soars 1600 feet above and is located just outside of Jefferson and W Jefferson.



New River State Park

Located on what is believed to be the oldest river in North America, this park provides many recreational and educational opportunities. To learn more, call 336-982-2587.



Rendezvous Mountain Education State Forest

Hike along the Logging History Demonstration Trail and Forest Demonstration Trail as the trees tell their stories on the Talking Tree Trail. For more details, call 336-667-5072.



Stone Mountain State Park

Home to a National Natural Landmark: a 600-foot granite dome. Houses the Hutchinson Homestead, dating back to the 1800s. To find out more, call 336-957-8185.



LOCAL PARKS & ACTIVITIES

Banner Elk

Avery County YMCA

436 Hospital Dr, Linville, 828-737-5500

6,000 square foot wellness area

Tate-Evans Park

210 Park Ave, Banner Elk

Walking trail, 2 playgrounds, picnic area, volleyball court, wading pool and amphitheatre

Beech Mountain

Buckeye Recreation Center

206 Grassy Gap Creek Rd, 828-387-3003

Fishing, hiking, tennis, basketball, fitness room, snowshoe rentals, under 15 fish free

Mountain Biking at Emerald Outback

Single track trails at 5,000', other biking trails are available

Blowing Rock

Memorial Park

1026 Main St, Blowing Rock, 828-295-5222

Public pool, picnic tables, playground, tennis courts, Anne Cannon gardens & hiking trails to Glen Burney Falls

Boone

Watauga Recreation Complex

231 Complex Dr, Boone, 828-264-9511

Paved greenway trail meandering several miles along the New River, playground, basketball, baseball, indoor swimming

Rocky Knob Mountain Biking Park

US Hwy 421S, Boone, 828-264-9511

185 acre park. Moderate to difficult trails for mountain bike and hiker use.

Boone Jaycee Park

Horn in the West Drive, Boone
Playground, picnic shelter & grills

Jefferson/West Jefferson

Ashe Park

527 Ashe Park, Jefferson

Picnic shelters, horseshoe, fishing pond, disc golf course, volleyball, basketball

West Jefferson Park

203 W Main St, W Jefferson

Picnic tables & grills, playground, tennis & basketball courts, walking path

Sparta

Alleghany Wellness Center

508 Collins Rd, Sparta, 336-372-2944

Indoor pool, fitness area, children's corner, outdoor beach volleyball

Ferguson

Whippoorwill Village

11928 NC Hwy 268 W, Ferguson, 336-973-3237

Tom Dooley Museum, blacksmith shop and more. Seasonal hours, free admission



Photo by Kim Hadley

Events & Live Entertainment



Valle Country Fair Photo by Catherine Morton

EVENTS & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

An Appalachian Summer Festival

733 Rivers St, Boone, 800-841-ARTS

A month-long arts festival on the Appalachian State University campus presenting programs in music, dance, theatre, visual arts & film.

appsummer.org

See our ad on page 47

ASU Performing Arts

423 W King St, Boone, 828-262-4046

Featuring the finest in touring performances annually from Sept-April. World class jazz, opera, theater, dance, world music. pas.appstate.edu

Blue Ridge Theater & Events Center

9331 Hwy 16S, W Jefferson, 336-246-2900

Striving to offer national, as well as local, entertainment to Ashe County & the High Country.

brdt.net

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

MacRae Meadows, Linville, 828-733-1333

One of America's premier Scottish Highland celebrations featuring the largest clan gathering in the world! Celebrate Celtic culture & competition at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mtn the 2nd Saturday in July. gmhg.org

Horn in the West

591 Horn in the West Dr, Boone, 828-264-2120
The nation's longest-running Revolutionary War outdoor drama. Open 8pm nightly, except Monday, mid-June-mid August. horninthewest.com
See our ad on page 45

MerleFest

1350 S Collegiate Dr, Wilkesboro, 800-343-7857
Committed to producing a high-quality diversified American-roots-based musical experience that attracts a broad audience & reunites guests, supporters and performers in an annual celebration of Americana music. merlefest.org

Mountain Home Music

PO Box 572, Boone, 828-964-3392

Appalachian musicians, dancers, storytellers & poets. Appalachian tradition includes celtic, old-time, bluegrass and African American forms of artistic expression. Performances year round.

mountainhomemusic.com

See our ad on page 50

MusicFest 'n Sugar Grove

207 Dale Adams Rd, Sugar Grove, 828-297-2200
Bluegrass musicians perform on the grounds of the Historic Cove Creek High School. Food, CDs, souvenirs and more! CCP&D sponsors this festival as well as Farm Heritage Days in Sept.

covecreek.net

Whats going on while you are visiting?



SCAN for the monthly High Country e-newsletter

Visit the Daniel Boone Park for Fun & Entertainment for the Whole Family!

Horn in the West *Hickory Ridge*
A Revolutionary War Outdoor Drama *Living History Museum*

Dinner with Dan'l - CATERED Buffet By Reservation www.HornintheWest.com Boone Heritage Festival - Saturday, October 12 www.HickoryRidgeMuseum.com

Daniel Boone Park
591 Horn in the West Drive | Boone, NC 28607 | 828.264.2120

Free Music & Culture

Beyond the billboards, down the road, down the driveway, behind the trees, there's a gathering of local folks playing music, telling stories, and dancing. This gathering place may be just about anywhere in the High Country, for there are many local gathering places. But how does a visitor find these places? Whom do you ask? Would a visitor be welcome?

Finding these places may not be easy. Down the road, behind the trees, it may be a country store, a gas station, an old home place, a barn, or a cabin. And the place may change from time to time, from season to season.

It may also be hard finding the right person to ask. How does one find a face in the crowd, someone with deep roots in the community and someone with strong connections to local culture? And if a person and place are found, would visitors be welcome?

Fortunately, even though community-gathering spots may be hard to find, local performers are found easily. And even though finding the right person to ask may be difficult, information about where locals perform is readily available. And about being welcome, at just about any place, mountain folks tend to be generous with their time and talent and visitors are appreciated.

Fortunately too, local folks, local purveyors of Appalachian culture, are recognized and honored in the High Country. In addition to their local community gathering places, they also gather at public places at announced times, for all to appreciate.



Banner Elk, Beech Mtn Area

Crossnore Jam

Crossnore Dr, Crossnore, 828-733-0360
Live jam sessions are held the 1st & 3rd Friday during the summer months at the Town Meeting House. Bring an instrument if you would like to join in! crossnorenc.com

The Orchard at Altapass

1025 Orchard Rd, Spruce Pine, 828-765-9531
Live bands perform Wed-Sun from May-Sept and weekends in Oct. altapassfoundation.org

Sunday Sunset Concert Series

501 Beech Mtn Pkwy, Beech Mtn, 828-387-4838
In the summer, local musicians serenade visitors at Fred's Mercantile Gazebo. Be sure to bring a chair & blanket! Even in summer, evenings at this elevation can be quite cool. fredsgeneral.com

Tate-Evans Park

210 Park Ave, Banner Elk, 828-898-8395
Eclectic mix of musicians perform Thursday evenings: 6/21-8/30 at 6pm. Bring a chair or blanket. Food vendors on site. bannerelk.org

Blowing Rock, Boone Area

Appalachian State Hayes School of Music

813 Rivers St, Boone, 828-262-3020
An array of faculty, student & guest performances. Grand opera to jazz to bluegrass showcased. Concerts generally last an hour and take place weeknights and Sunday afternoons. music.appstate.edu

Concerts in the Park

Memorial Park, Blowing Rock, 828-295-4636
Sunday afternoon concerts begin in May on Mother's Day and go through October. Feature a wide array of music. Bring a chair and enjoy! blowingrock.com

Jones House Community Center

604 W King St, Boone, 828-264-1789
Free concerts every Friday, 5pm, June through Sept. Old-time jam sessions every Thursday at 7:30pm. Bring a chair or blanket. joneshousecommunitycenter.org

Mast General Store

Valle Crucis, 828-963-6511
The Original Mast Store has music most every Sat & Sun. It begins around noon, sometimes earlier, and lasts until around 2pm. Musical genres featured include traditional, old-time, bluegrass, Celtic and Appalachian. mastgeneralstore.com

West Jefferson, Sparta Area

Backstreet Park Summer Concert Series

Backstreet, West Jefferson, 336-846-9550
Held the 3rd Friday of every month from May-August. Features local and regional artists playing a mix of traditional bluegrass, country and gospel music. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the evening. visitwestjefferson.org

Crouse House Pickers

60 Cherry St, Sparta, 800-372-5473
Jam session held every Monday at 6pm on the Crouse House porch and stage. Bring an instrument if you would like to join in! sparta-nc.com

Music in the Park

60 Cherry St, Sparta, 800-372-5473
Held most Saturdays, June-Aug from 7-10pm. Bring a chair or blanket. sparta-nc.com



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Calendar of Events



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APRIL

April 6-7

Blowing Rock Trout Derby

2-day fishing event for all ages with prizes 828-295-4636

April 10-14

Blue Ridge Wine & Food Festival

Grand wine tasting, seminars, dinners, Fire on the Rock Chef Challenge and more!
blueridgewinefestival.com

April 25-28

Merlefest

A high-quality, diversified Americana music celebration since 1988. merlefest.org

MAY

May 4

9th Annual Shine to Wine Festival

Live entertainment, art, wine and food along with the 5th-Annual Culinary Chef Challenge.
downtownnorthwilkesboro.com

May 17-19

Naturalist Weekend at Grandfather Mountain

Join us for guided hikes & special presentations on birds, wildflowers and nature of Grandfather Mountain. Included with regular admission.
grandfather.com

May 31-June 9

Day Out with Thomas at Tweetsie

Thomas fans are invited to spend the day with their favorite No. 1 engine. tweetsie.com

JUNE

June 23

89 Annual Singing on the Mountain

All-day gospel singing, church bazaar & dinner in the meadow at the base of Grandfather Mountain. grandfather.com

June 21-23

Dora & Diego at Tweetsie Railroad

Meet Nickelodeon's Dora the Explorer & her cousin Diego! tweetsie.com

JULY

July 1-31

An Appalachian Summer Festival

Music, theatre, dance, film & visual arts in a month long festival. appssummer.org

July Weekends

Tom Dooley: A Wilkes County Legend

The true story of Tom Dula: love, murder & the hanging of a man many believe to be innocent. 336-838-PLAY (7529)

July 4

Town of Boone 4th of July Celebration

Small town parade, free watermelon, music & fireworks. boone-nc.org

July 6

47th Annual Roasting of the Hog

Pork, smoked turkey & all the fixin's along with music & fireworks. beechmtn.com

July 6-7

Independence Day Celebration Weekend

Games, live music & the Main Street Parade
blowingrock.com

July 6

27th-Annual Christmas in July Festival

Arts, crafts, music, Civil War reenactors, food & fun! christmasinjury.info

July 11-14

58th-Annual Grandfather Mtn Highland Games

Scottish athletes, dancers, bagpipe parades, Celtic music and more! gmhg.org

July 12-14

Spongebob Squarepants at Tweetsie

Meet Spongebob & his friend Patrick Star!
tweetsie.com

July 12-13

MusicFest 'n Sugar Grove

Bluegrass & roots musicians, food, souvenirs, CD's and more. covecreek.net

July 19-20

Alleghany Fiddlers Convention

The best in traditional mountain music in competition. alleghanyfiddlersconvention.com

AUGUST

August 1-4

Annual Art & Antiques Show

Vendors from across the East Coast will bring items. blowingrockmuseum.org

August 1-4

56th-Annual NC Mineral & Gem Festival

Featuring gem, jewelry and mineral displays & dealers from across the world! ncgemfest.com

August 3

31st-Annual Crafts on the Green

Local arts & crafts at the Fred's General Gazebo. beechmtn.com

August 31- Sept 1

Fine Arts & Master Craft Festival

Juried festival with nationally & internationally known artisans. averycounty.com

SEPTEMBER

September 1

Beech Mtn Annual Mile High Kite Festival

Kite club demonstrations, free kites to the 1st 200 kids. beechmtn.com

September 7

Kidfest at Grandfather Mountain

A day designed to get kids excited about nature & culture of NC mtns. grandfather.com

September 21

Mountain Heritage Festival

Demonstrators, crafts, food, dance & music
coolsparta.com

September 21

Farm Heritage Day

Food, vendors, demonstrators, music & animals
covecreek.net

September 28

Art on the Mountain

Juried outdoor art & craft sale
ashcountyyarts.org

September 28

West Jefferson Antiques Fair

Food and vendors selling antiques & collectibles
westjeffersonbusiness.com

Sept 27-Nov 2

Ghost Train Halloween Festival

Kid-friendly Halloween Celebration
tweetsie.com

Sept 27-29

6th Annual Native American Pow Wow

Dancing, drumming, flint knapping, music, crafts and storytelling. 336-921-3390

OCTOBER

October 5

Brushy Mountain Apple Festival

Music, dancing, arts & crafts, food & a celebration of mtn. apples. applefestival.net

October 5-6

Autumn at OZ

Visit the Land of OZ & stroll down the Yellow Brick Rd with all the characters. beechmtn.com

October 12

Annual Todd New River Festival

Local crafts, mountain music, food & fun
toddn.org

October 12

Boone Heritage Festival

Living history demonstrations, crafts, music, storytelling & children's activities.
booneheritagefestival.com



PARKWAY CRAFT CENTER
at Moses Cone Manor

Representing artists living in the Southern Appalachian Mtns, this Southern Highland Craft Guild shop provides breathtaking views, educational demonstrations and a unique shopping experience.

828-295-7938 www.craftguild.org
MP 294, Blue Ridge Pkwy, Blowing Rock

Open Mar 15-Nov 30 Daily

October 18

35th-Annual Valle Country Fair

Juried fine art & crafts booths, music & food.

vallecountryfair.org

October 19-20

36th-Annual Woolly Worm Festival

Woolly Worm race, crafts, food & kids activities.

woollyworm.com**NOVEMBER**

November 16

Ashe County Holiday Paradeashechamber.com

November 29-30

Christmas in the Park & Lighting of the Town

Music, games, Santa, parade and more!

blowingrock.com**DECEMBER**

December 7

Boone Christmas Parade & CelebrationSmall-town parade and open house at the Jones House Community Center. boone-nc.org**Events in a Series****Appalachian State University Performing Arts**

October-April

A collection of performances including theatre, jazz, comedy, orchestral and popular artists.

pas.appstate.edu**Art in the Park**

May-Oct: Various Saturdays

A juried art & craft show featuring 90 artisans.

blowingrock.com/artinthepark**Art Rocks**

September: Various Events

Art workshops, exhibits and celebrations

throughout Blowing Rock. blowingrock.com**Ashe Arts Center Exhibits**

Exhibits change about every 2 months

Featuring painting, photography, crafts and more! ashecountyarts.org**Blowing Rock Art Exhibits**

Exhibits change around every 2 months

Featuring everything from photography to musical instrument exhibits!

blowingrockmuseum.org**Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show**

June-Aug: Various Dates

The longest continuously running outdoor horse show in the country.

blowingrockquestrian.com**Choose & Cut Christmas Trees**

November-December: Various locations

An old fashioned family tradition & select your own tree! Many farms offer hayrides, handmade crafts and more! ncchristmastrees.com**Downtown Boone Art Crawl**

Jan-Dec: 1st Friday of the month

Stroll to galleries along King St., meet artists, listen to music and enjoy a meal. boone-nc.org**Downtown West Jefferson Art Crawl**

June-Nov: 2nd Saturday of the month

Enjoy openings, demonstrations, new artists, and the creative atmosphere. ashecountyarts.org**Horn in the West**

June 28- Aug 17: Nightly except Monday @ 8pm

The nation's 3rd-oldest outdoor drama tells the story of Daniel Boone & the Revolutionary War.

horninthewest.com**Mountain Home Music Concerts**

Memorial Day-Christmas Season: Usually Saturday nights in Boone/Blowing Rock. Traditional

Mountain Music. mountainhomemusic.com


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Realty & Communities

Beechwood Realty503 Beech Mtn Pkwy, Beech Mtn, 800-692-2061
Owner/Broker Jim Brooks has 37 years experience on Beech Mountain and has watched it develop from the beginning. Through the years he has played a vital role in the community's development. slopeside.com**Chetola Resort Real Estate**

500 N Main St, Blowing Rock, 888-480-9962

Home ownership in NC's premier resort community. Condominium homes offer the ultimate in luxury and amenities. 1-4 bedroom units, fitness center, spa, boating, fishing, indoor pool and much more. chetola.com**Defender Resorts, Inc.**

Banner Elk, 843-449-1354

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Composed of members in Watauga, Avery and Ashe counties, and the surrounding area, who maintain a marketplace where buyers and sellers can safely transfer property, under the guidance of a professional held to standards of excellence.

highcountryrealtors.org See our ad on page 51**Jefferson Landing**

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linvillelandharbor.com See our ad on page 14**Sugar Mtn Resort Sales**3390 Tynecastle Hwy, Banner Elk, 800-438-4555
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Local Services

Appalachian Regional Healthcare System

336 Deerfield Rd, Boone, 800-443-7385
Appalachian Regional Healthcare System is committed to promoting health in the High Country by enhancing quality of life and simply making life better. apprhs.org

Appalachian State University

287 Rivers St, Boone, 828-262-2179
Small classes, an emphasis on undergraduate instruction and an atmosphere that fosters caring relationships between students and faculty have characterized this university since its founding. appstate.edu

AppalCART

274 Winklers Creek Rd, Boone, 828-264-2278
Watauga County's public transportation authority, offering free bus service in the Boone area, Monday-Saturday and county-wide van service Monday-Friday. appalCART.com

Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation

800-448-2383, One of the largest electric cooperatives in NC. It serves 75,000 customers across NW NC. Our service area includes Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes, Avery and Alexander counties. blueridgeemc.com

Bryce Holder CPA, PA

820 State Farm Rd, Boone, 800-456-3595
Our services include: tax planning, individual and business tax services, audits of homeowner associations, non-profit organizations and other bookkeeping and payroll services. bryceholder.com

Leisure Publishing Company

PO Box 21535, Roanoke VA, 800-548-1672
Publishers of Blue Ridge Country Magazine, the Blue Ridge Parkway Guide and other advertising and publishing projects. blueridgecountry.com

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Mountain Times Publications

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Check our website for High Country news, events, visitor information, employment, housing information, restaurants, lodging, shopping, outdoor adventures, maps, weather & more! mountaintimes.com

Print Distribution

PO Box 355, Jonesborough, TN, 800-752-9972
Provides brochure distribution service for tourist attractions in West NC, East Kentucky, East Tennessee and SW Virginia. printdistribution.com

Skyline Membership Corporation

PO Box 759, West Jefferson, 800-759-2226
Full service telecommunications cooperative, Skyline/SkyBest Communications offer local service, voicemail, custom calling services, dial-up and high-speed internet, long distance, business systems and networking solutions. skyline.org

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207 Dale Adams Ln, Sugar Grove, 828-297-4226
sgdds.org

Village Laundry

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A full-service laundromat offering coin laundry and drop-off wash, dry and fold services. Personal and commercial.

VistaGraphics, Inc

1264 Perimeter Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 800-422-0742, Publisher of the High Country Visitor's Guide and multiple other visitor guides throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. vistorsguidenetwork.com

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In the Know

The screenshot shows three main sections: 'Upcoming Events' with a list of events from Nov-28 to Apr-18; 'Plan Your Trip' with buttons for 'Cabins & Condos', 'Winter Sports', 'New Specials', and 'Family Attractions'; and 'Local Weather' showing 'Current Weather' for Blowing Rock, NC, with a 29°F forecast and a 'Weather Outlook' for the week of Feb 22-28.

The High Country Host staff knows what questions visitors ask most and have created an easy to find section on our website main page containing information on:

- Up to date event listings
- Current weather forecast
- Accommodation listings
- Coupons & Discounts
- The most popular seasonal activities!

Social

We update our sites daily!
Follow us and get:

- The latest scenic photos
- Event reminders & updates
- Coupons & Discounts
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Video

You can watch local musicians talk about their passion for mountain music, a skilled climber scale a cliff overlooking the Blue Ridge Parkway and much more on our YouTube Channel.



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Person to Person

Call in or stop by the Visitor Information Center when you arrive in the High Country!

Our staff can help you with:

- Vacant Lodging
- Hiking information
- Local maps & brochures
- The best local music venues
- The hottest restaurants
- And much more!

**High Country Host
Visitor Information Center**

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