



# Blowing Rock

NORTH CAROLINA

Located directly on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Blowing Rock is a small town with a big, wild backyard. The quaint village is laden with more shopping, dining, entertainment, and lodging options than you'd ever expect. Unspoiled surroundings offer everything from fishing & stargazing to hiking & climbing. Come play!

At the Blowing Rock

## ..... 2024 New & Coming Soon in Blowing Rock .....

**Lodging:** The **Embers Hotel**, a 36-room, full-service boutique hotel and restaurant, is opening this spring on the corner of Main Street and Yonahlossee Road/Highway 221. **Blowing Rock Inn** has recently been acquired by a new owner and will undergo renovations soon.

**Dining:** The **Restaurant at Gideon Ridge Inn** is a **James Beard Award Semifinalist** in the Outstanding Restaurant category. The restaurant also **received Tripadvisor's Travelers' Choice Best of the Best Award** for the second year in a row this past October. **Cupcrazed Café** has taken the place of the long-running Village Café (owners retired), and is serving breakfast, lunch, dinner, and brunch in the historic home and patio gardens. Lots of sweets and custom baked goods available, too! Another new bakery is serving up French-style delights: **Tout Suite** is an expansion of the much-loved Café Violette.

**Attractions:** The **Blowing Rock History Walk** is now open, offering a self-guided path from downtown around Broyhill Park. 20 bronze plaques tell insightful and sometimes funny stories about the history of Blowing Rock. Local adventure attraction, Sky Valley Zip Tours has just added **Mountain Cat Off Road Adventures** to their offerings. These electric trail vehicles provide a different way to hit the trails, and are accessible to people with certain disabilities as they have hands-only operation. Blowing Rock now has its own **Pump Track Trail**, thanks to the ambition of local Boy Scout Evan Cutlip, who built the trail as his Eagle Scout project. Take Heart, the little purple shop, is opening a **Prayer Garden** in Blowing Rock, in partnership with generous donors. Sections of the **Middle Fork Greenway** are opening as it nears completion; it will connect Blowing Rock to Boone with a pedestrian path along the river.

## ..... Story Ideas .....

### Blowing Rock Makers: Artisans at Work

Blowing Rock attracts creative people who draw inspiration from the natural splendor of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Today, there are **several artisans making beautiful things right inside their local shops.**

- Katherine Lile, 4th-generation quilter, creates rope baskets and more at The Mtn. Thread Co.
- The Zieglers carve hand-dipped candles at High Country Candles.
- Hunter Allen designs & hand-stitches leather wallets and more in his newly-expanded Grounded Works.
- Gaines Kiker forges custom jewelry and sculpture.
- The Bolick family pottery studio is located just outside town; two heritage events are held each year.
- In summer, Artists In Residence hosts a different regional artist each week working in a studio setting.

### Unique Places to Stay

**Blowing Rock Brewing** has inn rooms available at their brewery & restaurant in downtown Blowing Rock. **Meadowbrook Inn** has two suites that include a private pool! **Hellbender Bed & Beverage** caters to the adventurer, with Eno hammocks and clawfoot soaking tubs in select rooms. **Mountaineire Inn** offers little log cabins tucked in a garden, right on Main Street. The top-floor **Treehouse Suite at the Inn at Ragged Gardens** features multiple skylights, bark siding along the walls, a bathroom fireplace, and a private balcony with a view of the grounds. All of these are downtown, within easy walking distance of shopping and dining! The **Bob Timberlake Inn at Chetola Resort** is another special lodging option, located inside the historic manor house of the former estate. **Gideon Ridge Inn** features incredible mountain views and luxurious amenities that include reservations at the Restaurant at Gideon Ridge, which ranked highly on Trip Advisor's most recent Best of the Best lists.

### Co-ed Bachelor/Bachelorette Trips: Jack and Jill Escapes

For those couples who prefer to celebrate the upcoming big day with all their shared friends, Blowing Rock is an ideal getaway! Plenty of large rental houses & suite options: check. Close to tons of activities: check. Great local food & drink scene: check. It's easy to build itineraries for different segments of the group, too. Nature lovers have miles of trails and waterways, adventure seekers can book adrenaline-pumping experiences, and several world-class spas await those who believe vacations are meant for relaxation. Or, why not all of the above? After an ideal day, everyone can convene for downtown fun and delicious dining. Natural splendor, fun activities, and a schedule on "mountain time" will all help everyone reconnect and create cherished memories!

### Outdoor Recreation Adventure Hub

Location is everything when it comes to the **variety of outdoor recreation Blowing Rock offers!** On the Blue Ridge Parkway and adjacent to Pisgah National Forest, with the resources of multiple outfitters and nearby local communities, the town is an ideal hub. With so many lodging and dining options right in the heart of the shopping district, Blowing Rock is the perfect place to unwind after a day full of adventure. Find scenic parks, diverse hiking trails, incredible cycling routes, mountain biking trails, ski resorts, bouldering and climbing areas, and guides offering whitewater rafting, tubing, and kayaking.

### Fly Fishing Destination

Blowing Rock is home to a growing set of guide services to help anglers, both expert and novice, have the most exciting fishing trip, ever!

- Chetola Resort Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing
- Mountains to Coast with Carl Freeman
- Speckled Trout Outfitters



Bolick & Traditions Pottery



Fishing with Chetola Resort

**Special Events:**  
 Trout Derby- Apr 6  
 Art in the Park- May 18, Jun 15, Jul 13, Aug 17, Sept 7, Oct 5  
 Artists in Residence- Memorial Day to Labor Day  
 Horse Show- Jun 6-9, Jul 23 - Aug 4  
 July 4<sup>th</sup> Festival- Jul 6  
 Symphony by the Lake- Jul 19  
 Tour of Homes- Jul 26  
 Plein Air Festival- Aug 20-24  
 Tweetsie's Ghost Train – Sept 20 – Oct 26  
 Halloween Festival- Oct 26  
 Christmas in the Park- Nov 29  
 Tweetsie Christmas- Nov 29 – Dec  
 Holiday Stroll- Dec 13  
 WinterFest- Jan 23-26

**Local Attractions:**  
 Blue Ridge Parkway  
 Tweetsie Railroad  
 The Blowing Rock  
 High Gravity Adventures  
 Sky Valley Zip Tours  
 Mystery Hill  
 Doc's Rocks  
 Appalachian Ski Mountain  
 Blowing Rock Art & History Museum  
 Grandfather Mountain  
 Hawksnest Snow Tubing  
 Linville Caverns

**Adventure Here!**  
 Hiking, Fly Fishing, Skiing, Horseback Riding, Cycling, Ziplining, Rock Climbing, Mountain Biking, Rafting, Camping, Canoeing, Snowboarding, River (and Snow) Tubing...



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