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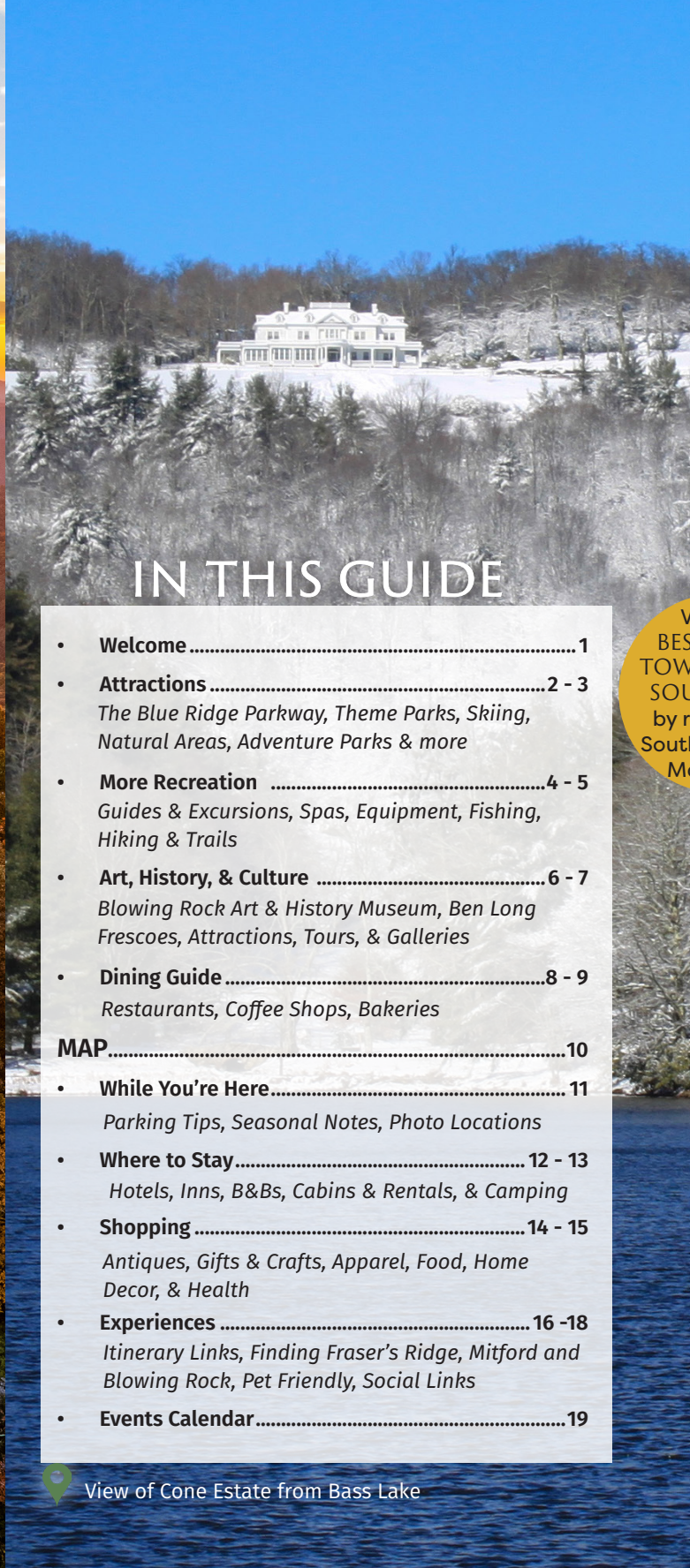


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Things to Do
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Welcome to Blowing Rock Crown of the Blue Ridge

Hospitality runs deep here. It all started with folks coming to Blowing Rock to “summer” in the mountains. Boarding houses and hotels sprang up as word spread, and the little town grew around a single mission: welcoming visitors.

As one of the South’s most distinguished mountain towns, Blowing Rock has been treasured by generations for its walkable, picture-postcard village. It’s filled with historic lodging, exquisite landscaping, fine dining, boutiques, and cultural experiences- all laced with warmth, nostalgia and charm. For over a century, visitors have come to escape and experience the slower pace, warmhearted hospitality and aesthetic beauty that inspire folks to relax and stay.

The original luxury here, though, is nature in all its glory. Dramatic overlooks, verdant forests and mist-shrouded mornings frame the days creating a landscape that feels both grand and cozy at the same time. Blowing Rock remains surrounded by this unspoiled natural beauty, wrapped in the cool mountain breezes that gave the town its name. Immerse yourself in an environment that naturally pushes your reset button. Explore via the Blue Ridge Parkway or multiple attractions and guide services. We invite you to visit Blowing Rock and enjoy all it has to offer- you’re always welcome.

VISIT BLOWINGROCK.COM TO FIND
Live Webcams, Itineraries, Lodging Availability,
Packages & Specials, Detailed Event Calendar,
Subscribe to Monthly Newsletter, and more!

Give us a call: 877-750-4636

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View of Cone Estate from Bass Lake

The BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Experience up-close encounters with gorgeous natural spaces, just steps from the Village of Blowing Rock. Our town is located at Milepost 294 directly on the Blue Ridge Parkway, a unit of the National Park Service that connects the Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains National Parks.

The Parkway meanders for 469 miles through Appalachia, protecting a multitude of plants, animals, views, and historic sites, all with minimal development. It's easy to see why the Blue Ridge Parkway is nicknamed "America's Favorite Drive." Blowing Rock's section is home to several of the most iconic Parkway treasures:

MOSES CONE PARK, MP 294: Historic Flat Top Manor, 25 miles of carriage trails, Southern Highland Craft Guild Shop and craft demos.

PRICE LAKE, MP 297: Price Lake & campground, hiking, boating, picnicking.

LINN COVE VIADUCT, MP 304: Unique s-curve bridge built to preserve the surrounding environment.

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN, MP 305: Mile-high Swinging Bridge, wildlife preserve, nature museum, hiking and nature programs.



More at blowingrock.com/blue-ridge-parkway

 Blue Ridge Parkway

The Legend of the BLOWING ROCK

Yes, there is one! The town takes its name from The Blowing Rock, a unique formation overhanging Johns River Gorge and the Pisgah National Forest. The Rock is buffeted by near-constant winds, flumed up from the valley below.

The Legend of the Blowing Rock claims that a Chickasaw maiden on the cliff spied a Cherokee brave wandering in the wilderness below. She playfully shot an arrow in his direction. The flirtation worked and soon they became lovers. One day a strange reddening of the sky brought the couple back to the Blowing Rock. To him it was a sign of trouble, commanding him to return to his tribe. Torn by conflict of duty and heart, the brave leapt from the Rock. The maiden prayed for his return and a gust of wind blew him back into her arms from the valley below.

The Blowing Rock itself is over 1 million years old. Stop by to experience the inspiring winds and incredible views for yourself!

Area Attractions

THEME PARKS & ENTERTAINMENT

DOC'S ROCKS GEM MINE & AMUSEMENTS

100 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd, Blowing Rock
828-295-2034 | docsrocks.org | NC's only education-based gem mining experience, plus dinosaur-themed mini-golf and VR Laser tag & Nerf Zone Battle Arena! Open year round.

MYSTERY HILL

129 Mystery Hill Ln, Blowing Rock
828-264-2792 | mysteryhill.com | A unique blend activities where science, fun, and adventure collide! Mind-bending, memory-making experience for all ages. Open year round.

TEE 2 GREEN INDOOR GOLF

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd, Suite 18
Blowing Rock | tee2greenindoorgolf.com
Indoor golf and lounge experience with 4K simulator bays featuring famous and local courses. Self-pour beer & wine service. Late hours for members. Open year round.

TWEETSIE RAILROAD

300 Tweetsie Railroad Ln, Blowing Rock
877-893-3874 | tweetsie.com | Wild West family theme park featuring historic steam engines and a train ride through the NC mountains. Live entertainment, amusement rides, Deer Park, & special events. Open Apr-Dec, with Ghost Train in Oct and Tweetsie Christmas in Nov & Dec.

Among
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SOUTHERN
DESTINATIONS FOR
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Sky Valley Zip Tours

BlowingRock.com | 877-750-INFO (4636)



Vx3 Trail Rides

OUTDOORS & NATURAL AREAS

THE BLOWING ROCK

432 Rock Rd, Blowing Rock | 828-295-7111
theblowingrock.com | Accessible views of Grandfather Mountain, Table Rock, & more. Observation tower, gardens, and trails for multi-generation families. Unique photo spot and gift shop. Open daily, weather permitting.

THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Access at Hwy 321 & Hwy 221 in Blowing Rock
828-348-3400 | nps.gov/blri | 469 miles through VA and NC, outstanding scenery & recreation make the Parkway the most-visited unit of the National Park System. Nearby points of interest like Linn Cove Viaduct, Price Lake, and many others. Open year round, vehicular access weather dependent.

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

Hwy 221 S, Linville | 800-468-7325
grandfather.com | Cross the famous Mile-High Swinging Bridge, see wildlife in natural habitats, visit the Wilson Center for Nature Discovery, and hike some of the South's finest alpine trails at this nature sanctuary of global importance. Open year round, weather permitting.

LINVILLE CAVERNS

Hwy 221, Marion | 828-756-4171
linvillecaverns.com | Guided tours through natural limestone caverns featuring stalactite and stalagmite formations, underground stream, and blind trout. NC's only show caverns. Open year round, hours vary by season.



Tweetsie Railroad

ADVENTURE PARKS & SKIING

APPALACHIAN SKI MOUNTAIN

Blowing Rock | 828-295-7828 | appskimtn.com
Ski & snowboard! Home of App Terrain Park, French Swiss Ski College, & Midnight Blast nights. 13 slopes, 6 lifts, ice skating. Family base lodge with Restaurant & free wi-fi. Ski Shop, equipment rentals, nursery, & more.

BEECH MOUNTAIN RESORT

Beech Mountain | 800-438-2093
beechmountainresort.com | Highest ski area east of the Rockies. 17 trails, 10 lifts, tubing, ice skating, Beech Mountain Brewing Co. Mountain biking, lift rides, and concerts in summer.

HAWKSNEST ADVENTURES

Seven Devils | 828-963-6561
hawksnestadventures.com | Biggest snow tubing park on the East Coast: 20 lanes and two moving carpet lifts. Year round ziplines with superzips! Whitewater rafting tours on the Nolichucky River. Reservations required.

HIGH GRAVITY ADVENTURES

215 Tweetsie Railroad Ln., Blowing Rock
828-266-0176 | highgravityadventures.com
Aerial adventure park with 75+ elements, plus ziplines, the Ninja Ground Course, and Giant Swing! For all ages and levels.

ROCKY KNOB MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

285 Mountain Bike Wy., Boone | 828-266-1345
exploreboone.com | Over 10 mi of looping trails with work stations, skills areas, and a paved pump track. Playground & picnic shelter.

SKY VALLEY ZIP TOURS

634 Sky Ranch Rd., Blowing Rock
828-264-0002 | skyvalleyziptours.com
#1 rated outdoor activity in Blowing Rock on Trip Advisor. Canopy Tours & Night Flights. Whistle Pig Kid Zip for ages 4+. ATV ride with each tour!

SUGAR MOUNTAIN RESORT

Banner Elk | 828-898-4521 | skisugar.com
Ski, snowboard, tube, ice skate, and snow shoe day and night! 20 trails, 7 lifts, ski & snowboarding school. Summer lift rides, mountain bike park, and special events!



Appalachian Ski Mountain

Recreate Responsibly

Blowing Rock, North Carolina is a proud partner of the Outdoor NC Alliance, joining the movement to preserve and protect our cherished outdoor spaces for future generations to enjoy. Our goal is to actively promote stewardship and responsible recreation in the outdoors. It's simple, really: a call to action for both residents and visitors to embrace responsible recreation and Leave No Trace.

Whether it's cycling on the Blue Ridge Parkway, hiking through some of the most unique mountain ecosystems, birdwatching, or fly fishing for trout in our pristine streams, there are so many outdoor activities to enjoy in our beautiful corner of the Blue Ridge.

We welcome you, knowing you share our passion for these special places. Protecting them comes naturally!

Remember the 7 Outdoor NC Leave No Trace Principles to help preserve these outdoor experiences for all.

- PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE
- TRASH YOUR TRASH
- BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE
- KEEP WILDLIFE WILD
- STICK TO TRAILS AND OVERNIGHT RIGHT
- LEAVE IT AS YOU FIND IT
- SHARE OUR TRAILS

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You are
Invited and
Welcomed!

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More Recreation

GUIDES & EXCURSIONS

BLOWING ROCK TRAIL RIDES

*Blowing Rock | 828-964-9171
blowingrocktrailrides.com* | Private horseback riding with your group on the Moses Cone Carriage Trails. Rides about 2.5 hours, reservations required.

CARRIAGE RUN CARRIAGE SERVICE

Blowing Rock | 704-600-5403 | carriage-run.com | Horse-drawn carriage rides at Moses Cone Trails. Rides about 2 hours, reservations required.

CHETOLA SPORTING RESERVE & FLY FISHING

*819 Horton Creek Trl,
Blowing Rock | 800-243-8652 | chetola.com* | Orvis-Endorsed fly fishing guide service, plus clubhouse with gun ranges, archery, clay shooting.

Chetola
Resort voted one
of USA TODAY'S
10BEST FISHING
LODGES IN THE
U.S. in 2025

THE SPECKLED TROUT OUTFITTERS

*916 Main St, Blowing Rock | 828-773-8852
thespeckledtroutoutfitters.com* | Guided hiking and fishing trips with local experts, complete with food from The Speckled Trout Restaurant.

VX3 TRAIL RIDES

*Blowing Rock | 828-963-0260
vx3trailrides.com* | Ride the Cone Carriage Trails with an experienced guide and trustworthy horses. Rides about 2.5 hours, reservations required.



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Chetola Fly Fishing

SPAS & HEALTH

ARCADIAN MASSAGE

*133-6 Morris St | 828-630-6641
arcadianmassage.com* | Therapeutic massage and wellness services for relaxation, pain relief, improved mobility, and self care.

SPA AT CHETOLA RESORT

*185 Chetola Lake Dr, Blowing Rock
800-243-8652 | chetola.com* | A serene oasis featuring massage and facial treatments, nail services, hair boutique, and amenities.

WESTGLOW LUXURY RESORT & SPA

*224 Westglow Cir, Blowing Rock | 828-295-4463
westglow.com* | A top destination spa with wide views, offering massage, facials, salon, and relaxation amenities.

EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

BLOWING ROCK PARKS AND RECREATION

145 Park Ave., Blowing Rock | 828-295-5222 | Tennis & basketball courts, accessible gazebo, playground. Parks include Memorial Park, Brohill Park, Davant Field, and Robbins Pool.

BROYHILL EQUESTRIAN PRESERVE

*1500 Laurel Ln., Blowing Rock | 828-295-4700
brchs.org* | Nightly horse boarding- 450 permanent stalls- with access to 25 miles of carriage trails in Cone Park. Home of the Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show.

FOOTSLOGGERS

*921 Main St., Blowing Rock | 828-295-4453
footsloggersnc.com* | Clothing, gear & equipment for hiking, camping, backpacking & more. Come visit the region's premier hiking and trail running footwear fit experts.

PRICE LAKE BOAT RENTALS

*3636 Blue Ridge Pkwy, Blowing Rock
828-963-2292 | pricelakeboatrentals.com* | Kayak, canoe, and stand-up paddle board rentals for use on Price Lake on the Blue Ridge Parkway, open Apr-Oct.

RHODDIE BICYCLE OUTFITTERS

*7593-B Valley Blvd, Blowing Rock | 828-414-9800
rhoddiebicycleoutfitters.com* | Full service bicycle shop with sales, repairs, and fitting services. Ride maps and route planning, too!



Price Lake Boat Rentals

Local FLY FISHING

The High Country's beautiful streams, lakes, and rivers provide wildlife sanctuaries and many recreational opportunities-like fishing! The best times of year to fish for trout here in the High Country are the spring, fall, and winter months, when the water temperature is between 45° and 65°. Our waters offer excellent opportunities for catching brown, brook, and rainbow trout. Book a trip with one of our local guides, or try your luck on your own. Many local waters are stocked or hatchery supported, and NC Wildlife management signs are easy to locate waterside. Most local fishing areas require a NC fishing license. Purchase a license from a local provider or online at ncwildlife.org.

Favorite Fishing Spots

Price Lake

Milepost 297 Blue Ridge Parkway,
Blowing Rock

Trout Lake at Cone Memorial Park

5580 Shulls Mill Road,
Blowing Rock

Bass Lake at Cone Memorial Park

1 Bass Lake Drive,
Blowing Rock

Middle Fork of New River

Access at Middle Fork Greenway:
129 Mystery Hill Ln
Blowing Rock

Watauga River

Access at Valle Crucis Community Park:
2892 Broadstone Rd,
Banner Elk

More info at blowingrock.com/fishing



Watauga River

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ADVENTURE
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Cone Carriage Trails

Find Your TRAIL

Blowing Rock is a NC Trail Town! With over 50 miles of hiking trails, it's easy to find a favorite path. Find lots to explore among these networks:

Moses Cone Memorial Park

25+ miles of Carriage Trails along the Blue Ridge Parkway at milepost 294

Julian Price Memorial Park Trails

12+ miles of trails with camping, boating and fishing. Milepost 297 on Blue Ridge Parkway.

Grandfather Mountain State Park

12 miles of trails and Ranger-led programs year round.

Did you know? We have trails of all kinds in town and nearby:

Art: Blowing Rock Art & Sculpture Trail, downtown Blowing Rock

History: Blowing Rock History Walk, downtown Blowing Rock

Waterfalls: Glen Burney Trail, downtown Blowing Rock

Greenway: Middle Fork Greenway, between Blowing Rock and Boone

Cycling: Classic 221 & BRP Loop, 31 miles starting in Blowing Rock

Mountain Biking: Rocky Knob Park, Boone

Wine: NC High Country Wine Trail, includes 4 regional wineries

Learn More at blowingrock.com/trails

The Blowing Rock ART & HISTORY MUSEUM

photo: Charles Harris

Every visit to the Blowing Rock Art & History Museum is unique. Eight Galleries offer inspiring experiences for everyone. Located at the corner of Main Street and Ginny Steven Lane, no trip to Blowing Rock is complete without experiencing what the locals call BRAHM. Changing exhibitions reflect the art and craft of the region, the State and the Southeast.

One gallery is devoted to sharing the early history of the quaint town of Blowing Rock. Visitors can pick up an old-timey phone and hear stories from locals. They can see a scale model of Blowing Rock's most storied hotel, the Mayview Manor and everyone can write a postcard home and the Museum staff will stamp it, and get it to the post office. A captivating video brings the area's rich past to life.

If you are in the area for a few days, check out the many programs and events that the Museum offers. Best of all—admission is free!



SHIP/SHAPE Exhibition 2025, BRAHM



Ben Long FREScoes

Blowing Rock is the new home of two frescoes by renowned artist, Ben Long. One is a depiction of the 23rd Psalm, the other The Good Shepherd. Rescued from obscurity & near-destruction in their previous home, they were brought to Rumble Memorial Church on Main Street. With this move, all of Ben Long's domestic frescoes are now in North Carolina. There are over a dozen on the NC Fresco Trail, with two in nearby West Jefferson and Laurel Springs. Public viewings are available on weekends with free docent tours. Private group tours are available by reservation. See rumblechurch.org.

Arts, History, & Culture

CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

1888 MUSEUM

Main St, Blowing Rock

blowingrockhistoricalsociety.com

Self-guided tours through preserved Watauga Hotel cottage, which held 2 guest rooms.

APPALACHIAN THEATRE

559 West King St, Boone | 828-865-3000

apptheatre.org | Independent and non-profit entertainment hub. Live concerts, films, theatre, dance, educational & community productions.

BLOWING ROCK ART & HISTORY MUSEUM

159 Ginny Stevens Ln, Blowing Rock

828-295-9099 | blowingrockmuseum.org

Experience American art and discover regional history through changing exhibitions, programs, and workshops in a family-friendly atmosphere. Open year round, free admission.

EDGEWOOD COTTAGE

Main St & Ginny Stevens Ln, Blowing Rock

blowingrockhistoricalsociety.com

First home & studio of artist Elliott Daingerfield. Artists in Residence in summer, historic exhibits remainder of year.

HORN IN THE WEST & HICKORY RIDGE HOMESTEAD

591 Horn in the West Dr, Boone | 828-264-2120

horninthewest.com | Travel back in time to Revolutionary Era NC with the renowned seasonal outdoor drama and a living history museum.

MOSES H. CONE MEMORIAL PARK

Blue Ridge Pkwy Milepost 294, Blowing Rock

828-295-7938 | nps.gov/blri | Restored historic

1901 home of Cone family, Flat Top Manor contains a Southern Highland Craft Guild Shop and is surrounded by 25 miles of carriage trails. Manor & shop open Apr-Nov.

ORIGINAL MAST GENERAL STORE

Hwy 194 S, Valle Crucis | 828-963-6511

mastgeneralstore.com | Built in 1883, historic store & operating post office. Shop goods & gifts in former feed rooms & class rooms.



BlowingRock.com | 877-750-INFO (4636)

CULTURAL TRAILS & TOURS

BLOWING ROCK FOOD & WINE TOURS

blowingrockfoodandwinetours.com

Taste and sip your way around town! Expert guide to the best restaurants, while exploring local art and history along the way.

BLOWING ROCK HISTORY WALK

Laurel Lane & Main St, Blowing Rock

blowingrockhistoricalsociety.com

21 outdoor History Stations featuring relief images and narratives of events, people, and places in local history. Self-guided.

BLOWING ROCK WALKING TOURS

blowingrockwalkingtours.com

Discover hidden history, legendary landmarks, and the people who built Blowing Rock on expertly guided, downtown walking tours.

GALLERIES

BLOWING ROCK FRAMEWORKS & GALLERY

7539 Valley Blvd | 828-295-0041

blowingrockgalleries.com

BOLICK & TRADITIONS POTTERY

1155 Main St | 828-295-6128

bolickandtraditionspottery.com

CROWN GALLERY

1153 Main St | 828-818-0008

crowngalleryusa.com

GAINES KIKER SILVER/GOLDSMITH

132 Morris St | 828-295-3992

gaineskikersilversmith.com



MARTIN HOUSE GALLERY

1098 Main St | 336-508-2828

martinhousegallery.com

MCCOY MINERALS

537 Main St | 828-414-9889

mccoyminerals.com

SOUTHERN HIGHLAND CRAFT GUILD

Blue Ridge Parkway MP 294 | 828-295-7938

southernhighlandguild.org

Blowing Rock HISTORY

Before written accounts by Moravian Bishop August Gottlieb Spangenberg in 1752, the Cherokee and the Catawba Indian tribes made seasonal camps and trading routes here. The Scotch-Irish began settling in the Blowing Rock area around the mid-eighteenth century. Within just a couple generations, summer visitors would begin to come up from Lenoir to enjoy the cool fresh air, magnificent mountain views and the wonders of nature.

Boarding houses like the Martin House on Main Street were opened. The Watauga Hotel, built in 1884, was the first hotel property in Blowing Rock and town was incorporated a few years later in 1889. Tourism was booming and the Green Park Hotel (later called Green Park Inn) opened in 1891. The town's grandest and most famed hotel, the Mayview Manor, opened in 1921.

Some new residents came for the healthy mountain air, like William Stringfellow. He named his estate Chetola, meaning "haven of rest" in Cherokee. A few years later, industrialist Moses H. Cone sought a healthful retreat and began building on the adjacent land. He completed his grand Flat Top Manor overlooking Blowing Rock in 1901. Others came for the views and inspiration, like painter Elliott Daingerfield. He built three homes in Blowing Rock - the first being Edgewood Cottage on Main Street and the last Westglow, completed in 1917 and now home to a renowned spa, hotel, and restaurant.

Regional attractions and amenities grew quickly in the mid-20th century. The Blowing Rock Attraction was opened in 1933 by Grover Robbins during his second term as mayor of Blowing Rock. Years later his sons - Grover Jr., Spencer, and Harry - were pioneers in the local tourism economy. The Robbins brothers developed such attractions as Tweetsie Railroad, The Land of Oz, Hound Ears Club, and more. These continue operation today, along with countless other leisure opportunities.

Blowing Rock remains a small town full of charm. There's a welcoming spirit that was born in the hospitality roots of the village. It's still a popular summer destination and continues this legacy of welcome today.

More: blowingrockhistoricalsociety.com

Dining Guide

 Use the numbers here to locate on the MAP on Page 10!

| Map | Blowing Rock RESTAURANTS | | | | Price | Seating | Service | Cuisine |
|-----|---|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|---------|-------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Best Cellar | 203 Sunset Dr | 828-295-3466 | ragged-gardens.com | \$\$\$ | ☀ | D | Fine Dining |
| 2 | Bistro Roca at Hellbender Bed & Beverage | 239 Sunset Drr | 828-295-4008 | bistoroca.com | \$\$\$ | ☀ | L, D, SB | American Bistro |
| 3 | Blowing Rock Ale House | 152 Sunset Dr | 828-414-9600 | blowingrockbrewing.com | \$\$ | ☀ | L, D | Brew Pub |
| 4 | Blowing Rock Cafe -seasonal | 153 Sunset Dr | 828-295-6861 | blowingrockcafe.com | \$ | | L | Hotdogs & Burgers |
| 5 | Blowing Rock Market | 990 Main St | 828-414-9322 | blowingrockmarkets.com | \$ | ☀ | B,L | Deli |
| 6 | Bubba's Gas & Grill | 7816 Valley Blvd | 828-372-9222 | bubbasnc.com | \$ | | L | Classic Grill |
| 7 | Café Violette | 1132 Main St | 828-414-9989 | cafeviolettebr.com | \$\$\$ | ☀ | D | European Bistro |
| 8 | Daingerfield's at Westglow | 315 Westglow Cir | 828-295-1635 | westglow.com/dining | \$\$\$ | | D | Fine Dining |
| 9 | Embers Restaurant | 124 Morningside Dr | 828-372-8000 | hotelembers.com/dine | \$\$\$ | ☀ | D | American Bistro |
| 10 | Fabled Pizza & Moondance Catering | 8146 Valley Blvd | 828-414-9737 | fabledpizza.com | \$ | ☀ | L, D | Pizza & Sandwiches |
| 11 | Famous Toastery | 349 Sunset Dr | 828-414-9813 | famoustoastery.com | \$ | ☀ | B,L,SB | Brunch Café |
| 12 | Gamekeeper Restaurant | 3005 Shull's Mill Rd | 828-963-7400 | gamekeeper-nc.com | \$\$\$ | ☀ | D | Mountain Southern |
| 13 | Hellbender Bed & Beverage | 239 Sunset Dr | 828-295-3487 | hellbender.bar | \$ | ☀ | B | Biscuits, smoothies |
| 14 | Mellow Mushroom | 946 Main St | 828-295-3399 | mellowmushroom.com | \$\$ | ☀ | L, D | Pizza & Subs |
| 15 | Mexican Rock | 8180 Valley Blvd | 828-818-0087 | mexicanrockrestaurantnc.com | \$\$ | ☀ | L, D, SB | Mexican American |
| 16 | Moon Thai Sushi Ramen | 7179 Valley Blvd | 828-414-9905 | themoonatblowingrock.com | \$\$ | ☀ | L,D | Thai & Japanese |
| 17 | Outback Steakhouse | 8280 Valley Blvd | 828-295-6283 | outback.com | \$\$\$ | | D | Steakhouse & Grill |
| 18 | The Restaurant at Gideon Ridge | 202 Gideon Ridge Rd | 828-295-3644 | gideonridge.com | \$\$\$ | ☀ | D | Fine Dining |
| 19 | Say Cheese - seasonal | 1179 Main St | 828-999-9630 | Say Cheese on Facebook | \$ | ☀ | L | Grilled Cheese |
| 20 | Six Pence Pub | 1121 Main St | 828-295-3155 | sixpencepub.com | \$\$ | ☀ | L, D | British |
| 21 | Social on Main | 870 Main St | 828-414-9440 | socialonmainbr.com | \$ | ☀ | B, L, SB | American Diner |
| 22 | Speckled Trout Restaurant & Bottle Shop | 922 Main St | 828-295-9819 | thespeckledtrout.com | \$\$ | ☀ | L, D | Regional |
| 23 | Storie Street Grille & Sidecar Bar | 1167 Main St | 828-295-7075 | storiestreetgrille.com | \$\$ | ☀ | L, D | Mediterranean American |
| 24 | Subway | 8433 Valley Blvd | 828-295-7827 | subway.com | \$ | | B,L, D | Sandwiches |
| 25 | The Table at Crestwood | 3236 Shulls Mill Rd | 828-963-6646 | crestwoodnc.com/dining | \$\$\$ | | D | Fine Dining |
| 26 | Timberlake's Restaurant | 185 Chetola Lake Dr | 828-295-5505 | chetola.com | \$\$\$ | ☀ | B, L, D, SB | Fine Dining |
| 27 | Town Tavern Blowing Rock | 1182 Main St | 828-295-7500 | towntavernbr.com | \$ | ☀ | L, D | Sports Bar |
| 28 | Twigs | 7956 Valley Blvd | 828-295-5050 | twigsbr.com | \$\$\$ | ☀ | D | Fine Dining |

Blowing Rock is a small town- only 3 square miles. But just look at all these flavors waiting for you!

Enjoy the inventive flair of our culinary pros as they work with the best of local foods from area farms and food producers. At the same time, it's also easy to find a good down-home, diner-style plate. Blowing Rock is packed with dining patios, pubs, bakeries, ice cream spots, coffee shops and so much more! Whether you are looking for fine dining or excellent sports bar fare, a creative cocktail or mocktail, or a carefully crafted beer, you'll enjoy an array of choices in Blowing Rock.



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| Map | COFFEE SHOPS <i>and Sweets</i> | | | | Seating | Serving |
|-----|---|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|---|
| 40 | Bald Guy Brew (+ Juice Boone- seasonal) | 1116 Main St | 828-414-1961 | baldguybrew.com | ☀ | Specialty coffees, espresso drinks, nitro cold brew |
| 41 | Blue Deer Cookies | 960 Main St & 3551 US 321 S | 828-372-9050 | bluedeercookies.com | | Ice cream cookie sandwiches, coffee, & baked goods |
| 42 | Birdie's Coffee & Treats | 3737 US 321 S | | birdies.coffee | | Coffee drinks, tea, hot chocolate, sweets, and locally baked dog treats |
| 43 | Camp Coffee | 921 Main St | | camproast.com | ☀ | Locally roasted, organic coffees, teas, muffins & fruit smoothies |
| 44 | Flavia's -seasonal | 1179 Main St | 828-781-3272 | instagram.com/flavias.brnc | | Patisserie with macarons & mini cakes |
| 45 | Kilwin's Chocolates, Fudge & Ice Cream | 1103 S Main St | 828-295-3088 | kilwins.com | | Handmade chocolates, fudge and gourmet ice cream. |
| 46 | Sunset Sweets & Heat | 1117 Main St (downstairs) | 828-295-9326 | | | Ice cream sundaes, bottled sodas & nostalgic candy |
| 47 | Tout Suite | 1132 Main St | 828-414-9916 | instagram.com/toutsuitemarket | ☀ | French bakery & coffeeshop |

Price Range is based on average entree price:
 \$ = \$15 and under \$\$ = \$16-25 \$\$\$ = \$26+

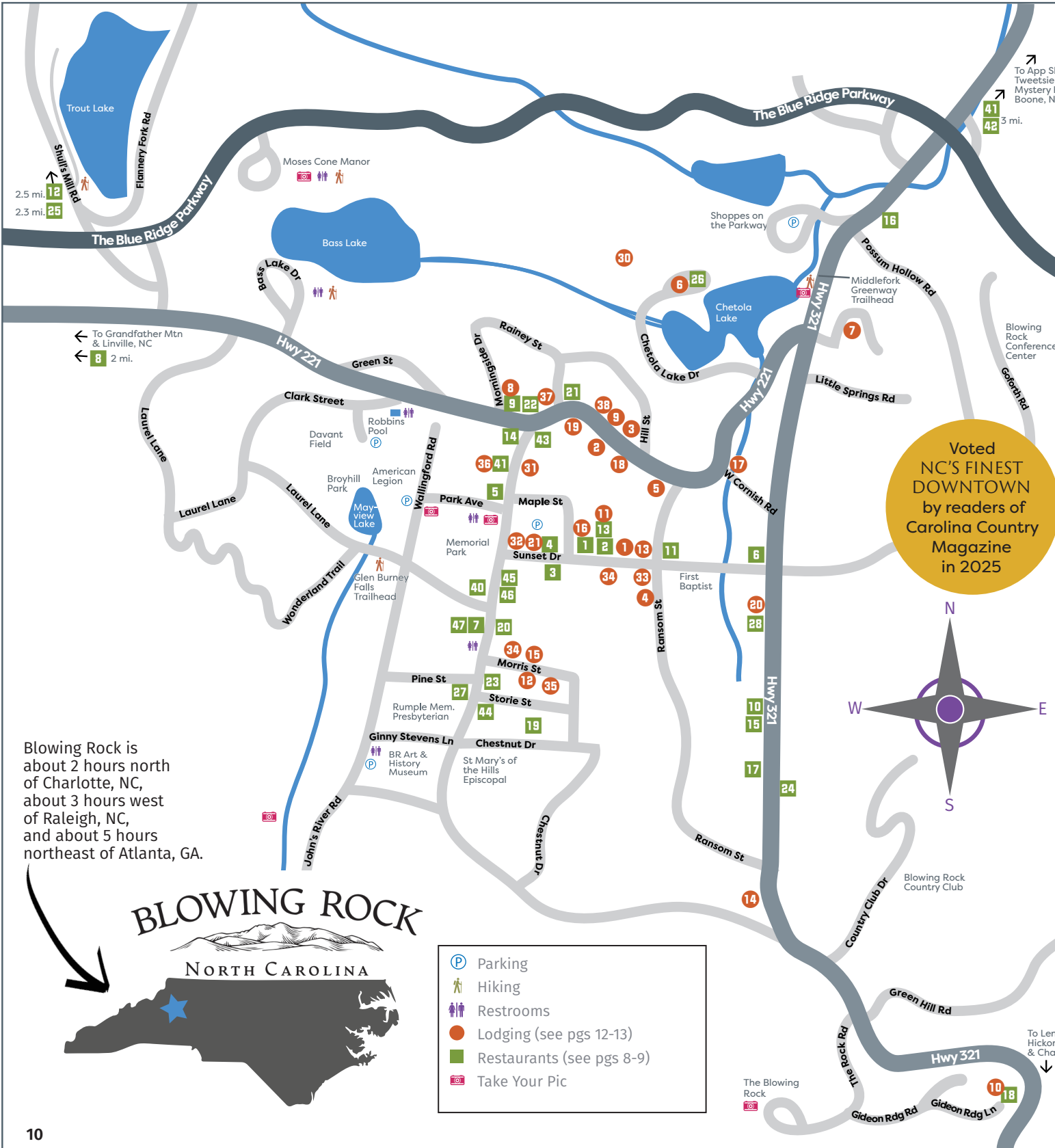
☀ =outdoor seating

B = breakfast L = lunch D = dinner SB = Sunday brunch
 Meals served may be seasonally dependent. See individual websites for current business hours.

Looking for more
FOOD & WINE?
 See **FOOD & SUNDRY SHOPS-** pg 15



See more details at blowingrock.com.dining



Blowing Rock is about 2 hours north of Charlotte, NC, about 3 hours west of Raleigh, NC, and about 5 hours northeast of Atlanta, GA.

Voted NC'S FINEST DOWNTOWN by readers of Carolina Country Magazine in 2025

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- Hiking
- Restrooms
- Lodging (see pgs 12-13)
- Restaurants (see pgs 8-9)
- Take Your Pic

BLOWING ROCK

NORTH CAROLINA





Parking Tips

Blowing Rock can get very busy in summer and fall, particularly on weekends. Here are some parking tips to make your visit more relaxed:

Visit on a weekday if possible, especially in summer & fall. **Arrive early.** Finding a parking space is easiest before 10am and after 5pm.

Park off Main Street. Most spaces off Main Street do not have time limits- get in early and park as long as you need.

Bring a little cash on event weekends. Some local organizations may charge a small fee for parking in their lots on event days, like Blowing Rock School and Rumble Church.

Stay at one of over TWO DOZEN hotels, inns, and rentals within walking distance of downtown to eliminate parking searches!

See more details and addresses for public parking at blowingrock.com/parking

Seasonal Notes

Every season is special in the Blue Ridge Mountains! Whether you're visiting for shopping, skiing, or hiking, here are some features of each season in Blowing Rock:

Winter: January is the coldest month of the year, with an average low of 24°F and average high of 41°F. February has the most snowfall with an average of 9.1 inches.

Spring: Average high is 58°F and average low is 37°F, with below-freezing temperatures at times. Leaf buds appear on trees in April, and woodlands hold unique spring blooms.

Summer: The warmest season is also the rainiest! Bring a rain jacket but keep in mind that most showers are short. Average high in summer is 75°F and average low is 57°F.

Fall: Crisp temperatures help leaves change into vibrant colors. The average high is around 60°F and the average low is around 41°F.



Take Your Pic

Looking for a fun destination selfie or family photo? Here are a few can't-miss photo-ops! *Find them on the map at left.*

- **The Blowing Rock:** The Town's namesake, this formation has a huge view and easy access for multi-generation families. The entry fee helps maintain the surrounding park and trails.
- **Jessie:** Find the sculpture of the little girl on a bench outside the Community Library on Main Street.
- **Blowing Rock Postcard Mural:** Full of color and iconic scenes, with a "wish you were here!" signature.
- **Welcome to Blowing Rock sign:** Hand-painted, located at the trailhead for the Middle Fork Greenway.
- **Cone Manor:** Built in 1901 and recently restored, this Gilded Age Mansion has a big view from a wide front porch.
- **Glen Marie Falls:** This waterfall cascades down a 60-ft rockface, good photo spots at the base. It's at the bottom of Glen Burney Trail, a challenging, 3.2-mile, out-and-back hike.

Where to Stay

 Use the numbers here to locate on the MAP on Page 10!

| Map | HOTELS, INNS, AND BED & BREAKFASTS | | | | Fireplace | Jacuzzi | Breakfast | Pets OK | Accessible | Pool | Wi-fi |
|-----|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|------------|------|-------|
| 1 | Alpine Village Inn | 297 Sunset Dr | 828-295-7206 | alpine-village-inn.com | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| 2 | Azalea Garden Inn | 793 N. Main St | 828-295-3272 | azaleagardeninn.com | • | • | | | | | • |
| 3 | Blowing Rock Inn | 788 N. Main St | 828-295-3272 | blowingrockinn.com | • | | | | | | • |
| 4 | Blowing Rock Victorian Inn | 242 Ransom St | 828-414-5604 | thevictorianinnblowingrock.com | • | • | • | | | | • |
| 5 | Boxwood Lodge Blowing Rock | 671 Main St | 828-295-3380 | thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com | • | • | | • | • | | • |
| 6 | Chetola Resort | 185 Chetola Lake Dr | 800-243-8652 | chetola.com | | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| 7 | Cliff Dwellers Inn | 116 Lakeview Terrace | 828-414-9596 | cliffdwellers.com | • | • | • | • | • | | • |
| 8 | The Embers Hotel | 124 Morningside Dr | 828-372-8000 | hotelembars.com | • | | | | • | | • |
| 9 | The Getaway | 830 Main St | 828-237-1925 | thegatewaybr.com | • | | | | • | | • |
| 10 | Gideon Ridge Inn | 202 Gideon Ridge Rd | 828-295-3644 | gideonridge.com | • | • | • | • | | | • |
| 11 | Hellbender Bed & Beverage | 239 Sunset Dr | 828-295-3487 | hellbender.bar | | | | • | | | • |
| 12 | Hemlock Inn & Suites | 134 Morris St | 828-295-7987 | hemlockinn.net | | | | | • | | • |
| 13 | Hillwinds Inn | 315 Sunset Dr | 828-295-3380 | thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com | • | • | | • | | | • |
| 14 | Holiday Inn Express | 8412 Valley Blvd. | 828-295-4422 | hiexpressblowingrock.com | | | • | | • | • | • |
| 15 | Homestead Inn | 153 Morris St | 828-295-9559 | homestead-inn.com | • | • | | • | • | | • |
| 16 | The Inn at Ragged Gardens | 203 Sunset Dr | 828-295-9703 | ragged-gardens.com | • | • | • | • | | | • |
| 17 | The Manor | 567 Main St | 828-414-2800 | blowingrockmanor.com | | | • | | • | | • |
| 18 | Meadowbrook Inn | 711 Main St | 828-295-4300 | meadowbrook-inn.com | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| 19 | Mountaineer Inn & Log Cabins | 827 N Main St | 828-295-3272 | mountaineerinn.com | • | • | | | | | • |
| 20 | The Village Inn | 7876 Valley Blvd | 828-295-3380 | thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com | • | • | | | • | | • |
| 21 | Windmoor Hotel | 125 Sunset Dr | 828-237-1255 | windmoorhotel.com | • | | | | • | | • |

Did you know?

There are over TWO DOZEN hotels, inns, and rentals within walking distance of downtown shopping, dining, and entertainment! See the map on previous page.

**Please note that amenities listed may not be available in every room at each property.*





Map

CABINS & VACATION RENTALS

| | | | | |
|----|---|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 30 | Antler Ridge 4BR | 609 Bass Lake Dr | 704-564-9651 | mountain-resort.net |
| 31 | The Blake on Main | 945 Main St | | vrbo.com/1247366 |
| 32 | Blowing Rock Properties | 1059 Main St | 800-849-0147 | blowingrockproperties.com |
| 33 | Blowing Rock Resort Rentals | 232 Ransom St | 866-800-9899 | blowingrockresortrentals.com |
| 15 | Cottages at Homestead | 153 Morris St | 828-295-9559 | homestead-inn.com |
| 34 | Diamond Properties | 250 Sunset Dr, 131 Morris St | 919-606-4547 | blowingrockrentals.com |
| 35 | Laurel House | 212 Morris St | 704-491-3418 | laurelhousenc.com |
| 19 | Mountaineer Inn & Log Cabins | 827 N Main St | 828-295-7991 | mountaineireinn.com |
| 36 | Reinhardt Rooms | 960 Main St | | airbnb.com/users/show/133993890 |
| 37 | Rising on Main | 916 Main St | 828-295-6000 | carolinacabinrentals.com |
| 38 | Sudreth Cottage | 818 N Main St | 800-237-7975 | blueridgerentals.com |

Looking for more? Find additional Blowing Rock vacation rentals on [vrbo.com](https://www.vrbo.com) and [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com).

Camping



Blowing Rock is surrounded by beautiful National Forest and park lands. If you're looking for a spot to spend the night under the stars, check out these resources:

Blue Ridge Parkway Camping: Julian Price Campground

The largest campground on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Julian Price Campground offers 129 tent sites and 68 RV sites (no hookups). Located at Milepost 296.7 on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Blowing Rock. Open May-October, accessible sites & facilities available. 828-963-5911 | [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov)

Pisgah National Forest Camping: Grandfather Ranger District

Public lands west of Blowing Rock are part of the Grandfather Ranger District, with the Blue Ridge Parkway forming the northern boundary of the district. Mortimer Campground (accessible sites & facilities available) is the closest developed campground. Primitive, dispersed campsites available in the Wilson Creek Wild & Scenic River Area. 828-652-2144 | [fs.usda.gov](https://www.fs.usda.gov)

State Park Camping: Grandfather Mountain State Park

Find thirteen hike-in backcountry, primitive campsites tucked into the challenging terrain of Grandfather Mountain State Park. Trail access less than 8 miles from Blowing Rock. Reservations and permits are required. 828-963-9522 | [NCParks.gov](https://www.ncparks.gov)

More: There are several private campsites in the area offering tent and RV sites! See campground listings on [BlowingRock.com](https://www.BlowingRock.com).

BUY IT WHERE YOU BURN IT! Please note **restrictions on firewood are enforced** in our National and NC State Parks. Help protect our forests against tree-killing pests & diseases by buying local firewood. More information at [DontMoveFirewood.org](https://www.DontMoveFirewood.org).

Shopping

Voted
BEST MAIN
STREET
by readers of
Blue Ridge Outdoors
Magazine
in 2026

Put on a pair of comfy shoes and clean out your car trunk because Blowing Rock is one of North Carolina's premier shopping destinations! Downtown Blowing Rock is home to lots of unique boutiques, art, jewelry, antiques and home decor shops. It's a great place to shop with friends or to do some serious holiday shopping. Downtown shops are an easy walk from most accommodations in town, too! Adjacent to downtown, Shoppes on the Parkway offers additional stores including brands like Chico's, Columbia, Talbot's and more, with ample parking and covered walkways.

ANTIQUES

ANTIQUES MAIN

109 Aho Rd | 828-414-9365

ANTIQUES ON SUNSET

379 Sunset Dr | 228-990-4846

BLOWING ROCK ESTATE JEWELRY & ANTIQUES

167 Sunset Dr | 828-295-4500

HANNA'S

1123 Main St | 828-295-7073
hannasofblowingrock.com

POSSUM HOLLOW ANTIQUES

247 Possum Hollow Rd
828-295-3502
therestorationhouse.info

RUG COMPANY

999 Main St | 828-295-4271

WINDWOOD ANTIQUES

1157 Main St | 828-295-9260

GIFTS & CRAFTS

ARTWALK

1087 Main St | 828-414-9770
artwalkstyle.com

BARKS & CO.

110 Sunset Dr. Suite B
828-202-8028 | barksnco.com

THE BEE & THE BOXWOOD

960 Main St | 828-386-6212
thebeeandtheboxwood.com

THE BRASS EXCHANGE

1149 Main St | 828-295-9611

CHRISTMAS IN BLOWING ROCK

1125 Main St | 828-295-9696
aperfectpresent.com

COAL MINER'S DAUGHTER

MERCANTILE 278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd | 828-372-7054
thecoalminersdaughterbr.com

DE PROVENCE ET D'AILLEURS

131-8 Morris St | 828-295-9989

DOODLY SCOTTS/SERVES YOU RIGHT

1179 Main St | 828-295-4438

FINAL TOUCHES

1077 Main St | 828-295-6690
finaltouches.com

FIRELIGHT BOOK & CANDLE

110 Sunset Dr. Suite 1
828-372-9372 | firelightcandle.com

GROUNDLED WORKS

1179 Main St | 828-414-9109
groundedworks.design

HIGH COUNTRY CANDLES

1098 Main St | 828-295-9655
highcountrycandles.net

LAST STRAW

978 Main St | 828-295-3030
thelaststrawinc.com

MOUNTAIN THREAD COMPANY

1098 Main St | 828-372-7024
themountainthreadcompany.com

NEACO

1053 Main St | 828-295-0709
neaco.com

WILD BIRDS GALORE & MORE

1179 Main St | 828-414-9528



APPAREL & ACCESSORIES

100 W. UNION

1179 Main St | 828-295-6993
100westunion.com

ALMOST RODEO DRIVE

1132 Main St | 828-295-3422
almostrodeodrive.com

AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd
828-295-7970
shoppesontheparkway.com

APPALACHIAN OUTFITTERS

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd
828-372-7003
shoppesontheparkway.com

AQUA B BOUTIQUE

1150 Main St | 828-295-7200
aqua-b-boutique.myshopify.com

BONNIE BLEUE BRIDAL

452 Sunset Dr, Ste B | 828-457-5900
bonniebleuebridal.com

BOONE BELLES

1098 Main St | 828-263-7350
boonebelles.com

BOUTIQUE COLLECTION

1077 Main St | 828-295-3110
boutiquecollectioncarriagetrade.com

THE BRAVE FOX

1087 Main St | 828-260-4819
thebravefox.com

CARTER'S BABIES & KIDS

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd
828-295-8634
shoppesontheparkway.com

CHICO'S OUTLET

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd
828-295-7361
shoppesontheparkway.com

COLUMBIA FACTORY STORE

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd
828-372-3055
stores.columbia.com/blowingrock

FINLEY HOUSE COUTURE

1121 Main St | 828-295-6373
finleyhousecouture.com

THE FIG LEAF LTD.

1131 Main St | 828-295-3535

FRANKLIN & ROSE

983 Main St
franklinandrose.com

FUNKY TULIP

1128 Main St | 828-268-8275
facebook.com/funkytulip1127

GAP OUTLET

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd
828-295-6884
shoppesontheparkway.com

THE GILDED LILY BY PATRA

1053 Main St | 828-295-4277
thegildedlilybypatra.com





Main Street

HEALTH, BEAUTY & SERVICES

SPAS: see page 4

FA SUPP SHOP

7593-A Valley Blvd. | 773-816-8392
fasuppsshop.com

THE SALON & BOUTIQUE

452 Sunset Dr, Ste H | 828-414-9062

STUDIO M SALON

140 Maple St | 828-414-9333
studiomsalonbr.com

HOME DECOR & FURNISHINGS

AT HOME IN BLOWING ROCK

110 Sunset Dr. Suite 3 | 828-406-3742 | athomeinblowingrock.com

BENT TREE FURNITURE

7595 Valley Blvd | 828-818-0044
facebook.com/benttreefurniture

BLOWING ROCK FURNITURE GALLERY

8486 Valley Blvd | 828-295-7755
blowingrockfurniture.com

CABIN FEVER

915 Main St | 828-295-0520
thecabinfeversite.com

CARRIAGE TRADE LIVING

1079 Main St | 828-295-3110
carriagetradeantiquesblowingrock.com

GREGORY ALAN'S

1151 Main St | 828-295-3330
gregoryalanshome.com

HIGH COUNTRY WOODWORKS

140 Sunset Dr | 828-372-7021
hcwoodworks.shop

MACHOUSE DESIGNS

1516 Main St | 828-818-0022
facebook.com/machousedesign

MUSTARD SEED HOME

312 Green St | 828-818-0036
themustardseedmarketnc.com

THE MUSTARD SEED MARKET

5589 US 321 S | 828-295-4585
themustardseedmarketnc.com



Bent Tree Furniture

MY MOUNTAIN HOME

120 Maple Rd | 828-434-5240
facebook.com/mymountainhomebr

RUSTIC

915 Main St | 828-295-9033
rusticnc.square.site

WINDWOOD TOO

7531 Valley Blvd | 828-295-9600

FOOD & SUNDRY

BAKERIES, COFFEE, & SWEETS:
see page 9

BLOWING ROCK ABC

7960 Valley Blvd | 828-295-7513

BLOWING ROCK MARKET

990 Main St | 828-414-9322
blowingrockmarket.com

FOOD LION GROCERY

7533 Valley Blvd | 828-295-7585

J&M PRODUCE

117 Shore Dr | 828-386-6303
facebook.com/jandmproduce

JERKY OUTPOST

1132 Main St | 828-773-0898
jerkyoutpost.net

MOONDANCE MARKET & CATERING

8146 Valley Blvd | 828-773-6722
moondancemarketandcatering.com

SPECKLED TROUT BOTTLE SHOP

922 Main St | 828-295-8199
thespeckledtrout.com

SPICE & TEA EXCHANGE

1087 Main St | 828-372-7070
spiceandtea.com

SUNSET & VINE

150 Sunset Dr | 828-414-9111
blowingrockwine.com

HYMN

999 Main St | 828-729-8424
instagram.com/hymn_nc

J MCLAUGHLIN

1081 Main St | 828-372-3003
jmclaughlin.com

JOCKEY

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd
828-295-0130
shoppesontheparkway.com

J W TWEEDS

1129 Main St | 828-295-8918
jweweedsblowingrock.com

MONKEE'S OF BLOWING ROCK

1179 Main St | 828-295-0708
monkeesofblowingrock.com

OLIVER'S ON MAIN

1179 Main St | 828-372-9100
oliversbr.com

RACK ROOM SHOES

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd
828-295-3523
rackroomshoes.com/store/361

ROOSTER ROCK

1087 Main St #3 | 828-372-9200
roosterrocknc.com

THE STABLE

1098 Main St | 305-224-2475
shopthestable.com

STORYBOOK LOOKS

1179 Main St | storybooklooks.co

SUNGLASS HUT

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd
828-295-0610
shoppesontheparkway.com

SUNSET TEE'S & HATTERY

1117 Main St | 828-295-9326

SWEET MIMI'S

1107 Main St | 828-263-3772
shopsweetmimis.com

TAKE HEART

1009 Main St | 828-818-0005
facebook.com/TakeHeartBou-
tiqueNC

TALBOT'S OUTLET

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd
828-414-5610
shoppesontheparkway.com

TAZMARAZ

1107 Main St | 828-295-3737
tazmaraz.com

VERA BRADLEY

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd
828-295-8834
shoppesontheparkway.com

VILLAGE THRIFT

8332 Valley Blvd | 828-414-9900
Blowing Rock Women's Club on Facebook



Experiences

Scan the QR codes for some itinerary and experience ideas for your next getaway to Blowing Rock and the surrounding NC High Country!

YOUNG FAMILIES



MAKERS TOUR



MIDWEEK FALL



GIRLS GETAWAY



Finding FRASER'S RIDGE

Fans of Diana Gabaldon's *Outlander* series may easily see Fraser's Ridge, Jamie and Claire's North Carolina homestead, here around Blowing Rock. Diana Gabaldon herself once said that Fraser's Ridge is "up near Boone and Blowing Rock." Many Scottish settlers made their home in NC in the mid- to late-1700s, and were among the largest groups to colonize the mountains of western NC. In fact, many followed much the same path as Jamie and Claire, arriving at the port of Wilmington, and going through the town of Cross Creek (now Fayetteville).

The mountains surrounding Blowing Rock are still largely undeveloped, protected by the boundaries of National Forests and National Park lands. It's so easy to look out over the views and imagine Fraser's Ridge and envision rustic cabins tucked into the hills.

From horseback trail rides to Revolutionary period explorations, Blowing Rock is the perfect hub for an inspired adventure! Where should you go to find your Fraser's Ridge in Blowing Rock? Scan the code to see more!



Flat Top Trail, Cone Memorial Park

Is Blowing Rock MITFORD?

Author Jan Karon lived in Blowing Rock when she was inspired to write *At Home in Mitford* and other books in the series. The books got their start as a weekly serial in the town's paper, *The Blowing Rocket*. Then-editor Jerry Burns remarked, "By the third week of running *The Mitford Years*, residents began associating characters from the weekly feature with friends and neighbors and Lord's Chapel and Main Street Grill were real places in a real town."

Which Mitford sites correspond to actual Blowing Rock locations? Folks often see Cone Manor as Fernbank, with its front porch view where "blue mountains rolled like waves." St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Church features "a fine Norman tower and showy gardens" much like the Lord's Chapel. Memorial Park, right next to our Town Hall, can easily be seen as the Town Green. Many locals saw our beloved Jerry Burns, the long-time editor of *The Blowing Rocket*, in the character of J.C. Hogan

Though the author always says that there are many Mitfords all over the country, she has also said that Blowing Rock is her favorite one. Come see for yourself! Scan the code for more details.



Broyhill Park



Pet FRIENDLY

Sometimes it's just not a family trip without the family pet. Many of the businesses, restaurants and accommodations in Blowing Rock love pets and welcome your furry family members!

Find details on the following at BlowingRock.com/dogs:

- PET FRIENDLY LODGING
- DOG-FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS
- SHOPS TO TAKE YOUR DOG & MORE!



The Blowing Rock

See yourself HERE

Explore and find your adventure, indulgence, inspiration, and relaxation in Blowing Rock! Find us on social to see what we're up to, and don't forget to tag us during your next visit.



TAG US #blowingrocknc



Grandfather Mountain



The Blowing Rock



New River



Town Tavern

Blowing Rock Events & Celebrations

Series & Ongoing Events

Art in the Park

828-295-7851 | blowingrock.com/artinthepark
10am-5pm on Select Saturdays, May-Oct

Concert in the Park

828-295-7851 | blowingrock.com/concertinthepark
Select Sundays, May-Oct

Blowing Rock Thursday Market

828-295-7851 | blowingrock.com/farmersmarket
Thursdays, May-Sept

Music on the Lawn

828-295-9703 | ragged-gardens.com | Fridays, May-Oct

Artists in Residence at Edgewood Cottage

artistsatedgewood.org | Daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day

Monday Night Concert Series

828-295-5222 | Mondays in July

Ghost Train at Tweetsie Railroad

800-526-5740 | tweetsie.com | Weekends in Oct

Crazy Christmas at Mystery Hill

828-264-2792 | mysteryhill.com | Nov-Dec

Festival of Lights at Chetola

828-295-5500 | chetola.com
Nightly, Thanksgiving thru Jan

Tweetsie Christmas

800-526-5740 | tweetsie.com | Select nights
Thanksgiving thru Christmas

Choose & Cut Season

828-264-3061 | wataugachristmastrees.org
Thanksgiving thru Christmas

Weekly Live Music at Restaurants

Year round at Chetola, Speckled Trout, Town Tavern,
and Twigs.



Art in the Park



Blowing Rock Winterfest



Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show

Annual Events

JANUARY

Blowing Rock Winterfest

828-295-7851 | blowingrockwinterfest.com | Late Jan.

MARCH

Meltdown Games at Appalachian Ski Mtn

828-295-7828 | appskimtn.com | Mid-March.

MAY

Blowing Rock Trout Derby

828-295-4636 | blowingrock.com/troutderby | First Sat. in Apr.

JUNE

Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show, Saddlebred

828-295-4700 | brchs.org | Early June.

Woodfired Pottery Kiln Opening

828-295-5099 | bolickandtraditionspottery.com
Last Sat. in June

JULY

4th of July Festival

828-295-5222 | blowingrock.com/july4th
First Saturday in July

Fireworks Extravaganza at Tweetsie

800-526-5740 | tweetsie.com. July 4th

Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show, Hunter Jumper I

828-295-4700 | brchs.org | Late July.

Symphony

828-295-7851 | symphonybythelake.com | Mid July.

St. Mary's Tour of Homes

828-295-7323 | stmartyofthehills.org | Late July.

AUGUST

Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show, Hunter Jumper II

828-295-4700 | brchs.org | Early Aug.

SEPTEMBER

Blowing Rock Plein Air Festival

828-295-9099 | blowingrockmuseum.org | Mid Sept.

Blue Ridge Conservancy 5K

828-264-2511 | blueridgeconservancy.org | Mid Sept.

OCTOBER

Halloween Festival & Monster March

828-295-5222 | blowingrock.com/halloween | Sat.
closest to Halloween.

NOVEMBER

Opening Day at Appalachian Ski Mountain

828-295-7828 | appskimtn.com | Weather permitting.

Christmas in the Park & Lighting of the Town

828-295-5222 | blowingrock.com/christmas-park
Fri & Sat following Thanksgiving.

Annual Thanksgiving Kiln Opening

828-295-3862 |
bolickandtraditionspottery.com
Sat. after Thanksgiving.

DECEMBER

New Year's Eve Fireworks & Torchlight Skiing

828-295-7828 | appskimtn.com | Dec 31.

Current dates, details,
& WAY MORE events:

BlowingRock.com/events

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HGTV'S
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