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**CHIMNEY ROCK
LAKE LURE
RUTHERFORDTON
SPINDALE
FOREST CITY
BOSTIC
IN NORTH CAROLINA**


Lake Lure &
the Blue Ridge Foothills
Rutherford County, NC




The
Esmeralda

Chimney Rock

125th Anniversary of The Esmeralda Inn
TheEsmeralda.com

Built in 1891, The Esmeralda Inn was once a stop on the historic stagecoach trail serving as the gateway into Western North Carolina. A host of celebrities also passed through this inn's doors including Clark Gable and Gloria Swanson, and the lobby floor was repurposed from the original floor upon which Baby and Johnny shared their final performance in the movie "Dirty Dancing." In 2017, The Esmeralda Inn will celebrate its 125th with special events and rates.

Have the Time of Your Life
Rutherford County, N.C.

Have the *TIME OF YOUR LIFE* in Lake Lure and the Blue Ridge Foothills in Western North Carolina, famous for its starring role in the film "Dirty Dancing!"

The quaint towns of Rutherford County are conveniently located between Charlotte and Asheville, and just an hour north of Spartanburg, SC, making it the ideal springboard to a bevy of local and regional attractions.

With outdoor adventures, scenic driving tours and iconic landmarks like Chimney Rock State Park, we invite you to unplug from your daily grind and recharge your mind, body and relationships.

**TOP 20 STS
EVENTS**

THE 8TH ANNUAL
Dirty Dancing
FESTIVAL

Lake Lure

**Dirty Dancing Festival &
30th Anniversary of "Dirty Dancing"**

Since the movie's 1987 release, fans from around the globe have flocked to Lake Lure to relive moments from this famous film and its stunning backdrop in Lake Lure. The annual Dirty Dancing Festival was named a 2015 "Top 20 Events" by the Southeast Tourism Society. The festival will celebrate "Dirty Dancing's" 30th anniversary in 2017!



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Rutherfordton
KidSenses Children’s InterACTIVE Museum
KidSenses.org

Share the joy of learning with your child as they perform scientific experiments on food at KidSenses’ new “Healthwise Exhibit” and enjoy other fun at this interactive museum designed for kids!

Spindale
Thermal Belt Rail Trail
RutherfordOutdoor.org

Beginning in Spindale, the 7+ mile converted rail line is now a trail connecting several towns. Walk, bike or run on the trail while passing restaurants, shops and sites. Pets welcome!



Forest City Hometown Holidays
TownofForestCity.com

Return to a simpler time in Forest City, N.C.—already loaded with a classic 1950s soda fountain and antique car collections, this idyllic American main street boasts more than a million Christmas lights every December. After the annual tree-lighting and holiday parade, treat yourself to hot chocolate and cookies from Mrs. Claus, a horse-drawn carriage ride, ice-skating and even get your dog’s picture taken with Old Saint Nick himself.

Festivities kick off Thanksgiving night.



Rutherford County, NC
Your WNC Outdoor Adventure Hub

Already famous for Chimney Rock State Park, it is a growing fact that Rutherford County is an adrenaline junkie’s hub for outdoor adventures. Zip lines, mountain biking and cycling trails, rappelling, world-class bouldering and more fun await. Or, pick from a long list of watersports and make some wakes on Lake Lure. Add golf, hiking, equestrian sport and fly fishing to complete your mountain getaway. Reward yourself with a 75-mile panoramic view from atop Chimney Rock itself. Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park offers a variety of hiking trails for all ages and abilities.



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