



Hay now! Haywood County is home to the North Carolina Great Smoky Mountains and 46 of the most scenic miles on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Comprised of 5 authentic mountain towns we cater to outdoor enthusiasts, romantic vacationers, entrepreneurs, beer lovers, winter explorers, weekend warriors, relaxation seekers, live music groovers and more. Grab your kids, family, friends, or pet and see why a stay here stays with you.



CHOOSE YOUR OWN TREE FARMS

Nothing gets you in the holiday spirit quite like roaming through acres of pine trees and choosing the perfect one to decorate in your home or cabin. Why not stay for the weekend at **Boyd Mountain Tree Farm** in a log cabin, roasting marshmallows over a bonfire and grabbing breakfast at **Joey's Pancake House** before setting out on a crisp morning hike. If you're feeling more adventurous you can take the family snow tubing, no experience necessary! **Cataloochee Ski Area** is known for their excellent beginner ski lessons, and offers 18 ski slopes to explore in Maggie Valley. Winter is the best time to be in the NC Smokies!



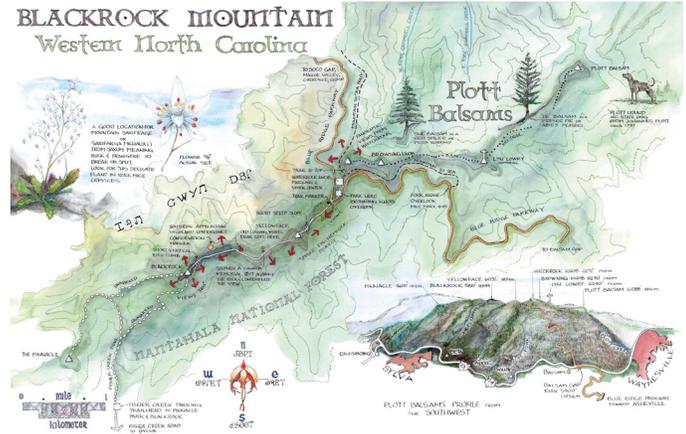
UNIQUE VACATION EXPERIENCES

Home to glamping, train caboose vacation rentals, cabins, creekside hotels, and much more. One of the best things about Summer and Fall travel is having the excuse to cruise along the **Blue Ridge Parkway** blasting your favorite tunes and packing some cheese and crackers for a sunset picnic at one of our 74 overlooks and vistas along the BRP. We are home to many great hotels and motels throughout the county. Stay in Maggie Valley to have quick access to the **Wheels Through Time** museum, hiking, and spirits tasting. Try out Lake Junaluska for gorgeous mountain views, lake side strolls and paddle boarding. Stay in Waynesville for access to golf courses, downtown shopping and dining. Clyde is home to a 65 acre bison farm and slowed down living. Canton offers breweries, river side dining, and is a quick drive over to Asheville.



THE ART OF HIKING

If you appreciate the true “art” of hiking, then you will love local naturalist Ken Czarnomski’s collection of hand drawn illustrated hiking guides. The newer **Lake Junaluska** and **Blackrock Mountain** maps join **Sam’s Summit Loop Trail** and **Purchase Knob** hiking guides as an exclusive, one-of-a-kind map available only in Haywood County. The Blackrock Mountain guide covers a scenic portion of the Plott Balsam Mountain Range. This 4.6mi round trip hike includes majestic ridge lines, exquisite flora and fauna, sweeping views of the Great Smokies, Balsams, Waterrock Knob and more. The guide itself is such a work of art that you’ll need one for the trail and one to frame when you get home!



WHERE DOES ALL THE WATER GO?



Haywood County is 1 of 2 headwater counties in the entire country meaning all rivers, streams, creeks, and springs originate high in the mountains and flow out, **no water flows in**. This also means our county is a premium spot for breweries and distilleries. Less pure water runs the potential of introducing trace minerals or other elements that could react poorly to beers and spirits causing a less than tasty outcome. Haywood was even home to the most notorious moonshiner of all time, **Marvin “Popcorn” Sutton**. Now you can legally have your own taste of Haywood spirits at **Elevated Mountain Distillery in Maggie Valley** offering award winning craft **vodka, bourbons, and flavored whiskeys**.

CATALOOCHEE ELK

Cataloochee Valley, a section of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park (GSMNP), is the birthplace of the 2001 reintroduced elk population within the park. Initially 52 elk were released which have now grown to a herd of over 150 and counting. They can mainly be found in Cataloochee Valley but have been spotted in other popular areas in and around the GSMNP, like Maggie Valley and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Fall is their mating season called “the Rut” and you can find male bulls bugling and fighting for domination. Another little known fact is elk regrow their antlers every year. The old ones fall off after mating season.



FUN FACTS

Haywood County has 19 mountain peaks that reach elevations of at least 6,000 feet.

The county’s 46 miles of Blue Ridge Parkway is the highest elevated section of the entire 469 miles of parkway.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited national park in the country. It’s also known as the “Salamander Capital of the World.”



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