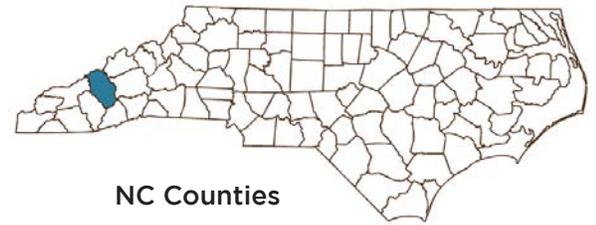




Haywood County is home to the North Carolina Great Smoky Mountains and 46 of the most scenic miles on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Comprised of 5 authentic mountains towns we cater to outdoor enthusiasts, romantic vacationers, entrepreneurs, beer lovers, winter explorers, weekend warriors, relaxation seekers, live music groovers and more. Grab your kids, family, friends, or pet and see why A Stay Here Stays With You®.



SMOKY MOUNTAIN ELK FEST '19

The inaugural Smoky Mountain Elk Fest will take place September 13-15th, 2019. The creation of this event was founded on the desire to celebrate the reintroduction of the Elk to the **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** since 2001 and all of the outdoor wonders Haywood County has to offer. Maggie Valley Festival Grounds is a quick 35 min drive from Asheville.



The Smoky Mountain Elk Fest will be a family friendly event with a focus on conservation of the elk and the elk habitat. The Festival will also feature activities such as educational hikes, elk tours, creekside demonstrations, kids' activities, wildlife artists and crafts, cultural performances, timbersports and plenty of great food and music.

www.smokymtnelkfest.com

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.

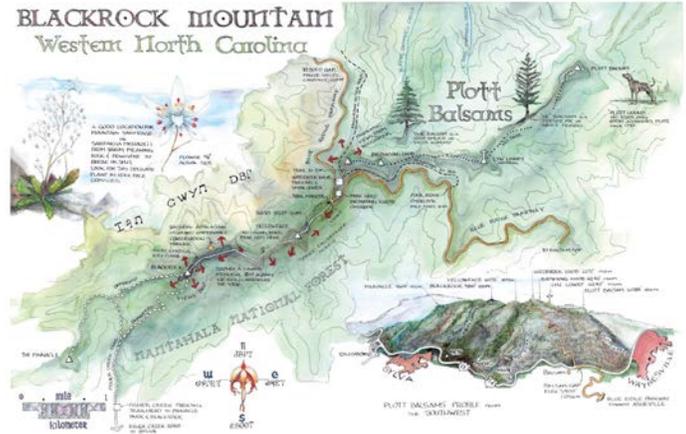


FRESH NEW STORIES

- 10 Acre Garden - Canton - launched a successful Kickstarter campaign to house a year round farm to food truck. Planning to serve food meals from ingredients grown on the property this Fall. Don't miss their **Summer Sunflower Maze!**
- The Garrett House Restaurant - Maggie Valley - Opened March 2019 offering fine dining creekside with a full bakery operation featuring pastries, breads, and many cake flavors including two gluten free options.
- Folkmoot Festival - Haywood County - July 2019 will be introducing Folkmalt, an international craft beer, food and music fair.

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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