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BLOWING ROCK, NC GUIDE



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## Welcome to Blowing Rock

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. Hospitality runs deep here. Today, Blowing Rock offers over 25 restaurants, nearly 100 shops & boutiques, two dozen inns & hotels, numerous vacation rentals, and abundant celebrations of art & culture- all packed into a quaint community. The town remains surrounded by unspoiled natural beauty, wrapped in the cool mountain breezes that gave the town its name. See incredible views and rugged terrain via the Blue Ridge Parkway or multiple attractions and guide services. We invite you to enjoy all Blowing Rock has to offer- you're always welcome.

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 though 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 seeing these special places protected and preserved for current and future generations.

Remember the 7 Outdoor NC Leave No Trace Principles and 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



# Ideas For your Next Itinerary FINDYOUR NEW FAVORITE

## The BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Experience up-close encounters with gorgeous natural spaces, just steps from the Village of Blowing Rock. Our town is located directly on the Blue Ridge Parkway, a unit of the National Park Service.

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 home, 25 miles of carriage trails, Southern Highland Craft Guild Shop and craft demonstrations.

PRICE PARK, MP 297: Price Lake & campground, hiking, 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.

LINVILLE FALLS, MP 316: Massive falls, campground, fishing, hiking.





## **BLOWING ROCK MAKERS**

Blowing Rock has a history of attracting creative people who draw inspiration from the splendor of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Step into local shops to see the tradition continue, from textiles to jewelry! More at blowingrock.com/makers

**Bolick and Traditions Pottery:** Traditional pottery and unique glazes from generations of artisans. Studio just south of town; gallery on Main St.

**Gaines Kiker Silversmith/Goldsmith:** One-of-a-kind and custom jewelry and sculpture.

Grounded Works: Handcrafted, funtional leather goods with unique design.

**High Country Candles:** The Ziegler family carves hand-dipped candles into a distinctive pattern of their own.

**McCoy Minerals**: Watch from the special observation area as Doc cuts gemstones for custom settings.

**The Mountain Thread Company:** Observe a textile process that marries the modern and the classic.

**Plus: Artists in Residence at Edgewood** is a can't-miss event series. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, meet different artists each week in a studio setting! Admission is free. See details at ArtistsAtEdgewood.org.



Surrounded by lush & rugged terrain, Blowing Rock is the perfect place to explore nature.

#### Glen Burney Trail

Trail head in downtown Blowing Rock. 800 ft descent, 1.2 mi out-and-back trail with waterfalls.

#### Moses Cone Memorial Park 25+ miles of Carriage Trails along the

Blue Ridge Parkway at milepost 294.

Julian Price Memorial Park Trails

on Blue Ridge Parkway.

programs year round.

12+ miles of trails with camping.

**Grandfather Mountain State Park** 

12 miles of trails and Ranger-led

boating and fishing. Milepost 297

*Year-Round Appeal* **Spring:** Local trails are perfect locations for wildflower hunting! **Summer:** Deep greens and the warbling of migrating bird species await. Fall: Vibrant foliage from perspectives that can't be found on busy roadways. Winter: Cold skies are clearer, making long-range views especially breathtaking.

Find seasonal info, details, and trail maps at blowingrock.com/hiking

The **BLOWING** 

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. According to the Legend of the Blowing Rock, these strong winds carried a Cherokee man back from the valley below to the arms of his beloved, who was waiting on the Rock as she prayed for his return. The Blowing Rock itself is over 1 million years old- NC's oldest travel attraction. Stop by to experience the inspiring winds and incredible views for yourself! TheBlowingRock.com.



## **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 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: 1 29 Mystery Hill Ln Blowing Rock

#### Watauga River

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

More info at blowingrock.com/fishing





# Area Attractions and Recreation

### **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 Apr-Dec. weekends Jan-Mar, weather permitting.

#### THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Multiple access points 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 all year, 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.

#### SPAS

#### SPA AT CHETOLA RESORT

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

#### **WESTGLOW RESORT & SPA**

224 Westglow Cir, Blowing Rock | 800-562-0807 westglow.com | A top destination spa with incredible views, offering half-day and full-day spa packages.



#### DOC'S ROCKS GEM MINE + PALEO PUTT-PUTT

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 Laser-tag & Nerf Battle Zone! Open year round.

#### **MYSTERY HILL**

129 Mystery Hill Ln, Blowing Rock 828-264-2792 | mysteryhill.com | A truly unique blend of indoor and outdoor adventure with multiple activities. It's a gravity-defving. axe-throwing, bull-bucking, rock-hounding. ice-cream-brain-freeze kind of a good time! Open year round.

#### **TEE 2 GREEN INDOOR GOLF**

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd. Suite 18 Blowing Rock | tee2areenindooraolf.com Indoor golf and lounge experience with 4K high-def 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 800-526-5740 | 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.

#### **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.

#### CHETOLA SPORTING RESERVE

819 Horton Creek Trl, Blowing Rock 800-243-8652 | chetola.com | Orvis-Endorsed fly fishing, archery, gun ranges, clay shooting. Open to Chetola guests and club members only.



#### MOUNTAINS TO COAST

5190 Hwy 321 S., Blowing Rock | 828-335-3474 mountainstocoast.com | Access, planning, & instruction service for fly-fishing & shotgun sports. Orvis Trained, Endorsed, and Certified Fly-Fishing Guides available.

#### THE SPECKLED TROUT OUTFITTERS

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

#### **VX3 TRAIL RIDES**

Cone Trails, 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.

#### ZAP ENDURANCE

Blowing Rock | 828-295-6198 zapendurance.com | Adult running vacations and sports programs for all abilities, with training center for Olympic hopeful distance runners.





#### HISTORY & CULTURE

#### 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.

#### **BLOWING ROCK HISTORY WALK**

Laurel Lane, Blowing Rock blowingrockhistoricalsociety.com 21 outdoor History Stations featuring relief images and narratives of events, people, and places in Blowing Rock history.

#### EDGEWOOD COTTAGE & 1888 MUSEUM

Main St, Blowing Rock blowingrockhistoricalsociety.com Self-guided tours through first home & studio of artist Elliott Daingerfield and preserved Watauga Hotel cottage. Artists in Residence at Edgewood Cottage held each summer.

#### 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. Drama presented summer evenings, homestead open Apr-Nov.

#### 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 spaces once used as feed rooms & class rooms.





#### ADVENTURE PARKS & SKIING

#### **APPALACHIAN SKI MOUNTAIN**

Blowing Rock | 800-322-2373 | appskimtn.com Ski & snowboard! Home of App Terrain Park, French Swiss Ski College, & Midnight Blast nights. 12 slopes, 5 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, 8 lifts, tubing, ice skating, Beech Mountain Brewing Co., & more. Downhill mountain biking and disc golf in summer.

#### **HAWKSNEST TUBING & ZIPLINES**

Seven Devils | 828-963-6561 hawksnesttubing.com | Biggest snow tubing park on the East Coast! 20 lanes and two moving carpet lifts. Year round ziplines with 2 superzips! New for 2024: Whitewater Rafting Tours! 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.

#### 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! NEW: Accessible Mountain Cat Off Road Adventures!

#### 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!

#### **ROCKY KNOB MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK**

285 Mountain Bike Wy., Boone | 828-266-1345 rockyknob.wordpress.com | Designated National Recreational Trail System. About 10 mi of progression based trails and skills areas, a pump track, playground, & picnic shelter.



### 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- 430 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!

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# Accommodations

Map Location	Hotels, Inn	is, and B	ed & E	BREAKFASTS	Fireplace	Jacuzzi	Breakfast	Pets OK	Handicap	Pool	Wi-fi
0	Alpine Village Inn	297 Sunset Dr	828-295-7206	alpine-village-inn.com	•	•		•	•		•
0	Azalea Garden Inn	793 N. Main St	828-295-3272	azaleagardeninn.com	•	•					•
3	Blowing Rock Ale House	152 Sunset Dr	828-414-9254	blowingrockbrewing.com/inn-rooms							•
4	Blowing Rock Inn & Mountain Villas	788 N. Main St	828-295-7921	blowingrockinn.com	•						•
6	Blowing Rock Victorian Inn	242 Ransom St	828-414-5604	thevictorianinnblowingrock.com	•	•	•				•
6	The Bob Timberlake Inn at Chetola Resort	185 Chetola Lake Dr	800-243-8652	chetola.com	•	•	•		•	•	•
0	Boxwood Lodge Blowing Rock	671 Main St	828-295-3380	thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com	•	•		•	•		•
8	Chetola Resort	185 Chetola Lake Dr	800-243-8652	chetola.com		•	•	•	•	•	•
9	Cliff Dwellers Inn	116 Lakeview Terrace	828-414-9596	cliffdwellers.com	•	•	•	•	•		•
0	The Embers Hotel	124 Morningside Dr	828-372-8000	hotelembers.com	•				•		•
0	The Getaway	830 Main St	828-237-1925	thegetawaybr.com	•				•		•
₽	Gideon Ridge Inn	202 Gideon Ridge Rd	828-295-3644	gideonridge.com	•	•	•	•			•
₿	Green Park Inn	9239 Valley Blvd	828-414-9230	greenparkinn.com	•	•	•	•	•		•
1	Hellbender Bed & Beverage	239 Sunset Dr	828-295-3487	hellbender.bar				•			•
Ð	Hemlock Inn & Suites	134 Morris St	828-295-7987	hemlockinn.net					•		•
❶	Hillwinds Inn	315 Sunset Dr	828-295-3380	thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com	•	•		•			•
Ð	Holiday Inn Express	8412 Valley Blvd.	828-295-4422	hiexpressblowingrock.com			•		•	•	•
₿	Homestead Inn	153 Morris St	828-295-9559	homestead-inn.com	•	•		•	•		•
❶	The Inn at Ragged Gardens	203 Sunset Dr	828-295-9703	ragged-gardens.com	•	•	•	•			•
3	The Manor	567 Main St	828-414-2800	blowingrockmanor.com			•		•		•
0	Meadowbrook Inn	711 Main St	828-295-4300	meadowbrook-inn.com	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>6</b> 2	Mountainaire Inn & Log Cabins	827 N Main St	828-295-7991	mountainaireinn.com	•	•					٠
<b>B</b>	Ridgeway Inn	131 Yonahlossee Rd	828-372-9900	ridgewayinn-nc.com	•	•					•
24	The Village Inn	7876 Valley Blvd	828-295-3380	thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com	•	•			•		•

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



Looking for more? Find additional in-town rentals on vrbo.com and airbnb.com.

## CABINS & VACATION RENTALS

D	Antler Ridge 4BR	609 Bass Lake Dr	704-564-9651	mountain-resort.net
D	The Blake on Main	945 Main St		vrbo.com/1247366
2	Blowing Rock Properties	1059 Main St	800-849-0147	blowingrockproperties.com
3	Blowing Rock Resort Rentals	232 Ransom St	866-800-9899	blowingrockresortrentals.com
B	Cottages at Homestead	153 Morris St	828-295-9559	homestead-inn.com
4	Diamond Properties	250 Sunset Dr, 131 Morris St	919-606-4547	blowingrockrentals.com
5	Hill House Blowing Rock	334 Hill St.	910-520-3300	blowingrockhillhouse.com
6	Jenkins Rentals	452 Sunset Dr	800-438-7803	jenkinsrentals.com
7	Main & Pine	1150 Main St	919-893-4424	thecarolinaexperience.com
2	Mountainaire Inn & Log Cabins	827 N Main St	828-295-7991	mountainaireinn.com
B	Reinhardt Rooms	960 Main St		airbnb.com/users/show/133993890
9	Rising on Main	916 Main St	828-295-6000	carolinacabinrentals.com
0	Springhaven Inn	Main St & John's River Rd	252-341-6461	springhaveninn.com
D	Suddreth Cottage	818 N Main St	800-237-7975	blueridgerentals.com





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

#### Pisgah National Forest Camping: Grandfather Ranger District

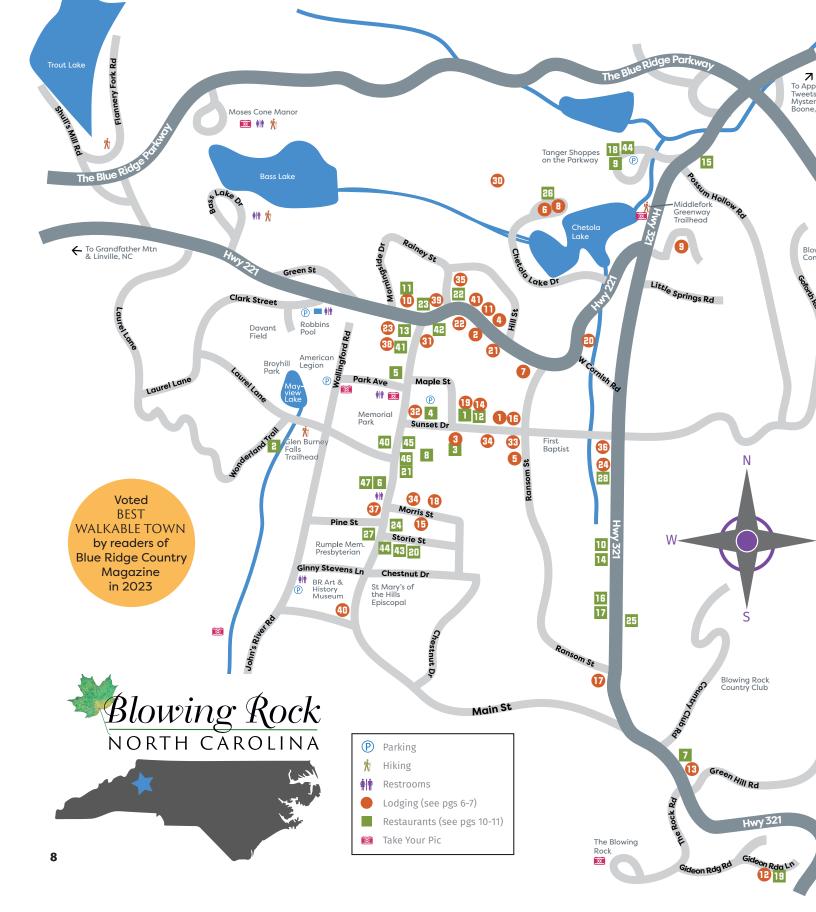
Public lands west of Blowing Rock are part of the Grandfather Ranger District, with the Blue Ridge Parkway forming the northern boundary of the district. Mortimer Campground (accessible sites & facilities available) is the closest developed campground. Primitive, dispersed campsites available in the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

#### 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

More: There are several private campsites in the area offering tent and RV sites! See campground listings on 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 at DontMoveFirewood.org.





## Parking in Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock can get very busy in summer and fall, particularly on weekends. Weekdays are the best time to visit for easy parking and less crowding in summer and fall. If you can't make it on a weekday, here are some parking tips to make your visit more relaxed:

- P Arrive early. Finding a parking space is easiest before 11am and after 5pm.
- <sup>®</sup> Park off Main Street. Most spaces off Main Street do not have time limits- get in early and park as long as vou need.
- <sup>®</sup> Bring a little cash on event weekends. Some local organizations may charge a small fee for parking in their lots, like Blowing Rock School and Rumple Church.
- Stay at one of many hotels, inns, and rentals within walking distance of downtown to eliminate parking
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See more details and addresses for public parking at blowingrock.com/parking

# Take Your Pic! TAG US #blowingrocknc or #loveblowingrock

Looking for that next great destination selfie or family photo? Here are a few can't-miss photo-ops:

- The Blowing Rock: The Town's namesake, this formation has a huge view and easy access for multi-generation families. The small entry fee helps maintain the surrounding park and trails.
- 0 Jessie: Find the sculpture of the little girl on a bench outside the Community Library. She's busy reading, but will share her book with you!
- Blowing Rock Postcard Mural: Full of color and iconic scenes, with a "wish you were here!" signature.
- Welcome to Blowing Rock sign: Located at the trailhead for the Middle Fork Greenway, this beautiful hand-painted sign welcomes folks to the north end of town.
- Cone Manor: Built in 1901 and recently restored, this gleaming, 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. (pictured on right)



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Dining	Guide
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Map Location	Restauf	rants			Price Range	utdoor Seating	Meals Served	Type of Cuisine
1	Best Cellar	203 Sunset Dr	828-295-3466	ragged-gardens.com	\$\$\$	¢	D	Fine Dining
5	Bistro Roca	143 Wonderland Tr	828-295-4008	bistroroca.com	\$\$	₽	L, D, SB	American Bistro
3	Blowing Rock Ale House	152 Sunset Dr	828-414-9600	blowingrockbrewing.com	\$\$	₽	L, D	Brewery, Tavern
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	blowingrock.market	\$	₽	B,L	Deli
6	Café Violette	1132 Main St	828-414-9989	cafeviolettebr.com	\$\$\$	₽	L, D, SB	Eurpoean Bistro
7	Chestnut Grille & Divide Tavern	9239 Valley Blvd	828-414-9230	greenparkinn.com	\$\$	₽	B, D	American Casual & Elevated Pub
8	Cupcrazed Café -seasonal	146 Greenway Ct	828-295-3769	cupcrazed.com	\$\$	≎	B, L, D, SB	Brunch Café
9	Egg Rollin'	310 Shoppes on Pkwy	828-372-7007	eggrollin.biz	\$	₽	B, L, SB	Eggrolls & Sandwiches
10	Fabled Pizza at Myers Kitchen	8146 Valley Blvd	828-414-9737	fabledpizza.com	\$\$	₽	L,D	Pizza
11	Hearth	124 Morningside Dr	828-372-8000	hotelembers.com/dine	\$\$	¢	B,L,D, SB	American Bistro
12	Hellbender Bed & Beverage	239 Sunset Dr	828-295-3487	hellbender.bar	\$\$	₽	B, L, D	Comfort Food
13	Mellow Mushroom	946 Main St	828-295-3399	mellowmushroom.com	\$\$	₽	L, D	Pizza & Subs
14	Mexican Rock	8180 Valley Blvd	828-818-0087	Mexican Rock on Facebook	\$\$	₽	L, D, SB	Mexican American
15	Moon Thai Sushi Ramen	7179 Valley Blvd	828-414-9905	themoonatblowingrock.com	\$\$	₽	L,D	Thai & Japanese
16	Outback Steakhouse	8280 Valley Blvd	828-295-6283	outback.com	\$\$		L,D	Steakhouse & Grill
17	The Pedalin' Pig	8304 Valley Blvd	828-295-3651	thepedalinpig.com	\$\$		L,D	BBQ
18	The Penny Path	278 Shoppes on Pkwy	828-372-7020	facebook.com/ThePennyPathBR	\$	₽	L, D	Crepes & Coffee
19	The Restaurant at Gideon Ridge	202 Gideon Ridge Rd	828-295-3644	gideonridge.com	\$\$\$	₽	D	Fine Dining
20	Say Cheese - seasonal	1179 Main St	828-999-9630	saycheesebr.com	\$	₽	L	Grilled Cheese
21	Six Pence Pub	1121 Main St	828-295-3155	sixpencepub.com	\$\$	₽	L, D	British
22	Social on Main	870 Main St	828-414-9440		\$	₽	B, L, SB	American Diner
23	Speckled Trout & Bottle Shop	922 Main St	828-295-9819	thespeckledtrout.com	\$\$	₽	L, D	Regional

Price Range is based on average entrée price: \$ = \$12 and under \$\$ = \$13-24 \$\$\$=\$25+ =outdoor seating B = breakfast L = lunch D = dinner SB = Sunday brunch See individual websites for current business hours.



Map Location	Restau	rants			Price Range	Outdoor Seating	Meals Served	Type of Cuisine
24	Storie Street Grille	1167 Main St	828-295-7075	storiestreetgrille.com	\$\$	₽	L, D	Mediterranean American
25	Subway	8433 Valley Blvd	828-295-7827	subway.com	\$	≎	L, D	Sandwiches
26	Timberlake's Restaurant	185 Chetola Lake Dr	828-295-5505	chetola.com	\$\$\$	≎	B, L, D	Fine Dining
27	Town Tavern	1182 Main St	828-295-7500	towntavernbr.com	\$	₽	L, D	Sports Bar
28	Twigs	7956 Valley Blvd	828-295-5050	twigsbr.com	\$\$\$	⇔	D, SB	Fine Dining



## The Local Experience

Enjoy the inventive flair of our culinary pros as they work with the best of local foods from area farms and food producers. It might be a trend elsewhere, but it's just business as usual here. From the little things to the extravagant flavors and views, we invite you to enjoy the local experience of dining in Blowing Rock.

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## COFFEE SHOPS AND SWEETS

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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 on Main	960 Main St	828-372-9050	bluedeercookies.com		Ice cream cookie sandwiches, coffee, & baked goods
42	Camp Coffee	921 Main St		camproast.com	₽	Locally roasted, organic coffees, teas, muffins & fruit smoothies
43	Chip N'Doh - seasonal	1179 Main St		chipndoh on Facebook		Soft serve style edible cookie dough
44	Flavia's -seasonal	1179 Main St	828-781-3272	instagram.com/flavias.brnc		Macarons & mini cakes
45	Kilwin's Chocolates, Fudge & Ice Cream	1103 S Main St & at Shoppes on Pkwy	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



Put on a pair of comfy shoes and Corclean out your car trunk because Blue Ridge Country 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, Banana Republic and more, with ample parking and covered walkways.

### 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 SILVERSMITH/** 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

## ANTIQUES

ANTIQUES MAIN 109 Aho Rd | 828-414-9365

**BLOWING ROCK ANTIQUES** 379 Sunset Dr | 704-960-7478

**BLOWING ROCK ESTATE IEWELRY &** 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

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 | 828-372-7022 coalminersdaughtermercantile.com

**DE PROVENCE ET D'AILLEURS** 131-8 Morris St | 828-295-9989

**FINAL TOUCHES** 1077 Main St | 828-295-6690 finaltouches.com

GROUNDED WORKS 1179 Main St | 828-406-7531 groundedworks.design

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HIGH COUNTRY CANDLES 1098 Main St | 828-295-9655 highcountrycandles.net

**INCREDIBLE TOY COMPANY** 278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd 828-264-1422 incredibletoycompany.com

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

**MOUNTAIN THREAD COMPANY** 1098 Main St | 828-372-7024 themountainthreadcompany.com

NARROW PATH PROVISION CO.

110 Sunset Dr | 828-372-9030 narrowpathprovisionco.com

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

**SERVES YOU RIGHT** 1179 Main St | 828-295-4438 servesyourightblowingrock.com

UNWOUND 1132 Main St | 828-295-5051 unwoundvarn.com

WE'RE GOOD SPORTS 1087 Main St | 828-295-9547 weregoodsports.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

**AOUA B BOUTIOUE** 1150 Main St | 828-295-7200 aqua-b-boutique.myshopify.com

BANANA REPUBLIC FACTORY STORE

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd 828-295-0497 shoppesontheparkway.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

#### DAILY THREAD

278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd 612-224-5291 | shopdailythread.com



DEEPLY ROOTED/HYMN

999 Main St | 828-729-8424

FINLEY HOUSE COUTURE 1121 Main St | 828-295-6373 finleyhousecouture.com

**THE FIG LEAF LTD.** 1131 Main St | 828-295-3535

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

HANESBRANDS 278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd 828-295-4360 shoppesontheparkway.com

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 jwtweedsblowingrock.com

MONKEE'S OF BLOWING ROCK 1179 Main St | 828-295-0708 monkeesofblowingrock.com

NAJLA'S BOUTIQUE 1116 Main St | 919-291-4840 najlasboutique.net

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 SUPPLY CO. 983 Main St | 828-372-9200 theroosterbr.com THE STABLE 1098 Main St | 305-224-2475 shopthestable.com

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/TakeHeartBoutiqueNC

**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

### FOOD & SUNDRY

BAKERIES, COFFEE, & SWEETS: see page 11

**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

MYERS KITCHEN & PANTRY 8146 Valley Blvd | 828-414-9737 fabledpizza.com

**SPECKLED TROUT BOTTLE SHOP** 922 Main St | 828-295-9819 thespeckledtrout.com

SPICE & TEA EXCHANGE 1087 Main St | 828-372-7070 spiceandtea.com

SUNSET & VINE 150 Sunset Dr | 828-414-9111 blowingrockwine.com

### Home decor & furnishings

**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

**THE MUSTARD SEED MARKET** 5589 US 321 S | 828-295-4585 themustardseedmarketnc.com

MUSTARD SEED HOME 312 Green St | 828-818-0036 themustardseedmarketnc.com

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

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ARCADIAN MASSAGE 133-6 Morris St | 828-630-6641 arcadianmassage.com

**STUDIO M SALON** 140 Maple St | 828-414-9333 studiomsalonbr.com

**TRILLIUM** 153 Sunset Dr | 828-295-6861

VILLAGE PHARMACY 278 Shoppes on the Parkway Rd 828-295-3482 | boonedrug.com



# Blowing Rock Events & Celebrations



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 Farmer's Market** 828-295-7851 | blowingrock.com/farmersmarket Thursdays, May-Oct

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 | Select Mondays, July-Aug

**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

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





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.

## APRIL

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.

Heritage Day and Kiln Opening 828-295-5099 | bolickandtraditionspottery.com Last Sat. in June

## JULY

**4th of July Festival** 828-295-5222 | blowingrock.com/july4th | Weekend closest to July 4th.

Fireworks Extravaganza at Tweetsie 800-526-5740 | tweetsie.com

Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show, Hunter Jumper I 828-295-4700 | brchs.org | Late July.

**St. Mary's Tour of Homes** 828-295-7323 | stmaryofthehills.org | Late July.

Symphony by the Lake at Chetola 828-295-7851 | symphonybythelake.com | Late July.



## AUGUST

Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show, Hunter Jumper II 828-295-4700 | brchs.org | Early Aug.

Blowing Rock Plein Air Festival 828-295-9099 | blowingrockmuseum.org | Mid-Aug.

## SEPTEMBER

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 | Mid-Nov.

**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, & more events: BlowingRock.com/events



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