



Relax, unplug and find serenity
(or adventure!) in the mountains of
Haywood County, N.C., located just
30 minutes west of Asheville. This is
where the Great Smoky Mountains
meet the Blue Ridge in Western
North Carolina, making Haywood an
ideal home base for an outdoor
escape during all four seasons.

Whether you're looking to lace up your hiking boots, enjoy a picnic or a sunset from 6,000 feet, or simply take in the scenic views from your rocking chair, peace and tranquility await here in Haywood.



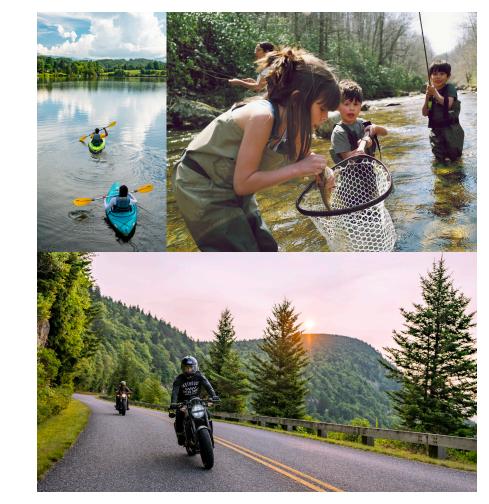


## Go Wild in Haywood County's Great Outdoors

Breathe in the fresh mountain air as you drive, hike, bike or motorcycle your way through Haywood County in Western North Carolina. Chase waterfalls. Dip into swimming holes. Fish in the creeks and rivers. Or simply park yourself atop the Blue Ridge Parkway and take in the scenic views.

Savor a serene, uncrowded pocket of America's most visited national park (Great Smoky Mountains National Park) from the Cataloochee Valley, a perfect spot for elk-watching enthusiasts.

The sky's the limit when it comes to off-the-beatenpath adventures in scenic Haywood County.





#### A Restful Mountain Retreat

Escape to the North Carolina Smoky Mountains in Haywood County, where cozy accommodations await, seamlessly blending comfort with natural splendor. From charming cabins to luxurious mountain getaways, classic hotels, bed and breakfasts and unique glamping experiences, there's something for every traveler.

Take in the unforgettable views from the glass cabins and domes at the Glamping Collective's properties, or rent a caboose surrounded by Buffalo Creek Vacation's 65-acre Bison Ranch in Clyde. Step back in time at the Route 19 Inn in

Maggie Valley or The Yellow House in Waynesville. Treat yourself to a luxe getaway with epic views at The Swag.

Whatever accommodations you choose, staying in Haywood County puts you in the heart of Western North Carolina's adventure core, just minutes from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, endless hiking trails and 360-degree views of stunning mountain vistas.





# Family Fun and Adventures

Nestled in the Western North Carolina mountains, Haywood County beckons as the ultimate destination for a family-friendly retreat. Start your adventure at Lake Junaluska, where you can enjoy a guided boat tour, paddleboard, kayak or canoe across the tranquil waters or take a stroll around the lake on the Rose Walk.

For a taste of the wild, venture to Buffalo Creek Vacations in Clyde, where you can mingle with the resident bison, ride miniature horses and feed the llamas and goats. Take a tour of Winchester Creek Farm in Waynesville to learn about the alpacas and miniature farm animals.

Family-friendly hikes are plentiful around the area and include Soco Falls (near Maggie Valley), a short walk that ends at the waterfall. Haywood County Community College in Clyde also features nature trails and an 18-hole disc golf course. Skiers and snowboarders can visit the Cataloochee Ski Area in Maggie Valley and nearby Tube World provides fun for the whole family. Rainy days are no match for the array of indoor entertainment options scattered throughout Haywood County.

Make sure to take advantage of the family-friendly events throughout the year, like the Apple Festival in October or the Fourth of July festivities, which promise entertainment and memories for everyone.





#### **Appalachian Arts, Shopping and Mountain Music**

The arts of Western North Carolina are steeped in the rich spirit of Appalachia's creative expression and cultural heritage.

Wander through the quaint streets of downtown Waynesville and swing by Twigs and Leaves Gallery. Visit Sutton and Sons in Maggie Valley for antique hunting gear or get lost in the stories at Blue Moon Books in Canton. Find something you didn't know you needed at Cabbage Rose and indulge in old-fashioned candy by the pound at Mast General Store. If you're itching to unleash your own creativity, try an art class at Cold Mountain Arts Collective. Along the way, you can embark on a treasure hunt along the Haywood County Quilt Trail.

Experience the Appalachian culture of Western North Carolina with live mountain music, including the homegrown Balsam Range Art of Music Festival and classic street fairs at the region's many festivals like the Folkmoot International Festival in Waynesville or the Hillbilly Jam in Maggie Valley. For unforgettable dancing, visit Stompin' Ground, the clogging capital with live bluegrass music.





# Scenic Swings in a Golfer's Paradise

Haywood County is a treasure for golf enthusiasts in the Southeast. With five picturesque courses scattered throughout the area, golfers can soak in the stunning views while enjoying their game.

Springdale Golf Resort was awarded the Golf Inc. #1 "New Public Clubhouse of the Year" surrounded by the 6,000-foot Cold Mountain. The Waynesville Inn & Golf Club is on a 165-acre historic property and features 72 newly renovated guest roots. Maggie Valley Club & Resort is known for its championship course. Laurel Ridge Country Club has been selected as one of "America's Best Courses" by Golfweek Magazine. Lake Junaluska Golf Course offers a laid-back atmosphere set alongside the tranquil lake backdrop.





## Savor the Seasons through Food in Southern Appalachia

Haywood County is a culinary playground serving a feast of locally owned restaurants. Dive into farmfresh delights and seasonal sensations, like juicy apples in autumn and wild ramps in the spring, all grown right here in Western North Carolina.

For breakfast lovers, Joey's Pancake House and Pop's Biscuits, Burgers and BBQ in Maggie Valley are staples. Or start your day at Main Street Diner, followed by a specialty coffee from Orchard Coffee in Waynesville. Indulge in Southern comfort classics like shrimp and grits at Southern Porch, located in a Victorian mansion in Canton.

Waynesville's Singletree Heritage Kitchen specializes in handcrafted, sensibly sourced foods. Chow down on pizza and tacos at Sauced, savor

the sushi from Watami Sushi & Noodles or opt for a big bowl of pasta from Frankie's Italian Trattoria.

Enjoy a post-hike brew at Boojum Brewery
Taproom Frog Level, which includes an outdoor
beer garden, in downtown Waynesville. Bear
Waters Brewing Company has locations in
Maggie Valley, Waynesville and Canton (where
there's a patio on the banks of the Pigeon River).
And don't miss the handcrafted soda made from
local ingredients at Waynesville Soda Jerks.





#### **Culture and Community**

From lively music and dance performances to exhilarating motorcycle events and traditional heritage festivities, there's always something exciting happening in this charming mountain region.

Experience the vibrant culture of Haywood County with events like the renowned Apple Festival in October. Thunder in the Smokies revs up the scenic mountain roads with the roar of motorcycle engines and camaraderie. Delight in the winter wonderland at Ice Fest Weekend, a celebration featuring ice sculpting, skating, skiing and festive cheer. Reel in the fun at Trout Fest, where anglers come together to celebrate the rich fishing heritage of the region.

Embrace the rich Appalachian heritage at events like the Blue Ridge Heritage Weekend at Shelton House, offering a glimpse into the traditions and crafts of the mountain communities. Folkmoot, Haywood County's renowned International Folk Festival, showcases the rich diversity of global cultures through music, dance and traditional performances. Finally, wrap up summer with Canton's annual Labor Day Festival - which dates back to 1906 and is the oldest in the South.







Visit Haywood County, where the Great Smoky Mountains meet the Blue Ridge in Western North Carolina. We are your first stop for a truly authentic Appalachian experience filled with outdoor adventure, family-friendly activities and unfiltered scenic views.

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