

## Things to do near Cherokee Cove:

### Shopping:

Mast General Store (in Valle Crucis)  
Valle Crucis shops  
Tanger Outlet Shoppes on the Parkway  
Mast General Store (Boone)  
Downtown Boone  
Boone Mall  
Downtown Blowing Rock

### Antiques:

Donnelly House Antiques & Famous  
Quilt Outlet  
3142 Hwy. 91 N. Mountain City  
Phone: 423-727-9005

Mountain City Antiques & Collectibles  
101 S. Church St. Mountain City  
Phone: 423-727-1950

Trade Junction  
11123 Hwy. 421 Mountain City  
Phone: 423-727-1272

The Briar Patch Antiques  
117 West Laurel Avenue  
Damascus, VA 24236  
(276) 475-5014

### Birding:

Damascus is on Virginia's Birding and Wildlife Trail, on both the [Mount Rogers Loop](#) and the [South Holston Loop](#). On the [Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries website](#), this description is provided: "Neotropical songbirds typically nesting in more northern climates can be found breeding within this region. Blackburnian warbler, black-capped chickadee, golden-crowned kinglet and even red crossbill and northern saw-whet owl may be found here in summer."

### Artists:

[Lamb's Good Earth](#)  
PO Box 340  
115 Smith St.  
Damascus, VA 24236  
(276) 475-3682  
<http://www.lambsgoodearth.com/>  
[lambsgoodearth@earthlink.net](mailto:lambsgoodearth@earthlink.net)

## **Caverns:**

[Appalachian Caverns](#) 420 Cave Hill Road Blountville, TN 37617 (423) 323-2337 Over 500,000,000 years in the making. Almost one mile of walk ways.

[Bristol Caverns](#) 1157 Bristol Caverns Highway Bristol, TN 37620 (423) 878-2011

Longest caverns in the Smokey Mountain Region. Over 200,000,000 years old.

[Linville Caverns](#) Tours of underground caverns. Hwy 221 between Linville and Marion. Open daily May-November 9-5pm. Weekends December-February 9-4:30pm. \$5 adults, \$4 Seniors, \$3.00 children (5-12) and under 5 free.

## **Fishing:**

Whitetop Laurel Creek in Washington County, Virginia is one of state's largest and most beautiful wild trout streams. Approximately seven miles are stocked trout waters located on both private and public lands with an additional five miles of special regulation waters flowing through the Mount Rogers National Recreational Area. Within the special regulation sections, anglers have the opportunity to catch brook, brown, and rainbow trout while enjoying the scenic mountain atmosphere. More information can be found here: <http://www.vacrepertrail.us/fishing.html>.

## **Golf:**

Red Tail Mountain) Golf Estates  
Highway 421 South Mountain City TN.  
Ph: (423) 727-7931 Fax: 423-727-5038  
[www.redtailmountain.com](http://www.redtailmountain.com)

A picturesque mountain course. Challenging and beautiful with many elevated tees and long-range vistas. Well maintained with a friendly and helpful staff. Activities: Golf Cart Rental, Golf Lessons Amenities: Restaurant, Restrooms Course Amenities: Club Rental, Clubhouse, Golf Lessons, Practice Greens, Pro Shop, Sand Practice, Walking Allowed Course Information: Course Rating: 68.9 Course Record: 64 Designer: Dan Maples / Ellis Maples Number of Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yardage (from men's tees): 6,100 Discounts: Group Discount Facility Amenities: Bus Parking, Parking General Information: Group Discount, Semi-Private Payment Options: Personal Checks, Travelers Checks, Visa Rates: Group Discount

[Courses in Tennessee](#)

[Courses in Virginia](#)

[Courses in North Carolina](#)

## **Hiking, Biking:**

**Mount Jefferson State Park** Located in Ashe County, includes 4,900 foot summit of Mt. Jefferson, from where hikers can view North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

**Grandfather Mountain** Grandfather trail- begins at the Mile High Swinging Bridge and eventually hits all of Grandfather's three highest peaks. This 2.4 mile trail requires approximately 5 hours of hiking time to travel the entire length. It's extremely rugged with only wooden ladders making some sheer cliff faces accessible. It intersects with several other trails at its northern terminus. A serious trail for serious hikers only! A permit with a nominal fee is required.

Backpacking along the trails of Grandfather Mountain is permitted by permit only. This gorgeous privately-owned biopreserve offers numerous well maintained trails and campsites.

To obtain a permit, or for additional information about the mountain call (828) 733-4337 or go to [www.grandfather.com](http://www.grandfather.com)

**The Blowing Rock** An immense cliff 4,000 feet above sea level, overhanging Johns River Gorge 3,000 feet below. Views, trails and more, located on Hwy. 321 South, Blowing Rock, NC. 828-295-7111

**The Appalachian Trail** runs approximately 2,200 miles from Georgia to Maine and along the way it meanders through several parts of the High Country. The trail runs through Roan Mountain State Park across one of the famed southern Bald's. Roan Mountain is located on Route 19E along the border of North Carolina and Tennessee. The trail also runs North of Ashe Country in the Grayson Highlands State Park of Virginia.

For More information call (304) 535-6331 or check out [www.appalachiantrail.org](http://www.appalachiantrail.org). or **Iron Mountain Trail**

### **Virginia Creeper Trail Biking:**

The **Virginia Creeper Trail** is listed in the top 12 trails in the nation for autumn foliage. It is 34 miles long, runs from the high mountains to river valleys, and passes through small towns along the way. **Bike rentals and shuttles** are available in both Abingdon and Damascus. An increasingly-popular family outing is taking the shuttle to Whitetop Station and then riding 17 miles back to Damascus, almost all downhill. In addition to the Creeper Trail, single-track biking is growing in popularity, utilizing the National Forest trails. Check the **bike rental section** of this website.

Sundog outfitters in Damascus 888 595 2453

### The Mountains to Sea Trail:

The North Carolina Mountains to Sea Trail runs 908 miles and through 37 counties from Clingman's Dome in the Great Smokey Mountains to Jockeys Ridge on the Atlantic Coast. Within the High Country, the trail runs through Pisgah National Forest, across Beacon Heights along the Blue Ridge Parkway and over Table Rock within the Linville Gorge. Check out [www.ncmst.org](http://www.ncmst.org) for more information

### Linville Gorge:

This spectacular gorge offers 39 miles of trails, many of which can challenge even the most experienced hiker. Primitive camping is permitted throughout the gorge, with permits required on weekends and holidays from May 1st to October 31st. Walk-in permits are available at the Linville Gorge Information Center located along the Kistler Memorial Highway in Linville Falls.

For more information contact the District Rangers Office at (828) 652-4841 visit [www.nchikingtrails.com/linville\\_gorge.htm](http://www.nchikingtrails.com/linville_gorge.htm).

### Wilson Creek/Lost Cove:

25 miles of trails wander through the deep valleys and gorges of the Pisgah National Forest, located 45 minutes from Boone in Avery County. The area offers some excellent out of the way primitive camping options with waterfalls and wildlife in abundance. No permits are required for backpacking in Pisgah National Forest. Please contact the Grandfather Ranger District office at (828) 652-2144 for more information.

- **Lee & Vivian Reynolds Greenway Trail** - Boone: The paved inner-city Greenway Trail is a favorite spot for an afternoon walk, jog, bike ride or skating excursion. This easy paved walkway in Boone is now over seven miles long, with several access points providing variety of scenery and trail length. The most common entry point is located off of State Farm Road near the Watauga County Parks & Recreation complex. Call (828) 264-
- **Newland Town Park** - Newland: A 0.8 mile walking track circles Newland Town Park, with a playground to entertain your kids while you do! Located on Beech Street in front of the Guy Medical Center.
- **Tate-Evans Park** - Banner Elk: Tate-Evans park hosts a quarter-mile paved walking track and a playground. Located on Park Avenue near Nations Bank.

- **Beech Mountain Trails:** A series of nature trails crisscross Beech Mountain, all passing through gently sloping woodlands and passing over several of Beech's main roadways. Following are just a few of the trails on the Beech.

**Lake Coffey Course:** This scenic 1/4 mile course wraps around the lake and is perfect for both walking and jogging.

- **Bass Lake - Blue Ridge Parkway, Blowing Rock:** A one mile easy carriage trail circles picturesque Bass Lake and is a favorite with walkers and joggers looking for a good exercise spot with visual appeal. Several other moderate carriage trails branch off from this, including the three-mile Maze Trail and the Manor trail which takes you from Bass Lake through the Cone Estates up to the Cone Manor house and back down to the lake for a solid 12 mile run or hike. All walkways are wide dirt and gravel carriage paths. Access to Bass Lake is approximately 1 mile South on Highway 221 from downtown Blowing Rock.

- **Price Lake Trail - Blue Ridge Parkway, Blowing Rock:** If you're more in the mood for a traditional trail with a gentle grade, Price Lake is the perfect walk. This easy trail leads around scenic Price Lake for 2.7 miles. Trailhead is at Price Lake parking area on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Milepost 297.0.

- **Valle Crucis Park Walkway, Valle Crucis:** Located in the Valle Crucis Community Park behind the Mast Store Annex, this paved walkway provides peaceful walking enjoyment beside the Watauga River. Great for a quick afternoon stroll. Cycling and skating permitted.

- **Brookshire Park, Boone:** A paved .42-mile walking track that runs alongside the New River gives a pleasant atmosphere to those working their heart. The park also offers picnic tables, grills, restrooms, and activity fields perfect for soccer, frisbee or whatever your heart desires.

## **Horseback Riding:**

Virginia Highlands Horse Trail The Virginia Highlands Horse Trail (orange paint blazes) is located in Damascus, Virginia and stretches for over 67 miles from Highway 600 at Elk Garden to Route 94 not far from Ivanhoe, Virginia. This trail traverses the fragile and beautiful High Country of the National Recreation Area and can sometimes be crowded on weekends and holidays. The [High Country Horse Camp](#) is open from April to October.

## **Lakes & Marinas:**

### **Watauga Lake**

#### **Lake Shore Resort**

**Fish Springs Dock** Highway 67, Hampton, TN  
(423) 768-2336

**Midway Marina** Lakeview Drive, Butler, TN  
(423) 768-2677 No launch fee on weekdays  
Launching not available on Weekends or holidays

**Pioneer Landing Marina Cowan Town Road**, Butler, TN  
(423) 768-3164

**Cove Ridge Marina Pierce town Road**, Butler, TN  
(423)768-2532

## **Local Museums:**

### **Johnson County Welcome Center & Museum**

716 S. Shady St. Mountain City, TN  
Phone: 423-727-5800

The Old Butler Museum  
123 Selma Curtis Rd. Butler, TN  
Phone: 423-768-2911

incredible depiction of life in the 1940s before the Tennessee Valley Authority released enough water to cover an entire town. More than 400 families were forced to pack up their lives and literally move their homes three miles away. The townspeople of Old Butler saved what they could and through their tireless work, the 200-year-old history of the Watauga River Valley has been preserved in this wonderful museum. In August, the town that wouldn't drown is celebrated with music, games, exhibits, and food. Festival-goers can learn why the town was moved and even meet some of the former residents.

## **Outdoor Recreation and lodging:**

### **Backbone Rock Recreation Area**

Highway 133, eight miles north of Shady Valley, TN

Phone: 423-735-1500

### **Gentry's Creek Falls**

Gentry's Creek Rd. Laurel Bloomery, TN,

Phone: 423-727-1700

Gentry's Creek Falls is one of the most beautiful and most photographed waterfalls in northeast Tennessee, is a short drive from Laurel Bloomery. Follow this trail 2 1/2 miles to the end where you will find two 30 to 40 foot waterfalls at the end of the trail.

### **Mount Rogers National Recreation Area**

### **George Washington and Jefferson National Forests**

### **Grayson Highlands State Park.**

## **Racing NASCAR/BUSH:**

Bristol Motor Speedway

### **Rafting:**

**Appalachian Adventures:** Located in historic Todd, NC. 336-877-8800

**Carolina Wilderness:** Located in Hot Springs, NC. 800-872-7437.

**Cherokee Adventures:** Located in Erwin, TN. 800-445-7238

**Edge of the World Outfitters:** Located in Banner Elk, NC. 828-898-9550

**High Mountain Expeditions:** Located in Blowing Rock, NC. 800-262-9036.

**New River Outfitters:** Located in Jefferson, NC. 800-982-9190.

**Wahoo's Adventures:** Located in Boone, NC. 800-444-RAFT

**Zaloo's Canoes:** Located in Jefferson, NC. 1-800-535-4027.  
State & National Parks

## **State Parks:**

**Roan Mountain State Park**

**North Carolina's State Parks**

**Cherokee National Forest**

**Warriors Path State Park**

**Sycamore Shoals State Park**

## **Barter Theatre:**

Located in Abingdon, Virginia

## **Skiing:**

**Hawksnest Golf & Ski Resort** Located in Seven Devils, NC - elevation 4,819, 10 slopes, 4 lifts, lessons, and ski rentals. 800-822-HAWK

**Scaly Mountain Ski Area** Family-oriented ski resort offering slopes for beginner and intermediate snow enthusiast!

**Ski Beech** located in Beech Mtn., NC. Elevation 5,505, 14 slopes, 11 lifts, lessons, ski rentals, and ice skating. 800-438-2093

**Sugar Mountain** Located in Banner Elk, NC - elevation 5,300, 18 slopes, 8 lifts, lessons and ski rentals. 800-SUGAR MT

**Wolf Laurel**

## **Amusements and Attractions:**

### **The Blowing Rock**

432 Rock Road

P.O. Box 145

Blowing Rock, NC 28605

(828) 295-7111

(828) 295-4007

[www.theblowingrock.com](http://www.theblowingrock.com)

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(828) 295-0112

(828) 295-0113

[www.brcac.org](http://www.brcac.org)

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**Blue Ridge Community Theatre**

P.O. Box 229 DTS

Boone, NC 28607

(828) 963-4440

(828) 264-9546

[www.boonenc.org/brct](http://www.boonenc.org/brct)

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Boone, NC 28607

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Linville, NC 28646

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(828) 733-2608

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10767 Hwy. 105 So.

Banner Elk, NC 28604-8657

(828) 963-5098

[www.grandfathertroutfarm.com](http://www.grandfathertroutfarm.com)

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591 Horn in the West Drive

P.O. Box 295

Boone, NC 28607

(828) 264-2120

(828) 264-9089

(828) 264-4529

[www.horninthewest.com](http://www.horninthewest.com)

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Banner Elk, N.C. 28657

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(828) 898-8709 Box Office

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19929 Highway 221 North

P.O. Box 567

Marion, NC 28752  
(800) 419-0540  
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[www.linvillecaverns.com](http://www.linvillecaverns.com)

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Fruit, Produce, Honey Grower

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129 Mystery Hill Lane  
Blowing Rock, NC 28605  
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Highway 321

P.O. Box 388

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(828) 264-9061

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(828) 264-2234

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Tweetsie Railroad is a Wild West theme park featuring a 3-mile train ride on an authentic steam engine, known as Tweetsie. Enjoy live entertainment throughout the park, crafts, rides, a Deer Park, panning for gold, and shopping. Open Friday through Sunday beginning May 2-May 23. Open 7 days a week May 30-August 17, and weekends (Fri.-Sun.) late August, September, & October. Operating hours are 9am to 6pm. Ghost Train Halloween Festival runs Friday, Saturday evenings in October, plus November 1.