

# Welcome

# To the Franklin & Nantahala Areas of Macon County

We extend a sincere invitation to "enjoy the beauty and discover the life" that awaits you in the beautiful mountains of Southwestern North Carolina. Located in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, this area is truly Mother Nature's playground where the sights and sounds of nature surround you. The Franklin and Nantahala communities offer you a refreshing change of pace and a relaxing atmosphere where you can enjoy the simple pleasures of the tranquil mountains. Come to a place where beautiful scenery, hiking, fishing, history and Southern hospitality are a way of life. Whether just for a visit or for the rest of your life, you will find that you are welcome here in "Nature's Playground".

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Our small mountain town and surrounding area is full of surprises waiting to be discovered. Here is just a sample of what makes Franklin, NC truly unique.

# FRANKLIN sampler



### **Gem Mining**

Gem mining is still one of the most popular activities in the Franklin area. Mining for precious stones began in 1870. Ruby and sapphire are still the most sought after today. Tiffany's and other companies showed an interest in the area in the 1890's hoping to find the source of the rubies found in the corundum mines. The search ended in the early part of the 20th century. Try your hand at any of the seven gem mines in our area.

## Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts

This 1,500 seat, state-of-the-art facility presents the finest in performing arts in our area. Performances include passion plays, musical productions, professional drama troupes, dance and choral festivals, recitals, and various genres including country, bluegrass, gospel, pop, contemporary Christian, and more. The stunning architecture, technical facilities, and impeccable acoustics provide the highest professional standards for both the audience and performers. With the main focus on family entertainment, this is a place to come and enjoy a good time.

1028 Georgia Road www.SmokyMountainArts.com 828-524-1528



# Little Tennessee River Greenway

For a great change of pace, take a stroll or a bike ride along the Little Tennessee River Greenway. This four-mile, 13-foot-wide trail winds its way through Franklin along the Little Tennessee River.

# Canoeing, Tubing, Rafting, Kayaking

Canoeing, tubing, and kayaking on the Cullasaja, Little Tennessee and Nantahala Rivers offer a great way to cool off on a warm day or enjoy the scenic beauty of the area from a different point of view. Several canoe and tube put-ins are located throughout the area. The Nantahala River is famous for it's whitewater rafting. Several outfitters are available for guided trips and rentals in the area.

### **Hiking**

This area is rich in a variety of hiking trails. The Appalachian Trail passes just a few miles west of Franklin and can be accessed at many places. The Bartram Trail also passes through Franklin, going east and west, and offers many highlights. There is a wide variety of trails offering hikes of different lengths listed on the chamber's website.



### **Waterfalls**

Western North Carolina is the home to many beautiful waterfalls. A guide to 16 scenic waterfalls is listed on the chamber's website.

# The Factory & Jump Factory

Located south of Franklin on Highway 441, The Factory is Western North Carolina's award winning destination for family friendly entertainment. Enjoy hours of fun for kids of all ages. The Factory features over 100 arcade games, mini-golf, go-karts, laser tag, and now a new feature, the Jump Factory - a trampoline park. Plus, there's even an area with fun just for the little kids. Hungry? Be sure to stop by the Pizza factory. Open Monday - Sunday.

1024 Georgia Road. TheFactory.bz 828-349-8888

## Cycling

Enjoy all types of cycling in these beautiful mountains. Visit the chamber's website at VisitFranklinNC.com for road bike routes and mountain bike trails, as well as, suggestions for motorcycle trips.

# **Driving Directions to Franklin, NC**



### From Asheville:

Take I-40 West to Exit 27 (23 South/74 West). Stay on 23/74 to Exit 81 (U.S. 441/23 South). Approximately 18 miles to Franklin from this exit. Approximately 65 miles.

### From Atlanta:

Follow I-85 North to I-985. Left on I-985 which becomes 23/365 North. 23/365 becomes 23/441 North. Follow straight into Franklin. Approximately 125 miles.

### From Greenville, SC:

Take I-85 South to Exit 19 (Clemson). Follow 76 West to Clayton, Georgia. Take U.S. 441 North straight to Franklin. Approximately 110 miles.

### From Knoxville, TN:

Interstate: I-40 East to Exit 20 (Hwy 276 South). Stay south on 276 until reaching 23/74 South. Follow to Exit 81 (U.S. 441/23 South). Approximately 18 miles to Franklin from this exit. Approximately 130 miles.

Scenic: Take U.S. 441 South from Knoxville to Sevierville (approximately 25 miles). Remain on 441 South to Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg. Take by-pass around Gatlinburg. Remain on 441 South through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to Cherokee. Stay on 441 South to Franklin (35 miles from Cherokee). Approximately 110 miles.





# Oiscover Our History Out History

### Scottish Tartans Museum

As the only one of its kind in the United States, this museum is a direct extension of the Scottish Tartans Society in Scotland. The museum not only displays Scottish Tartans, but covers various

aspects of the Scottish experience - culture, history, dress, migration and military. Visitors are invited to view their family tartan, connect with their clan, and learn about the history of Highland dress. The gift shop is open to the public. There is a small admission fee for adults and children to the museum. Open year round. Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Winter hours December - March 11 am - 4 pm.

86 East Main Street ♦ 828-524-7472 www.scottishtartan.org

### **Macon County Historical Museum**

Located on Main Street in downtown Franklin, this museum is housed in the J. R. Pendergrass building which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building is an excellent and little altered example of early twentieth century retail store design. The building is complemented by original fixtures from the old store and a fascinating variety of artifacts and photographs illustrating Macon County's past. Admission is free. Visitors are always welcome and conducted group tours can be arranged on request Open year round.

36 West Main Street ◆ 828-524-9758 www.maconnchistorical.com

### **Ruby City Gem Museum**

This museum located in downtown Franklin has specimens, artifacts, ivory carvings, rare gems and more. You can see hundreds of spheres handmade from different types of stone by the founder of the store. "The World's Largest sapphire" weighing 385 pounds, as well as, one of the largest gem quality rubies found in the area (162 carats) are on display. Be sure to see an authentic shrunken head, a section of local arrowheads and the black-light section is a must see. Free to the public and cameras are welcome. Open Year Round with winter hours during January and February.

130 East Main Street ◆ 828-524-3967 www.rubycity.com/museum.html

# The Franklin Gem & Mineral Museum

Located in Franklin's historic "Old Jail" on Phillips Street behind the Civil War Monument, this museum has thousands of specimens on display including a local ruby weighing 2 pounds! There are eight rooms dedicated to the cataloging and preservation of gem and mineral specimens from around the world, as well as, North Carolina and of course Macon County - home to the famous Cowee Valley where rubies and sapphires have been found for over 100 years! Admission is Free. Gift Shop. Open May - October Monday - Saturday noon until 4 pm. November - April Open Saturday only from noon until 4 pm.

25 Phillips Street ♦ 828-369-7831 www.fgmm.org

### Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center

Built in 1943 on the site of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp by the WPA, Cowee School served thousands of students until it was closed as a school in 2012. It continues as an institution of learning, an exciting outdoor venue for music and the arts, and host to a number of affiliates, classrooms, and programs. There is so much to do at Cowee School.

51 Cowee School Drive ♦ 828-349-1945 www.coweeschool.org

### **Foxfire Museum**

Hike through history at our Appalachian Village made up of over 20 historic log structures, each home to various artifacts representative of life in the mountains. Discover all that the spacious outdoor museum offers, including a halfmile walking trail and ample space to social distance. Put on your walking shoes and come for a visit!



# Accommodations

From Historic Bed & Breakfasts and mountain cabins to modern hotels, the Franklin area offers a wide choice of places to stay.

### LEGEND

FP - Fireplace

TV - Television

AC - Air Condition

IN - Internet/WiFi

CA- Cable/Satellite

**DVD - DVD Player** 

HT - Hot Tub

HA - Handicap Accessible

PW - Pets Welcome

WA - On Water

TC - Tent Camping Allowed

HK - Full Hook Up

FRANKLIN, NC 28734 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

### **APARTMENTS**

# LAMPLIGHTER REAL ESTATE

340 East Main Street (828) 524-5601 (800) 524-5601 www.franklinncrealty.com

### **BED & BREAKFAST**

### GLEN CHOGA LODGE

50 Choga Lodge Road Topton, NC 28781 (407) 383-7689 www.GlenChogaLodge.com

### THE FRANKLIN TERRACE

159 Harrison Avenue (828) 369-8888 www.Franklin-Terrace.com FP, TV, AC, IN, CA, HA

### **CABINS & COTTAGES**

### A CAPTAIN'S CABIN

286 Sheldon Miller Rd. (954) 801-9310 www.vrbo.com/29033 FP, TV, AC, IN, CA, DVD, PW

### A LITTLE SLICE OF SMOKEY MOUNTAIN HEAVEN

746 Renick Drive (706) 206-0962 www.tripadvisor.com PW, AC, TV, DVD, IN, FP

### A SAPPHIRE INN

761 E. Main Street (828) 524-4406 www.sapphireinnfranklin.com

### A WILDERNESS RETREAT

20 Old Poplar Road (305) 505-2444 www.wildernessretreatnc.com AC, TV, FP, DVD, IN, CA

## BIG BEAR LOG CABIN RENTALS

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### BUCKWOOD LOG LODGE

120 Little Falls Road Highlands, NC 28741 (828) 524-4811 (866) 524-4811 www.buckwood.com **PW, AC, TV, WA, FP, HA, CA** 

# CAROLINA MOTEL & CABINS

2601 Georgia Rd. (828) 524-3380 www.carolinamotel.com AC, TV, IN, CA

# CAROLINA MOUNTAIN RENTAL

2541 Bryson City Road (828) 369-5575 www.carolinamountainrentals.com

# CHEROKEE MOUNTAIN CABINS

61 Bear Creek Rd. Nantahala, NC 28781 (828) 321-2010 (866) 772-2246 www.cherokeemountaincabins.com AC, WA, TV, FP, HA, DVD, HT, IN, CA

# FIRE MOUNTAIN INN CABINS & TREEHOUSES

PO Box 2772 Highlands, NC 28741 (828) 526-4446 (800) 775-4446 www.firemt.com PW, FP, HA

### GLEN CHOGA LODGE

50 Choga Lodge Road Topton, NC 28781 (407) 383-7689 www.GlenChogaLodge.com

# LAKE HAVEN ON LAKE NANTAHALA

178 Alpine Shore Lane Topton, NC 28781 (770) 617-1078 www.nantahalalakehaven.com AC, TV, FP, IN, CA, WA

### **OAK GROVE CABINS**

9835 Bryson City Rd. (828) 369-0166 www.oakgrovecabins.com AC, TV, FP, WA, IN, CA, HT

# OLIVE HILL VACATION RENTALS

1555 Olive Hill Road (864) 706-3309 www.olivehillvacationrentals.com AC, TV, FP, IN, CA

### PINES RV PARK & CABINS

4724 Murphy Rd. (828) 524-4490 www.gocampin.net/pinesrvpark PW, AC, TV, IN, DVD, HK, TC

### ROSE CREEK CAMP-GROUND AND CABINS

140 Terrace Ridge Drive (252) 286-6596 www.rosecreekcamping.com

### SLEEPY HOLLOW MOUNTAIN CABINS

130 Sleepy Hollow Lane (828) 347-0882 (877) 682-8850 www.sleepyhollowmountaincabins. com

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# SMOKY MTN PARK & LAKEVIEW RETREAT

Bryson City, NC 28713 (828) 736-1074 www.airbnb.com/h/greatsmokymountainparklakeviewretreat

# STAY NANTAHALA CABINS & LUXURY YURTS

17838 Wayah Road Topton, NC 28781 (828) 321-3001 www.staynantahala.com

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163 Clinton Cabin Road Nantahala, NC 28781 (662) 773-3099 www.thecabinsatlongbranch.com AC, TV, FP, DVD, IN, CA

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### CAMPGROUNDS

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### CULLASAJA RIVER RV PARK

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### DOWNTOWN RV PARK

160 Heritage Hollow Drive (941) 720-0067 www.DowntownRV.com PW, HK, IN

# FRANKLIN RV PARK & CAMPGROUND

230 Old Addington Bridge Rd. (828) 349-6200 www.franklinrvpark.com PW, FP, HK, IN, CA, TV

### MARGARITA JACK'S MARINA AND RV

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# RIVER VISTA MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

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Dillard, GA 30537
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TV, FP, HA

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### MCTERNAN MANOR

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### LONG TERM RENTALS

# FRANKLIN HOME STORE, INC.

257 Crane Circle (828) 421-9008 (877) 240-2723 www.FranklinHomeStore.com

### MSM PROPERTIES

250 Depot St. (828) 421-4587 www.mustangsallymass.com

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### **COLONIAL INN**

3157 Georgia Rd. (828) 524-6600 (866) 265-6466 www.colonialinnfranklin.com **PW, AC, TV, HA, IN, CA** 

### QUALITY INN

313 Cunningham Rd. (828) 369-9200 (800) 221-2222 www.choicehotels.com/northcarolina/franklin/comfort-innhotels/nc373

### **RESORTS**

### FALLING WATERS ADVENTURE RESORT

10345 US Hwy 74W Bryson City, NC 28713 (800) 451-9972 www.fallingwatersresort.com

### RETREAT CENTERS

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50 Choga Lodge Road Topton, NC 28781 (407) 383-7689 www.GlenChogaLodge.com

### THE BARN AT BHAKTI MANOR

2907 Leatherman Gap Road (828) 349-0877 www.barnatbhaktimanor.com

### THE VINEYARDAT HIGH HOLLY

37 High Holly Road Scaly Mountain, NC 28775 (828) 482-5573 www.TheVineyardAtHighHolly.com

### VACATION HOME RENTALS FRANKLIN HOME STORE

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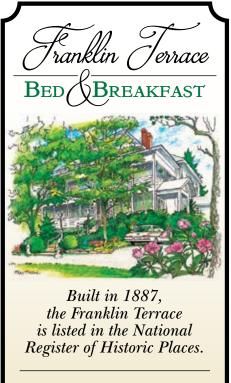
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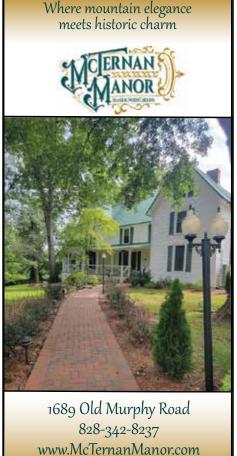
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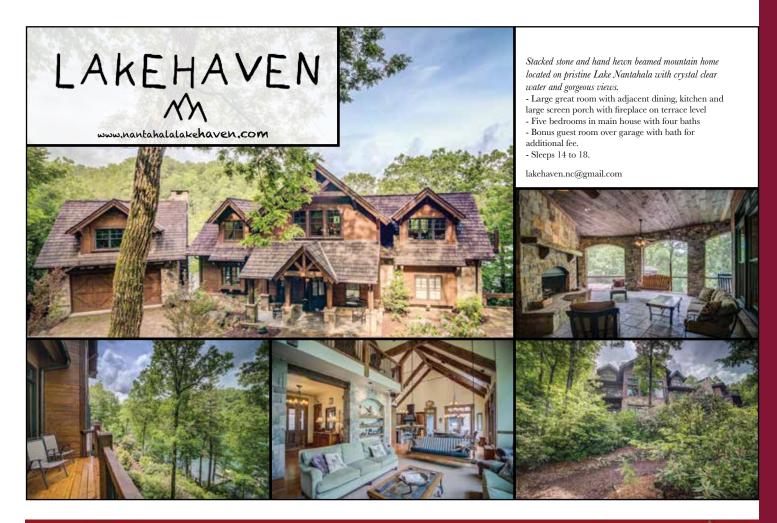




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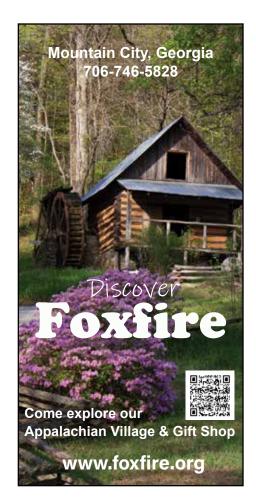
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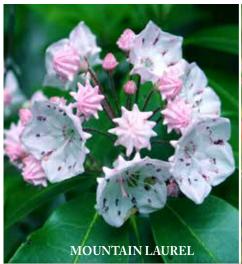
















# North Parolina Wildflowers

### March

Blood Root • Columbine • Dutchman's Breeches • Hepatica Jack-in-the-Pulpit • Pepperroot Red Maple • Spice Bush Spring Beauty • Squirrel Corn • Trout Lily • Violets Wild Plum • Wind Flower • Yellow-Root

### APRIL

Black Haw • Bleeding Heart • Blue Sage Bluets
Columbine • Dogwood • Dutchman's Breeches • Fire Pink
Fringed Phacelia • Golden Ragwort • Indian Paintbrush
Ironwood • Jack-in-the-Pulpit • Magnolia • Meadow Rue
Phlox • Redbud • Serviceberry • Silverbell • Solomon's Seal
Spring Beauty • Squirrel Corn • Trailing Arbutus
Trilliums • Trout Lily Violets • Virginia Bluebell
Wild Geranium Wild Mustard • Wood Sorrel

### May

Bleeding Heart • Bluets • Calycanthus • Columbine
Cucumber Tree • Flame Azalea • Hobble Bush
Indian Paintbrush • Magnolia • Mountain Laurel
Painted Trillium • Serviceberry • Silverbell
Solomon's Seal White Azalea • Wild Crab
Wild Geranium • Wild Iris • Wild Orchids

### **JUNE**

Allegheny Myrtle • Beard Tongue • Black Snakeroot
Butterfly Weed • Catawba Rhododendron • Common Elder
Field Daisy • Flame Azalea • Galax Goats Rue • Hydrangea
Magnolia • Mountain Laurel Mt. • Oxalis • Mt. Stewartis
New Jersey Tea • Spiderwort • Yellow Ragwort

## JULY

Bergamot • Black-eyed Susan • Coreopsis

Dutchman's Pipe Vine • Flowering Raspberry

Hercules Club • Indian Pipe • Jewel-weed

Mountain Stewartia • Partridge Berry • Passion Flower

Phlox • Purple-fringed Orchid • Queen Anne's Lace

Rhododendron • Sourwood • Star Grass

Trumpet Creeper • Wild Lilies

### August

Bee Balm • Betony • Cardinal Lobelia • Clematis
Evening Primrose • Goldenrod • Hercules Club • Jewel Weed
Joe Pye Weed • Meadow Beauty • Monkshood
Mountain Mints • St. Johns Wort • Turtlehead
Wild Aster • Yellow-fringed Orchid

### SEPTEMBER

Aster • Blue Gentians • Bonset Fleabane • Gerardia Golden Aster • Ironweed • Lobelias • Sunflowers • Yarrow

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# NATURE'S PARADISE

The Nantahala community and Lake Nantahala are located on the western boundary of Macon County. The town of Franklin, county seat of Macon County, is approximately 18 miles east and is known for its gem mining, antique shops, art galleries, museums, shopping and fine restaurants. The Great Smoky Mountain Railroad, Cherokee Indian Reservation and Great Smoky Mountains National Park are about an hour away.

Nantahala means "Land of the Noonday Sun." It's the name of a National Forest and the 1600 acre Lake Nantahala, located in Southwestern North Carolina near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Nantahala National Forest, established in 1920, is the largest of the four national forests in North Carolina, and has elevations that range from 1,200 to 5,800 feet. Here, the mountains stand guard over the sparkling streams, pristine forest and beautiful Lake Nantahala, making it a perfect place for a quiet and relaxing vacation.

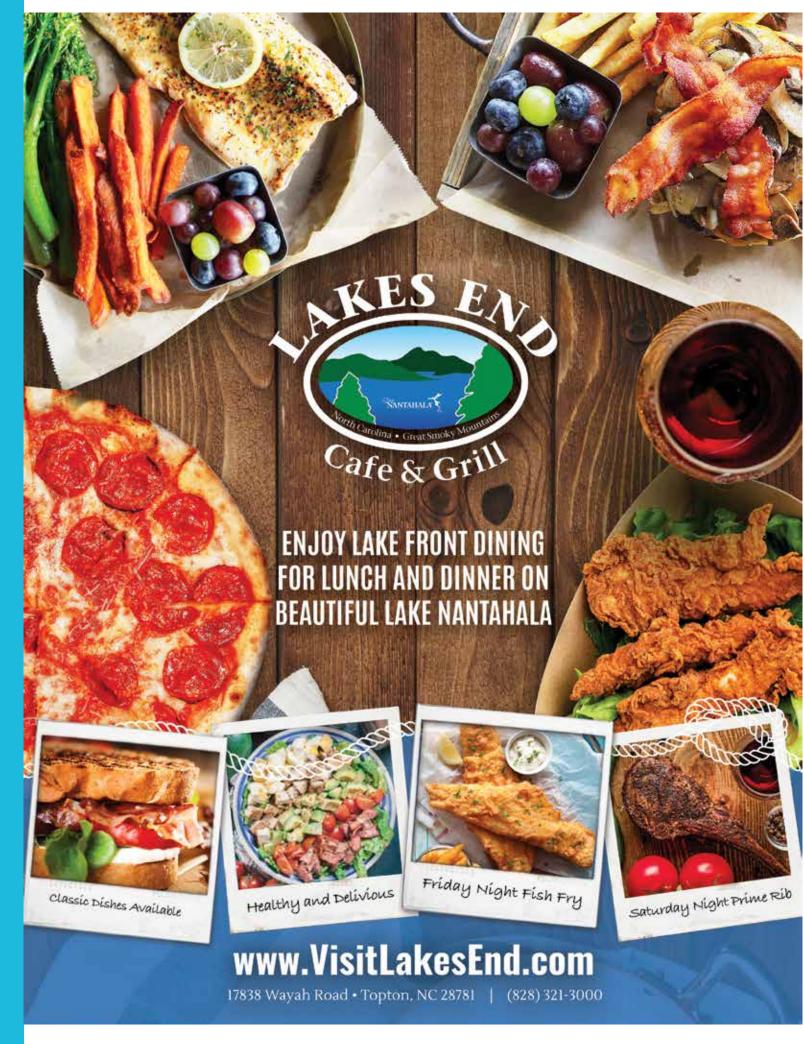
Nantahala Lake was created in 1942 by Nantahala Power & Light Company to provide electricity for the war efforts. The town of Aquone once occupied the land now covered by the lake. The lake is at 3012' elevation, one of the highest mountain lakes east of the Rocky Mountains. It has 29 miles of shoreline. This lake is regulated and maintained by Duke Energy. There are two public boating access areas, which are maintained by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. Many anglers enjoy fishing the Nantahala reservoir due to the low number of boaters, the breathtaking scenery and the clear pristine waters. Fish in the lake include walleye, crappie, sunfish, trout and bass. Primitive camping is allowed on public National Forest Lands except where signed, no camping. Activities on Lake Nantahala include swimming, boating and fishing, with hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing and camping available nearby.

The Nantahala River, to the north of the lake, is one of the country's prime white water rafting rivers, and consists of eight miles of waves and swift currents. The trip down the river takes a little over three hours and is almost continuous Class I and Class II rapids, with an optional Class III at the end, over a three foot high waterfall. The Nantahala River, both to the south and north of the lake, is also popular for fly-fishing and spin casting.

The drive from Franklin to Nantahala is a beautiful, scenic drive which is designated as a National Scenic By-Way, known as the Mountain Waters Scenic By-Way. Between Franklin and Nantahala, a side trip to Wayah Bald is recommended. This is a mile-high overlook from an old stone fire tower; four states are visible from the tower which gives you a panoramic view in all directions.

The Nantahala community has extraordinary accommodations available for rent both on the lake and in the mountains. These will range from large, elaborate, modern homes overlooking the lake to beautiful log cabins located in the heart of the mountains or on a mountain stream. Some will come complete with a dock and your own private boat for your dream vacation. See the list of accommodations with contact information on next page. There is also a listing of accommodations and more information about Nantahala at www.visitnantahalanc.com.





# NANTAHALA AREA ACCOMMODATIONS

All addresses are Topton, NC 28781 unless otherwise noted.

### CABINS / COTTAGES

A Great Lake Escape (828) 371-1024 AGreatLakeEscape@gmail.com

Aquone Log Cabin Rentals 142 Britannia Drive (Laurel Ridge) (828) 321-2340 www.northcarolinalogcabin.rentals

Cherokee Mountain Cabins 61 Bear Creek Rd (866) 772-2246 (828) 321-2010 www.cherokeemountaincabins.com

Glen Choga Lodge 50 Choga Lodge Rd. PH: (407) 383-7689 Topton, NC 28781 www.glenchogalodge.com

Gold Creek Cabin 42 Gold Creek Road (828) 321-3101 www.NantahalaProperties.com

Lakehaven 178 Alpine Shores Lane 770-617-1078 www.NantahalaLakeHaven.com **See ad on page 11**  StayNantahala Cabins and Luxury Yurts 17838 Wayah Road (828) 321-3001 www.staynantahala.com See ad on Inside Front Cover

Mountain View House 150 Mountain View Drive (404) 329-9138 (404) 323-9138

Nantahala Lakeside Cabins 17974 Wayah Road Aquone, NC 28703 (828) 321-3406 www.nantahalalakesidecabins.com

Nantahala River Lodge 27395 Wayah Road (800) 470-4718 (912) 596-5259 www.nantahalariverlodge.net

Romantic Cabin 231 Old Faber Rd (678) 383-4231 www.romanticcabin.com

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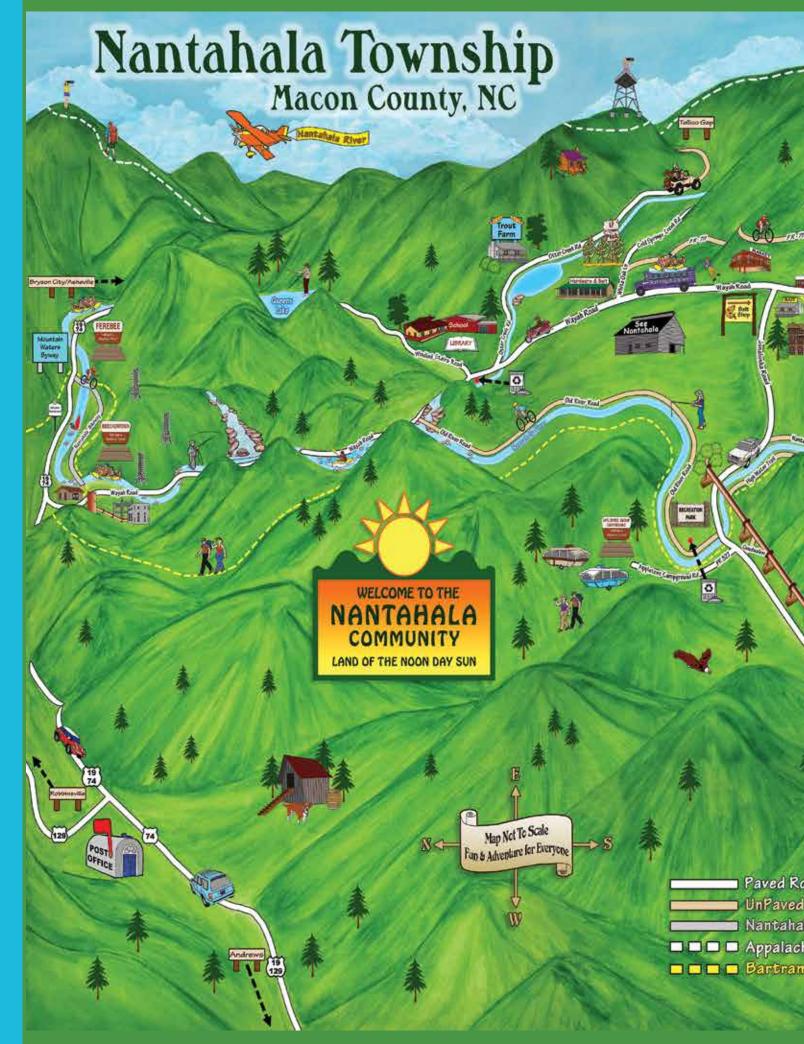
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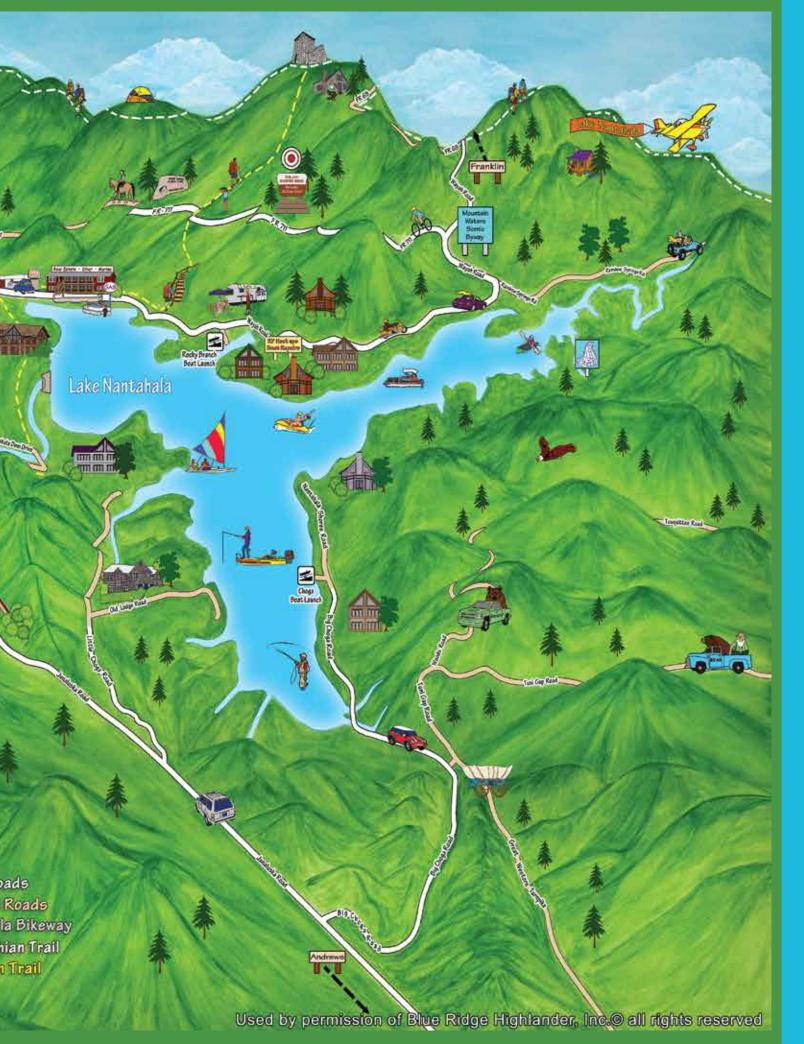
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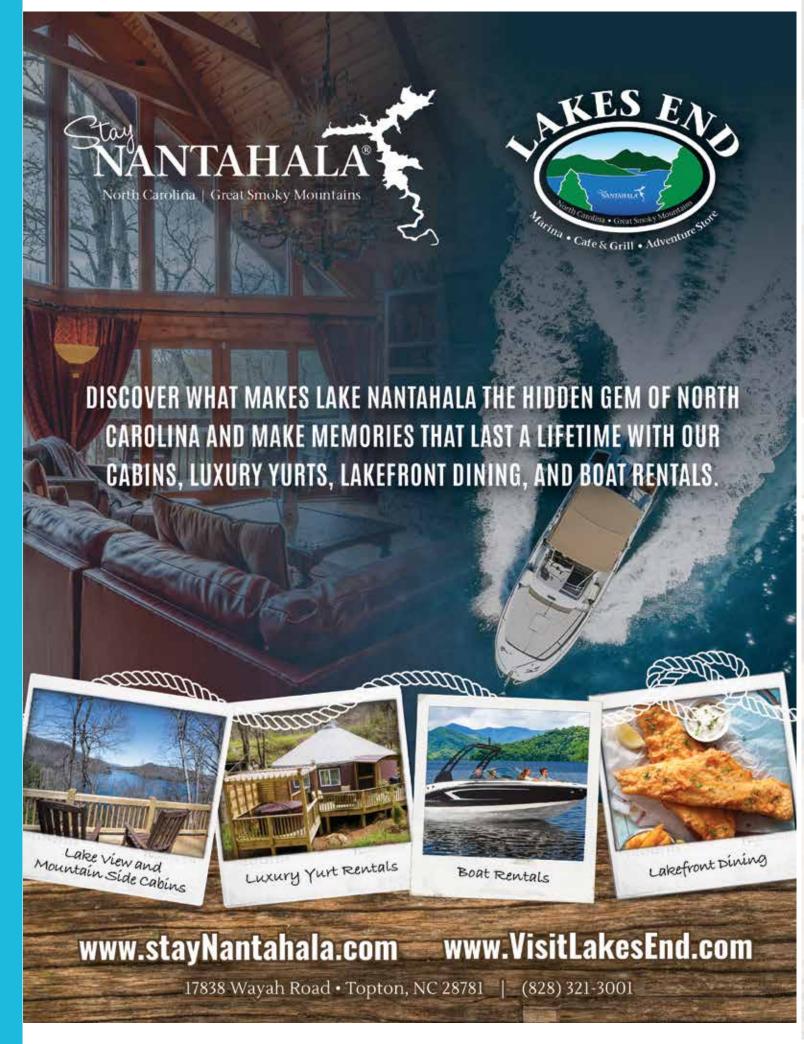
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Franklin Welcome Center & Chamber of Commerce 98 Hyatt Road Franklin, NC 28734 828-524-3161 800-336-7829

The Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce and Welcome Center officially opened the doors of our new building in June of 2017, beginning a new chapter in the way we are able to inform visitors who are coming in for the first time, just passing through, or those who have been making Franklin an annual trip. We're here to welcome you to Franklin and make sure you find what you're looking for!

Our new location offers an immersive experience for visitors to the area. As soon as you walk in the door, you realize that you're not in a run of the mill Welcome Center. As you step in, you're greeted with a smile and immediately see our Area Attractions Hallway, where some of our many popular area attractions have come in and set up 3 dimensional displays, highlighting their activities. From ziplining, to gem mining, to Lake Nantahala, and the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, to name a few, the displays are fun and informative, something we're very proud of. Just before you step out of the hallway, you'll find our Hiking & Waterfalls displays, with free maps and guides, that will give you the keys to finding the right adventure for you.

As you walk out of the Area Attractions Hallway, you step into our Information Center, where you'll find brochures, rack cards, business cards, along with information on where to shop, eat, play, stay, and so much more! Take a look at the wall posters and you'll understand that the Area Attractions Hallway was just the tip of the iceberg in what the area has to offer! After seeing all of this, you may decide that you'd like to make a change and explore the possibility of moving to the area. We've got you covered! Our Relocation Center has contact information for local realtors, along with real estate guides for you to take.

Stepping back out towards the Main Lobby, you find yourself in our spacious Retail & Souvenir Area, where we offer so many unique Franklin area souvenirs and merchandise. From seasonal clothing, t-shirts, stuffed animals, walking sticks, local books and so much more, it's the perfect place to find gifts for your family or for you to take a part of Franklin home with you.

We also have restrooms available, free Wi-Fi access and a place for the kids to play while mom and dad get a much-needed break from the road.

Whether you're in town for a short time or you're here for a season, we want you to know that you're always welcome here at the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce & Welcome Center! We're here to make your time in the area a memorable experience that you'll want to come back to again and again!





# THINGS TO DO



# COME HEAR THE ORIGINAL ROCK MUSIC

This is a guide to 16 scenic waterfalls in Southwestern North Carolina, including areas of the Nantahala National Forest, Pisgah National Forest and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

We've also included a waterfalls map to help you get there.

- **1. Cullasaja Falls** Visible from U.S. 64, in Cullasaja Gorge, 11 mi. east from Franklin, 9 mi. west from Highlands. Height 250 ft. Accessible by foot trail, a half-mile through steep, rough terrain.
- **2. Dry Falls** Located near U.S. 64, 3.5 mi. west from Highlands, 16.5 mi. east from Franklin. Paved walkway leads to falls from parking area. Walk underneath the 75 ft. falls.
- **3. Bridal Veil Falls** 2.5 mi. west of Highlands on U.S. 64. Visible from the highway, which at one time routed traffic under the falls. Height 120 ft.
- **4. Glen Falls** From Highlands, travel 3 mi. south on NC 106. Turn left on U.S. Forest Service Rd. with "Glen Falls" marker. One-mile trail to falls is steep and rough. Consists of three large falls, each dropping approx. 60 feet.

- **5. Whitewater Falls** At 411 ft., the highest falls in Eastern America. From Cashiers, take U.S. 64 east, 10 mi. to "Whitewater Road." Falls are located 10 mi. south on Whitewater Rd., near the NC-SC state line. Drift, Horsepasture and Rainbow Falls are also accessible from Whitewater Rd. Whitewater Falls can also be reached from N.C. 107, south of Cashiers.
- **6. Rainbow Falls** From Cashiers, take U.S. 64 to N.C. 281 South. The trail to the falls is two miles from this intersection.
- **7. Toxaway Falls** This falls can be seen from your car as you cross the Toxaway River on U.S. 64 East near Rosman.
- **8. Courthouse Falls** Take US 64 East to N.C. 215 North. Travel 10 miles and take right on Courthouse Creek Road. Trailhead well marked.

**9. Sliding Rock** - This natural waterslide is a favorite of many people. Just jump in the water at the top of the falls and slide down the rock face to the bottom. 11,000 gallons of 50 to 60 degree water rushes down the rock every minute. Take 276 North from Brevard. 7 Miles north of the Ranger Station.

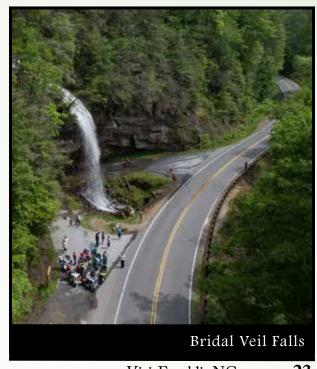
**16. Mooney Falls** - See directions to Big Laurel Falls, continuing for .7 mile past Big Laurel Falls trailhead. A very short trail descends to Mooney Falls. Roadside parking available.

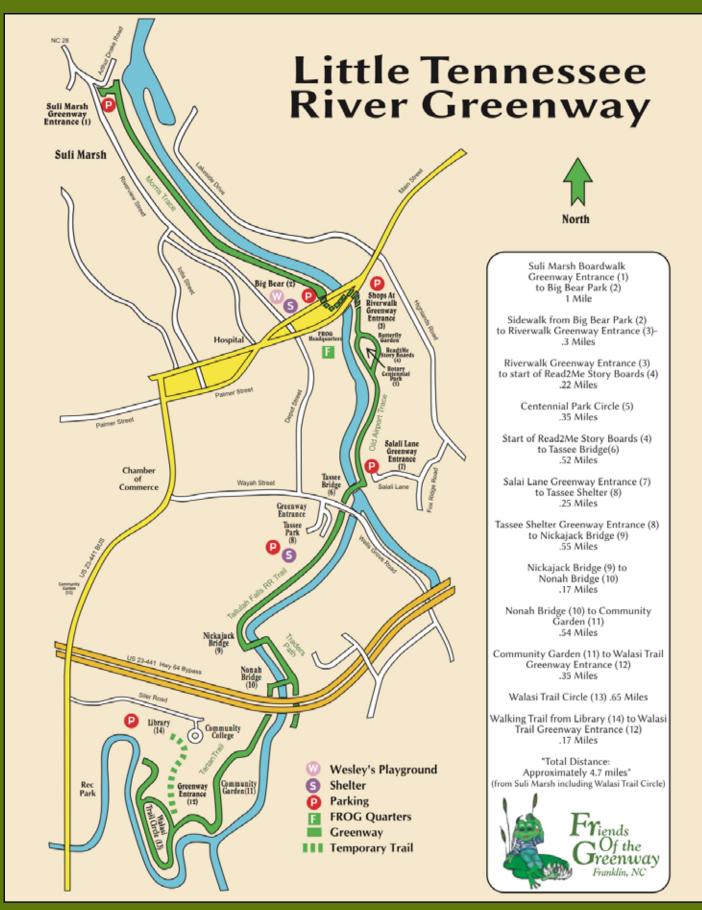


the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. One-mile hike to falls is classified as "easy". Height 60 ft.

- **12. Juneywhank Falls** Follow directions to Indian Creek Falls. Juneywhank Falls are one-quarter mile downstream from Indian Creek.
- **13. Tom's Branch Falls** See directions to Indian Creek Falls. A quarter-mile walk from Deep Creek Campground.
- 14. Rufus Morgan Falls This easy one mile loop trail is named after Rufus Morgan, a naturalist who was instrumental in developing the Appalachian Trail. Take U.S. 64 for 3 miles west of Franklin. Turn right at Wayah Bald directional sign. Take first left onto Wayah Road (S.R. 1310). 6.6 Miles and then left of F.S. Road 388. Trail 2.2 miles on right.
- 15. Big Laurel Falls Go 9 miles west on U.S. 64. Turn left on Wallace Gap Road (Old U.S. 64) and go 1.5 miles. Turn right on F.S. Road 67 (toward Standing Indian Campground) and go 7 miles (5 miles past Back Country Information Center). Trail runs along an old railroad grade. After passing over bridge, it splits; right ends at Big Laurel Falls.

17. Secret Falls- Turn left off Hwy 64 onto NC-28/US 64E/Highlands Road and continue 17.2 mi. Continue straight onto Main Street in Highlands. Continue 3.7 mi onto Horse Cove Road turning right onto Walking Stick Road. Continue 2.6 miles turning right onto Big Creek Road (FS Road FR 4567). Road is closed to traffic in winter - do not block gate. Trail head is .2 miles on the left.





# Come take a hike... Visit Frog Quarters

Visit Frog Quarters 573 East Main Street, Franklin 828-369-8488 www.Little Tennessee.org



# **Get A Bird's Eye View of The Mountains**

Nothing will shake you out of your daily routine quite like zipping through the air above the beautiful forest below. Adventurous types know that ziplines deliver an adrenaline rush as well as a bird'seye perspective on beautiful surroundings.

There are so many ways to explore the mountains. On land you can hike or bike. In the water you can raft or swim. And finally, by air you can soar over the mountain forests on a zipline. For a bird's eye view of scenery that can't be viewed from the ground, harness yourself in for an exciting outdoor recreational adventure and glide through the canopy like a bird.

A zipline is a wire cable that's strung up between two trees, poles or other sort of anchor. Riding a zip line demands you wear a fitted harness and caribiner that is attached to a wheel. The wheel operates on the cable. You begin at one side and push from the platform and ride the line to the other side. The height of a zip line can be from 25 – 100 feet. This may give you a view of the landscapes from a point of view you'll never get to look at again.

If you are concerned about safety issues associated with a zipline, you'll be happy to know that safety does not need to be a problem. Each bit of equipment utilized is inspected and regulated. You will also receive training and basic safety information just before your ride. You will receive instructions on the best way to wear the harness, use of the brakes and other safety features.

Tennis shoes or backpacking boots are usually recommended by the majority of zip line tour companies. You need to also wear long pants. Very good shoes are essential, especially if you need to walk to the place where the zipline starts. They also need to be solidly attached to your feet. You would be very unlikely to get your shoes back if they happen to slide off while you're riding the zipline. In addition, you need to be aware of things that dangle from you. Items that may be an issue include long hair, a camera on a strap and earrings. It's crucial to secure these before beginning.

George Powell, owner of Highlands Aerial Park Zipline Canopy Tours says, "Our park is an ecological experience covering over thirty-five acres of virgin woods with fifty-mile views of the Nanatahala Mountains offering ziplines from tree to tree over lush forest, waterfalls, gorges, swinging bridges, boulder formations and native flora and fauna. In addition, children have their own kid-friendly area in which they can zip to their hearts' content while learning about the region's settlers, the Cherokee, native botanicals, indigenous animal life, coupled with entertaining tales about moonshiners, forerunners of speedway racers and so much more.

Not interested in ziplining? Enjoy the mile nature walk for those who appreciate a slower-pace. This provides an opportunity for parents and grandparents to spend quality time with little ones and show them natural wonders including bears'hibernation bins. Along the path are four bridges to eliminate steep climbs for smaller limbs and senior legs.

Come enjoy a great new adventure in our beautiful mountains and make memories that will last forever experiencing the love from above!

(Excerpts taken from story in The Laurel Magazine by Donna Rhodes)





Fly fish for Brown, Rainbow and Wild Brook Trout with local guides who are familiar with the area's local water. Explore rivers such as the Nantahala River, Tuckaseegee River, Cullasaja River and the Little Tennessee River. Learn how to read water, spot fish and choose the right fly pattern. Trips packages are available. Reservations are suggested but not required. Visit www.FishTalesWNC.com for more information.

### NANTAHALA RIVER

The Nantahala is a freestone river that is 32 miles from Franklin. It is stocked with Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout with Brown and Rainbows holding onto the stream born population. This is classic trout water full of runs, pools and pocket water, which is great for the beginning fly angler to learn to read water. Nantahala also has wonderful hatches of both mayfly and caddis offering anglers great dry fly fishing in the spring and fall. There is a delayed harvest section of the river from October 1st through June 1st but it is on hatchery regulations the rest of the year. Directions: Take Highway 64 west for 6 miles until you get to Old Murphy Road (across from Mt. Hope Baptist Church) and turn right. Go down Old Murphy Road for 100 yards until you get to a small gas station then turn left on Wayah Road. Follow Wayah Road over the mountain and down the other side past Nantahala Lake until the road comes in contact with the river.

### TUCKASEEGEE RIVER

The Tuckaseegee or "Tuck" is a dam controlled river with power generation dams located on the east and west forks of the river upstream of the "delayed harvest" section. From October 1st until June 1st, the 6-mile section from Western Carolina University to Highway 441 in Dillsboro is super stocked with large hatchery fish. During this period the regulations are catch and release only. During early spring, 30 to 40 fish days are not unusual. From June 1st to October 1st normal general trout water regulations prevail allowing anglers to keep 7 fish any size and quantities of fish decline rather quickly. Use caution as water levels may change at any time. Lake levels, generating schedules and (on the Tuckaseegee River only) flow arrival and recession times are online at www.duke-energy.com/lakes/nantahala/nantahala-lake-levels.asp or call 1-800-829-LAKE. Directions: 441 North to bridge over Tuckaseegee at Dillsboro. Take 1st right just after bridge onto River Road.

### Cullasaja River

The Cullasaja runs between Franklin and Highlands on Highway 64 East. It is a beautiful and scenic river full of waterfalls, deep pools and slow glassy runs. The river is stocked with Brook, Brown and Rainbow trout, but Browns and Rainbows seem to be the majority of the stream born population. The area between Gold Mine Bridge (approximately 10 miles from Franklin) and Turtle Pond Bridge (approximately 13 miles from Franklin) offers numerous pull-offs with easy access to the river. Across the road from Turtle Pond Bridge is Cliffside Lake. Stocked trout can be taken by bait, spinner or fly for a small usage fee. The Cullasaja should be waded in extreme caution around waterfalls and during high water times. Directions: From Franklin take Highway 64 East toward Highlands.

### LITTLE TENNESSEE RIVER

The Little Tennessee River becomes very fishable from the center of Franklin all the way to the mouth of Lake Fontana. The fly fisher can expect to catch bass, bream and the occasional trout. The greatest population of trout would be below Tellico Creek. This scenic river is accessible via some spots along Bryson City Road (Highway 28) and Needmore Road. The LTR is relatively easy to wade. An aggressive smallmouth bass on a fly rod is a moment to remember.



# Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center

Built of local stone in 1943 on the site of a former Civilian Conservation Corps camp, the Cowee School educated area youth for nearly seven decades. The historic structure, in the heart of the Cowee-Wests Mills Historic District, is now an arts and heritage center serving Western North Carolina residents and visitors.

Within a half mile of thousands of years of history, from the ancient Cowee Mound to the Rickman Store, the Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center is the hub of the Nikwasi-Cherokee Cultural Corridor. The center offers classes in the arts, pottery, weaving, painting, dance, clogging, and mountain music among others. Rental space offers families and groups a place for weddings, reunions, and meetings.

Cowee School is known for its events. The annual Franklin Area Folk Festival, held on the third Saturday in August and organized through a partnership with the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County, draws thousands of visitors from all over to enjoy cultural arts,



music, folk demonstrations, and food. The Cowee School Summer Concert Series, beginning in May and running through October, offers high quality entertainment from several genres of music, with an emphasis on traditional styles such as bluegrass, Americana, and folk. Except for one up-and-coming band each year, the series includes award-winning nationally and internationally touring bands and musicians.



### ARTS & HERITAGE CENTER

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

at Cowee School

» Kicks off May 28th with « Blue Ridge Music Trails Fine Tuned Featuring Josh Jones and Sav Sankaran

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Franklin Area Folk Festival >>> August 19, 2023 **\*\*\*** 



Cowee Christmas >>>> December 2, 2023 <<<



This project was supported by the N.C. Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources. NCArts.org

www.coweeschool.org

51 Cowee School Drive Franklin, NC 28734 828.369.4080



# Hiking Our Mountains

### THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

No matter whether you are a novice hiker or veteran ridgerunner, the Appalachian Trail offers unparalleled opportunities to explore, experience and connect with nature. Approximately 60 miles of the AT run through this area beginning at the Georgia state line and meandering northward to the Nantahala River at Wesser, North Carolina.

### Wayah Bald

Go three miles on U.S. 64 and turn right at Wayah Bald directional sign. Take first left onto Wayah Road (SR 1310), go nine miles to Wayah Gap. Turn right on gravel road (FS 69) and go approximately 4.5 miles to the bald. Paved trail, suitable for handicapped, leads to the Wayah Bald lookout tower, which is a National Historic Landmark offering breathtaking, panoramic views of the area.

### SILER BALD

Go three miles on U.S. 64 and turn right at Wayah Bald directional sign. Take first left onto Wayah Road (SR 1310), go nine miles to Wayah Gap. Park at Wayah Crest to the left, walk through picnic area to AT (white blazes) and turn right. Follow AT to a big grass hill and turn right (watch for Snowbird Gap sign). Head up to the top of Siler Bald. Check out the 360 degree

view and the ground marker. The hike is 1.8 miles from Wayah Gap.

### BARTRAM TRAIL

The Bartram Trail, when complete, will be continuous from South Carolina to Cheoah Bald. Described here is the section between Franklin, N.C., and Nantahala Lake. Bartram Trail Blazes are yellow.

Miles: 0.0 - Trailhead on Wallace Branch, on N.C. 1315, 1.7 miles from its junction with "Old 64" on the outskirts of Franklin, near the Wayah Ranger District of USFS. 1.3 - Reach junction with old Trimont Trail from Franklin to Wayah Bald. Bartram Trail turns left.

10.0 - Reach junction with AT, 0.2 miles north of Wayah Bald.

12.1 - Bartram Trail turns right and leaves AT. Descend west on McDonald Ridge.

14.1 - Reach paved USFS 711 at Sawmill Gap. Bartram jogs left across road, then continues to N.C. 1310 on the shore of Nantahala Lake.

### ROCK GAP

From Franklin, follow US64 West 11.4 miles (from overpass where US23 goes South to Atlanta) to left turn at sign saying "Appalachian Trail" and "Standing Indian Campground". Follow this road (Old Rt. 64) 1.9 miles to sign reading "Standing Indian Campground" and turn right on paved road

(FS67). Follow road for one-half mile to parking area with sign "Rock Gap". The AT passes through area without crossing road, go left for Northbound, right for Southbound.

### STANDING INDIAN AREA

Access trails - (South to North) For all these trails, follow directions given for Rock Gap above, then CONTINUE on FS67 (when open) to these trailheads.

Trails 1,2, and 8 leave from the "Backcountry Information Area", which is a parking area at the end of the paved part of FS67. Follow FS67 past Rock Gap Parking area for 1.6 miles, bearing left at the Y at the entrance to Standing Indian Campground.

### 1) Kimsey Creek Trail: Blue-blazed, 3.7

miles. This popular trail follows the course of Kimsey Creek from the campground to Deep Gap. It begins at the Backcountry Information Center, crosses the river on the campground road, then turns right and skirts the campground on the north side. At 0.3 mile, it turns left and leaves the trails that follow the river. At 0.9 mile, it enters a clearing, where it turns right along a gated road following the creek. At 2.1 miles, it crosses a log bridge over a side creek. The trail enters Deep Gap through the old picnic and camping area. Standing Indian Mountain can be reached by turning left on the AT.

- 2) Lower Ridge Trail: Blue-blazed,4.2 miles. This trail is the most direct (but a strenuous) way to reach Standing Indian Mountain from the Standing Indian Campground. It originates at the Backcountry Information Center, crosses the Nantahala River on the main campground road, skirts the campground area, then climbs rather steeply up Lower Trail Ridge directly to the mountain. It crosses the AT near the top of the mountain and continues 0.1 mile to end at the summit clearing.
- 3) Beech Gap Trail: Blue-blazed,2.8 miles. Trail starts at Beech Gap parking area on USFS 67, four miles south of Backcountry Information Center. At 0.5 mile, Big Indian Horse Trail (orange blazed) approaches from the right. At 2.0 miles, reach Big Indian Road (also horse trail, orange blazes) and turn left. Reach AT at Beech Gap.
- 4) Timber Ridge Trail: Blue-blazed, 2.3 miles. This trail starts at the Timber Ridge-Big Laurel Falls parking area on USFS 67, 4.4 miles south of the Backcountry Information Center. It passes through a charming variety of different woodlands while climbing to meet the AT. After Crossing a log bridge over a large brook, trail turns left and climbs through rhododendron, then enters a beech woods area. About halfway, it crosses Big Laurel Branch on a wood foot-bridge, then climbs through mixed woodlands to Timber Ridge, where it proceeds through open, fern-carpeted woods to the AT, 0.4 mile south of Carter Gap.
- 5) Betty Creek Trail: Continue on FS67
- for 8.3 miles past Rock Gap. There is a clearing/camping area at this trailhead. The beginning of the Betty Creek trail is poorly marked it starts at an opening in the East side of the clearing, and almost immediately crosses a small creek. Past the creek follow the blue blazes for about a half mile to the AT at Betty Creek Gap.
- 6) Mooney Gap: Continue on FS67 for 9 miles, then turn right on FS83 for 0.5 mile. Mooney Gap a is small camping/parking area where AT crosses road.

- 7) Albert Mtn/Bigspring Gap: Follow FS67 for 11 miles to it's end at a parking lot. At the far end of the lot, an old gated road leads about 1/3 mile to the AT between Albert Mtn. and Bigspring Gap. Turn right uphill for Albert, left for Bigspring Gap and shelter.
- 8) Long Branch Trail: Blue-blazed, 2.0 miles. One of many connecting trails between the Standing Indian Campground area and the AT. The trailhead is across the road from the Backcountry Information Center (a bulletin board) on USFS 67 near the campground. It ends on the AT at Glassmine Gap, after climbing through hardwood forest on the south of slope of Long Branch Creek. It intersects an orange-blazed horse trail and crosses the creek near the upper end.

### BEAR PEN TRAIL

Blue-blazed, 2.5 miles. This charming connector trail starts on USFS 67, three miles south of Backcountry Information Center (a bulletin board and parking). The lower 0.4 mile follows a grassed logging road. Watch for easy-to-miss turn-off road into woods. The rest of the Trail traverses several different kinds of woodland while climbing to meet the AT at the southern end of Albert Mountain.

### PICKENS NOSE

Go nine miles past the Back Country Information Center at near Standing Indian Campground, to intersection for FS 67 and FS 83. Turn right and follow FS 83 to sign at trailhead. Trail has three scenic overlooks including one of Northern Georgia. Trail is 0.7 mile and passes through mature oak forest with an understory of laurel and ivy.

### WHITESIDE MOUNTAIN

Whiteside Mountain stands as a landmark along the eastern continental divide. It rises more than 2,100 feet from the valley floor to the summit at 4,930 feet. The south face contains magnificent granite cliffs ranging from 400 to 750 feet high. A 2 mile loop trail takes hikers along the ridge of the mountain to spectacular views to the east, south and west. Rock climbing

is permitted from August 15 to January 15. The other months are restricted to provide nesting habitat for the peregine falcon, which has been reintroduced to the area. Go 5 miles east of Highlands on U.S. 64. Turn right on Whiteside Mtn, Road (S.R. 1600). Go 1.5 miles and the parking area will be on the left.

### Rufus Morgan Falls Trail

Go 3 miles on U.S. 64 West and turn right at Wayah Bald directional sign. Take first left onto Wayah Road (SR 1310). Drive 6.4 miles and turn left onto Forest Service Road 388. Drive 2 miles on FS 388 to trail head parking on the right. Rufus Morgan Falls is approximately ½-mile hike. Continue on the trail for a 1-mile loop or head back the way you came. Rufus Morgan Falls is approximately a 60' high waterfall.

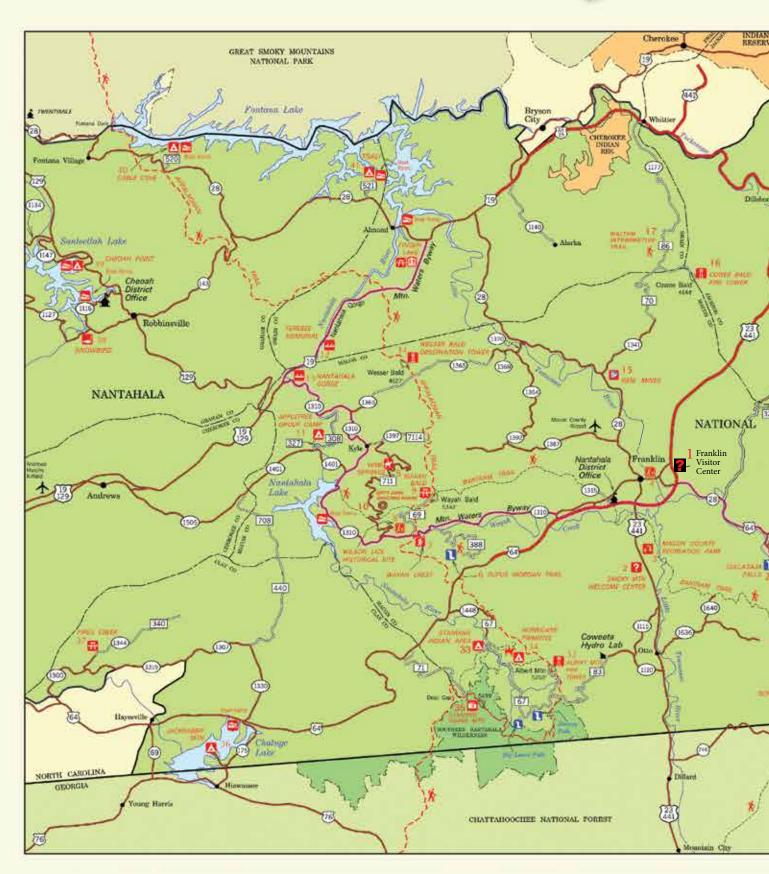
### Wesser Bald Trail

From East Main Street (near Nikwasi Mound) turn right onto Depot Street and continue straight on N.C. 28 North (Bryson City Road) for 11.7 miles and turn left onto Tellico Road. Continue on Tellico Road for 8.3 miles to Tellico Gap. There are parking spaces on either side of the road. The trail to Wesser Bald Tower begins on the RIGHT (North) side of the road. There is no signage for the tower here so it is important to ensure your heading. Follow the Appalachian Trail (gradual climb) to the tower for 1.5 miles OR you can hike the Forest Service access road (steeper climb) 1 mile to the tower. The round-trip hike is approximately 3 miles via the Appalachian Trail. Enjoy 360-degree panoramic views from the tower.

# WILLIAM'S PULPIT ON THE BARTRAM TRAIL

Go 0.6 miles on U.S. 64 West and turn right onto Sloan Road. Go 0.3 miles and turn left onto Old Murphy Road. Turn right immediately onto Pressley Road. Continue on Pressley Road for 1.0 mile. Continue straight on Ray Cove Road to the Trailhead Parking area in 0.7 miles. Follow the Bartram Trail for 2 miles to the sign and exit trailside left to William's Pulpit for long range scenic views.

# Nanthala National Jorest



Our National Forests are truly America's Great Outdoors and the Nantahala National Forest is no exception. It is the largest of four such forests in North Carolina. Comprised of over a half million acres, you can ascend to the peaks reaching nearly 5,500 feet, take to over 600 miles of hiking trails and along the way enjoy the beauty of clean mountain waters tumbling over waterfalls. Unique plant communities and wildlife abound in the forest. Below are just some of the many activities you can enjoy.



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RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES						
SITE # and NAME	FACILITIES	COMMENTS				
1 - Franklin Chamber	?	Chamber of Commerce				
2 - SMH Welcome Center	7 6 7	Welcome Center				
3 - Macon Co. Rec Park	<b>□ B R</b>	County maintained park				
4 - Franklin Museums	a	Downtown Franklin				
5 - Wine Springs Horse Camp	FEA	Swimming Pool at LBJ				
6 - Rufus Morgan Trail	TN	Waterfall				
7 - Wayah Crest	1	Appalachian Trail Nearby				
8 - WilsonLick Historic Site	C8	Historical Site				
9 - Wayah Bald	Tofa	Scenic Overlook				
10 - Dirty John Shooting Range	05	Shooting Range				
11 - Applietree Group Camp	EALDS	Groups by Reservation only				
12 - Ferebee Mem. Rec. Area	22元前	Limited Picnicking				
13 - Nantahala Gorge	4200	Raffing and Kayaking				
14 - Wesser Bald Ob. Tower	O D B	Observation Tower				
15 - Gem Mines	G	Off NC28, US 441, US84				
16 - Cowee Bald Fire Tower	88	Scenic View				
17 - Walton Interpretive Trail	<b>(F)</b>	1 Mile Trail through Spruce-Bog				
18 - Wayehutta ATV Trails	型 m S	ATV Trail System				
19 - Balsam Lake	<b>用草形因</b> 面	Accessible Trails and Fishing				
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22 - Glen Falls		Three Waterfalls				
23 - Silver Run Falls	0	NC107				
24 - Yellow Mtn. Fire Tower	88	Fire Tower				
25 - Bridal Veil Falls	2	Drive Under the Falls				
26 - Dry Fails		Easy Walk to Falls				
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30 - Moss Knob Shooting Rge	<u> </u>	Shooting Range				
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32 - Albert Mtn. Fire Tower	000	Fire Tower				
33 - Standing Indian Campgd		On Kimsey Creek				
34 - Hurricane Campground		No Water				
35 - Standing Indian Mountain	F 60	5499 Elevation				
38 - Jackrabbit Mtn. Rec Area	A B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B	Evening Programs in Season				
37 - Fires Creek	<b>用面足形</b>	30 Miles of Trails				
38 - Snowbird Picnic Area		On Snowbird Creek				
39 - Checah Point	\$	On Sunteetlah Lake				
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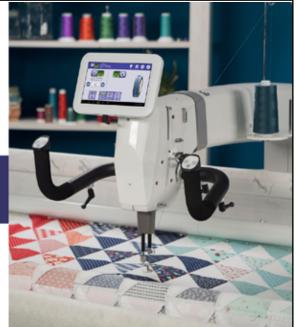
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# Experience Franklin Like A Local

A lot of folks visiting Franklin want to experience life like a local. Here's a list of what locals like to do when the weekend comes and it's time to play – in no particular order.

### Festivals and Events

There's always something happening on the weekends here in Franklin. Our Calendar of Events is a great place to find local festivals like 4th Of July Fesitivites, Mountain High Music, Craft & Car Show, Gem Shows, The Taste of Scotland Festival, Franklin Heritage Festival, Pumpkinfest, Winter Wonderland, and more. You can almost always find a festival or fun event on our community calendar or come by the Chamber & Welcome Center and see what we have posted on our events board!



### Shop, Drink & Eat

The Franklin Farmer's Market every Saturday morning from 8 am to 12 noon on Palmer Street downtown is a great place to get ahold of locally grown fruits and vegetables, as well as freshly baked goods, fresh cut meats, flowers and more. Grab some fresh goodies to take on a picnic or if you want to cook fresh, then the Farmer's Market is your first stop. If you're looking for someone else to do the cooking, be sure to check out the restaurant guide on page 50 to explore the many palate pleasing spots to eat like a local. Work up a hearty appetite as you embark on a shopping adventure that will take you all around the Franklin area. Let your mood set your destination, whether you're out for some fun antiquing, or maybe you're in the market for some fresh new clothing, art work, jewelry, or some outdoor active wear. Stop by one or both of our Craft Breweries, The Lazy Hiker Brewing Co. on the west end of Main Street and Currahee Brewing Co. on the east end of downtown Franklin. Many times, you can catch food trucks there cooking up some fresh eats along with entertainment on the weekends all year long.

### Dinner and a Show

Franklin is home to the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, a world class entertainment venue that brings in popular artists across many genres of music, Broadway Productions, and more. Dine at one of Franklin's many fine restaurants beforehand and it's a full evening of food and entertainment. You can purchase tickets to all of the shows online at SmokyMountainArts. com or the box office. If you're visiting on a weekend, the weekly free concert series, Pickin' on the Square happens every other Saturday night from Memorial Day through Mid-October with live music, food vendors, and lots of visitors and locals enjoying a fun night with friends and family.



### Get Outside

Many folks in our local community like to get outside and get involved. So that means a lot more than just taking a hike or going for a bike ride. Many local organizations will have fund raising events or fun activities planned for kids and families too, to get together for a good cause. Whether it be a 5K Fun Run or a donation collection – there's lots to get out and experience. Then of course, you HAVE to get on a trail or take a waterfall journey that will take you to places of natural beauty and wonder. Whether you are a hard core hiker or more of a walker, don't worry, we've got your trail and information on it!





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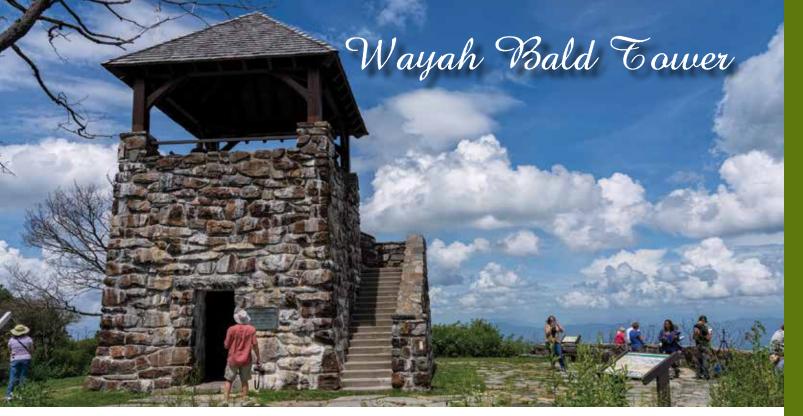
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A visit to the Franklin area would not be complete without a drive up to one of the most recognizable locations in Western North Carolina – Wayah Bald Lookout Tower. Wayah Bald is located in the western part of Franklin, and is almost a half way point between Franklin and Nantahala. The drive up to Wayah Bald Lookout Tower is approximately 35 minutes from the intersection of Highway 64 and Highway 441 in Franklin. Wayah Bald was named by the native Cherokee Indians who called the area Wa – ya, the Cherokee for wolf, which inhabited the area and were hunted by the indigenous people.

The tower was built in 1937 by the Civilian Conservation Corp to accommodate personnel observing the Nantahala National Forest, keeping watch over the area for wildfires. Two National Forest personnel were assigned to the tower for two months at a time, while being resupplied weekly by the local CCC members. The original tower stood over 50 feet high, with three stories. The top level was very simple sleeping quarters for the observers, while the second story was the observation floor. There, NFS personnel kept watch out over the forest for any signs of fire. Although the stone structure appeared to be very sturdy, water damage quickly eroded the tower and by 1945, all fire detection services at Wayah Bald were halted. The two upper levels of the tower were removed for safety. However, due to the popularity of the tower, which allowed for the vast views in all directions, the tower was eventually repaired and a new second level was constructed for an observation deck.

The drive to Wayah Bald can be a dizzying one if you aren't used to hairpin turns and switchbacks. Careful navigation of Wayah Road and FS Road 69 culminate with the reward of being able to step out onto an open stone patio area with an eastern panoramic view that will take your breath away. From late spring through fall peak leaf season, visitors to Wayah Bald are more often than not left speechless at the long-distance views, able to see parts of the Appalachian and Great Smoky Mountains. At an elevation of 5,342 feet, you're nearly a mile high above the valley of Franklin below. Taking the steps up into the tower allows you to catch a 360-degree view, spanning the Nantahala Mountains and the rolling hills of North Georgia to the south.

As you come to the parking area, it is a short walk up a paved path that gets you to the "best seat in the house". On your drive up in late spring and early summer, the Rhododendrons and Mountain Laurel start to open up and unveil their annual color show. In the fall, peak leaf season brings the glow of oranges, reds and yellow, painting a canvas across the mountains that are admired by visitors, hikers, local photographers, and film makers. Wayah Bald Tower has long been our "beacon" to the region, and one of the most popular places that people want to visit. It is also an intersection of the world famous Appalachian Trail and the Bartram Trail. Thousands of thru-hikers making their way on the Appalachian Trail pass through Wayah Bald. The iconic structure also provides shelter for those weary travelers and a great location to sleep under the stars.

In the fall of 2016, the Camp Branch wildfire raced up the eastern slope of Wayah Bald, burning so quickly and so hot, that the fire engulfed the tower in flames, incinerating the wooden cap in minutes. Scars remain along the paved path and sides of the mountain, but new life has already begun to form on the forest floor. Additionally, in the weeks after the fire, a three-phase plan was put into motion by Jeff Johnson Timber Frames of Franklin, to restore the wooden roof structure and cap using donated Cypress Timber and volunteer man hours of the company crew. The first phase of the restoration began on November 11th, 2017 and the second phase was completed on January 25th, 2018. The tower was dedicated and reopened to the public in March, 2018

### DIRECTIONS TO WAYAH BALD TOWER

Take US 64 West (from the intersection of Hwy 441) approximately 3 miles and merge right onto Old Murphy Road/SR 1442. There is a sign for Wayah Bald there as well. Turn left just past "Loafers Glory" store onto Wayah Road/SR 1310 and drive approx. 8 miles and take a slight right onto FS Road 69 you will see a sign for Wayah Bald Tower just before the turn onto the dirt road. Follow the road for 4.5 miles to the parking area for Wayah Bald. There are primitive restrooms as well as picnic areas around the corner past the restrooms.



Gem Mining is still one of the most popular activities offered in the Franklin area. Mining for precious stones began in Macon County in 1870. Ruby and sapphire are still the most sought after today. Tiffany's showed an interest in the area in the 1890's but two other companies, America Prospecting & Mining Company and U.S. Ruby Mining Company began work hoping to find the source of the rubies found in the corundum mines. Both companies ended the search in the early part of the 20th century leaving the area open to rockhounds and gem enthusiasts. The source hasn't been found --- yet.

While visiting our area, families from all over the United States enjoy mining in our local mines. Mining is one of the most popular activities for kids and adults of all ages. Be sure to wear clothing you don't mind getting dirty.

What To Bring To The Mines Bring ziploc bags or a plastic butter dish to take your stones home in (no glass). Rubber gloves are handy if it's chilly or you have a nice manicure. Wear a hat and some sunblock if it's sunny although many mines provide cover on the "flume". The wooden benches get hard as the day goes on so you might need a cushion to sit on or old towels work well too and you can use them to wipe your hands. Wear old clothes and tennis shoes or boots and bring a plastic bag to put your muddy shoes in and an extra pair to wear in the car. Most mines provide a place to eat - rain or shine - so, bring a picnic lunch and plan to spend the day! Don't forget to bring the camera for those pictures to show your friends the beautiful gem stones you found in Franklin, North Carolina.

**How To Mine** Most mines sell gem dirt in a bucket or bag (few allow digging) and you may have to pay an admission fee for the day. You are provided with a screen for washing and there is a flume - a trough of running water - with a bench along it's length. The dirt goes in the screen, the screen goes in the water and the mud is washed away. Well, it's not quite that easy but it is completely safe and mine operators are on hand to help with technique and identification.

What To Look For At The Mines The "3 c's" of gem mining are Color, Clarity and

Crystals. Gemstones come in every color from white to black. Garnets are glassy red, pink or reddish brown. Rubies are silky red, sapphires are every other color, and both have a crystal formation with 6 sides. Moonstones are pearly white to gray and peach to chocolate brown with a flat box-like shape. Quartz comes in many forms, sometimes clear colors like Amethyst and Citrine, sometimes opaque colors with mica flecks like Aventurine and of course clear with sides – quartz crystals. That's just a few of the many gemstones found at local mines.

**Gemborees** Each year rockhounds from all across the United States descend on Franklin for three gem & mineral shows. Held annually in May, July and October, our "Gemborees" are known as some of the finest in the nation. These shows feature everything from fine jewelry to rough and cut gems & minerals, fossils, lapidary equipment and more. Two shows are produced in conjunction with the Franklin Gem & Mineral Society. For complete information visit us online at www.visitfranklinnc.com or call toll free 800-336-7829.





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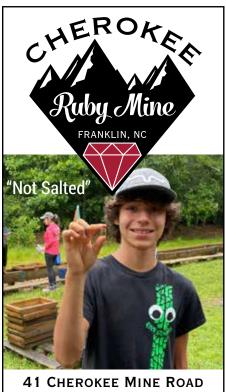




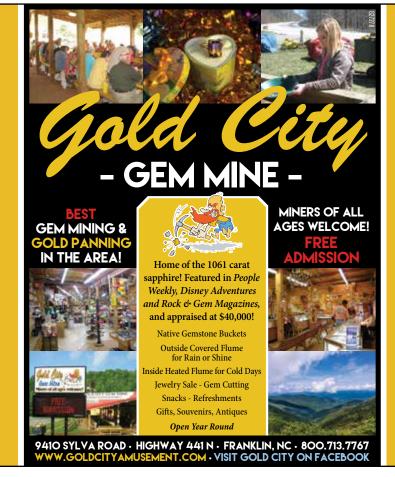
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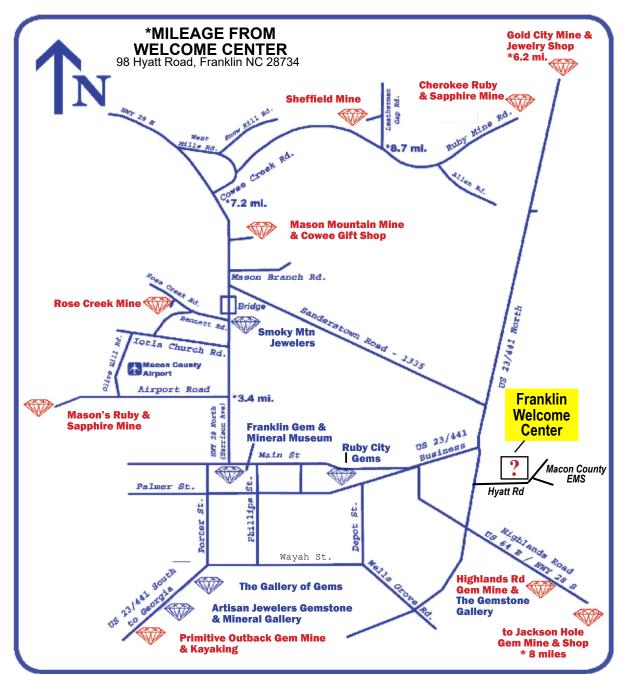
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When you come to the Franklin, NC area, you are in the foothills of some of the oldest mountains in the world. The Blue Ridge Mountains and The Great Smoky Mountains rise up from the valleys of the Nantahala National Forest opening into two of the nation's most visited National Parks. We've put together a list of scenic and free things to do for you!

#### Mountain Waters Scenic Byway

Take a drive over Wayah Road through the Nantahala Gorge. Side trips to Wayah Bald, Nantahala Lake and numerous pull offs along the Nantahala River make for a full or half day trip. Return via Wayah Road or take US 74 to Dillsboro and back to Franklin on 441 South.



#### Blue Ridge Parkway

Take a scenic drive on America's most visited Parkway!
Two points of entry give you many options for a full
day or scenic overlooks, history, and adventure. Take
the Balsam Gap entrance to Cherokee passing Water
Rock Knob with view east and west, down to the Great
Smoky Mountains National Park at the end of the BRP.
Stop in the Oconaluftee Visitor Center and see how life
was like in the early days of the park. Wait until dusk to
see the elk that bed down in the wide-open field there at
the edge of the center.



#### Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Take US 74/US441 to the entrance of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and continue into the most visited National Park in the country. Historic Mingus Mill and Smokemont Baptist Church are on the eastern side of the drive. Head up Newfound Gap Road and explore the many scenic overlooks. Take the Dome Road to Clingman's Dome where you can feel like you are on top of the world. Continue up to Newfound Gap Overlook and straddle the North Carolina/Tennessee border where the two states meet. Continue west into the Tennessee part of the park or head back down into Cherokee and on back to Franklin.



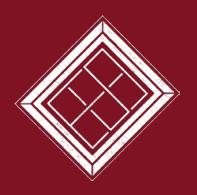
## Cherohala Skyway

Take a breathtaking drive on the Cherohala Skyway which connects Robbinsville, NC to Tellico Plains, TN. The Cherohala Skyway takes you 40+ miles through beautiful scenery and spectacular views that rival the BRP. It crosses through the Nantahala and Cherokee National Forests. The name comes from a combination of the two forests Chero, from Cherokee and hala from Nantahala. It took more than 30 years to build and cost \$100 million. The Cherohala Skyway is one of 96 National Scenic Byways in the US. Take your time and enjoy the natural beauty, which is what the skyway is all about. Take the Wayah Road (SR 1310) to US 19 where you will turn left and go approximately three miles and then turn back to the right on US 129 which takes you to Robbinsville. Follow the signs to the Cherohala Skyway (NC 143 West)



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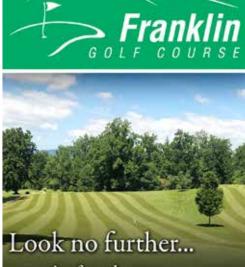


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Macon County boasts almost two hundred different species of birds, and with its outstanding natural beauty largely protected with the Nantahala National Forest, Little Tennessee River Greenway, State owned Needmore Tract, and multiple properties protected by the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee, it is a birder's paradise. In fact, one of the greatest dilemmas facing birders visiting the area might well be making the difficult decision of where to begin. However, if visiting in the spring, an excellent starting point would be the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee's Tessentee Farm. Located approximately ten miles south of Franklin near the Otto Community, the sixty three acre farm has a developed trail system that begins in a lovely hardwood forest and then meanders along the banks of Tessentee Creek and the Little Tennessee River where birders can expect to see a wide variety of neo-tropical songbirds such as Summer Tanager, Black Throated Green Warbler, Palm Warbler, Yellow Throated Warbler, and much more. Tree Swallows can be seen along the river, along with Acadian Flycatchers, Blue-Grey Gnatcatchers, numerous sparrow species, hawks, and waterfowl.

The Little Tennessee Greenway offers over four miles of easy trail along the river, where birders can expect to see ducks, hawks, neo-tropical songbirds, sparrows, brown thrashers, towhees, and more. Further downstream, the Land Trust's Queen Branch tract is a wild setting adjacent to the state owned Needmore game lands, where birders can see the occasional Bald Eagle, Osprey, as well as, birds mentioned above. Queen Branch has a maintained trail system, as well as picnicking and parking facilities. All of the above areas are under nomination for the North Carolina Birding Trail system which is being developed by the State of North Carolina.



## THE CHOICES ARE AS ABUNDANT AS THE BIRDS

The National Audubon Society has identified the Nantahala Mountain range of Macon County as part of their Important Bird Area network due to the fact that many species found there are found nowhere but the southern Appalachian mountains. These mountains are also considered to be one of the important nesting areas for Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers. Cove forests and northern hardwood forests found there are critical nesting areas for species such as Ruffed Grouse, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Winter Wren, Ovenbird, Golden-crowned Kinglet and Goldenwinged Warbler. Birders interested in these species can utilize the excellent trail system that begins at numerous locations around the Standing Indian Campground

The Highlands Plateau and the Nantahala National Forest supports a significant diversity and abundance of migratory birds and is one of North Carolina's most important sites for species such as Blackburnian Warbler, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Peregrine Falcons were re-introduced to the area and nest on the shear cliffs of Whiteside Mountain. The site includes the Highlands Biological Station where studies of birds and their habitats have been ongoing since the 1940s.

Check out the great selection of birding books at the Franklin Chamber Visitor Center Gift Shop.

Author Brent Martin works for The Wilderness Society in Franklin and lives in the Cowee Community of Macon County

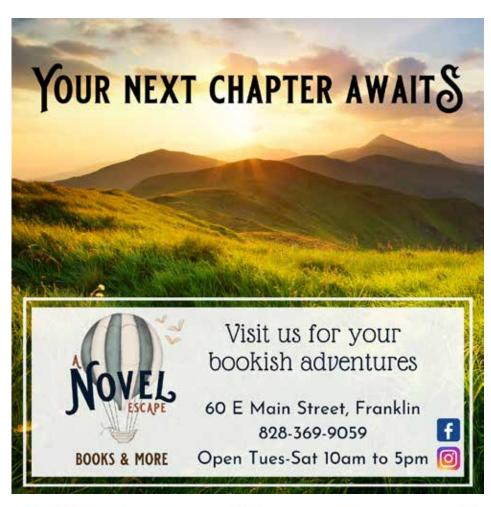
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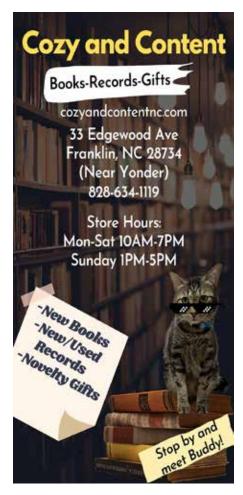






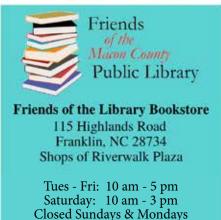


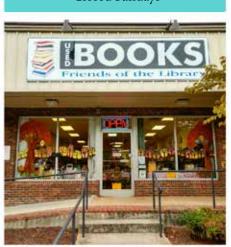


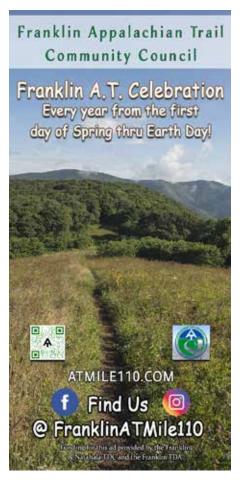












## Join the Journey on the Appalachian Trail

The most famous foot trail in the world is just minutes from downtown Franklin in Macon County. The Appalachian Trail (AT) crosses Route 64W at the parking area just past the big rock cut at Winding Stair Gap 11 miles from Franklin, the first designated Appalachian Trail Community in 2010. You can put your feet on this trail here or at several access points in Macon County.

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail, known as the AT, runs from Springer Mountain in Georgia for 2,190 miles to Mount Katahdin in Maine's Baxter State Park. The trail is blazed (marked) along its whole length by white rectangles 2 inches wide by 6 inches high usually painted chest high on trees. Forty-seven of those miles are located here in Macon County and sixty miles are maintained by our local Nantahala Hiking Club (NHC), one of 31 maintaining clubs of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC). Over the years the ATC has aspired to connect the human spirit with nature and to preserve the delicate majesty of the Trail as a haven for all to enjoy.

Get away and experience the serenity and camaraderie of hiking a nature trail that is open only to walkers, hikers, backpackers—and dogs. You won't find the crowds you may have encountered in other National Parks across the country. While some hikers do hike the entire AT, the vast majority of hikers choose to enjoy smaller sections of the Trail. From several access points in Macon County,

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you can join the journey and hike the southern Appalachians in the Nantahala National Forest and you don't have to be a serious hiker. Enjoy the beauty of the AT when spring wildflowers are blooming, or in the fall at peak color foliage season, or in winter when leafless trees offer magnificent long range views, or any time during the year just for the simple pleasure of being outdoors.

Side trails are another outstanding feature of the AT in the Nantahala mountains. A wide variety of loop hikes of one day to several days can be made. Plan a day hike or an overnight backpack. So, put on comfortable hiking shoes, grab some water, take a lunch, and contact one of the following to find out more information on AT access points:

- Nantahala Ranger District 828-524-6441
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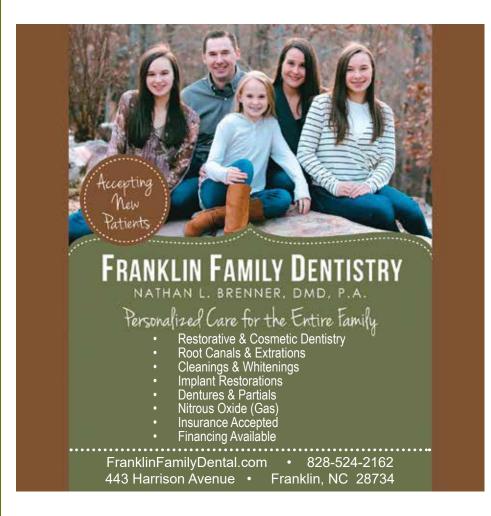
Franklin, NC celebrates the designation by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy as the first Appalachian Trail Community. This program highlights the value of trailside communities and towns as a driver for sustainable economic development and the importance of the towns to the A.T. as agents in protecting its complex recreational, volunteer, educational and environmental resources.



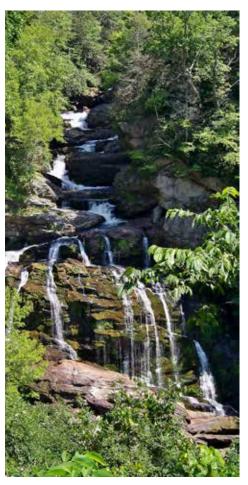
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#### **GEOGRAPHY**

Macon County is located in southwestern North Carolina, about 65 miles west of Asheville, NC and 130 miles north of Atlanta, GA. The county lies within the Blue Ridge Physiographic Providence and contains several mountain ranges with peaks over 5,000 feet in elevation.



The county land area is 516 sq. miles and the population is 33,756. Franklin, the county seat, lies near the center of the county at an elevation of 2,110 feet with a population of 3,490. Highlands is the other major town in the county with a population of 1,100 year round residents and is the highest incorporated town (4,118 feet) east of the Mississippi River. Major highways run north - south in the Little Tennessee River Basin and east - west across mountain ranges.



#### **CLIMATE**

Climate of the region is classed as Marine, Humid, Temperate because of high moisture and mild temperatures. Four distinct seasons provide a diverse climate. Although the county is in one of the highest rainfall zones in the eastern U.S., there can be large spatial variability in precipitation amounts during storm events.

## Average Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit) Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory

<u>Month</u>	<u>Mean</u>
January	38.4
February	40.8
March	47.4
April	55.4
May	62.2
June	68.7
July	71.6
August	71.0
September	65.6
October	56.0
November	46.8
December	40.3

#### **PRECIPITATION**

Precipitation is usually abundant in all months but greatest occur in late winter and smallest amounts during the fall season. Snow comprises only 2 to 10% of the annual precipitation at low elevations. Average annual precipitation is about 70 inches at low elevations but is highly variable from year to year. The driest year on record at Coweeta occurred in 2007 with only 47.7 inches at the base station, which is a 22.8 inch deficit for the year. In general, precipitation increases with elevation, and, at Coweeta, averages about 90 inches at the highest elevations.

## Average Monthly Precipitation (inches) Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory

<u>Month</u>		<u>Month</u>	
January	6.79	July	5.56
February	6.73	August	5.25
March	7.37	September	5.22
April	5.88	October	4.54
May	5.23	November	5.85
June	5.37	December	6.83

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Airport is located in Iotla Valley in the Smoky Mountains of Western North Carolina. It is approximately 3 miles from Franklin, and the nearest airport facility to the Highlands, Cashiers & Cherokee area. Operated by Macon Air, LLC providing you with full service FBO Shell Aviation Fuels - 100LL & Jet A. The Macon County Airport will accommodate any size business jet.

**Workforce** - Macon County's Workforce is very diverse with experience from high-tech to skilled professions. For the latest information on our workforce, please check with the NC Works Career Center.

**Macon County Public Library** - Macon County is served by a beautiful, spacious library which was completed and opened to the public in 2007 on Siler Road next to SCC.

Southwestern Community College - Southwestern Community College opened the doors to a 27,500 square-foot two story building on Siler Road. The college has already had to expand to meet the demand for education in Macon County. In 2009, they opened the doors to a new 6,000 sq. ft. building on the Siler Road campus. Students are offered five full areas of study at the Macon County Campus, and in addition the campus houses the Macon Early College which allows high school students to attend classes to earn credits.



## MACON COUNTY

#### **TAXES**

County: 2022/2023 Property Taxes/\$100 value.....\$0.4000 Franklin: 2022/2023 Property Taxes/\$100 value ....\$0.3200 

N.C. Department of Revenue Income Tax:

2800 Heart Drive Asheville, NC 28806 Phone: 1-877-252-3052

#### GOVERNMENT

Town of Franklin Town Council/Town Manager.....(828) 524-2516 Macon County Board of Commissioners/County Manager .....(828) 349-2000

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Highways**

U.S. highways 23, 441 • U.S. 64 (East & West) NC highway 28 (North & South)

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### **Public Schools** Macon County Schools (K-12) .....(828) 524-3314 **Colleges/Universities**

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2021/22 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	4,511
Classrooms Utilizing Advanced Technology	100%
Nationally Board Certified Teachers	64

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Town of Franklin	(828) 524-2516

#### **MEDIA**

#### **Newspapers**

Asheville Citizen-Times	(800) 800-4202
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<b>Local Radio Stations</b>	
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#### **Network Television**

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Macon County Board of Education(828) 524-3314
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Macon County Courthouse(828) 349-2000
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## **FACTS & STATS**

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NC License Plate Agency	(828)	369-8165
NC Division of Forestry	(828)	369-8677
Social Security Administration	(866)	562-0738
U.S. Forest Service	(828)	524-6441
U.S. Post Office	(828)	524-3219

#### HOSPITALS/CLINICS

Angel Medical Center	(828) 524-8411
WestCare Health System	(828) 586-7000
Highlands/Cashiers Hospital	(828) 526-1200
Veteran's Outpatient Clinic	(828) 369-1781

#### **MAJOR INDUSTRY & EMPLOYERS**

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Lander Tubular Products	100-249
Tektone Sound & Signal Mfg, Inc	50-99
Duotech Services	50_00

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Macon County	250-499
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Wal-Mart Associates, Inc	250-499
Ingles Markets	100-249
Drake Enterprises	100-249
Lowes	100-249
Macon Program for Progress	100-249
Macon Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation	100-249

#### **POPULATION & GROWTH**

2020 Total Population (Census)	37,564
July 2020 Certified Population Estimate	37,102
2019 Estimated Median Age	50

#### INCOME

2020 Estimated Median Worker Earnings	\$26,994
2020 Median Family Income	\$51,973

#### **EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT**

Labor Force	
March, 20221	4,607
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	
December, 2022	2.9%

#### COMMERCIAL/RETAIL/INDUSTRIAL

Local Businesses 2022 Qtr 1	
Total Private Industry Businesses	1,290
Total Manufacturing Businesses	31
Total Self Employed	1,365
2022 Gross Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$723.9
2022 1st Qtr Licensed Child Care Facilities	19
2021 Number of Physicians	64

#### **EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

## Employment by Number of Workers, by Sector (1st Quarter 2022)

Total All Industries	11,606
Total Government	1,864
Total Private Industry	9,742
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	15
Construction	1038
Manufacturing	416
Wholesale Trade	148
Retail Trade	2,161
Transportation and Warehousing	204
Information	118
Finance and Insurance	255
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- Servicios de Laboratorio
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- Vacunas
- Servicios de Salud Infantil y Materna
- Citas para Viajes
   Internacionales

- Enfermedades
   Contagiosas
- WIC
- Centro de Salud Escolar (Telehealth)
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- Administración de Cuidado del Embarazo de Alto Riesgo
- Salud Ambiental
- Servicios de Animales
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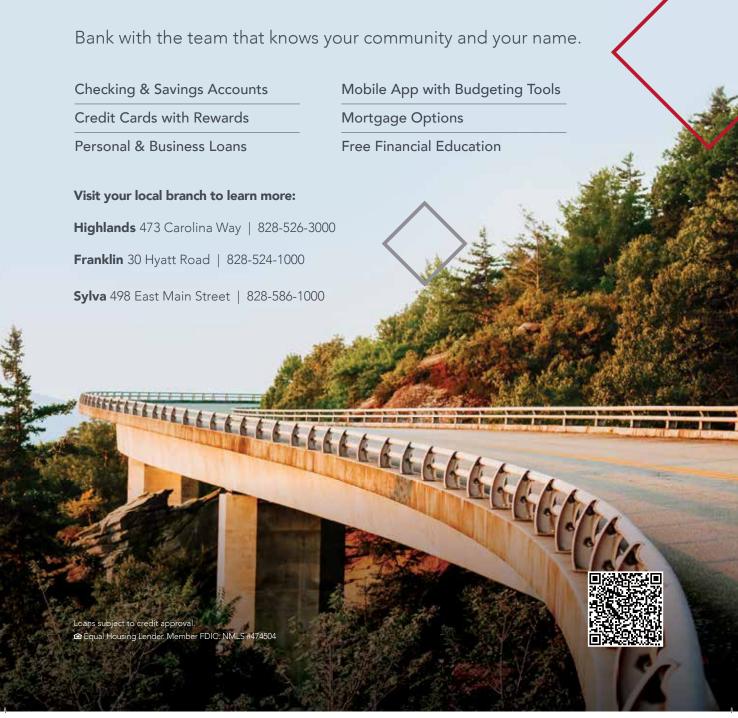
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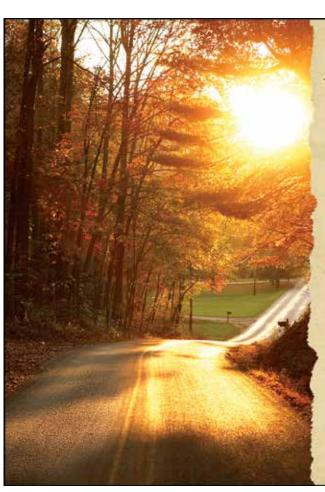
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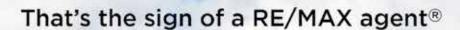


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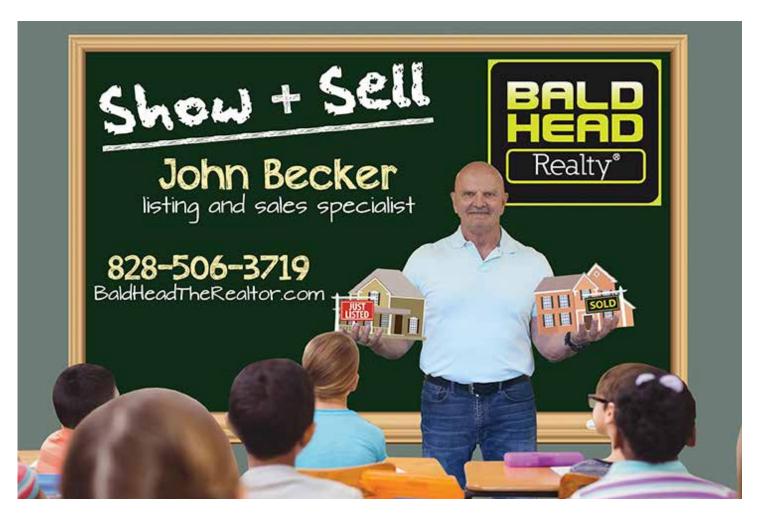


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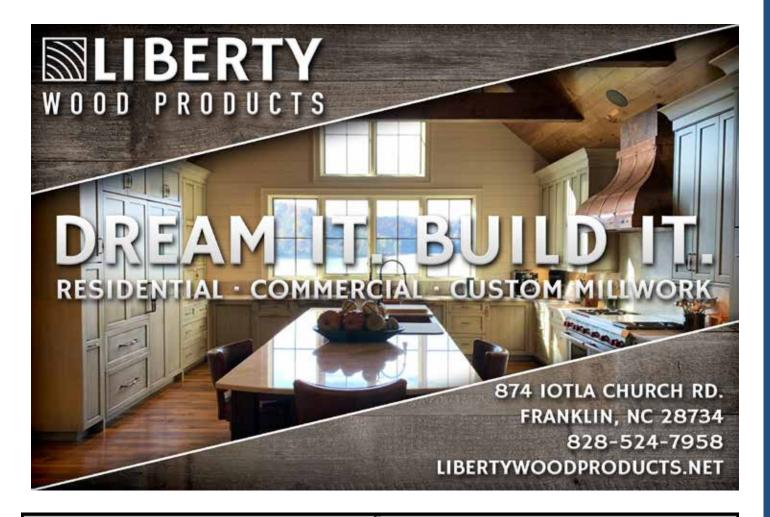
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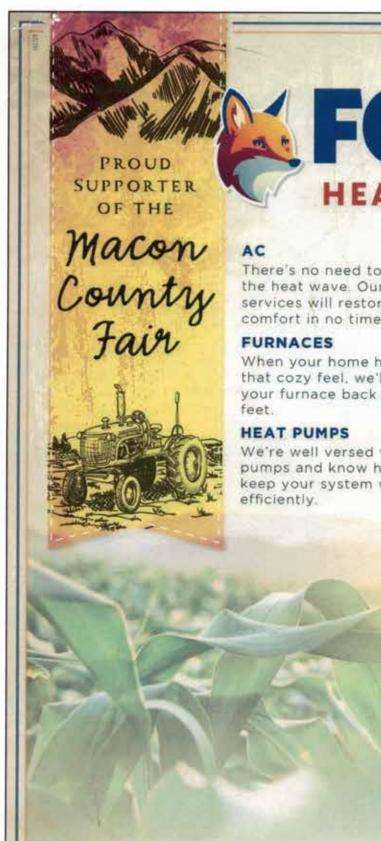




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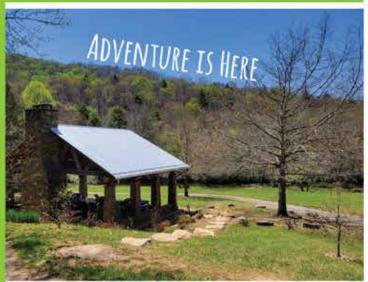
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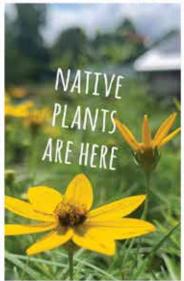


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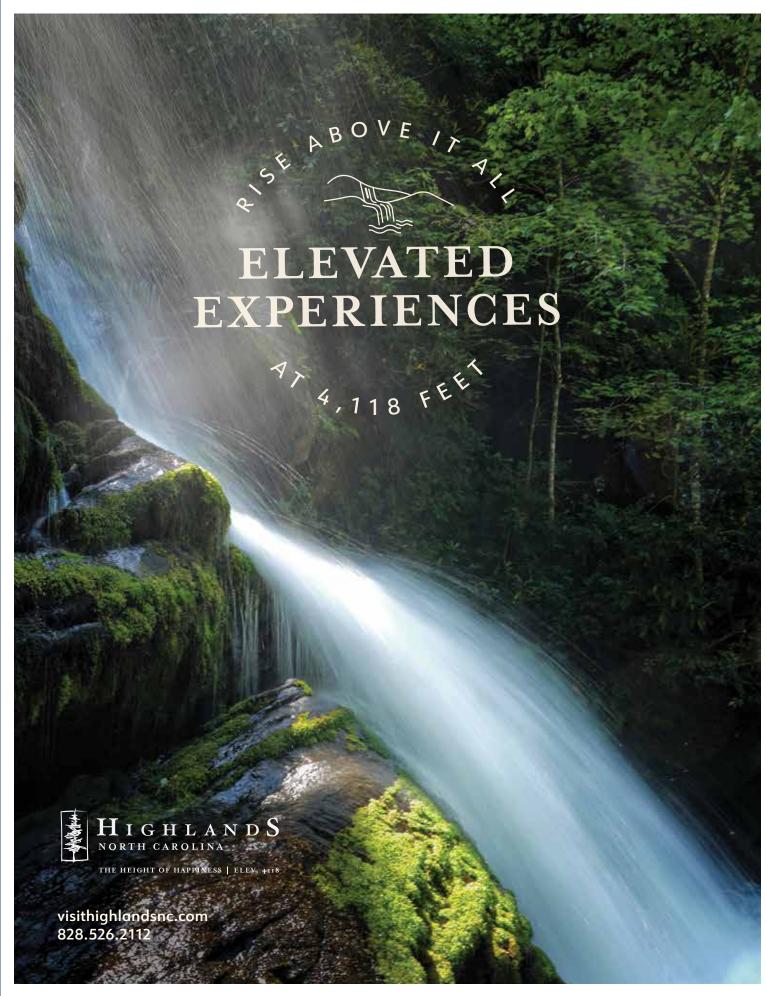






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FOLK HERITAGE ASSOC OF MACON COUNTY PO Box 1416 PH: (828) 524-6564 www.folkheritageassociation.org

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STATE FARM INSURANCE -JOHN HAMLIN 109 W. Palmer St. PH: (828) 369-9696 www.johnhamlininsurance.com SEE AD ON PAGE 67

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THE CLASSY FLEA 51 Union Otto Daycare Rd. PH: (828) 421-7782

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MASON'S RUBY AND SAPPHIRE MINE 6961 Upper Burningtown Rd. PH: (828) 369-9742 www.masonsmine.com SEE AD ON PAGE 36

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