


Blowing Rock GUIDE



*Dining, Shopping, Lodging,
Attractions, Recreation,
Calendar & More*

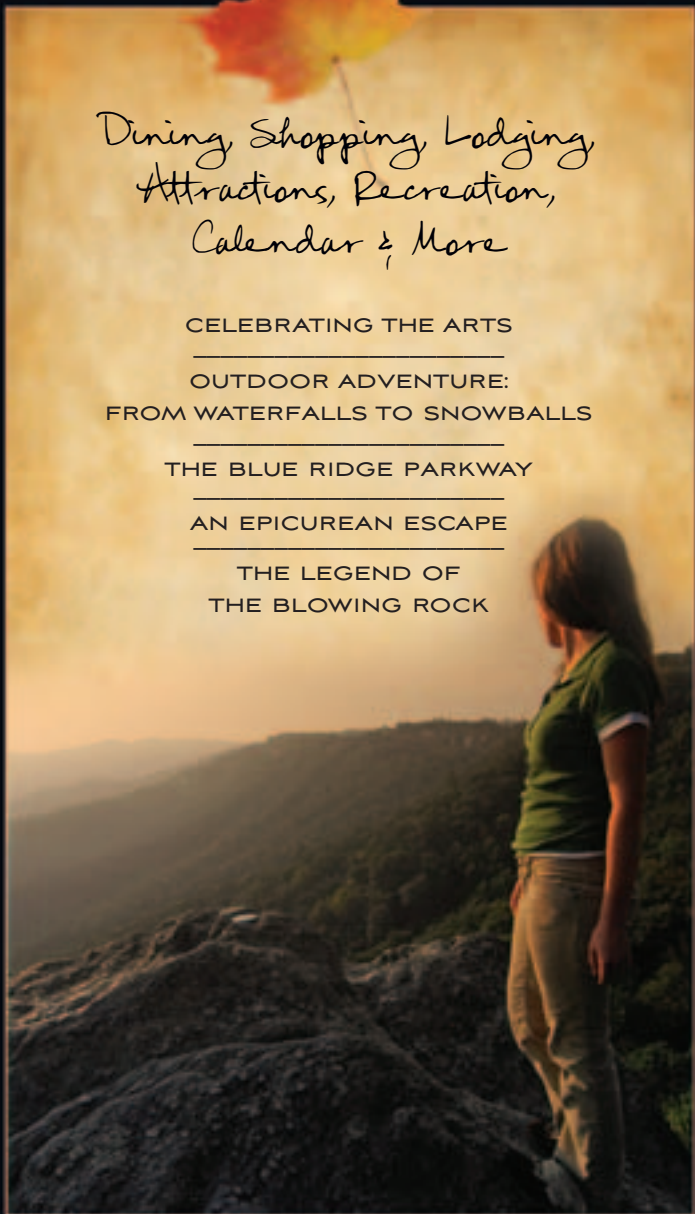
CELEBRATING THE ARTS

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE:
FROM WATERFALLS TO SNOWBALLS

THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

AN EPICUREAN ESCAPE

THE LEGEND OF
THE BLOWING ROCK



Hayes Performing Arts Center BRINGS THE STAGE TO BLOWING ROCK



The Hayes Center is back! The premier Performing Arts Center in the High Country presents an all-new season of programming, including music (ranging from classical to bluegrass), theatre, dance, comedy, opera, cabaret and more. Enjoy high quality productions in its beautiful state-of-the-art, 348-seat theater, right in the heart of Blowing Rock.



The Hayes Center is dedicated to the advancement of cultural arts and humanities in Blowing Rock and the North Carolina High Country.



Built in 2006, the mission of the Hayes Performing Arts Center is to enrich lives through intimate arts experiences and life-long learning.

For more information, to see videos of upcoming shows, or to buy tickets, visit www.hayescenter.org or call 828-295-9627

HAYESCENTER.ORG

WELCOME TO BLOWING ROCK

Crown of the Blue Ridge

Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains at an elevation of 4,000 feet rests the 100-year-old Village of Blowing Rock. Its simple grandeur amid 6,000 square miles of majestic mountains and the valleys they overshadow beckons visitors from all over the world. Even before its incorporation in 1889, the Village was a popular resort community of vacationers and seasonal residents seeking relief from the heat of the lower elevations.

We invite you to visit us and experience the exquisite combination of climate, activity and scenery that makes Blowing Rock a favorite vacation spot time and time again.

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For more information about Blowing Rock, please visit www.blowingrock.com, call us at 877-750-INFO (4636) or stop by our Visitor Center in Blowing Rock.

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"The Blowing Rock is the only place in the world where it snows upside down."

-Ripley's "Believe it Or Not"



THE BLOWING ROCK

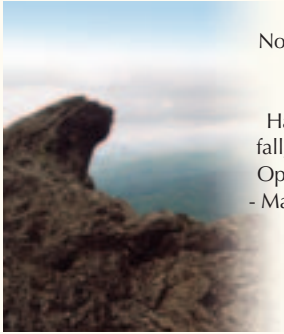
North Carolina's Oldest Family Attraction

The town took its name from the Blowing Rock, an immense cliff 4000 feet above sea level, overhanging Johns River Gorge. The legend of the Blowing Rock claims that a Chickasaw chief-tan, fearful of a white man's admiration for his lovely daughter, journeyed far from the plains to bring her to The Blowing Rock and the care of a squaw mother. One day the maiden, day-dreaming on the craggy cliff, spied a Cherokee brave wandering in the wilderness far below and playfully shot an arrow in his direction. The flirtation worked because soon he appeared before her wigwam, courted her with songs of his land and they became lovers, wandering the pathless woodlands and along the crystal streams.

One day a strange reddening of the sky brought the brave and the maiden to The Blowing Rock. To him it was a sign of trouble commanding his return to his tribe in the plains. With the maiden's entreaties not leave, the brave, torn by the conflict of duty and heart, leaped from The Rock into the wilderness far below. The grief-stricken maiden prayed daily to the Great Spirit until one evening with a reddening sky, a gust of wind blew her lover back onto The Rock from the valley below. For people of other days, at least, this was explanation enough for The Blowing Rock's mysterious winds causing even the snow to fall upside down.

Come and experience the beauty and mysterious winds for yourself.

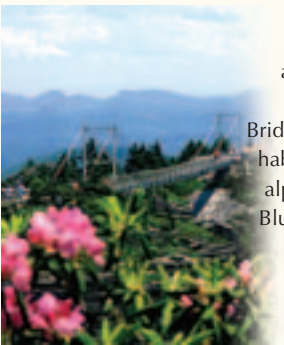
Blowing Rock Area Attractions



THE BLOWING ROCK

North Carolina's oldest travel attraction since 1933. Short scenic walk includes views of Grandfather Mountain, Table Rock, and Hawksbill. Also enjoy a small garden waterfall, observation tower and unique gift shops. Open daily April-Dec. and on weekends Jan.-March, weather permitting. Located on Hwy 321 S across from Green Park Inn.

432 Rock Road | Blowing Rock
828-295-7111
www.theblowingrock.com



GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

The highest point in the Blue Ridge and a nature sanctuary of global importance.

Cross the famous Mile High Swinging Bridge, photograph native wildlife in natural habitats and hike some of the South's finest alpine trails. US 221 one mile south of the Blue Ridge Parkway at milepost 305. Open all year, weather permitting.

Hwy 221 S, Linville | 800-468-7325
www.grandfather.com



LINVILLE CAVERNS

Guided tours through a natural limestone cavern featuring stalactite and stalagmite formations, underground stream and blind trout.

North Carolina's only show caverns. Open year round (weekends only Dec.-Feb.).

Hwy 221 N, Marion | 800-419-0540
www.linvillecaverns.com



MAST GENERAL STORE

Nestled in a secluded mountain valley, discover a place Charles Kuralt calls "a destination."

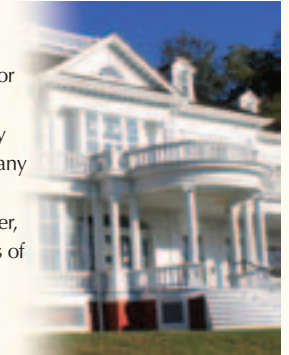
Outfitting the Appalachian since 1883 with traditional mercantile goods, clothing, footwear and outdoor gear for all seasons. Warm up by our potbellied stove, mail a letter at our antique post office, and discover why some times are just too good to leave behind.

Hwy 194, Valle Crucis
828-963-6511 | www.mastgeneralstore.com

MOSES CONE MANOR & PARKWAY CRAFT CENTER

Situated on 3,516 acres, Moses Cone Manor looks down across acres of apple orchards leading to Bass Lake. The 25 miles of gently sloping carriage trails in Cone Park offer many opportunities for leisurely hiking. Flat Top Manor now houses the Parkway Craft Center, which showcases the work of the members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild.

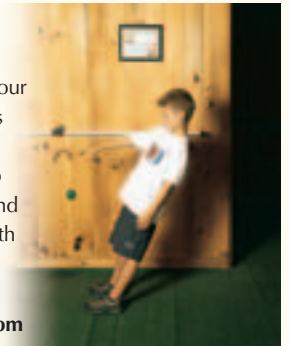
Blue Ridge Pkwy Mile Post 294
828-295-7938



MYSTERY HILL

It's a fascinating exploration of science, optical illusion and natural phenomena. Tour includes the Mystery House where visitors stand at a 45° angle, the Hall of Mystery, the Puzzle Room, and Bubble-Rama. Also features Appalachian Heritage Museum and the Native American Artifacts Museum with 50,000 relics. New this year--Gem Mine!

129 Mystery Hill Ln | Blowing Rock
828-264-2792 | www.mysteryhill-nc.com



THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Outstanding scenery and recreational opportunities make the Blue Ridge Parkway one of the most popular units of the National Park System. Nearby attractions on the Parkway include The Linn Cove Viaduct, The Orchard at Altapass, Price Lake, and many others.

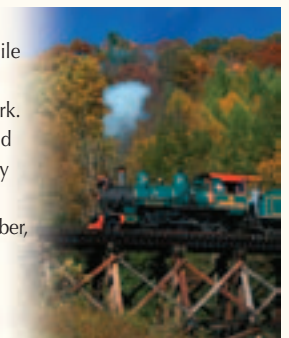
828-271-4779 | www.nps.gov/blri



TWEETSIE RAILROAD

Wild West family theme park featuring a 3-mile train ride through the NC mountains. Live entertainment, amusement rides and Deer Park. Open 9 AM to 6 PM on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in May. 7 days a week Memorial Day through mid-August before returning to the weekend schedule mid-August through October, including Labor Day Monday. Ghost Train Halloween Festival runs Friday and Saturday evenings in October.

Hwy 321 | Blowing Rock | 800-526-5740
828-264-9061 | www.tweetsie.com



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

From Waterfalls to Snowballs

Enjoy an array of exciting outdoor activities in one of the most geographically beautiful regions in North America. Nestled among the mountains of the Blue Ridge Parkway, it is no wonder that Blowing Rock is a popular recreation spot.

With access to countless hiking and horseback riding trails, the serenity of the mountains offers visitors an escape from city life. The Glen Burney Trail, located in the heart of Blowing Rock, is a favorite among locals and visitors alike. The trail, which was long used by Indian hunters and later as access to turn of the century logging camps, provides breathtaking vistas of two substantial waterfalls.

Overlooking Bass Lake, the Moses Cone trails on the Parkway, ideal for horseback riding and easy hikes, showcase the luxury of nature. One of the most notable is Craftsman's Trail, a 20-minute loop the Cones walked each morning.

Fish in the area's trout streams, canoe the lakes, or take a cave trip and explore the intricate underground world of magnificent rock formations.

For ambitious outdoor adventurers, the Blowing Rock area offers the best in mountain biking, kayaking and whitewater rafting. During the winter months, premier ski resorts offer skiers the area's optimum slopes. For the beginning skier or the snowboarder, learn from expert trainers who will teach you the latest tricks and techniques.



Recreation & Outdoor Adventure



HIKING, BIKING & CLIMBING

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

"America's Favorite Drive," winding 469 miles along the Appalachian chain in VA & NC. Views, picnicking, hiking, road biking, camping, fishing and more. www.nps.gov/blri

GLEN BURNIEY TRAIL

Adjacent to downtown Blowing Rock, offering views of three substantial waterfalls: the Cascades, Glen Burney and Glen Marie. Descends 800ft into John's River Gorge; strenuous. **828-295-4636**

ROCK DIMENSIONS

Guided rock climbing and rappelling instruction in the NC mountains. Caving trips in TN. Outdoor climbing tower and high ropes/challenge course & zipline. | **Boone** | **828-265-3544** www.rockdimensions.com

ROCKY KNOB MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK Variety of terrain including highly technical, downhill-only trails as well as an A-Line style flow trail. A bike skills area at the park is also in the works. **Hwy 421, east of Boone** **828-266-1345**



HORSEBACK RIDING

BLOWING ROCK EQUESTRIAN PRESERVE

Home of the Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show, America's oldest continuous running horse show. Located adjacent to Moses H. Cone Memorial Park, with easy access to 26 miles of carriage trails. Nightly horse boarding, with 430 permanent stalls. | **828-295-4700** www.blowingrockquestrian.com

DUTCH CREEK TRAILS

This 200-year-old farm is home to a wide range of terrain and some of the best area scenery. Ride through old fields and wooded trails with experienced guides. Rides usually just over an hour. Call ahead for reservations. **Valle Crucis** | **828-297-7117** www.dutchcreektrails.com

PARKS

JULIAN PRICE MEMORIAL PARK Near Milepost 295 on Blue Ridge Parkway, comprised of 4,200 acres of mountain land. Elevations from 3,400 to nearly 4,000 feet. Enjoy fishing, canoeing, camping, picnicking and hiking. **828-963-5911**

BLOWING ROCK PARKS & RECREATION

Located in the Mayor Joe Clark Recreation Center on Park Avenue. Year-round recreation program, heated outdoor pool, tennis courts and municipal park. **828-295-5222**

MOSES CONE MEMORIAL PARK

Over 3000 acres with 24 miles of carriage trails for easy hiking and horseback riding. Bass Lake & Trout Lake for fishing, and Flat Top Mountain with a panoramic view of the area. **Milepost 294, Blue Ridge Pkwy** **828-295-3782**



RAFTING & EXCURSIONS

HIGH MOUNTAIN EXPEDITIONS

Whitewater rafting, funyaking, hiking and caving! We are proud to offer you the highest quality wilderness trips available. **Banner Elk, NC.** | **800-262-9036** www.highmountainexpeditions.com

RIVER & EARTH ADVENTURES

Whitewater rafting, caving, hiking, canoeing, rentals, kayaking, guided day trips, and paddling school with ACA certified instructors. We offer all adventures with the option of an eco-ed twist! **Boone** | **866-411-7238** www.raftcavehike.com

SCREAM TIME ZIPLINES

Zip through the air at 50 mph on lines up to 2000 feet long! Various tours offered. Call for reservations. **Vilas** | **828-898-5404** www.screamtimezipline.com

WAHOO'S ADVENTURES

Rafting, canoeing, skiing, snowboarding, fishing, caving, and hiking. Tours available for all ages. **Hwy 321 between Blowing Rock & Boone** | **800-444-7238** www.wahoosadventures.com

SKIING, TUBING & WINTER SPORTS

APPALACHIAN SKI MTN

Facilities include: 46,000 sq ft Bavarian-style base lodge is smoke-free w/ wireless internet, Restaurant, Ski Shop, Gift Shop, ice skating, Childrens Program, Nursery for Ages 1 to 4, Lockers, Video Game Room, Meeting Rooms, & 200 foot observation deck. Home to App Terrain Park.

Blowing Rock | **800-322-2373** www.appskimtn.com

HAWKSNEST TUBING & ZIPLINES

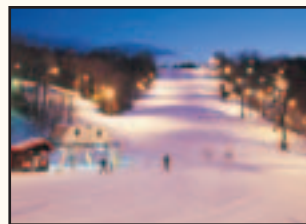
Biggest on the East Coast! 20 lanes, 400-1000ft long. Two moving carpet lifts. Ziplines, too- 10 cable tours available, with 2 superzips! Year round. Call for reservations. | **Seven Devils** **800-822-4295** www.skihawk.com

SKI BEECH

Beech Mountain, NC Highest ski area east of the Rockies. 14 slopes, 9 lifts, ABC permits, ice skating, night skiing, group rates and much more. **Beech Mountain** | **800-438-2093** www.skibeech.com

SUGAR MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT

Ski, snowboard, tube, ice skate and snow shoe day and night! 115 skiable acres, 1200ft vertical rise. 20 trails, 7 lifts, ski and snowboarding school. Equipment rentals, group rates & packages. In summer enjoy scenic lift rides, hiking, mountain biking. Join us for Oktoberfest! | **Banner Elk** **828-898-4521** | www.skisugar.com



Blowing Rock Art & History Museum OPENING OCTOBER 1, 2011



Early 20th century American painter Elliott Daingerfield knew the magic of the mountains of this region. Inspired by their beauty and spirit, he would join the many artists and artisans who built homes and studios here. The Blowing Rock Art and History Museum (BRAHM), which will open on October 1, 2011 at the corner of Chestnut and Main streets, will celebrate the lives and work of these talented individuals who made the often difficult journey “up the mountain” seeking the quiet charm, sweeping views and unspoiled beauty of nature.

When it opens, the 23,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art building will enrich the town’s already thriving arts and cultural community. It will feature six galleries; an Education Center, which will hold art classes for all levels and ages; a large multi-purpose room that can seat approximately 200 (auditorium style) and adjoining catering kitchen; and an adjacent parking structure that will be free for the public. With these ameni-

ties, the Museum promises to not only be a center for creativity and education but also a spectacular venue for meetings and celebrations.

The Museum will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission will be free for members with an average rate of \$8 for the general public. Children, seniors and students will receive a discounted rate and one evening a week will feature extended hours and free admission. The theme of the Grand Opening will be “What Draws You Here?”, and each of the exhibits will explore the reasons people have traveled to the mountains and why so many of them return, both as visitors and as residents. Educational programs will be offered throughout the year and plans for summer and winter youth camps are being developed.

For more information, visit the Museum’s website (www.blowingrockmuseum.org) or call 828-295-9099.

Blowing Rock Arts

PERFORMING ARTS

MARIAM & ROBERT HAYES PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Mariam & Robert Hayes Performing Arts Center, a 25,500 square foot facility, provides a permanent home for a multitude of arts groups in a facility in which to host live theatre, dance groups, a variety of musical performances, visual arts displays, and children's theater workshops.

152 Jamie Fort Rd | 828-295-9627 | www.hayescenter.org

BLOWING ROCK JAZZ SOCIETY

A non-profit society to present live jazz concerts, promote, preserve, educate and encourage the development of jazz talent and maintain jazz as America's own art form. Live jazz concerts are presented every second Sunday of the month at the Meadowbrook Inn, Blowing Rock from 7 p.m. til 9 p.m. | www.brjs.blogspot.com

ENSEMBLE STAGE

The North Carolina High Country's newest professional theatre goes beyond the limits of what you would expect live theatre to be. Not only do they present professional full-length plays but they also produce concerts, game shows, staged readings and cabarets.

828-414-1844 | www.ensemblestage.com

GALLERIES & MUSEUMS

ART & ARTIFACTS

Features remarkable works by regional and nationally-known artists. Sculpture, paintings, pottery, glass, fiber, metal jewelry and other media are exhibited and sold.

Sunset Dr | 828-414-9400

BLOWING ROCK ART AND HISTORY MUSEUM

Our mission is to promote the visual arts and history and to celebrate the rich heritage of the mountains. Museum will be open to the public beginning Oct 2011.

Corner of Main & Chestnut Street | 828-295-9099
www.blowingrockmuseum.org

BLOWING ROCK FRAMEWORKS & GALLERY

For over fifteen years, we've featured the finest art by the best established artists in Blowing Rock and the High Country. Our gallery is very special to collectors of all mediums. Find beautiful landscapes, still lifes, and abstracts.

7539 Valley Blvd. | 828-295-0041 | www.blowingrockgalleries.com

BOB TIMBERLAKE GALLERY AT BLOWING ROCK

Showcases Bob Timberlake's art reproductions, personal memorabilia, and his popular lines of home furnishings as well as accessories, gifts and collectibles. Open year round. For more information contact the gallery.

946 Main St | 828-295-4855 | www.bobtimberlake.com

FEATHER YOUR NEST GALLERY

Original hand-painted oils and framed prints. Local and international artists. 110 Sunset Drive | 828-295-3070

GLEN-SCOTT GALLERY

Original art, jewelry, pottery and custom framing.

153 Sunset Drive | 828-414-9232 | www.glen-scottgallery.com

IAGO

Specializing in jewelry, art, glass, fine art, sculpture, home decor, copperware, pottery, woodcrafts, metal crafts, and stained glass. IAGO's artists and craftsmen are represented by such local institutions as the Penland School and the Southern Highland Craft Guild.

1165 Main St | 828-295-0033 | www.iagoblowingrock.com

MAIN STREET GALLERY

A Cooperative gallery owned and operated by local artists featuring handmade contemporary art and crafts from the North Carolina mountains. Located on Main Street Blowing Rock across from the post office. Open daily 10-6.

960 Main Street | 828-295-7839

MORNING STAR GALLERY

Since 1985, Morning Star Gallery has offered friendly, professional service. If you appreciate art and unique handmade gifts, drop in to see our handcrafted treasures: paintings and sculptures, pottery and jewelry, glass, wood, etchings and garden accessories and small whimsies.

257 Sunset Dr. | 828-295-6991
www.morningstargalleryusa.com

ORIGINAL IN ART GALLERY

Rising new talents exhibit an array of techniques in an interactive atmosphere. It's fresh... And where art is going! 1116 Main Street | 828-449-4256

www.originalinart.com

ROCK GALLERIES OF FINE ART

Featuring an exceptional selection of the art of Thomas Kinkade, Painter of Light. We also offer the art of G. Harvey, Rod Chase, Andy Thomas and Phil Philbeck. All beautifully custom framed. Our art consultants will help you find the perfect piece of art!

1153 Main St. | 888-576-2116 | 828-295-2752

TRADITIONS POTTERY

Bolick and Traditions Pottery at The Martin House. Featuring 5th and 6th generation potters: Bolick, Original Owens, and Traditions. Decorative, functional, and folkart. Plus a wide selection of "Owens Red" pottery. Other local artists' work available. Open daily.

116-2 Main St. | Martin House | Blowing Rock | 828-295-6128
www.traditionspottery.com

WINTERFIRE CRAFT GALLERY

For handmade American crafts, visit Winterfire Craft Gallery. Winterfire, a gallery as unique as its name, offers the best crafts from across the United States but specializes in North Carolina pottery. Gift-wrapping is always free and shipping services are available.

1087 Main St. | Blowing Rock | 828-295-4880



Staying in Blowing Rock

Since the late 1800s, Blowing Rock has been a destination for those wanting to escape the heat and the hurried pace of the cities in the flatlands. Today, Blowing Rock proudly offers an array of accommodations from family motels to luxury resorts, quaint bed and breakfasts to comfortable cabins and vacation rentals.



HOTELS, MOTELS & INNS	Fireplace	Jacuzzi	Breakfast	Pets OK	Handicap	Pool
ALPINE VILLAGE INN 297 Sunset Drive 828-295-7206 www.alpine-village-inn.com	•	•		•	•	
AZALEA GARDEN INN 793 N. Main Street 828-295-3272	•	•				
BLOWING ROCK INN & MOUNTAIN VILLAS 788 N. Main St. 828-295-7921 www.blowingrockinn.com	•		•			
BOXWOOD LODGE 637 N. Main Street 828-295-9984 www.boxwoodlodge.com	•	•	•		•	
CHETOLA RESORT North Main Street 800-243-8652 www.chetola.com		•	•		•	•
CLIFF DWELLERS INN 116 Lakeview Terrace 800-322-7380 www.cliffdwellers.com	•	•	•			
GREEN PARK INN 9239 Valley Blvd 828-414-9230 www.greenparkinn.com			•	•	•	•
HEMLOCK INN & SUITES 134 Morris St. 828-295-7987 www.hemlockinn.net					•	
HILLWINDS INN Sunset Drive 828-295-7660 www.thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com	•	•	•	•		
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS Hwy. 321 Bypass 828-295-4422			•	•	•	•

Accommodations

HOTELS, MOTELS & INNS	Fireplace	Jacuzzi	Breakfast	Pets OK	Handicap	Pool
HOMESTEAD INN 153 Morris St. 828-295-9559 www.homestead-inn.com	•	•		•	•	
THE INN AT RAGGED GARDENS 203 Sunset Drive 828-295-9703 www.ragged-gardens.com	•	•	•	•		
MEADOWBROOK INN 711 Main Street 800-456-5456 www.meadowbrook-inn.com	•	•	•		•	•
MOUNTAINEIRE INN & LOG CABINS 827 N. Main St. 828-295-7991 www.mountaineireinn.com	•	•				
RIDGEWAY INN Hwy. 221 828-295-7321 www.thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com	•	•	•			
THE VILLAGE INN 7876 Valley Blvd. 828-295-3380 www.thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com	•	•	•	•	•	
BED & BREAKFASTS	Fireplace	Jacuzzi	Breakfast	Pets OK	Handicap	Pool
BLOWING ROCK MAPLE LODGE 152 Sunset Drive 866-795-3331 www.maplelodge.net			•		•	
BLOWING ROCK VICTORIAN INN 242 Ransom St. 828-295-0034 www.blowingrockvictorianinn.com	•	•	•	•		
THE BOB TIMBERLAKE INN AT CHETOLA RESORT N. Main St. 800-243-8652 www.chetola.com	•	•	•		•	•
CRIPPEN'S COUNTRY INN 239 Sunset Drive 877-295-3487 www.crippens.com			•			
GIDEON RIDGE INN 202 Gideon Ridge Rd 828-295-3644 www.ridge-inn.com	•	•	•	•		
SPRINGHAVEN INN Main St. & John's River Rd. 828-295-6967	•	•	•	•		
SWEET SEASON BED & BREAKFAST 249 Bass Lake Dr. 800-692-3772 www.sweetseasonbb.com	•	•				

CABINS & VACATION RENTALS	Fireplace	Jacuzzi	Breakfast	Pets OK	Handicap	Pool
BLOWING ROCK RESORT RENTALS 232 Ransom St 866-800-9899 www.blowingrockresortrentals.com	•	•		•		•
BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN RENTALS 8100-3 Valley Blvd 800-237-7975 www.blueridgerentals.com	•	•		•		•
HASTINGS HOUSE 104 Rainey St 800-276-6798 www.thehastingshouse.com						
HIDDEN GARDEN APARTMENTS AND COTTAGES 147 Garden St 828-295-3275	•					
JENKINS RENTALS 452 Sunset Dr. 800-438-7803 www.jenkinsrentals.com	•	•		•		
MOUNTAIN VIEW REALTY 960 Main St. 828-295-3554 www.mountain-view-realty.com	•			•		
MOUNTAINEIRE INN & LOG CABINS 827 N. Main St. 828-295-7991 www.mountaineireinn.com	•	•				
SUDDRETH COTTAGE 818 North Main St. 800-438-7803	•					

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

BLOWING ROCK VISITOR CENTER

Be sure to stop by our visitor center for more information on the Village of Blowing Rock and other area attractions. Our Visitor Center offers guests a comfortable place to peruse area magazines, brochures and maps.

Let our friendly, knowledgeable staff answer any questions you may have and help guide you to everything Blowing Rock and the High Country have to offer.

Until Fall 2011, we are located at 7738 Valley Boulevard (Hwy 321) next to the Blowing Rock BP. In Fall 2011, we will move into the Blowing Rock Art & History Museum on the corner of Main and Chestnut Streets. Please call us if you have any questions - 828-295-4636 or 877-750-4636.

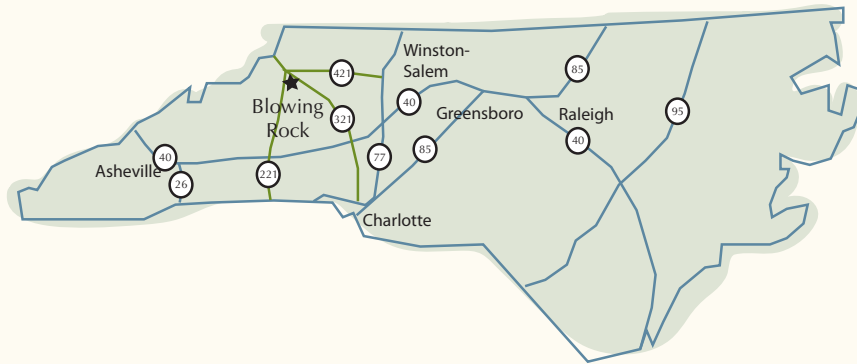
Please note that all hotels, motels and inns offer some non-smoking rooms. If a property lists that it has an amenity, that means it may have the amenity in one room or in all rooms. Please ask for this amenity when you are making reservations.

Blowing Rock



◀ Hwy. 321
To Hickory,
Charlotte

To Boone, and to
Hwy. 421,
Winston-Salem ▶
Tweetsie ▶
Railroad



MEETINGS & GROUPS in *Blowing Rock*



Whether you're looking for a meeting space, organizing a corporate or church retreat, planning your next family reunion or hosting any other special event, we hope that you will consider staying with us in Blowing Rock.

Blowing Rock's outstanding accommodations, meeting facilities, exceptional catering services and food provide you with everything you need for a productive and successful meeting. Also around Blowing Rock is a great variety of activities from skiing and ice skating in the winter to hiking, horseback riding and canoeing during the rest of the year. Your meeting or retreat will be as relaxing as it is productive.

For further information, please call the Blowing Rock Visitor Center at 877-750-INFO.



SHOPPING in Blowing Rock

Is shopping your style? It is no secret that Blowing Rock has a reputation for its distinctive shops. Southern Living magazine claims that Blowing Rock “has the best shopping around.” Grab your girlfriends for a weekend trip, and take a stroll down Main Street to see what all the buzz is about.

Noteworthy shops include the Bob Timberlake Gallery, which features the famed North Carolina artist’s lines of furniture, artwork and clothing, and the cluster of shops found in the historic Martin House, built in the 1860s. From antiques and pottery to unique gifts, anyone is sure to find special mementos that capture the spirit of the Village.

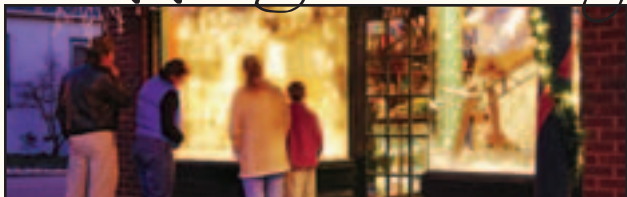
Less than a mile from downtown be sure to visit the Tanger Outlets located at Shoppes on the Parkway, and browse through 30 factory stores for top-of-the line apparel and accessories.

Yet another reason to shop in Blowing Rock is to get everything to go under your Christmas tree--and get your tree, too! An old fashioned family tradition, Christmas tree farms in our area offer shoppers the finest fraser firs, wreaths and garlands and you can walk right out on the farm, choose the one you want, and they’ll cut it for you and tie it to your car. Then you can spend time in the Village, alight with Christmas finery, finding unique treasures to put under your tree.



According to *Southern Living*, Blowing Rock “has the best shopping around.”

Shopping Directory



ANTIQUES

BLOWING ROCK ANTIQUE CENTER

Antique furniture, oriental rugs, small antiques & more. Representing more than a dozen dealers. 7593 Valley Blvd | 828-414-9440

CARRIAGE TRADE

ANTIQUES A unique blend of English, French, and American antiques and accessories. 19th century furniture, English tea caddies, Majolica, Chinese Export, Japanese Imari and American Brilliant Cut Glass. 1079 Main St. | 828-295-3110

CLAUDE'S

A direct importer of Aged Defined Style. We specialize in oils and frames, European, Asian, and British Campaign Furniture. 7595 Valley Blvd | 828-295-7110

HANNA'S

Since 1919 - A complete selection of handmade antique and new oriental rugs of all types, sizes and colors. Fine European and oriental imports. 1123 South Main Street 828-295-7073

POSSUM HOLLOW

ANTIQUES Specializing in furniture and accessories for every room. Locally owned and operated since 1973. Open year round. 247 Possum Hollow Rd. 828-295-3502 www.possumhollowantiques.com

RUG COMPANY

Fine new and antique oriental rugs. From traditional Persians and flatweaves to French aubussons and needlepoints. Extensive selection at reasonable prices. 999 Main Street | 828-295-4271

WINDWOOD ANTIQUES

Fine European antiques, Majolica, art and lamps. The largest selection of painted furniture from reclaimed timber in the area. Shipping can be arranged. 1157 Main St. | 828-295-9260

APPAREL & ACCESSORIES

100 W. UNION

Quality clothing and sportswear for men. **SouthMarke on South Main St. | 828-295-6993** www.100westunion.com

ALMOST RODEO DRIVE

The oldest boutique in Blowing Rock, offering distinctive styles since 1984. Your one-stop shop for upscale Ladies' and Mens' clothing, shoes and accessories.

Village Shoppes on Main St | 828-295-3422 www.almostrodeodrive.com

BAGS, ETC.

Offering purses, all kinds of travel bags, totes, wallets, keychains and jewelry. You can also find Webkins here! **Martin House Courtyard | 828-295-9475**

BOUTIQUE COLLECTION

Unique accessories for ladies and home in a Parisian-style boutique! 1077 Main St. | 828-295-3110

CELESTE'S

Chosen as one of Southern Living's "Favorite Stores." A boutique of interesting home and women's accessories. Visit the Holden Gallery upstairs, filled with local artwork. 101 Village Shoppes on Main 828-295-3481

DONCASTER OUTLET

Tanner-Doncaster is back in Blowing Rock! Synonymous with ladies fine apparel and accessories since 1931. 537 Main St. | 828-295-4200 www.doncaster.com

COUTURE BY FINLEY HOUSE

Fresh and alluring clothing lines such as the colorful Lily Pulitzer, stylish Comfy, and Verena fine lingerie, plus Alexis Bittar jewelry. 1121 Main St | 828-295-6373

FLORA OTTIMER

Fine children's clothing, furniture & toys. Girls & boys, sizes infant to 16. 1203 Main St | 828-295-9122

FOOTSLOGGERS

Established 1971. Full line of hiking boots; women's footwear; camping gear and accessories; dog accessories; sunglasses; clothing for outdoor activities and travel. 921 Main St. | 828-295-4453 www.footsloggers.com

JAKES AT THE ROCK

The ultimate in cool...A store dedicated to Life is Good products and the positive attitude they represent. 150 Sunset Dr. | 828-295-7575 www.jakesattherock.com

JW Tweed's

A mix of European & American sportswear for men and women. This multilevel store is a fun shopping experience. Tuxedo rental is now available! 1129 Main St | 828-295-8918

MONKEE'S OF BLOWING ROCK

The ultimate in ladies shoes, clothing and accessories. A boutique specializing in personalized customer service. **SouthMarke on South Main St | 828-295-0708** www.monkeesblowingrock.com

SASSYFRAS

A unique ladies boutique featuring apparel and accessories with an attitude Open 7 days a week, year round. A great place to find the unusual. 1151 Main St 828-295-6545

SISTER ACT

An eclectic boutique featuring not only the unexpected in apparel and accessories but also the "Shoe Box" will make any feet happy! Jewelry Designs and Decorative Accents. 1127 S. Main St. | 828-295-9333

SUNSET TEE'S & HATTERY

Western NC's largest selection of hats, ball caps, casual apparel, tee shirts, sweatshirts, moccasins, gifts and more. Featuring a variety of quality Blowing Rock souvenirs. 1117 Main St. | 828-295-9326 www.SunsetTeesHattery.com

TAZMARAZ

Beautiful, eclectic ladies boutique filled with precious finds! See exciting and unique clothing lines & try on fabulous jewelry! 1098 Main St | 828-295-3737

THE FIG LEAF LTD.

The Fig Leaf, Ltd. is full of unique ladies casual wear and accessories, as well as delightful gift items. A charming shop inviting you to visit year round. 1131 Main St | 828-295-3535

VINAKA

Blowing Rock's largest selection of affordable & trendy UV rated sunglasses, polarized sunglasses, clear & sun readers, holders & cases. Hundreds of styles! **SouthMarke on South Main St. 828-320-6408**

GIFTS & CRAFTS

BARKING ROCK

A pet boutique for your cat and dog. We have gourmet baked goods, Solid Gold dog and cat food, beds, tableware, toys, cards, clothing, leashes and collars. **SouthMarke on South Main St 828-295-8883** www.TheBarkingRock.com

BLUE RIDGE NEEDLEART

We carry a variety of accessories for the needlepoint and cross stitch enthusiast. Offering free instruction, classes and finishing services. 133 Morris St, Suite 6 828-295-8007 www.blueridgeneedleart.com

THE BRASS EXCHANGE

An eclectic selection of home decor and seasonal accessories at great prices. Just ask the locals!

1149 S. Main St. | 828-295-9611

CHRISTMAS IN BLOWING ROCK

A delightfully different shop located in the historic Yonahlossee Theatre. Filled to the brim with unusual gifts, exquisite ornaments and wonderful handcrafted collectibles.

1125 Main St. | 828-295-9696
www.aperfectpresent.com

CROSS TRADE INTERNATIONAL

Imported Women's Accessories, Home Décor, and Unique Gifts. Browse our authentic Brazilian handcrafts. Meet the artisans. Jewelry, Handbags, Ceramic & more!

1087-2 Main St. | 828-295-8691
www.crosstrade.org

DE PROVENCE ET D'AILLEURS

"The French Shop" features gifts and accessories imported directly from France. Collectibles include Quimper Faience, "Santons de Provence," Laguiole knives, blown glasswork and more.

131-8 Morris St. | 828-295-9989

DULCIMER SHOP

Since 1971 - Lap and hammered dulcimers, dulcimer kits, bowed psaltries, lap harps, dulcimer books and CDs, gifts for dulcimer players and music lovers.

Martin House | 828-295-3616
www.thedulcimershop.com

FINAL TOUCHES

Direct importer of Mexican pottery and crafts for home and garden. Gifts from around the world, including NC. Something for everyone at reasonable prices. Open all year.

Village Shoppes on Main
828-295-6107

www.finaltouches.com

HIGH COUNTRY CANDLES

Unique, hand-sculpted wax candles made on site. Tri-color candles, scented pillar candles, highly-scented jar, non-drip, smokeless taper candles and more. **Martin House, Main St. | 828-295-9655**
www.highcountrycandles.us

LAST STRAW

Florals and gifts for the Home and Garden. Featuring exquisite silk florals, fountains, birdhouses, candles and wonderful home and garden accessories. **978 North Main St.**

828-295-3030
www.thelaststrawinc.com

MONKEEZ TREE

Fun & whimsical gifts for kids and the young at heart.

SouthMarke on South Main St.
828-295-8006

MRS. BRUMBLE'S GIFTS, DOLLS AND BEARS

Unique gifts, jewelry, collectibles, fairies, enamel boxes and more.

1107 Main St. | 828-295-9191

NEACO

Hip home decor, barware, clocks, mirrors, frames, lamps, bathware and humorous greeting cards. Don't miss the grooviest shop on Main Street. Opposite the park. **1081 Main St**

828-295-0709 | www.neaco.com

PANDORA'S MAILBOX

Cards of all descriptions. Any music that that can be ordered. Unique jewelry pieces including Holly Yashi, Far-Fetched and Ayala Bar. Kites, flags and wind garden spinners. **Shoppes at the Martin House | 828-295-4238**

POPPY'S

Silk floral and greenery creations, custom orders, home décor items, garden accessories and gifts. On-site design services for businesses and homes with any budget in mind.

1128 Main St | 828-414-9300
www.poppysofblowingrock.com

THE MOUNTAIN COTTAGE

A wide variety of gift items for every occasion, plus furniture & home accessories for any budget.

304 Sunset Dr | 828-295-4622

THE SILK ROAD

Hand selected, high level Chinese crafts, unique, often one-of-a-kind, and mostly from the less traveled areas of China. Stop in and visit a slice of China in Blowing Rock.

133 Morris St. | 828-295-9455

SERVES YOU RIGHT

Gifts and essentials for the kitchen, dining room, bar & terrace. American and imported china, stemware, kitchen and serving accessories, cookbooks, picnicware and more. **SouthMarke On South Main St.**

828-295-4438 (GIFT)

TAKE HEART

The purple boutique on Main Street is Bless Your Heart's sister shop. Gifts and clothing that speaks to the heart of a woman. **1009 Main St | 828-295-3444**

UNWOUND

Unique yarns and accessories. Full selection of knit and crochet supplies. Books, patterns, and of course, fabulous yarns! Friendly, helpful staff.

131-1 Morris St. | 828-295-5051
www.unwoundyarns.com

WE'RE GOOD SPORTS

Featuring team logo sports gifts and collectibles, sports prints, caps, and authenticated autographed items from your favorite players, current and retired.

1087-3 Main St. | 828-295-9547
www.weregoodsports.com

GROCERY, PRODUCE & HARDWARE

BLOWING ROCK MARKET

Featuring a wide variety of wines, coffees, teas, imported beers, cheeses, snacks and gourmet items. Case discounts available on wines. Wine tastings.

990 Main St. | 828-295-7373
www.blowingrockmarket.com

CHRISTOPHER'S WINE & CHEESE

We hand-select each wine to reflect the best taste and value of each wine region-locally and around the world. Daily tasting flights showcase special selections.

110 Sunset Dr | 828-414-9111
www.christopherswineandcheese.com

FOOD LION

Newly remodeled, full-service grocery store includes deli and bakery. **Blowing Rock Square, Valley Blvd | 828-295-7585**

MOTHER NATURE'S

PRODUCE Fresh fruits, vegetables, Joan's Sourdough Breads, cheeses, boiled and roasted peanuts, jams, pickles, dressings and more. Gift baskets made to order. **871-B Main St | 828-406-2622**

VILLAGE HARDWARE

Fishing and camping supplies and all of your hardware needs. Hunting and fishing licenses available. **312 Green St. | 828-295-9023**
www.villagehardwarebr.com

HOME FURNISHINGS

BROYHILL HOME COLLECTIONS STORE

Home furnishings retail store featuring bedroom, dining room, youth, occasional tables, walls/entertainments, fabric and leather upholstery, at an exceptional value.

8486 Valley Blvd | 828-295-0965
www.broyhillfurn.com

CABIN FEVER

The High Country's largest selection of accessories and decor for mountain homes. Hickory sapling, northern white cedar log, and wild-life inspired upholstered furniture.

915 Main St | 828-295-0520
www.thecabinfeversite.com

CAPEL RUGS

Since 1917, American Manufacturers and Importers. Elegant, one-of-a-kind hand knotted Orientals, machine made, hand tufteds, loop hooked, flatwoven and famous braided rugs. **1053 Main St. 828-295-9979 | www.capelrugs.com**

FRITZ & RILEY

A new favorite spot to shop for fine furniture & accessories for your home at consignment shop prices! **828-295-7009**

GREGORY ALAN'S

A unique selection of gifts and furnishings for your home and patio. Clocks, mirrors, lamps, frames, distinctive wall art and accessories in all price ranges. **1179 Main Street, unit 106 | 828-295-3330**
www.gregoryalans.com

HARTLEY'S INTERIORS

Fine furnishings, accessories, designer fabrics and wall coverings with professional installation.

916 North Main St | 828-295-3004

MOODY'S HANDMADE FURNITURE

Specializing in Solid Wood - Early American style furniture.

127 Sunset Dr | 828-295-3275

MY FAVORITE KITCHEN THINGS

Featuring the best kitchen tools, latest cooking gizmos and unique specialty foods and spices. Try the tools and taste the foods. Order your favorite things on our web site.

Martin House on Main St
828-295-4488

www.myfavoritekitchenthings.com

RUSTIC

Home furnishings made from natural products, reclaimed wood, fibers, and plant material- handmade by artisans.

915 Main St | 828-295-9033
www.AsianaArtifacts.com

JEWELRY

B'DAZZLED

Distinctive jewelry design. #2 SouthMarke on South Main St
828-295-9006

BLOWING ROCK ESTATE JEWELRY & ANTIQUES

Large selection of platinum, 14 and 18 kt fine and estate jewelry. Specializing in diamonds, precious colored gems and antique heirloom jewelry. Family owned since 1988.
167 Sunset Dr. | 828-295-4500

GEMS BY GEMINI

Beautiful 14kt gold fine jewelry featuring quality gemstones from mines throughout the world. Tanzanite, alexandrite, emerald, ruby, sapphire and more.
1098 Main St. | 828-295-7700
www.gemsbygemini.com

GAINES KIKER SILVERSMITH

Blowing Rock's gold/silversmith specializing in gold, silver, platinum, and precious stones. The working studio/gallery is open to the public Tues - Sat, 10 - 5.

132 Morris St | 828-295-3992
www.gaineskikersilversmith.com

TRILLIUM

A fabulous shopping boutique featuring Barbara Cook, Armani, Burberry and Harari. Vintage items by Chanel, Picasso and more. You never know what you'll find!

153 Sunset Drive | 828-295-7115

OUTLETS & SHOPPING CENTERS

SHOPS AT THE MARTIN HOUSE

Built in 1870, The Martin House is the one of the oldest buildings in Blowing Rock. Once a boarding house, the twelve shops at the main Martin House and the adjacent courtyard now provide a great shopping experience.

1098 Main St. | 828-963-2720

SOUTHMARKE

In this quaint Victorian setting are unique specialty stores offering apparel, kitchen, china and serving accessories, infant and children's apparel, pet boutique, jewelry and more. Distinguished shopping starts at the South end of Main Street.

1179 South Main Street
828-295-3566
www.southmarke.com

TANGER OUTLETS - SHOPPES ON THE PARKWAY

Shop for outlet bargains at our 30 name brand outlet stores. Tanger Gift Cards, Coupon Books, Stroller Rental and complimentary wheelchairs are all available at Tanger Shopper Services. While shopping, grab a tasty bite or a sit-down meal at Pat's Almost World Famous Cheeseburgers Grille.

310 Shoppes On The Parkway Blvd.
800-720-6728
www.tangeroutlet.com



Shop
Blowing
Rock

DINING

IN BLOWING ROCK:

An Epicurean Adventure

For such a small town, Blowing Rock has an amazing collection of outstanding restaurants. From five-star dining to fantastic pizza, Blowing Rock restaurants offer enough variety to satisfy any palate.

Our chefs are talented and passionate. Original and creative menus are standard for many establishments. Fire on the Rock, an annual culinary competition, showcases this creativity. Several Blowing Rock restaurants have also been finalists in the Best Dish NC contest over the past few years, with Crippen's Restaurant taking first place in 2006.

You can also find southern standards here in town, like great barbeque and livermush. If you have a sweet tooth, Kojay's offers delicious pastries and Kilwin's is known for amazing ice cream and fudge. You can even find several places to take that afternoon coffee break. Take an epicurean adventure through Blowing Rock; you won't be disappointed.



Dining Guide

COFFEE & SWEETS

BALD GUY BREW
Eco-friendly, socially responsible, artisanal coffee. Wi-Fi, some grub, place for kids, whole bean coffee, smoothies, and frappes!
921 Main St, above Footsloggers
828-406-1153
www.baldguybrew.com

CRÈME BAKERY
Variety of locally-made sweets and baked goods. 1116 Main Street
828-295-8600

REVIVE! JAVA, JUICE & GELATO
Enjoy locally handmade gelato, a whole fruit smoothie, or a fresh brewed cappuccino while browsing the selection of books and local gifts.
1116 S. Main St | 828-295-7676

KILWIN'S CHOCOLATES, FUDGE AND ICE CREAM
Handmade chocolates, fudge, caramel corns, brittles and caramel apples made fresh in our stores on marble tables. Gourmet ice cream served in homemade waffle cones.
1103 S. Main St & at Shoppes on the Parkway | 828-295-3088
www.kilwins.com

RESTAURANTS

BEST CELLAR
Since 1976. In the historic Inn at Ragged Gardens. Dinner served year round featuring roast duckling, lamb, fresh seafood, aged beef and specials. Casual lunch seasonally.
203 Sunset Dr. | 828-295-3466

BISTRO ROCA ANTLERS BAR
Complete renovation of a landmark Bar and Restaurant in downtown Blowing Rock. Wood-fired oven, grill, American Bistro fare, including salads, steaks, and seafood. 143 Wonderland Tr.
828-295-4008 | www.BistroRoca.com

BLOWING ROCK GRILLE AND BERT'S BAR Dine in our garden courtyard or inside by the fire. Homemade soups, vegetable plates, sandwiches and salads. Fresh fish, pasta, aged premium steaks and wine list.
349 Sunset Dr | 828-295-9474
www.blowingrockgrille.com

CANYONS
Historic Bar and Restaurant with diverse menu. Lunch and dinner daily including Sunday Brunch with live Jazz. Live music Fri. and Sat. nights. Amazing mountain views. Hwy 321
828-295-7661 | www.canyonsbr.com

CRIPPEN'S RESTAURANT
Where foodies go. Casual fine dining since 1995. Featured in Bon Appétit, Food Network, New York Times & more. Located in Historic Downtown.
239 Sunset Dr. | 877-295-3487
www.crippens.com

FOGGY ROCK EATERY
"A twist on the ordinary." Varied menu and daily specials by Chef Burt Myers. 15 beers on tap and 6 large screen TVs for a total enjoyable experience.
8180 Valley Blvd | 828-295-7262
www.foggy-rock.com

FRANKS-N-MORE
Food pavilion located in the rear courtyard of SouthMarke, just off Main Street. Open May through Oct.
1179 Main St | 828-729-1940

GLIDEWELL'S
Dine on Blowing Rock's largest outdoor terrace or inside next to the stone fireplace. American cuisine. All ABC permits. Open late. Large groups welcome.
1182 Main St | 828-295-9683

KNIGHT'S ON MAIN
Open all year. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The best in down home local cooking, with daily lunch specials, and exciting dinner specials each night. Beer and wine available.
Main St | 828-295-3869
www.knightsonmainrestaurant.com

KOJAY'S CAFÉ & COFFEE SHOP Fresh and creative choices for breakfast and lunch, featuring a full line of specialty coffees, signature sandwiches and homemade desserts. Covered outdoor seating & wireless internet. 102 Village Shops on Main | 828-295-0015

THE MANOR HOUSE RESTAURANT AT CHETOLA RESORT 1846 estate house features dining in vintage dining rooms or on the veranda overlooking Chetola Lake. Specializing in fresh mountain specialties and continental cuisine. North Main St
800-243-8652 | www.chetola.com

MELLOW MUSHROOM
Pizza and Subs.
155 Sunset Dr | 828-295-3399

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE
Grilled steaks, chicken and seafood, and a wide variety of crisp salads, soups and sides. New creations and grilled classics made from scratch daily. Open daily, dinner only. All ABC permits. 8280 Valley Blvd.
828-295-6283 | www.outback.com

PAPA JOE'S
Italian-American cuisine. Steaks, seafood, pastas, chicken, pizzas, sandwiches and much more. Casual dining, serving lunch and dinner. Warm, friendly atmosphere. Comfortable lounge with all ABC permits.
8062 Valley Blvd | 828-295-3239

PAT'S ALMOST WORLD FAMOUS CHEESEBURGERS
Burgers, wings and salads.
Tanger Shoppes on the Parkway
828-295-0211

PSSGHETTIS
Gourmet Italian/American cuisine prepared in our "Show Kitchen". Menu featuring fresh pasta, seafood, steaks, lamb, baked bread and homemade desserts.
7179 Valley Blvd | 828-295-9855
meatballmikey@yahoo.com

RESTAURANT G
Fine dining in an intimate dining room with beautiful views of the mountains. Wine and beer available. Reservations a must.
202 Gideon Ridge Rd
828-295-3644
www.gideonridge.com

SIX PENCE PUB
Traditional American fare, homemade soups, and British specialties such as Bangers & Mash, Shepherds Pie, Beef Guinness, Fish & Chips, and Pot Roast to rival your Mums!
1121 Main St | 828-295-3155
www.sixpencepub.com

SLUDGE HAMMER CHARLIE'S Something for everyone with Hickory smoked BBQ, baby back ribs, beef brisket, rotisserie chicken, an array of fresh salads and sandwiches.
8146 Valley Blvd. | 828-295-9092
www.sledgehammercharlies.com

SPECKLED TROUT
Since 1986. Specialty sandwiches, chicken pot pie, fresh mountain trout, certified Angus Beef, fresh seafood, baby back ribs and more. Reservations accepted for dinner.
922 Main St | 828-295-9819
www.speckledtroutcafe.com

STORIE STREET GRILLE
Lunch and dinner Mon-Sat. Signature salads, gourmet sandwiches, Mediterranean inspired selections of fresh fish and seafood, aged premium beef, duck, pork and pasta.
1167 Main St. | 828-295-7075
www.storiestreetgrille.com

TWIGS
Featuring crab cakes, filet mignon, duck breast and mountain trout. Bar with fireplace and wooden bar stools serving dinner nightly. Live music Wed, Fri and Sat.
7956 Valley Blvd. | 828-295-5050
www.twigsbr.com

VILLAGE CAFE
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Enjoy breakfast, brunch, and lunch in the garden or our turn-of-the-century home. Serving breakfast and brunch all day.
Main Street | 828-295-3769
www.thevillagecafe.com

WOODLANDS BARBECUE
Featuring chopped and sliced beef and pork, ribs and chicken. Sandwiches and Mexican food available. Daily specials, lounge, wide screen TV and nightly entertainment.
8304 Valley Blvd | 828-295-3651
www.woodlandsbbq.com

Calendar of Events



Blowing Rock Winterfest

Variety of indoor and outdoor events to celebrate winter-plus the Polar Plunge! Late January
828-295-7851

www.blowingrockwinterfest.com

Blowing Rock Trout Derby

Annual weekend to celebrate opening of trout season. Family event plus prizes. First weekend in April. 828-295-4636

Blue Ridge Wine & Food Festival

Grand Tasting, seminars, dinners featuring NC and international wines. Plus Fire on the Rock Chef Challenge. Mid-April
877-295-7965

www.blueridgewinefestival.com

Art in the Park Weekends

Series of outdoor juried art shows. One show on a selected Saturday each month, May-Oct. Free Sunset Strolls on Sunset Drive on Friday before shows, and free Concerts in the Park on following Sunday. 828-295-7851

www.blowingrock.com/artinthepark

Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show

Oldest continuous outdoor horse show in America. Three division shows each summer; shows in June, July & August. 828-295-4700
www.blowingrockequestrian.com

Fourth of July Festival & Parade

Family fun downtown with games, music and an old fashioned parade. Events held on Saturday closest to July 4th. 828-295-5222

St. Mary's Tour of Homes

Annual fundraiser for local church. View décor, architecture, and gardens of some of Blowing Rock's most notable homes. Mid July
828-295-7323

www.stmaryofthehills.org



Symphony by the Lake at Chetola

An evening under the stars with pop and orchestral music and a fireworks finale. Mid July
828-295-7851

www.blowingrock.com/symphony.htm

Blowing Rock Art & Antique Show

Weekend of heirloom-quality furniture, pottery, jewelry, clocks, crystal, silver and more. Last weekend in July. 828-295-9099
www.blowingrockmuseum.org

Ghost Train Halloween Festival

at Tweetsie Railroad. Weekends in October. 800-526-5740

www.tweetsie.com

Halloween Festival & Monster March

Great fun for kids with downtown trick-or-treating, games and the costumed Monster March where everyone can participate. Events held on Saturday closest to Halloween.

828-295-5222

Annual Thanksgiving Kiln Opening

Pick your favorite at Bolick & Traditions Studio! Saturday after Thanksgiving. 828-295-3862

www.traditionspottery.com

Christmas in the Park & Lighting of the Town

Family holiday event in downtown Blowing Rock, with music, hot chocolate, and Santa, plus a parade on the following afternoon. Friday & Saturday following Thanksgiving. 828-295-5222



WHEN VISITING MID MAY TO MID OCTOBER,

be sure to check out some of the great weekly events around town!

Local businesses and organizations offer a variety of fun activities:

Thursdays: **Blowing Rock Farmers Market** on Wallingford Ave

Fridays: **Wine Flights** at Christopher's Wine & Cheese

Live Music on the Lawn at the Inn at Ragged Gardens

Saturdays: **Mountain Home Music** at Blowing Rock School

Wine Classes at Christopher's Wine & Cheese

Sundays: **Martin Laurel Band** at the Martin House

Mondays (selected): **Monday Night Concert Series** at Broyhill Park

The Hayes Performing Arts Center offers fantastic year-round programming with live and innovative musical acts, performances and productions. Box Office: 828-295-9627 | www.HayesCenter.org

Blowing Rock Art & History Museum hosts exhibits, art classes, lectures and more. 828-295-9099 | www.BlowingRockMuseum.org

Ensemble Stage Company, Blowing Rock's community theater group, presents plays and other productions at Blowing Rock School. 828-414-1844 | www.EnsembleStage.com

Tweetsie Railroad presents several annual events including Day out with Thomas, Dora & Diego, July 4th Fireworks, K-9s in Flight, Riders In the Sky, and Railfan Weekend. 800-526-5740 | www.Tweetsie.com

Appalachian Ski Mountain hosts competitions and special events throughout the snow sport season, plus New Year's Fireworks! 828-295-7828 | www.AppSkiMtn.com



THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Crown of the Blue Ridge

The history of the Blue Ridge Parkway is entwined with that of Blowing Rock, the scenic road winding right through our backyard.

The Parkway was an ambitious project that provided jobs for the Depression-stricken families of the Appalachian region. Like other towns along the route, Blowing Rock was home to many Parkway workers and contributors. One of the most notable Blowing Rock citizens involved with the Parkway was R. Getty Browning, the original Location and Claims Engineer. Browning was largely responsible for convincing federal officials to move the Parkway alignment to North Carolina from its original route through Tennessee. His presentation was called 'forceful,' and his love of the North Carolina High Country was apparent.

Blowing Rock is also home to the Moses Cone Manor, one of the most popular and historic structures on the Parkway. The beauty of the Blue Ridge enticed Moses Cone to build his summer home here, and his estate employed and sustained many Blowing Rock families at the turn of the 20th century. The benevolence of Moses and his wife Bertha was well known in the community, and helped to establish the town. It is fitting that the estate is part of the National Park Service and the Blue Ridge Parkway, open for the enjoyment of all.

The Blue Ridge Parkway provides a way to enjoy the best of the Blowing Rock area. Views of the John's River Gorge and Pisgah National Forest await you. Hikes beside our mountain streams beckon. Join us in celebrating 75 years of "America's Favorite Drive."

