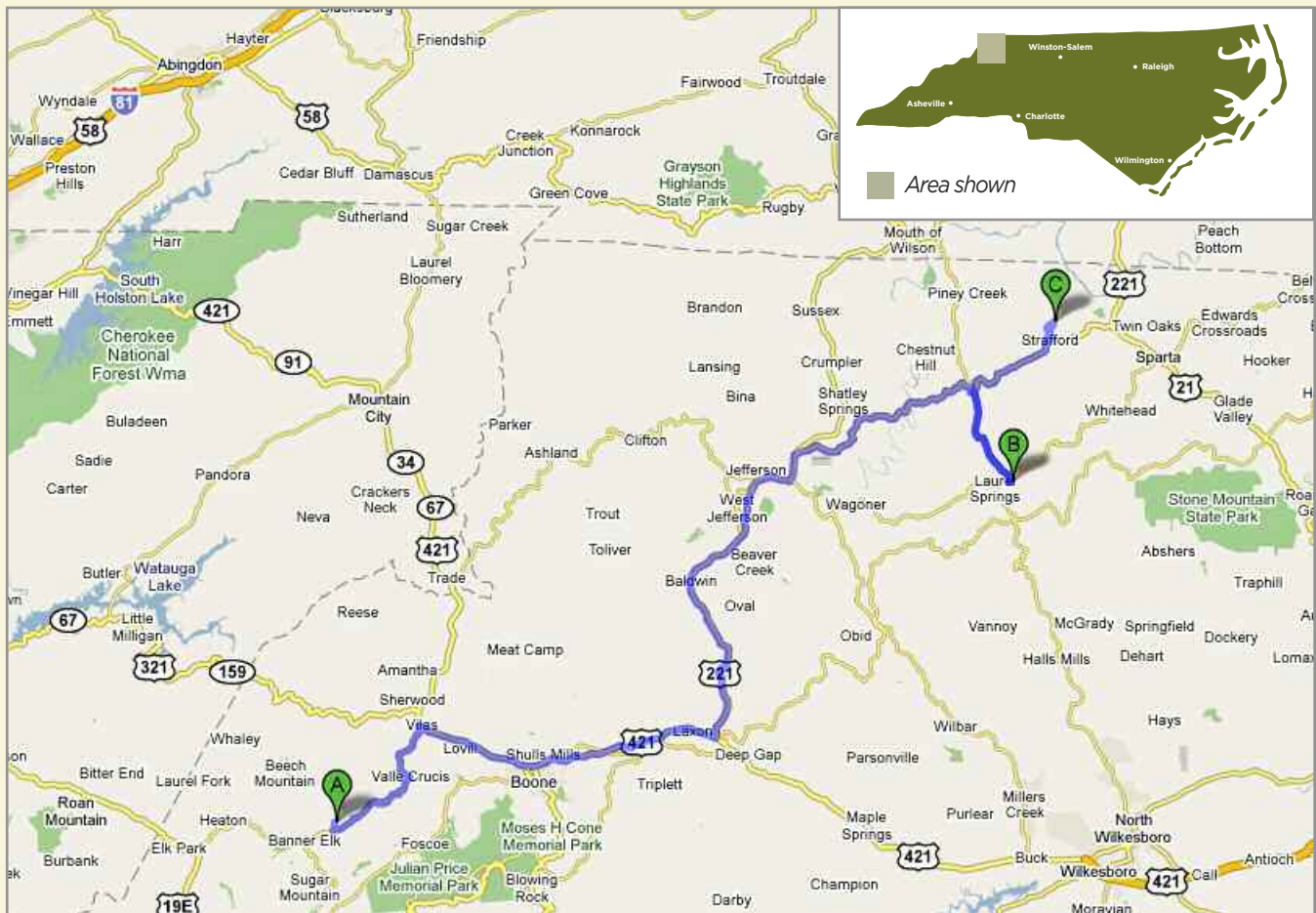


NORTH CAROLINA

Wine Country

The High Country Wine Trail

Wineries: 3 Mileage: 72.6



Everyone knows that the North Carolina high country has great skiing in the winter and awesome views year-round. But these three wineries have brought fun wines in spectacular settings to the northwestern corner of the state. The Banner Elk Winery sits on a 20 acre working blueberry farm and has an eight-room luxury bed and breakfast on site. The Thistle Meadow Winery collects the best grapes from around the world to make small batches of great wine, while Chateau Laurinda specializes in a diverse lineup of fresh fruit wines, including mango, cantaloupe and pear. And while you're on the road, you'll see some amazing scenery and drive through some charming mountain towns.

The Vineyards

A) BANNER ELK WINERY

www.bannerelkwinery.com

60 Deer Run Lane, Banner Elk, NC 28604
828-260-1790

Amenities: Tasting room, gift shop, Blueberry Villa Bed & Breakfast on premises.

Wines: Cabernet Sauvignon, Seyval Blanc, Banner Elk White, Chardonnay, High country Rose, Banner Elk Red, Nouveau Francesco.

B) THISTLE MEADOW WINERY

www.thistlemeadowwinery.com

102 Thistle Meadow Road, Laurel Springs, NC 28644
800-233-1505

Amenities: Tasting room, gift shop.

Wines: More than 40 varieties of wine, including reds, whites, blushes, and fruit-based wine.

C) CHATEAU LAURINDA VINEYARD

www.chateaurindavineyards.com

690 Reeves Ridge Road, Sparta, NC 28675
800-650-3236

Amenities: Tasting room, gift shop, Laurinda House Lodge Bed & Breakfast.

Wines: More than 30 varieties of wine and specializing in fresh fruit wines, including blackberry, apple, plum, strawberry, pear, cantaloupe, peach, cherry, raspberry and mango.

Directions

- 1. From Downtown Banner Elk:** Follow Main Street East (NC Highway 194) out of town approximately two miles to Gualtney Road. Turn left and go 0.4 miles to Deer Run Lane. The **Banner Elk Winery** and Villa at the Blueberry farm are just up the road.
- 2.** Return to NC Highway 194 and turn left. Continue to follow Highway 194 for 9.6 miles until it meets US Highway 321/421, then turn right. Follow US 421 North for 15.6 miles, then turn left onto US Highway 221. Follow US 221 North for 30 miles, then turn right onto NC Highway 113. Continue on Highway 113 for 4.8 miles, then go straight through the intersection with NC Highway 18. You are now on Elk Knob Road, so continue 0.3 miles and make a slight right onto Thistle Meadow. The **Thistle Meadow Winery** will be coming up on your left.
- 3.** Return to US Highway 221 and turn right. Go 5.3 miles, then take a left onto Stratford Road. After 0.7 miles, you'll make a slight right as Stratford Road turns into Reeves Ridge Road and then Walnut Branch Church Road. The **Chateau Laurinda Vineyard** will be 0.6 miles up the road on your right.
- 4.** Return to US Highway 221. A right turn here will take you back toward Jefferson and Boone, while a left turn will take you to the junction with US Highway 21, which will either lead you north towards Virginia and Interstate 81 or south towards Sparta and Interstate 77.

Winery hours vary seasonally. Please call ahead to be sure the vineyards you want to visit will be open when you arrive.

Please drink responsibly. Designate a driver.

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