

Explore the Outdoors

HANGING DOG RECREATIONAL AREA (9 MINS, 5 MILES)

Enjoy swimming, hiking, boating, and picnicking by the beautiful Hiwassee Lake. Be sure to drive all the way to the end of the road - Google Maps may only guide you to the entrance.

MURPHY RIVERWALK (10 MINS, 6 MILES)

Stroll along the Hiwassee River on this scenic 4-mile path, perfect for a walk, jog, or relaxing time in nature.

PINE KNOB TRAIL SYSTEM (20 MINS, 9 MILES)

Hike or mountain bike through 15 miles of lush forests with trails for all skill levels.

CHEROKEE LAKE RECREATION AREA (25 MINS, 17 MILES)

Spend a peaceful day hiking, kayaking, or relaxing by the serene lake, nestled in the Appalachian Mountains. The Cherokee Lake Trail is a 0.9-mile out-and-back path leading to the Persimmon Dam.

FIRES CREEK AND LEATHERWOOD FALLS (35 MINS, 21 MILES)

Fires Creek is great for hiking and horseback riding. The 25-mile Rim Trail crosses several high elevation balds offering stunning views. A 0.7-mile loop from Leatherwood Falls Picnic Area leads to Leatherwood falls.

PANTHER TOP RECREATION AREA (30 MINS, 19 MILES)

The 2.2-mile trail leads to Panther Top, home to the historic 1940 Panther Top Lookout Tower and breathtaking panoramic mountain views. Panther Top Road also connects to other nearby trails, like Panther Gap.

WESSER BALD (55 MINS, 48 MILES)

A 2.2-mile hike on the Appalachian Trail through lush mountain laurel and rhododendron, leading to stunning panoramic views from a historic lookout tower.

WAYAH BALD VIA APPALACHIAN TRAIL (70 MINS, 48 MILES)

Wayah Bald offers an 8-mile trail through dense forests with panoramic views of the Appalachian Mountains. You can also drive all the way up.

VOGEL STATE PARK AND BOOL MOUNTAIN (50 MINS, 36 MILES)

A scenic state parks known for its tranquil lake and stunning fall foliage. Hikers can choose from a variety of trails, including the popular 4-mile Bear Hair Gap loop. Hike the 1.4-mile Byron Reece Trail at Neels Gap or tackle the 6-mile Blood Mountain Loop.

HIGH SHOALS FALLS (60 MINS, 40 MILES)

A stunning waterfall nestled in the Chattahoochee National Forest. The hike to the falls is about 2.5 miles round-trip, offering scenic views along the way. Please note, you have to cross a creek with your car to get to the hike.

Discover Murphy

ANDREWS VALLEY RAIL TOURS (25 MINS, 20 MILES)

Experience North Carolina's First RailBike Tour on an 8.5-mile round-trip through Andrews, NC, on historic railroad tracks. Enjoy the scenic journey to the hand-carved Valley River Tunnel.

DUKES HIDEAWAY MARINA (12 MIN, 6 MILES)

Spend the day on Hiwassee Lake. Dukes Hideaway features a gas dock, boat ramp, mini store, fishing, boating, pontoon rentals, slip rentals, houseboat mooring, swimming, and lake rentals.

BLUE RIDGE SCENIC RAILWAY (45 MINS, 31 MILES)

embark on a four-hour, 26-mile roundtrip along the Toccoa River. This journey takes you through the North Georgia countryside to the charming towns of McCaysville, GA, and Copperhill, TN.

CAROLINA OCOEE (35 MINS, 31 MILES)

Located just north of Blue Ridge, Georgia, the Ocoee and Nantahala Rivers offer some of the best whitewater rafting in the country.

CHUNKY GAL STABLES (40 MINS, 28 MILES)

Visit Chunky Gal Stables to experience horseback trail rides through the scenic Nantahala National Forest in Hayesville, NC.

NOTTELY RIVER VALLEY VINEYARDS (25 MINS, 16 MILES)

Enjoy excellent wine in a beautiful setting with mountain views in this family-owned and operated vineyard and winery.

FIELDS OF THE WOODS (35 MINS, 24 MILES)

Fields of the Woods is a unique attraction with biblical displays and monuments set in natural surroundings, offering a peaceful spot for reflection and a glimpse into religious history.

NANTAHALA PARK AND OUTDOOR CENTER (35 MINS, 23 MILES)

Thrill-seekers can enjoy white-water rafting, zip-lining, and other adventures in stunning surroundings.

NANTAHALA RIVER GEM MINE (50 MINS, 40 MILES)

Nantahala River Gem Mine lets you hunt for rubies, sapphires, and more. Enjoy free gemstone identification and special rates on cut stones. Fun for everyone!

TWO CROWS FARM (8 MINS, 4 MILES)

Two Crows Farm, home to 56 alpacas, 4 llamas, 4 dogs, and 2 cats, is a sustainable fiber farm with an art gallery showcasing fiber creations. Visit by appointment for free tours and private shopping.

Eat and Drink

THE MASON BAR

Enjoy good food, live music, pool and air hockey, and delicious homemade ice cream.

BISTRO 29

Classy eatery turning out high-concept New American plates with a Southern twist.

MURPHY'S CHOPHOUSE

Contemporary restaurant featuring steaks, seafood, wine & cocktails, plus a patio bar and live music.

EL MANZANILLO MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Enjoy tacos, enchiladas, and homemade guacamole, all served with warm, friendly service.

FARMHOUSE DINER

A cozy spot with big flavor. Enjoy salads, burgers, chicken, steaks, and outdoor seating.

JULIE'S PLACE

A casual eatery that makes you feel at home with a diverse menu and delicious desserts.

LEGENDS STEAKHOUSE

A family owned and operated restaurant offering classy, family-oriented dining experience.

RIB COUNTRY BBQ

A real wood-fired Southern BBQ joint featuring smoked meats, signature sauces, and house-made desserts.

SO'S GOOD KITCHEN

Authentic Asian Cuisine in Murphy. Hot bar at lunch and serving the full menu throughout the day.

THE COPPER DOOR

The Copper Door features fine steaks, fresh seafood, a full bar, and an award winning wine list.

THE CROWN

A charming farm to table restaurant serving inspired dishes with lovely outdoor seating in the heart of Brasstown, NC.

SAGE

An elevated dining experience in downtown Andrews, NC. Upscale American cuisine with regional influences.

Day Trips

CHEROKEE AND OCONALUFTEE ISLAND PARK (80 MIN, 61 MILES)

Nestled along the Oconaluftee River and home to a thriving elk population, this park offers a serene setting for hiking and experiencing the local Cherokee culture and learn about the rich heritage of the area.

HELEN (70 MIN, 50 MILES)

A charming mountain town with Bavarian-style buildings and vineyards. Nearby, Unicoi State Park features a lake and campsites, while trails in Chattahoochee National Forest lead to Anna Ruby and Raven Cliff waterfalls.

BLAIRSVILLE (40 MIN, 26 MILES)

Blairsville offers stunning scenery and plenty to do. Enjoy outdoor activities, local dining, and small-town charm.

BLUE RIDGE (45 MIN, 31 MILES)

A mountain town with a vibrant arts scene at the Art Center, craft breweries, restaurants, and antique trains on the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway. Explore trails to Long Creek and Fall Branch waterfalls.

COPPERHILL (45 MIN, 30 MILES)

Copperhill, straddling the border between Tennessee and Georgia, is a quaint town known for its friendly atmosphere and unique shops. It's a great spot for a relaxing stroll and a bite to eat.

MCCAYSVILLE (45 MIN, 30 MILES)

Just across the river from Copperhill, McCaysville is a picturesque southern town offering charming shops and cafes. Enjoy a leisurely visit and explore the local art scene and historic buildings.

MAGGIE VALLEY (90 MIN, 78 MILES)

Hike Deep Creek Trail to waterfalls, ski at Cataloochee, visit the Wheels Through Time Museum, and see colorful quilt patterns along the Haywood County Quilt Trails.

BRYSON CITY (70 MIN, 53 MILES)

For a fun and refreshing experience, head to West Tubing Company in Bryson City. Enjoy tubing down the Tuckasegee River and soak in the beauty of the surrounding landscape. Take a scenic drive along the Leaf Lookers Trail Road to experience the vibrant colors of the changing leaves during the fall season.

MINERAL BLUFF (35 MIN, 25 MILES)

This small town boasts stunning natural beauty, featuring Tallulah Gorge, the Toccoa River and Lake Blue Ridge. Visitors can also explore five remarkable waterfalls, including Long Creek Falls.

BENTON FALLS (80 mins, 57 miles)

This scenic 3-mile hike leads to a stunning 65-foot waterfall, offering beautiful Appalachian views and lush, varied terrain.