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Lake Lure and the Blue Ridge Foothills in Western NC

> New Year's Polar Plunge January 1 - Lake Lure

Owls Baseball All Summer Long - Forest City

MayFest First Saturday in May - Rutherfordton

Lure of the Dragons Boat Race Each May - Lake Lure

Hot Nights, Cool Rides Car Show 3rd Saturday in August - Forest City

The Olympiad Sports Festival Last Weekend in August - Lake Lure

> Dirty Dancing Festival Each September - Lake Lure

Hilltop Fall Festival First Saturday in October - Rutherfordton

Hometown Holidays Thanksgiving to New Year's Day County-wide

# Welcome to the







Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority 117 West Court Street Rutherfordton, NC 28139







# Dining



Step back in time and enjoy a famous pimento cheese sandwich from an oldfashioned drug store, dine by Lake Lure or feast on classic Western North Carolina BBQ; with so many dining choices, there's no reason for a grumbling stomach.

If you have a craving for Mexican, Chinese or Japanese, don't worry, Lake Lure & the

Blue Ridge Foothills offers an array of flavors for every appetite.

Why stop there? Everybody deserves a little dessert. Grab homemade, handscooped and soft serve ice cream at many places in the county. Try one flavor, better yet, try them all!

For restaurants with live music and/or sports, see the "Evening Entertainment" brochure.

For outdoor lunch and dinner cruises, see the "Outdoor Activities" brochure.

For a restaurant with visitor information ambassadors call: Smith's Drug Store & Soda Fountain 828-245-4591

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# Shopping



Lake Lure & the Blue Ridge Foothills offers a wide range of opportunities for shoppers.

Into antiques? We can keep you busy for days. If you want to find high-end New York fashions at one of the nation's best outlet stores, we have it here. Hunting for a different kind of bargain? We're a thrift store paradise.

Hungry for fresh fruits and vegetables? See our "Local Farms and Food" Brochure.

Art lover? Pick up incredible pieces from local artisans - you can find them at www.rcvag.com.

Sure, we also have all the traditional stores you need, but don't miss the outdoor outfitters, general stores and gift shops where you're bound to find a souvenir meant for you or the folks back home.

So come explore the stores of our towns and villages: Chimney Rock, Forest City, Lake Lure, Rutherfordton and Spindale...but when you pack, make sure to leave plenty of room in your suitcase for incredible finds.

Stores that have visitor information ambassadors are:The MenagerieEncore Consignment828-247-4577828-287-4319





LouBee Lure A Lakeside **Mountain Retreat** 704-375-1636

**Manchester's Cabin** 803-261-8230

Mary Ann's Cabin 803-517-4409

Max's Lakeside Cabin 828-582-7588

Moore House 864-706-4050

**Mountain Breeze** Lodge on Bald Mountain Lake 828-625-9330

Mountain Lookout Cabin 863-559-3322

Mountain Village Chalets 877-682-2246

**Our Cabin** at Lake Lure NC 843-270-9648

Papa Bob's Cabin 704-597-5743

**Paradise Playhouse** 839-514-4601

Perry Cabin on Lake Lure 423-886-1960

Pine Creek Cabin 828-272-9093

Pine Gables Cabins 828-779-3100

**Pinnacle Peaks** Lodae 803-242-9426

Preston's Thickett Vacation Cabins 828-367-5797

R & R on the Lake 828-625-9914

Rabbits Retreat 954-303-0253

**Riverbend Retreat** 843-762-7167

Rocky Broad River Cabin 828-625-5400

Rustic Chalet 828-429-1586

Sadie's Retreat 704-763-9117

The Sage Cottage 828-667-9888

**The Saxton Home** 727-376-1498

Serenity Point 352-394-5647

Silver Tree Ridge Cabin 704-568-4828

A Simple Life Cottage 843-886-8033

A Simple Life Log Cabin 843-886-8033

Singing Pines 828-272-9063

Smiling Bear Lodge 352-422-0294

Smokey's Lodge 828-429-4770

Snug Cove Cottage 540-937-3796

Soule Haven on Lake Lure 404-934-6099

Still Waters 864-706-4050

Stone Ridge at Lake Lure 828-287-6828

Stoney Creek Farm & Cabins 866-352-2324

Sugarbush Cabin at Lake Lure 980-428-2500

**Ten Acres** 704-246-3058

A Tinners Mountain Retreat 800-201-2634

Tree Tops 828-980-8311

Viewtiful 828-674-1614

West Point Farms 828-625-2535

828-625-1010





# Lodging



Making plans to visit Lake Lure & the Blue Ridge Foothills area? Want to know where to stay? Whether you want a room just steps away from a plunge into the Rocky Broad River, a mountain cabin on a gravel road, a beautiful historic inn, a resort surrounded by golf courses and other amenities, a vacation rental home on the lake, a conventional hotel or a memorable

camping experience, choices abound.

Spend your night at a bed and breakfast located in a renovated 1925 town hall and firehouse. Movie lovers may prefer to spend the night where stars of the romantic classic Dirty Dancing stayed during filming. Enjoy a picturesque mountain resort with exceptional North Carolina golf and a view of beautiful Lake Lure.

Maybe you prefer camping as opposed to a traditional hotel stay. There are a multitude of campgrounds in Rutherford County for families and individuals alike. Some include 1830's-era gold mining, tubing, and even one that caters to your family pet.

Lake Lure & The Blue Ridge Foothills has a great number of accommodations for different kinds of experiences, so you can find the Front Porch view you're looking for.

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Visitor Information Ambassador

White Oak Cabin of Laurel Lakes 828-625-0827

Willowbrook Inn

#### **Bed & Breakfast**

Carrier Houses B&B 800-835-7071

Fibber MaGee's Riverfront Inn & Hickory Nut Cottages 866-480-0466

**The Firehouse Inn** 828-286-9030

> Gaestehaus Salzburg B&B and Restaurant 877-694-4029

Grafton Lodge B&B / Acorn Cabins 828-625-5567

Linne' Ardan at Lake Lure 828-625-8182

The Lodge on Lake Lure 800-733-2785

#### Campgrounds

Dogwood RV Park 828-625-0621

Foothills Family Campground 828-245-4064

Four Paws Kingdom Campground 828-287-7324

Hickory Nut Falls Family Campground 828-625-4014

Hitching Post Campground 828-625-1138 River Creek Campground 828-287-3915

Rutherford Mountain Campground 828-286-9006

Thermal City Gold & Gem Mine & Campground 828-286-3016

#### **Hotels & Motels**

The 1927 Lake Lure Inn and Spa 828-625-2525

Best View Motel 828-625-1151

Carter Lodge on the River 828-625-8844

Chimney Rock Inn 800-625-2003

Dogwood Motel 828-286-9121

 The Esmeralda Inn

 828-625-2999

Evening Shade 828-625-4774

Falls Country Motel 828-625-0999

Gardos Motel 828-245-0111

Geneva Riverside Motel & Tiki Bar 828-625-4121

Holiday Inn Express 828-755-2000

Jameson Inn 800-526-3766

Quality Inn 828-248-3400 Ramada Worldwide 828-248-1711

Riverside Village Motel & Shops 828-625-2900

Super 8 Motel 828-286-3681

Thrifty Motel 828-245-0444

Tri-City Motel 828-286-3646

Valley Court Riverside Motel 828-625-4166

#### **Resorts**

The Chalet Club 800-336-3309

Fox Run/Fairways of the Mountains 828-625-0097

Rumbling Bald Resort on Lake Lure 800-201-2634

Wyndham Resort at Fairfield Mountains 800-829-3149

#### Vacation Rental Agencies

Boccia Properties 704-906-7746

Buffalo Junction Properties 800-321-8118

Bungalow Vacation Rentals

828-606-1957

Carolina Properties of Lake Lure 828-625-1900 Cornerstone Realty - Vacation Rentals 828-625-1190

Distinctive Mountain Lodging 877-371-5100

Dream Vacation Cabins at Lake Lure 828-625-9998

Exclusive Mountain Properties of Lake Lure 828-287-2106

Golden Valley Getaways 828-247-0404

Lake Country Vacation Rentals 800-742-9556

The Lake Guys Vacation Rentals 828-691-5009

NC Dream Land Rentals 828-625-0625

#### Private Vacation Rentals

111 Lost Cove Road 828-625-4186

117 Havnaers Point

**204 Mark Twain Drive** 704-824-7666

828-891-5588

**244 Hummingbird Cove** 803-254-7483

2nd Green Mountain Retreat 336-993-4159

Abbie's Getaway Cottage 800-210-2634 Arbor at Lake Lure 828-625-1171

Ashley's Lazy Lodge 941-504-0213

Ashley's Waterfall Cabin 941-504-0213

Baby Bear Log Cabin 941-643-2247

Beautiful Log Cabin! 828-289-9976

Bed & Barn Farms 828-248-4463

Bent Creek Townhouse #3 828-625-1706

Black Rock Farmhouse 828-287-9812

The Cabin in Lake Lure 828-674-0901

Cagle Cabin 843-332-6440

Camp View Cabin 828-628-9200

Carolina Country Log Cabin 704-804-3064

Chestnut Cottage 828-288-6976

Chris's Cabin 843-795-7628

Come On Inn 864-843-4998

Cottages In Chimney Rock 800-625-2003

Creekside Cabin 941-371-7891 Creekside Chalet 800-770-9055

Dreamcatcher Log Home 770-754-0225

First Class Mountain Retreat 828-625-1676

Five Oaks Cottage 828-625-2344

Flatlanders Peak 941-661-5827

Four Seasons Cabins & Cottages 888-625-8714

The Gathering Place 321-258-3950

Green River Log Cabin 305-798-3937

Honeymoon Cottage on Lake Lure 727-821-8811

Hutchinson House 828-287-9812

Lake Lure House 877-876-3707

Lake Lure Log House 864-337-0090

Lake Lure Retreat LLC 407-333-4488

Lakefront at Fisher Court 828-625-4556

Landmark Cabin 828-398-0712

Ledford's Landing 704-597-5743

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# **Family Fun**



## Family Recreation

Autumn Lanes Bowling Alley 828-286-9149

Beach at Lake Lure 877-386-4255

Chimney Rock Adventure Golf 828-625-8870

Putt & Go Video 828-245-0466

Skates & Stuff 828-248-1308 Lake Lure & the Blue Ridge Foothills has the attractions to satisfy your family's need to play. Explore museums designed for children and the classic car enthusiast in your family. Visit art galleries, gold and gem mines, parks, farms and lakes. There's always something to do, rain or shine. With a large list of attractions, Lake Lure & the Blue Ridge Foothills has something for everyone. Here's a sampling, below.

# Made for the Kids

Bubba's Fun Park 828-286-4487

KidSenses Children's InterACTIVE Museum 828-286-2120

> Kidz Play Indoor Inflatables Play Place 828-245-4543

# Gold & Gem Mining

Broad River Gem Mine 828-286-1220

Chimney Rock Gemstone Mine Inc. 828-625-5524

Gold & Gem Mine 828-286-3016

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# Evening Entertainment



#### Arts, Music & Movies

The Foundation Performing Arts and Conference Center 828-286-9990

Otis Cook Memorial Park 828-245-8427

Retro Cinema 4 828-248-1670

Union Mills Learning Center Theater & Live Bluegrass 828-287-5163 Experience the roar of local engines on an old fashioned dirt track. Watch baseball's best young ballplayers in a family friendly, award winning ballpark. Enjoy listening to live music at local restaurants. Or, take in a quiet evening on your porch, where you can watch the sun set over mountains and lakes while listening to the sounds of each season.

Live Music & Sports Restaurants Call in advance for schedules

Alyssa's at Lake Lure 828-625-2472

Barley's Taproom & Pizzeria 828-288-8388

Heavenly Hoggs Bar & Grill on Lake Lure 828-625-9949

JD Sports Bar & Grill 828-286-3399

Legal Grounds 828-286-9955 Mudbones 828-287-5007

Owls Nest Sports Lounge 828-202-5128

Tiki Bar & Grill 828-625-4121

Wagon Wheel Dance Club 828-429-6422

# Sporting Events & Adventures

Canopy Ridge Farm 828-625-4500

Forest City Owls Baseball 828-245-5000

Harris Motor Speedway 828-247-4171

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# **Outdoor Adventures**



#### **Guided Fishing**

Granddaddy Fly-Fishing Experience 828-288-1221

Lake Lure Adventure Company 828-625-8066

Lewis No Clark Expeditions Hunting & Fishing Guide 828-223-0269

Mountain View Guide Services 828-245-1532

Rob's Guide Service 828-674-5041 River tubing, ziplining, bouldering, fly-fishing, horseback riding, Lake Lure & the Blue Ridge Foothills has it all. From family friendly to enthusiast excellence, we have the right outdoor adventures for you.

### Guided Horseback Riding

Cedar Creek Stables 877-625-6773

Riverside Riding Stables 828-288-1302

#### Paddling / River Tubing

Canopy Ridge Farm 828-625-4500

Lake Lure Adventure Company 828-625-8066

River Creek Paddling & Tubing 866-287-3915

## Rock Climbing / Ziplining

Boulder Line Adventure Programs 828-625-4913

Canopy Ridge Farm 828-625-4500

Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park 800-277-9611

Rumbling Bald Rock Climbing Access 828-625-1823

#### Skiing / Wakeboarding

Lake Lure Adventure Company 828-625-8066

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# **Outdoor Activities**



#### **Boat Cruises**

Lake Lure Dinner Cruise -Rumbling Bald 800-419-3854

Lake Lure Lunch & Dinner Cruises -Lake Lure Tours 877-386-4255

Lake Lure Tours 877-386-4255

#### **Boat Rentals**

Lake Lure Adventure Company 828-625-8066

Lake Lure Marina 877-386-4255

#### Gold & Gem Mines

Broad River Gem Mine 828-286-1220

Chimney Rock Gemstone Mine Inc 828-625-5524

Thermal City Gold & Gem Mine 828-286-3016 When you feel the need for some leisurely outdoor time, you can find gold and gems at our many mines, cast a line in the Rocky Broad River or perfect your swing at our championship golf courses. You can even enjoy Lake Lure's own beach and water works station - options abound in Lake Lure & the Blue Ridge Foothills.

#### **Golf Courses**

Apple Valley Golf Course 800-419-3854

Bald Mountain Golf Course 800-419-3854

Cleghorn Plantation Golf Course 828-286-9117

Dogwood Valley Golf Course 828-657-6214

Forest City Municipal Golf Course 828-245-5222

Lake Lure Municipal Golf Course 828-625-4472

Meadowbrook Golf Course 866-863-2690

Rutherfordton Golf Club 828-287-3406

#### Nature / Trails

Bed & Barn Farms Horseback Riding Trails 828-248-4463

Bike Trails in Rutherford County NC rutherfordoutdoor.org Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park 800-277-9611

Donald Ross Nature Trail 828-625-9983

Rocky Broad Riverwalk 828-625-4456

Thermal Belt Rail-Trail 828-287-6074

#### Public Hunting & Fishing Areas

Bubba's Carp Lake 864-978-5722

CJ's Carp Lake 380 Hunter Rd. Rutherfordton

Eagle Lake 828-429-4551

Hud's Carp Lake 828-247-4610

Lake Lure 828-625-9983

Silvers Carp Lake 828-287-0702

South Mountain Gamelands 919-733-7291

Tom's Lake 828-245-6696

#### Waterparks

Beach @ Lake Lure and Water Works 877-386-4255

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# **History & Genealogy**



Stay in historic lodging after taking a tour of an incredible collection of pre-civil war architecture. Learn where the first U.S. gold dollar coin was mined and minted. Then, visit some of the many fun and informative car, farm and historical museums in the county or take a walk down main street in Rutherfordton, which doubles as a national historic park.

Discover your own past in North Carolina's 2nd

largest genealogical library. Browse old Tryon County's obituaries, marriage registries, newspapers, war diaries and more to learn about your family's history.

#### Historic Trails

Cherry Bounce Trail cherrybouncetrail.com

Overmountain Victory Trail nps.gov/ovvi

#### Geneaology

Genealogical Society (& Library) of Old Tryon County 828-247-8700

#### Museums

Broad River Gem Mine Museum 828-286-1220

Bennett Classics Auto Museum 828-247-1767

The Bostic Lincoln Center 828-245-9800

The Art & Antiques at 1927 Lake Lure Inn and Spa 888-434-4970 Ellenboro Train Depot Museum 828-453-7414

The Right Track Toy Train Museum 828-625-5551

Museum at Rutherford Hospital 828-286-5000

Rutherford County Farm Museum 828-248-1248

Rutherford County Heritage Center 828-287-3520

Rutherfordton Town Hall Heritage Display 828-287-3520

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# Local Farms & Food



In Lake Lure & the Blue Ridge Foothills, with its long agricultural heritage, sustainable farming is the new norm – local farmers can't wait for you to experience their unique farms and stables and vendors want to bring you great local foods.

Five star chefs order directly from our

small family farms - now you can get the same incredible edible experience in our farms, our farm stores and even our farm museum.

#### Museum

Rutherford County Farm Museum 828-248-1248

#### **Farms to Visit**

Babbling Brook 828-248-1739

Barefoot 828-748-7295

C-Saw Hill 828-289-5439

Four Foot 828-305-4335

Four Seasons 828-248-1116

K.W. Getty's 828-453-7485

Love Story 828-447-0047

Maple Creek 828-429-1959

Perfect Spot 828-248-9533 Possum Hollow 828-286-8116

Stoney Creek 866-352-2324 U-Pick Berry 828-657-5733

Vandele Farms on Cedar Creek 828-625-0975

A Way of Life 828-287-1253

White Pine 828-287-7155

#### Local Food & Produce

Dean's Produce 828-287-9794

Earthperks Farm & Garden 828-287-7730

Farmer's Fresh Tailgate Market 828-288-1650

Lawter's Fruit Stand 828-625-1482

Plum Natural Market 828-245-6842

Ralph's Produce 828-453-0303 Rutherford County Farmers' Market 828-287-6010

Sunnyside Orchard & Restaurant 828-287-4012

Tony's Produce 828-287-9495

#### Stables

Bed & Barn 828-248-4463

**Cedar Creek** 877-625-6773

Harrison Shiflett 828-245-0600

Puddle Foot 828-288-8106

Squirrel's Nest 828-429-0688

## Working & Historic Farm Stores

Hill's Hardware General Store 828-284-4105

Washburn's General Store 828-245-4129

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# **Events**

# **Autumn Peaks**

Our trees think fall goes into November. So we play along. Experience the Autumn Peaks of Lake Lure and the Blue Ridge Foothills.

## 2nd Annual Dirty Dancing Festival

September 16 - 18 Lake Lure

# Celebration of the Arts 2011

September 20 - 25 The Foundation at Isothermal Community College

## **Flock to the Rock**

September 24 - 25 Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park

# 15th Annual Vintage Tin Car Show

October 1 Rumbling Bald Resort, Lake Lure

#### 39th Annual Hilltop Festival & Tour de Pumpkin

October 1 Downtown Rutherfordton

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Hometown Holidays

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Christmas Tree Lighting November 24 Downtown Forest City

#### Santa House

Downtown Forest City December 2, 9, 16 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. December 3, 10, 16 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.

## **Christmas Hayrides**

Downtown Forest City December 2, 9, 16

#### **Santa Paws**

Have your pets picture made with Santa Downtown Forest City December 2, 9, 16 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

# Christmas Carriage Rides

Downtown Forest City December 3, 10, 16 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

#### Santa on the Chimney

Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park December 3, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## New Year's Polar Plunge

January 1 - Lake Lure



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