

Western North Carolina Museum Guide

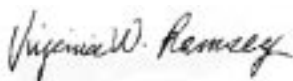
*“If you want to
understand
today, you have
to search
yesterday.”*

– Pearl S. Buck



Dear Folks,

The Friends of Mountain History Board of Directors is proud to offer this Museum Guide to assist you in the discovery of the vast cultural diversity and richness of Western North Carolina. There are infinite unique experiences that will engage and excite you as you uncover the breadth of value in our heritage museums. We encourage you to seek out the nooks and crannies of our cultural centers as well as our wilderness areas to develop an understanding of how important and special Western North Carolina is to us all. We invite you to enjoy!



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Western North Carolina! If you are a resident of the area or a first time visitor, we hope you enjoy the vast selection of activities in this region. In behalf of the Friends of Mountain History Board of Directors, we are pleased



to offer the Western North Carolina Museum Guide. The Museum Guide is a free travel reference identifying, describing and mapping museums and historic sites in the twenty-five most western counties of North Carolina.

We invite you to take the Museum Guide with you and discover the history of the Cherokee Indian, the mountain pioneers, the first settlers, the aristocrats and the spectacular mountain ranges they all called home. Experience and enjoy regional culture with music, festivals, theatre, art, storytelling, scrumptious local foods and galleries filled with stunning handmade crafts by world renowned artisans.

The Museum Guide is also available on our website, www.fomhnc.org, with updates on regional events and links to all heritage and cultural sites.

Learn, laugh and enjoy!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kaye Myers". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and elegant.

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Friends of Mountain History (FOMH) is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization supporting museums, historic sites, heritage organizations, and cultural and heritage-related programs in twenty-five counties in Western North Carolina. The counties are: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin and Yancey.



Museums In Partnership

Museums In Partnership (MIP) is a resource for museum professionals in Western North Carolina. There are no dues for MIP membership, and communications are via electronic media. MIP welcomes museums, historic sites and heritage-related organizations that collect, interpret, preserve and exhibit some aspect of Western North Carolina's culture and heritage.

An annual Themed Exhibit Program is coordinated and promoted by Friends of Mountain History and Museums In Partnership to encourage annually themed exhibits and auxiliary programming in museums and other educational sites in twenty-five counties. Themed Exhibits encourage presentation and discussion of a single topic for a year-long variety of programs and activities.

Annual Themes

The Annual Themed Exhibit program is coordinated and promoted by Friends of Mountain History and Museums In Partnership to encourage year-long themed exhibits and auxiliary programming in museums and other educational sites in twenty-five counties. Themed Exhibits encourage presentation and discussion of a single topic for a year-long variety of programs and activities.

The program begins in January and runs through December of that calendar year, allowing sufficient time for the discovery, experience, and educational value of the displays. Although each year's theme is adopted by all participating museums, each site will have its own unique stories, artifacts, photographs and local personalities to share.

About This Guide

This Museum Guide contains information about regional museums and historic sites in the Friends of Mountain History twenty-five county area of Western North Carolina. These sites collect, preserve and exhibit local, regional and state-wide history. Every effort has been made to compile complete and accurate data for each site. Please contact individual sites by email or telephone for additional information before planning your visit.

\$ Indicates Admission Fee

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Name: Allison Deaver House Museum

Description: The oldest known standing frame house west of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Allison Deaver House was built in two stages, beginning in 1815. This mountain crafted architecture has remained in virtually unaltered condition for almost two centuries. This site is included on the North Carolina Civil War Trail.

Location: Hwy 280 and US 64, Pisgah Forest, NC (Transylvania County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 2061, Pisgah Forest, NC 28712

Telephone: 828-884-5137

Hours of Operation: Saturday, 10:00am – 4:00pm; Sunday, 1:00pm – 4:00pm; (May – October)

Fee: \$

Website: www.preservingourpast.org

Name: Andy Griffith Museum

Description: The Andy Griffith Museum is a collection of memorabilia from the extensive career in drama, film, television, and recordings of Andy Griffith. The Museum is adjacent to the Andy Griffith Playhouse where Andy attended elementary school and first performed. Many of the items in the Museum were donated by Andy Griffith. Don Knotts's widow and others have also contributed.

Location: 218 Rockford Street, Mount Airy, NC (Surry County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 141, Mount Airy, NC 27030

Telephone: 336-786-7998 or 800-286-6193

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm; Saturday 11:00am – 4:00pm; Sunday, 1:30pm – 4:30pm.

Fee: \$; Children under 12 Free.

Website: www.surryarts.org

Name: Appalachian Heritage Museum at Mystery Hill

Description: The museum is the 1903 home of B.B. and D.D. Dougherty, founders of Appalachian State University. The house is restored to its early 1900s time period.

Location: Hwy 321 – between Boone and Blowing Rock, NC (Watauga County)

Mailing Address: 175 Mystery Hill Lane, Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Telephone: 828-263-0507

Hours of Operation: Daily 9:00am – 5:00pm (September – May) 9:00am – 8:00pm (June and August)

Fee: \$

Website: www.mysteryhill-nc.com

Name: Asheville Art Museum

Description: The Asheville Art Museum is dedicated to the preservation, collection, and interpretation of American Art of the 20th and 21st centuries and to promoting life-long learning for people of all ages.

Location: 2 South Pack Square at Pack Place in downtown Asheville, NC 28802 (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1717, Asheville, NC 28802

Telephone: 828-253-3227

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm; Friday 10:00am – 8:00pm; Sunday, 1:00pm – 5:00pm.

Fee: \$

Website: www.ashevilleart.org

Name: Asheville Urban Trail

Description: A Museum without walls highlights the unique architecture, people and historic events in the city's history through a walking tour. Follow the pink granite blocks to all 30 stations of history and art. Maps and guided tours are available.

Location: Downtown Asheville, Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: Asheville Area Arts Council, 11 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801

Telephone: 828-258-0710

Hours of Operation: Year Round

Fee: None

Website: info@ashevillearts.com

Name: Avery County Historical Museum

Description: The Avery County Historical Museum is housed in the old Avery County Jail, built in 1912. Its mission is to collect, preserve and display photographs and artifacts of people, events and places that make up the history of Avery County and the surrounding area.

Location: Old County Jail next door to the county courthouse in Newland (Avery County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 266, Newland, NC 28657

Telephone: 828-733-7111

Hours of Operation: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.averycountyhistoricalmuseum.com

Name: Banner House Museum

Description: The Banner House Museum is the renovated 1865 home of one of the founding families of Banner Elk, Samuel Banner. Docent-led tours of the house include stories and culture of the times with photographs, furnishings, and interactive exhibits. In addition, a walking tour of historic Banner Elk covers early history through the turn of the century.

Location: 7990 Hickory Nut Gap Road (at the corner of 184 and Hickory Nut Gap Road) Banner Elk, NC (Avery County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 2261, Banner Elk, NC 28604

Telephone: 828-898-3634

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Saturday, 11:00am – 4:00pm; (June thru October)

Fee: \$

Website: www.bannerhousemuseum.org

Name: Bennett Classics – Antique Auto Museum

Description: Return to the bygone “days of yesteryear” with a trip down memory lane at Bennett Auto Museum. Over 20,000 square feet of classic and antique autos, farm tractors, memorabilia and the Big Boys, the Famed B Series Mack trucks that helped pave the way to American prosperity.

Location: 241 Vance Street (Off W. Main Street) Forest City, NC (Rutherford County)

Mailing Address: 241 Vance Street, Forest City, NC 28043

Telephone: 828-247-1767

Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm;
Sunday 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Fee: \$

Website: www.bennettclassics.com

Name: Big Ivy Historical Park and Society

Description: The Big Ivy Historical Park consists of the Henry Stevens Carson pre-Civil War log cabin, detached kitchen and spring house, the replica of the 1899 Carson one room school house; the artifacts of the Civilian Conservation Corps' building of the Blue Ridge Parkway, the restored fire tower from Little Snowball Mountain and a working sorghum mill.

Location: 275 Buckner Branch Road, Barnardsville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 402, Barnardsville, NC 28709

Telephone: 828-626-2522

Hours of Operation: By Appointment and Special Events.

Fee: None

Website: www.bihs.us

Name: Biltmore Estate

Description: Biltmore was the vision of George W. Vanderbilt, who first opened Biltmore House to family and friends on Christmas Eve 1895. Designed by Richard Morris Hunt, America's largest home is a 250-room French Renaissance chateau, exhibiting the Vanderbilt family's original collection of furnishings, art and antiques. Biltmore Estate encompasses more than 8,000 acres including renowned gardens designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Biltmore Winery, Equestrian Center, Outdoor Center and the four-star Inn on Biltmore Estate.

Location: Historic Biltmore Village, US Hwy 25, Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: One North Pack Square, Asheville, NC 28801

Telephone: 877-BILTMORE

Hours of Operation: Varies seasonally, check website.

Fee: \$\$

Website: www.biltmore.com

Name: Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center

Description: An exhibition space and resource center dedicated to exploring the history and legacy of the world's most acclaimed experimental educational community, Black Mountain College.

Location: 56 Broadway, downtown Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 56 Broadway, Asheville, NC 28801

Telephone: 828-350-8484

Hours of Operation: Wednesday – Saturday, 12:00pm – 4:00pm and by appointment.

Fee: \$

Website: www.blackmountaincollege.org

Name: Blowing Rock Pictorial History Museum and Historical Society

Description: The Blowing Rock Pictorial History Museum opened in 1996, is owned by the Town of Blowing Rock and operated by the

Blowing Rock Historical Society. The museum displays pictures, historic artifacts and memorabilia from the area from 1889 to the middle of the 20th century.

Location: 1094 Main Street, Blowing Rock, NC (Watauga County)

Mailing Address: B.R. Historical Society, P.O. Box 804, Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Telephone: 828-295-6114

Hours of Operation: Wednesday and Saturday, 1:00pm – 4:00pm
(May – December)

Fee: None

Name: Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center

Description: The Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center is the first National Park Service visitor center in the country to offer an I-Wall, a 22-foot interactive map of the entire Parkway. This provides multi-media information on places to visit on and near the Parkway. Other exhibits highlight the natural and cultural diversity, economic traditions and recreational opportunities found in Western North Carolina and along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Location: Blue Ridge Parkway milepost 384 near Asheville.
(Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 195 Hemphill Knob Road, Asheville, NC 28803

Telephone: 828-298-5330

Hours of Operation: Daily 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.blueridgeheritage.com

Name: Bostic Lincoln Center

Description: The mission of the Bostic Lincoln Center is to collect, document, research and preserve the generational lore of the area by providing audio/visual histories, exhibits and programs that present our traditional truths about Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the United States. He was born on Puzzle Creek near Bostic, North Carolina.

Location: 112 Depot Street, Bostic, NC (Rutherford County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 153, Bostic, NC 28018

Telephone: 828-245-9800

Hours of Operation: Thursday, 1:00pm – 4:00pm; Friday and Saturday, 10:00am – 1:00pm; Tours of Lincoln Hill by appointment.

Fee: None

Website: www.bosticlincolncenter.com

Name: Caldwell Heritage Museum

Description: The museum's exhibits are dedicated to preserving the history of Caldwell County and include a chronological history from pre-colonial days to present. A time line shows what life was like in the county in pioneer times, Revolutionary War era, early National Period, Civil War era, Reconstruction and into the present.

Location: 112 Vaiden Street – behind the Davenport School, Lenoir, NC (Caldwell County)

Mailing Address: 112 Vaiden Street SW, Lenoir, NC 28645

Telephone: 828-758-4004

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00am – 4:30pm;
Saturday 10:00am – 3:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.caldwellheritagemuseum.org

Name: Canton Area Historical Museum

Description: The museum is devoted to collecting artifacts and images of the towns of Canton, Bethel, and Cruso, the museum contains agricultural and domestic artifacts from the 19th and early 20th century. The museum also contains a large collection of historic photographs and memorabilia of the town and Champion Paper Mill, now Blue Ridge Paper Products, and a special collection of two notable natives, inventor Fillmore Christopher and author Fred Chappell.

Location: Downtown Canton, 36 Park Street, Canton, NC 28716 (Haywood County)

Mailing Address: 36 Park Street, Canton, NC 28716

Telephone: 828-646-3412

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.canton.com

Name: Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site

Description: Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site is dedicated to preserving the life and significance of Carl Sandburg as an American poet, writer, historian, biographer of Abraham Lincoln and social activist. The Historic Site preserves and interprets the farm, Connemara, where Sandburg and his family lived for the last 22 years of his life (1945-1967).

Location: Little River Road off Hwy #225 in Flat Rock, NC (Henderson County)

Mailing Address: 81 Carl Sandburg Lane, Flat Rock, NC 28731

Telephone: 828-693-4178

Hours of Operation: Daily 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None for grounds - \$ for tours.

Website: www.nps.gov/carl

Name: Cherokee County Historical Museum

Description: The museum offers a vast collection of artifacts excavated from Indian mounds and discovered in the local region. The museum reflects the life of the Cherokee Indian before and during the time of removal along the Trail of Tears, including Fort Butler where Indians were held near present day Murphy. Exhibits also include other items of local interest and tell the early life of the white man in Cherokee County.

Location: Next to the Cherokee County Courthouse, Murphy, NC (Cherokee County)

Mailing Address: 87 Peachtree Street, Murphy, NC 28906

Telephone: 828-837-6792

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Name: Clay County Historical and Arts Council Museum

Description: Clay County Museum features a native American artifact collection, photo collection ca.1893 – 1900s of the town of Hayesville's development, early farm kitchen, loom and clothing from the 1800s and an original switchboard from 1916. Most notable is the handmade quilt from women on the Trail of Tears in 1838.

Location: Old Clay County Jail – Hwy #64 Business, Hayesville, NC (Clay County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5, Hayesville, NC 28904

Telephone: 828-389-6814

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 4:00pm
(June – August)

Fee: None

Name: Colburn Earth Science Museum

Description: The History of Mining in North Carolina is an entertaining and educational exhibit that will take the visitor from the earliest mining in the state through present day mines and minerals. Exhibits include: Mineral Collection, Gem Collection, Crystals, Fluorescent Minerals, Man and Minerals, Fossil Collection and Archival and Reference Library.

Location: Lower level of Pack Place Arts Center, Asheville, NC
(Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 1617, Asheville, NC 28802

Telephone: 828-254-7162

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm; Sunday, 1:00pm – 5:00pm; Closed Monday

Fee: \$

Website: www.colburnmuseum.org

Name: Cradle of Forestry in America Historic Site

Description: The Cradle of Forestry in America is the site of the first forestry school in America, the Biltmore Forest School, founded in 1898. The Forest Discovery Center features interactive exhibits and a movie about the creation of the school and the history of forestry conservation. The site features the museum, eight historic buildings, a restored portable saw mill and logging locomotive as well as curriculum-based programs. Special interpretive events and living history crafters are offered throughout the season.

Location: On US Hwy. 276 in the Pisgah National Forest, 14 miles from Brevard or four miles off the Blue Ridge Parkway at milepost #412. (Transylvania County)

Mailing Address: 1001 Pisgah Highway, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

Telephone: 828-877-3130

Hours of Operation: Open Daily 9:00am -5:00pm (April – 1st week in November)

Fee: \$ Adults; 15 & Under None

Website: www.cradleofforestry.org

Name: Crossnore Weavers: A Working Museum

Description: Listed on the National Register of Historical Places, this unique destination offers a glimpse back into an age-old American tradition kept alive as weavers craft beautiful, intricate designs on antique looms. Master fresco artist Ben Long brings life to scripture and to the mission of The Crossnore School through Suffer the Little Children, painted on the back wall of E.H. Sloop Chapel in 2006. It features children who are residents at The Crossnore School.

Location: 205 Johnson Lane, off Hwy 221 from Crossnore Drive, Crossnore, NC (Avery County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 249, Crossnore, NC 28616

Telephone: 828-733-4305

Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday, 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.crossnoreschool.org

Name: Dry Ridge Historical Museum

Description: The Dry Ridge Historical Museum, founded in 1983,

preserves and celebrates the history of “The Dry Ridge” (as named by the Indians) and includes both the Reems Creek and Flat Creek Townships of North Buncombe County. The Museum contains artifacts and information about the families of those townships.

Location: Lower level of the Bess Tilson Sprinkle Memorial Library on Main Street, Weaverville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 24 Sugar Cove Road, Weaverville, NC 28787

Telephone: 828-658-3934

Hours of Operation: Saturday, 10:00am – 2:00pm (March – November) and by appointment.

Fee: None

Name: Estes-Winn Antique Car Museum

Description: Established in 1965, the Museum is home to 19 rare and vintage automobiles as well as several original horse-drawn carriages and Asheville’s 1922 Fire Engine.

Location: Inside the Historic Biltmore Industries Weaving Shop, 111 Grovewood Road, Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 111 Grovewood Road, Asheville, NC 28804

Telephone: 828-253-7651

Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm; Sunday, 11:00am – 5:00pm. Closed January - March.

Fee: None

Website: www.grovewood.com

Name: Folk Art Center – Southern Highland Craft Guild

Description: The mission of the Southern Highland Craft Guild is to discover, preserve and promote knowledge and appreciation of traditional and contemporary crafts of the Appalachian region. Programs include exhibits, demonstrations, collections and special events. The Robert W. Gray Library is one of the region’s foremost resources of craft publications and books on Southern Appalachian history.

Location: Milepost 382, Blue Ridge Parkway, Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 9545, Asheville, NC 28815

Telephone: 828-298-7928

Hours of Operation: Daily 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.southernhighlandguild.org

Name: Foothills Arts Council

Description: The Foothills Arts Council began operation in 1977 with the purpose of providing arts programming and cultural development for the citizens of Elkin and southwest Surry County. It is located in the historic Victorian house on the corner of Market Street and Church Street in Elkin. The house includes two large galleries for rotating exhibits, a classroom for art classes and workshops, a gift shop for the Yadkin Valley Craft Guild, the permanent collection of artist Clifford Morrison and artifacts of naturalist Linville Hendren.

Location: 129 Church Street, Elkin, NC 28621 (Yadkin County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 24, Elkin, NC 28621

Telephone: 336-835-2025

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.foothillsartcouncil.org

Name: Fort Defiance

Description: One of the most unique restorations in the country, the 1792 home of General William Lenoir contains more than 300 pieces of original furnishings and artifacts.

Location: Located 5.5 miles off Hwy 321 - Northeast of Lenoir on Hwy 268 (Caldwell County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 686, Lenoir, NC 28645

Telephone: 828-758-1671

Hours of Operation: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm;
Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm.

Fee: \$

Website: www.fortdefiancenc.org

Name: Franklin Gem & Mineral Museum

Description: The museum houses thousands of specimens of gems, minerals, fossils, Indian Artifacts, fluorescent minerals, sea shells and other related artifacts.

Location: In the historic jail (est. 1850) in downtown Franklin, NC (Macon County)

Mailing Address: 25 Phillips Street, Franklin, NC

Telephone: 828-369-7831

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, Noon – 4:00pm
(May 1st – October 31st) Saturday, 11:00am – 3:00pm
(November 1st – April 30th)

The museum is also open Saturday evenings in the summer during “Pickin’ on the Square” music festival.

Fee: None

Website: www.fgmm.org

Name: Gertrude Smith House Living History Museum

Description: This historic 1903 Victorian home was built by merchant Jefferson Davis Smith of Greensboro. When he married Gertrude Gilmer of Mount Airy, they moved to Mount Airy and had seven children. Miss Gertrude Smith was the eldest and the last surviving sibling to live at home. She was an artist and an interior designer and left her decorative touches in the home place. Upon her death at age 90 in 1981, her bequest founded the Gilmer-Smith Foundation, willing that her home place become a living museum, and that the foundation would support exhibits and concerts to add cultural enrichment to the community. The historic home is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Location: 708 North Main Street, Mount Airy, NC (Surry County)

Mailing Address: The Gilmer Smith Foundation, 615 North Main Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030.

Telephone: 336-786-6856 or 336-789-4636

Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday, 10:00am – 4:00pm.
(Administrative offices at 615 North Main Street).
Tours by appointment.

Fee: None

Website: www.visitmountairy.com

Name: Grandfather Mountain Nature Museum

Description: Grandfather Mountain Nature Museum houses more than two dozen exhibits designed to educate guests about the natural history of Grandfather Mountain and the surrounding region. Exhibits include gems and minerals, birds, plants, artifacts and early explorers to the region. Grandfather Mountain is recognized by the

United Nations as an International Biosphere Reserve, a place where man and nature thrive in harmony.

Location: 2050 Blowing Rock Highway, Linville, NC (Avery County)
US Hwy 221, one mile south of the Blue Ridge Parkway at milepost 305.

Mailing Address: PO Box 129, Linville, NC 28646

Telephone: 1-800-468-7325

Hours of Operation: Spring 8:00am – 6:00pm;
Summer 8:00am – 7:00pm; Fall 8:00am – 6:00pm;
Winter 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: \$

Website: www.granddfather.com

Name: Granite Falls History and Transportation Museum

Description: The museum is located in the second oldest home in Caldwell County, the former home of Andrew Baird, the founder of Granite Falls. The museum displays the history of transportation, including the first road built, the coming of the railroad and the first car in Granite Falls. The museum also contains artifacts and historical documents on the history of the town.

Location: 107 Falls Avenue, Granite Falls, NC (Caldwell County)

Mailing Address: PO Drawer 10, Granite Falls, NC 28630

Telephone: 828-396-3131

Hours of Operation: Saturday's – 10:00am – 4:00pm and
Sunday's 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Other times by appointment.

Fee: None

Website: www.granitfallsnc.com

Name: Great Smoky Mountains National Park Mountain Farm Museum

Description: The Mountain Farm Museum is part of an effort to preserve some of the cultural heritage of the mountains. The buildings, dating back from 1860s to early 1900s, were moved from their original locations throughout the Smokies to this site to create an open-air museum. These structures offer a glimpse into the past and, hopefully, a greater appreciation of the rural heritage of this country.

Location: Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Mailing Address: 1194 Newfound Gap Road, Cherokee, NC 28719

Telephone: 828-497-1904

Hours of Operation: Year-round; 8:30am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.nps.gov/grsm

Name: Hands On! A Child's Gallery

Description: Hands On! is a children's museum catering to children ages 1 - 10 . Our mission is to serve the needs of children and families by providing educational exhibits that stimulate the imagination and motivate learning in a fun, safe "hands on!" environment.

Location: 318 North Main Street, Hendersonville, NC (Henderson County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 481, Hendersonville, NC 28793

Telephone: 828-697-8333

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm. Groups by appointment.

Fee: \$ - Annual membership available.

Website: www.handsonwnc.org

Name: Henderson County Heritage Museum

Description: The Museum preserves the history and heritage of Henderson County and the surrounding region in changing thematic exhibits. Rare artifacts, photographs, sketches, maps, graphic text and multi-media presentations tell the story of the wilderness, the Cherokee and early pioneers in the Wilderness to 1860 room. Other rooms tell the story of the county from 1860 to 1920, including a Civil War exhibit in each theme. World War II is always represented in the room that covers the years from 1920 to today.

Location: One Historic Courthouse Square, Hendersonville, NC (Henderson County)

Mailing Address: One Historic Courthouse Square, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Telephone: 828-694-1619

Hours of Operation: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm; Sunday, 1:00pm – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.hendersoncountymuseum.org

Name: Hickory Ridge Homestead

Description: A living history museum on the grounds of “Horn in the West,” the nation’s oldest Revolutionary War drama, in Boone, NC. Interpreters dressed in period clothing recreate the lifestyle of early mountain settlers and offer demonstrations in hearthside cooking, weaving and other crafts.

Location: Horn in the West Drive – NC 105 in downtown Boone, NC (Watauga County)

Mailing Address: Hickory Ridge Homestead, PO Box 295, Boone, NC 28607

Telephone: 828-264-2120

Hours of Operation: Saturday, 9:00am – 4:00pm; Sunday 1:00am – 4:00pm (May – October)

Fee: \$

Website: www.horninthewest.com/museum.htm

Name: Highlands Historical Society

Description: The Highlands Historic Village features a state-of-the-art museum and archives in the building that once housed one of the oldest libraries in the State. The House-Trapier-Wright House, built in 1877, serves as a living history museum.

Location: 3 blocks North of the center of Highlands on US 64 East (Macon County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 670, 524 N. 4th Street, Highlands, NC 28741

Telephone: 828-787-1050

Hours of Operation: Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (Memorial Weekend – October)

Fee: None

Website: www.highlandshistory.com

**Name: Historic Burke Foundation
Old Courthouse and Heritage Museum**

Description: The Foundation works to preserve and restore historic buildings and sites in Burke County and to provide technical assistance to others engaged in preservation. It also encourages awareness of local heritage and efforts to enhance the character and beauty of the community.

Location: Old Burke County Courthouse, on the square of Green, Union, Sterling and Meeting Streets in downtown Morganton. (Burke County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 915, Morganton, NC 28280

Telephone: 828-437-4104

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm;
Saturday 10:00am – 1:00pm

Fee: None

Website: www.historicburke.org

Name: Historic Carson House

Description: Built in 1793, it is the plantation home of Col. John Carson an Irish immigrant, whose family included such prominent sons as Samuel Price Carson, first Secretary of State for the Republic of Texas, and friend of Davy Crockett.

Location: 1805 US Hwy 70 W – 4 miles from downtown, Marion, NC (McDowell County)

Mailing Address: 1805 US Hwy 70 West, Marion, NC 28752

Telephone: 828-724-4948

Hours of Operation: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 4:00pm
(May-October)

Fee: \$

Website: www.historiccarsonhouse.com

Name: Historic Johnson Farm

Description: Historic Johnson Farm operates as a heritage learning center for school children and the community. The 1870's brick farmhouse is the oldest brick home in Henderson County and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property features a boarding house, a barn loft museum, 10 historic buildings and 15 acres of fields, forests and streams. Visitors can tour the historic buildings and walk the nature trails. Picnicking is permitted, and there is a gift shop.

Location: 3346 Haywood Road, Hendersonville, NC (Henderson County)

Mailing Address: 3346 Haywood Road, Hendersonville, NC 28791

Telephone: 828-891-6585

Hours of Operation: Tuesday thru Friday 8:00am – 2:30pm; Saturday by appointment; Closed on Henderson County Schools Holidays.

Fee: \$

Website: www.historicjohnsonfarm.org

Name: History Museum of Burke County

Description: The History Museum of Burke County is dedicated to the collection, preservation, interpretation and educational display of artifacts and documents relating to people and events most representative of Burke County's colorful past, its economic development and the rich cultural heritage of its inhabitants and institutions.

Location: Old City Hall, 201 West Meeting Street, Morganton, NC (Burke County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 416, Morganton, NC 28680

Telephone: 828-437-1777

Hours of Operation: Tuesday thru Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm and Saturday 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.thehistorymuseumofburke.org

Name: Hooper House Heritage Gallery

Description: The Hooper House Heritage Gallery is dedicated to displaying the work and collections of the people of western North Carolina.

Location: 773 West Main Street, Sylva, NC (Jackson County)

Mailing Address: 773 West Main Street, Sylva, NC 28779

Telephone: 828-962-1911

Hours of Operation: Monday thru Friday, 9:30am – 5:30 pm;
Saturday, 10:00am – 2:30 pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.mountainlovers.com

Name: Horne Creek Living Historical Farm

Description: This living historical farm features rare and endangered breeds of animals, heirloom garden and field crops, and a heritage apple orchard. A North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources State Historic Site, Horne Creek offers farming, domestic skills, and historic craft demonstrations that recall the life of the Hausers, a circa 1900 northwest Piedmont family. Staff and volunteers interpret everyday life and the seasonal work cycle of an active farm.

Location: 308 Horne Creek Farm Road, Pinnacle, NC (Surry County)

Mailing Address: 308 Horne Creek Farm Road, Pinnacle, NC 27043

Telephone: 336-325-2298

Hours of Operation: Year-Round; 9:00am – 5:00pm; Closed Sundays,
Mondays & Major Holidays.

Fee: None

Website: www.nchistoricsites.org

Name: House of Flags Museum

Description: The House of Flags Museum is dedicated to nurturing and promoting patriotism, flag etiquette and historical understanding of the evolution of our Nation's flag through flag displays and a variety of educational programs and activities for all visitors. The collection includes over 300 pre-Colonial, Colonial, Revolutionary, Confederate, US, military, state, and international flags including all 27 full-size official flags from 1776 to 1960.

Location: Hwy #9 on Green Creek and Coxe Roads, Columbus, NC
(Polk County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 1090, Columbus, NC 28722-1090

Telephone: 828-894-5640

Hours of Operation: By appointment.

Fee: None

Website: www.houseofflags.org

Name: John C. Campbell Folk School

Description: The Folk School's History Center features exhibits on twentieth century Appalachian culture, and the Craft Shop has carvings from the renowned Brasstown Carvers. The Fain Archives and History Center include school records, photographs, artwork and important items of memorabilia of the rich crafts heritage that has made the Folk School a historical landmark.

Location: Hwy 64 West to Brasstown, NC (Clay County)

Mailing Address: John C. Campbell Folk School, One Folk School
Road, Brasstown, NC 28902

Telephone: 828-837-2775 or 800-365-5724

Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday, 8:00am – 5pm;

Sunday 1:00pm – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.folkschool.com

Name: Junaluska Memorial and Museum

Description: The museum displays artifacts, artwork and crafts from the Cheoah Valley, now the Snowbird Community. Some of the projectile points (arrowheads and spearheads) date from 8,000 B.C or earlier. The memorial is the gravesite of Cherokee Warrior Junaluska.

Location: Located on Junaluska Drive, Hwy 143, Robbinsville, NC (Graham County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 1547, Robbinsville, NC 28771

Telephone: 828-479-4727

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.junaluska.com

Name: KidSenses Children's Museum

Description: This is an interactive children's museum. Exhibits and special workshops stimulate the imagination and educate by focusing on art, science, math, technology, geography, culture and society. Children and adults experience hands-on fun and learning in an exciting environment.

Location: 172 North Main Street, downtown Rutherfordton, NC (Rutherford County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 150, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Telephone: 828-286-2120

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00am – 5:00pm;
Sunday 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Fee: \$ - Senior Rates and Annual Memberships available

Website: www.kidsenses.com

Name: Macon County Historical Museum

Description: The Museum holds public programs, publishes a newsletter and books on county history, pursues genealogical and historical research and promotes historic preservation. The Museum is housed in the Pendergrass Building, circa 1904, an excellent example of early 20th century retail store design, complemented by original fixtures and a variety of artifact and photographs of Macon County's past.

Location: The J.R. Pendergrass Store Building, 36 West Main, downtown Franklin, NC (Macon County)

Mailing Address: 36 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28744

Telephone: 828-524-9758

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm;
Saturday, Noon – 4:00pm.

Fee: None

Name: MaimyEtta Black Fine Arts Museum

Description: The museum houses a collection of global Black fine art, including some original works of Romare Bearden and Jacob Lawrence. A historical time line shows the connections of Black people and their history, and the museum includes the personal historical collection of Mrs. Gumbs, operator of the museum.

Location: 404 Hardin Road, Forest City, NC (Rutherford County)

Mailing Address: 404 Hardin Road, Forest City, NC 28043

Telephone: 828-245-1525

Hours of Operation: Monday – Thursday, 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Fee: \$ - Classes and other large groups call for appointment.

Name: McDowell House at Quaker Meadows

Description: Built in 1812 by Captain Charles McDowell, Jr., this classic Federal home portrays the history of life during 19th century. On September 30, 1780, General Charles and Major Joseph McDowell and the Overmountain Men held a rendezvous at Quaker Meadows prior to marching to the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Location: 119 St. Mary's Church Road, Morganton, NC (Burke County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 915, Morganton, NC 28680

Telephone: 828-437-4104

Hours of Operation: Sunday afternoons April – October, 2:00pm – 4:00pm and by appointment.

Fee: None

Website: www.historicburke.org

Name: Mineral and Lapidary Museum of Henderson County

Description: The Museum was established in 1997 and houses mineral exhibits from North Carolina, replicas of world famous diamonds, English minerals, Indian artifacts, a dinosaur egg nest, fossils, fluorescent minerals, gems and faceted minerals. The museum promotes the education of earth sciences by displaying minerals, fossils, gems, petrified wood and lapidary arts. The Museum's specialty is geodes, which are sold, cracked and displayed.

Location: 400 North Main Street, downtown, Hendersonville, NC (Henderson County)

Mailing Address: 400 North Main Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Telephone: 828-698-1977

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 1:00pm – 5:00pm; Saturday 10:00 – 5:00pm; School groups and tours by appointment.

Fee: None

Website: www.mineralmuseum.org

Name: Monteith Farmstead and Appalachian Women's Center

Description: The Monteith Farmstead is an unusually intact representation of a 20th-century Appalachian farm and homestead. Situated along Scotts Creek, the sixteen acre Farmstead is comprised of a 1907 farmhouse and outbuildings; including a barn, combination canning and wash house, a lean-to-shed for farm equipment and a flower house. The Farmstead is currently undergoing restoration to create a home for the Appalachian Women's Museum.

Location: Hometown Place Road, Dillsboro, NC (Jackson County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 430, Dillsboro, NC 28725

Telephone: 828-586-5244

Hours of Operation: Opening in 2012. Please check the website for current ongoing activities, special events and festivals.

Fee: None

Website: www.dillsboronc.info

Name: Mount Airy Museum of Regional History

Description: The museum contains over 22,000 square feet of exhibit

space. Of special interest are exhibits on the world famous Siamese Twins, Andy Griffith's Heritage Exhibit and a 70 square foot model of the Cape Fear-Yadkin Valley Railroad. The museum collects, preserves and interprets the history of the region. A spectacular view of the surrounding mountains may be seen from the Museum's Clock Tower.

Location: 301 North Main Street, downtown Mt. Airy, NC (Surry County)

Mailing Address: 301 North Main Street, Mt. Airy, NC 27030

Telephone: 336-786-4478

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm;

Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm (April – October);

Saturday 10:00am – 2:00pm (November – March)

Fee: \$

Website: www.northcarolinamuseum.org

Name: Mountain Farm and Home Museum

Description: The museum collects, restores and displays antique farm machinery as well as implements and conducts educational programs relating to farming and farm life. Some of the farm equipment collection is featured at local and state exhibits.

Location: 101 Brookside Camp Road, Off of Hwy 25, Hendersonville, NC (Henderson County)

Mailing Address: 101 Brookside Camp Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Telephone: 828-697-8846

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.mfhmuseum.homestead.com

Name: Mountain Gateway Museum and Heritage Center

Description: This is a frontier museum with exhibits and artifacts depicting Western North Carolina pioneer lifestyle, including two restored log cabins. Visitors will often find music, storytelling, and hands-on activities during special programs at this North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Division of History Museums site.

Location: On the corner of Catawba Avenue and Water Street, Old Fort, NC

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1286, Old Fort, NC 28762 (McDowell County)

Telephone: 828-668-9259

Hours of Operation: Monday, Noon – 5:00pm;

Tuesday - Saturday, 9:00am – 5:00 pm; Sunday, 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.ncmuseumofhistory.org

**Name: Mountain Heritage Center
at Western Carolina University**

Description: The Mountain Heritage Center celebrates the heritage of the southern Appalachian region through exhibits, publications, educational programs and demonstrations.

Location: Western Carolina University campus. First floor HFR Administration Building, Cullowhee, NC (Jackson County)

Mailing Address: Room 150, HFR Administration Building, WCU, Cullowhee, NC 28723

Telephone: 828-227-7129

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm;
Sunday, (June – October)

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.wcu.edu/mhc

Name: Museum of Ashe County History

Description: The Museum of Ashe County embraces the history of the northwestern corner of North Carolina, its people, their hardships and their progress. The first exhibit is the 1904 Courthouse building in Jefferson, NC. This historic building is now under restoration and will become the Museum's permanent home. The Museum also displays artifacts, images and documents that tell stories of the Ore Knob Copper Mine and the "Virginia Creeper," the Abingdon Branch of the Norfolk & Western Railway that began in Abingdon, Virginia, and terminated in the Ashe County community of Todd.

Location: A temporary Museum is on Main Street across from the 1904 Courthouse in Jefferson, NC (Ashe County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1404, Jefferson, NC 28640

Telephone: 336-846-1904

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00am– 4:00pm
(April thru October)

Fee: None

Website: www.ashehistory.org

Name: Museum of the Cherokee Indian

Description: This state-of-the-art museum traces the history of the Cherokee Indian from the earliest inhabitants of the area, about 11,000 years ago, to present day. An extensive exhibit of artifacts and photos is enhanced with computer-generated holograms and other imagery sound and special effects that leave a lasting impression on the visitor.

Location: Hwy 441 North and Drama Road, Cherokee, NC (Qualla Boundary)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1599, Cherokee, NC 28719

Telephone: 828-497-3481

Hours of Operation: Open Daily, 9:00am – 5:00pm, Except
Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Fee: \$

Website: www.cherokeemuseum.org

**Name: Museum of North Carolina Handicrafts
in the Shelton House**

Description: The museum showcases a distinctive collection of 19th century arts, crafts and furniture created by North Carolina crafters from the 18th through the 21st centuries. Also preserved is a collection of Navajo arts from the 19th and 20th centuries, as well as many Cherokee artifacts.

Location: Hwy 276 South and Shelton Street, Waynesville, NC
(Haywood County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 145, Waynesville, NC 28786

Telephone: 828-452-1551

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm (May
– October)

Fee: \$

Website: www.museumnc@bellsouth.net.

Name: Museum of North Carolina Minerals

Description: The National Park Service/The Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor's Center and educational museum highlights the geology of the region and the rich mining heritage of the area.

Location: Blue Ridge Parkway – Milepost 331, Spruce Pine, NC (Mitchell County)

Mailing Address: 214 Parkway Maintenance Road, Spruce Pine, NC 28777

Telephone: 828-765-2761

Hours of Operation: Year Round; May – November, 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.nps.gov/blri

Name: Museum of Rutherford Hospital

Description: The museum was created to record and preserve the Hospital's heritage. The artifacts in the collection were actually used at Rutherford Hospital. The design features vignettes that showcase several areas of hospital life, including the 1906 Surgical Room, Nursing School and patient rooms. A beautiful mural located in the museum, painted by artist Clive Hayes, depicts the different stages through the century of the hospital's history. It is a self-guided tour.

Location: 281 S. Ridgecrest Avenue, across from Outpatient Center, Rutherfordton, NC (Rutherford County)

Mailing Address: 281 S. Ridgecrest Avenue, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Telephone: 828-286-5000

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.rutherfordhosp.org

Name: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Climatic Data Center, Climate and Weather Museum

Description: The museum presents a historical perspective of the evolution of the science of Meteorology. Utilizing the theme, "Our Climate...Past, Present and Future," the technological advances in the field of climatology over the past 100-plus years are exhibited.

Location: Federal Building, 151 Patton Avenue, Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: Federal Building, Room 120, 151 Patton Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801.

Telephone: 828-271-4203

Hours of Operation: By appointment Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 3:30pm. No visits if National Security Level is Orange or Red.

Fee: None

Website: www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/about/ncdcvisit.html

Name: North Carolina Homespun Museum

Description: The Museum presents a historical overview of Biltmore Industries and its internationally renowned wool cloth. Inside the Museum, photographs depict important events from Biltmore Industries history, including its 1901 origin by Eleanor Vance and Charlotte Yale, through the growth years under Fred Seely and its revitalization by Harry Bloomberg.

Location: Across from the Grove Park Inn Resort, 111 Grovewood Road, Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 111 Grovewood Road, Asheville, NC 28804

Telephone: 828-253-7651

Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm;
Sunday, 11:00am – 5:00pm. Closed January – March.

Fee: None

Website: www.grovewood.com

Name: North Carolina School for the Deaf Museum

Description: The NCSH Historical Museum (Historic Rusmisell Museum Society) is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of education for the deaf in North Carolina. The history dates back to the establishment of the NC Institute of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind in Raleigh, NC in 1845, and the establishment of the NC School for the Deaf in Morganton, NC in 1894.

Location: On the campus of the NC School for the Deaf (former Superintendent's house), Morganton, NC (Burke County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2681, Morganton, NC 28680

Telephone: 828-432-5224

Hours of Operation: Upon request.

Fee: None

Website: www.ncsd.net

Name: Old Depot Association Caboose and Railroad Museum

Description: The Museum features a restored Norfolk and Western Bay Window Caboose. Inside visitors can view old photographs of the railroad and Depot going back more than 100 years. Multi-media exhibits portray the coming of the railroad to the Swannanoa Valley, construction of the tunnels through Old Fort Mountain and oral histories of Southern Railroad personnel.

Location: Next to the Old Depot Gallery at the foot of Cherry Street and its intersection with Sutton Avenue in Black Mountain, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 207 Sutton Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

Telephone: 828-669-6583

Hours of Operation: 10:00am – 5:00pm, Tuesday thru Saturday.
(April 1st – December 21st) Groups by appointment.

Fee: None

Website: www.olddepot.org

Name: Old Fort Train Station & Museum

Description: The Old Fort Depot was built in 1881 and is the second depot built in Old Fort. The museum interprets the railroad history of the area, including a variety of exhibits and artifacts used by Southern Railroad. A scale model of the seven hand-dug tunnels and nine miles of track ascending the Swannanoa Gap from Old Fort to Ridgecrest is on display. This section of track was completed in 1879 and at one time included the longest tunnel in the country at 1800 feet. The tunnels were built by Western North Carolina Railroad.

Location: 25 West Main Street, Old Fort, NC (McDowell County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 1567, Old Fort, NC 28762

Telephone: 828-668-4282

Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday, 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.mcdowellnc.org

Name: Orchard at Altapass

Description: The historic orchard was purchased and is operated today to preserve the natural, cultural and historic features of the NC Blue Ridge. Historic storytelling, regional gift items, craft demonstrations and mountain music are presented on this century-old apple orchard.

Location: Mile marker 328.3 on Blue Ridge Parkway. (McDowell County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 245, Little Switzerland, NC 29749

Telephone: 828-765-9531

Hours of Operation: Seasonal, May – November; Monday, and Wednesday thru Saturday 10:00am -6:00pm, Sunday, Noon – 6:00pm.

Fee: None. (\$ for Hayride)

Website: www.altapassorchard.com

Name: Piedmont & Western Railroad Museum

Description: Construction of the HO-scale layout began in the Old Rock School in 1989 with over 800 square feet in area, the layout has a mainline over four square miles in length. The museum also features replicas of a small-town depot and part of a Pullman porter's compartment.

Location: Old Rock School in Valdese, NC (Burke County)

Mailing Address: 400 Main Street West, Valdese, NC 28690

Telephone: 828-879-2126

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday; 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.visitvaldese.com

Name: Polk County Historical Association Museum

Description: The museum's exhibits include artifacts from the Cherokee Indians, early settlers, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, WWI and WWII, they include tools and clothing of settlers, railroad memorabilia, artifacts from Polk County residents, photos and paintings of historic places in the county as well as a very significant Civil War artifact.

Location: 60 Walker Street in Columbus, NC (Polk County) Entrance and Parking on Ward Street.

Mailing Address: PO Box 503, Columbus, NC 28722

Telephone: 828-894-3881

Hours of Operation: Tuesday's and Thursday's, 10:00am – Noon or by appointment.

Fee: None

Website: www.nc-mountains.org

Name: Presbyterian Heritage Center at Montreat

Description: The Presbyterian Heritage Center provides an innovative, interactive and educational museum and research facility; (onsite and online) presenting Presbyterian and Reformed heritage, the church's tradition of worldwide mission and the interesting history of Montreat, the first religious conference center in Western North Carolina. There are also special lectures, live performances and storytelling events.

Location: 318 Georgia Terrace, Montreat, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 207, Montreat, NC 28757

Telephone: 828-669-6556

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm;
Saturday, 1:00pm - 3:00pm; Sunday, 1:30pm – 4:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.phcmontreat.org

Name: Richard Gwyn Museum

Description: Elkin's founder, Richard Gwyn, built Gwyn School-Elkin Chapel around 1850 so his family and others settlers on the north side of the Yadkin River would not have to cross the river to attend church and school in Jonesville. The building is the oldest in Surry County to have been used as either a church or school. Artifacts include farm tools, domestic items, textiles, a weaving loom, photographs and documents.

Location: 129 Church Street, Elkin, NC (Surry County)

Mailing Address: 269 Ivy Circle, Elkin, NC 28621

Telephone: 336-835-3042

Hours of Operation: Second Sunday of every month,
2:00pm – 5:00pm and by appointment.

Fee: None

Name: Richmond Hill Law School

Description: Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Richmond Hill is the family home of the Honorable Richmond Mumford Pearson (1805-1878), an American jurist who served as Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court from 1858 to 1878. Pearson also started a law school here in 1848 that lasted until his death. One of Yadkin County's six Civil War Trail markers is located here. Pearson's home, built in 1861, was fully restored in the 1970's and is the centerpiece of the 30-acre Richmond Hill Law School and Nature Park.

Location: 4641 Law School Road, East Bend, NC (Yadkin County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 1250, Yadkinville, NC 27055-1250

Telephone: 336-699-3921

Hours of Operation: Every third Sunday afternoon from
April – October.

Fee: None

Name: Robert B. Smith House and Memorial Park

Description: Built in 1910, this neo Colonial architectural home was the medical office of Dr. Robert Smith, brother of Gertrude Smith who is the benefactor of the Gilmer-Smith House Foundation. The home is on the National Register of Historic Places and features exhibits of local and historical significance. The Memorial Park and botanical gardens, located behind the house, are the setting for the Summer Music Series in the Park.

Location: 615 North Main Street, Mount Airy, NC (Surry County)

Mailing Address: The Gilmer-Smith Foundation, 615 North Main Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030.

Telephone: 336-789-4636

Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday, 10:00am – 4:00pm; and by appointment.

Fee: None

Website: www.visitmountairy.com

Name: Rural Life Museum

Description: Housed in the historic Montague Building on the campus of Mars Hill College, The Rural Life Museum collects, preserves, exhibits and interprets rural life artifacts from the Southern Appalachian region.

Location: On the campus of Mars Hill College, Montague Building, Mars Hill, NC (Madison County)

Mailing Address: Mars Hill College, Box 6706, Mars Hill, NC 28754

Telephone: 828-689-1262

Hours of Operation: Appointment Only.

Fee: None

Website: www.mhc.edu/regional/museum

Name: Rutherford County Farm Museum

Description: The museum has hundreds of historic items, including antique farm and home equipment. Two large murals depict the cultivation of cotton and early textile mills in the county.

Location: 240 Depot Street, One block off Main Street, downtown Forest City, NC (Rutherford County)

Mailing Address: 240 Depot Street, Forest City, NC 28043

Telephone: 828-248-1248

Hours of Operation: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Fee: \$

Website: www.blueridge.net/farmusem

Name: Rutherford County Heritage Center

Description: The Heritage Center is an exhibit of the most significant events in Rutherford County's history. This includes information and stories of the Bechtler Mint, Gilbert Town, Overmountain Men and the Revolutionary War, Civil War, textiles, historic photographs, artifacts, videos as well as information for other area heritage sites.

Location: 289 N. Main Street (Rutherford County Office Building) Rutherfordton, NC

Mailing Address: 141 W. 3rd Street, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Telephone: 828-287-6074

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Name: Scottish Tartan Museum

Description: More than 500 tartans are on display at this Scottish Heritage Center that relates the history of this distinctive fabric. In addition to Tartans and Highland dress displays, the museum maintains a database with records of nearly 6,000 tartan designs.

Location: 86 East Main Street, Downtown Franklin, NC (Macon County)

Mailing Address: 86 East Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734

Telephone: 828-524-7472

Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: \$

Website: www.scottishtartans.org

Name: Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. Library and Museum

Description: On the campus of Western Piedmont Community College, the museum is a replica of Senator Ervin's home library as it existed at 515 Lenoir Street in Morganton. The library includes books, correspondence, photos, furniture, professional and family memorabilia, original political cartoons from the Watergate era, awards and other materials collected by Senator Ervin during his many years of political service.

Location: Western Piedmont Community College in Phifer Resources Center, Morganton, NC (Burke County)

Mailing Address: 1001 Burkemont Avenue, Morganton, NC 28655

Telephone: 828-448-6195

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Other times by appointment.

Fee: None

Website: www.samervinlibrary.org

Name: Shook House Museum

Description: The Shook Museum at the Shook-Welch-Smathers House is the "Historic Pride of Clyde." The historic house was built in two different periods of history – circa 1800 and a large addition and remodeling in the 1890's. The Museum features early American pioneer architecture and construction. The earlier portion of this house was built in what was then the American's wilderness frontier. The Shook House has recently been listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Location: 178 Morgan Street, Clyde, NC (Haywood County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 355, Clyde, NC 28721

Telephone: 1-877-620-2300

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 6:00pm.

Fee: \$

Website: www.shookmuseum.org

Name: Smith McDowell House Museum

Description: Asheville's oldest brick house, circa 1840, contains opulent period rooms, history exhibits and grounds designed by the renowned Olmsted Brothers.

Location: On the campus of Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College - 283 Victoria Rd., Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 283 Victoria Road, Asheville NC 28801

Telephone: 828-253-9231

Hours of Operation: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Fee: \$ Group rates available for 12 or more.

Website: www.wnchistory.org

Name: Smoky Mountain Trains Museum

Description: The museum houses one of the countries largest Lionel train collections with over 4,000 engines, cars and accessories, two operating layouts, children's activity center and extensive gift and hobby store. It is owned and operated by Great Smoky Mountains Railroad.

Location: 100 Greenlee Street, Next to the train Depot Bryson City, NC (Swain County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 1490, Bryson City, NC 28713

Telephone: 828-488-5200

Hours of Operation: Hours vary seasonally.

Fee: \$

Website: www.smokymountaintrains.com

Name: Southern Appalachian Radio Museum

Description: This collection includes radios from World War I to the 1960s, early amateur and home radios plus an operating radio station.

Location: On the campus of Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College, 340 Victoria Road, Elm Building Room 315, Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 340 Victoria Road, Asheville, NC 28801

Telephone: 828-298-1847

Hours of Operation: Fridays 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.saradiomuseum.org

Name: Sparta Teapot Museum of Craft & Design

Description: The mission of the Sparta Teapot Museum of Craft and Design is to share a unique cultural and educational experience and to enhance the economic development of the region. The Preview Gallery features exhibits of art objects by local artisans and celebrated artists from around the country and is designed to appeal to a diverse audience with a degree of subject interest, ages and education.

Location: 18 South Main Street, Sparta, NC (Alleghany County)

Mailing Address: 115 Atwood Street, Sparta, NC 28675

Telephone: 336-372-6879

Hours of Operation: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm (March – December) Closed January and February.

Fee: None

Website: www.spartateapotmuseum.org

Name: Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center

Description: Stecoah Valley Arts Center, located in the restored 1926 school building, offers a summer concert series, two annual festivals and a regional artist gallery featuring a variety of original artwork and fine crafts. It also features an exhibit devoted to the heritage of local Cherokee families.

Location: NC Hwy #28 to Stecoah Road, Robbinsville, NC (Graham County)

Mailing Address: 121 Schoolhouse Road, Robbinsville, NC 28771

Telephone: 828-479-3364

Hours of Operation: Year round Monday – Friday, 10:00am - 5:00pm, Saturdays (June – December)

Extended hours for concerts and special events.

Fee: None for Artisans Gallery and Exhibits - \$ for Concerts

Website: www.StecoahValleyCenter.com

Name: Surry County Historical Society – Edwards Franklin House

Description: The Edwards-Franklin House was built by Gideon Edwards in 1799 and later occupied by Congressman Meshack Franklin. Purchased and restored by the Surry County Historical Society in 1973. A Sonker Festival featuring old-time music and deep dish fruit pies (sonkers) is held the first Saturday in October. The house has original decorative painting on the doors, mantels and wainscoting.

Location: Intersection of I-77 and NC 89, Haystack Road, Low Gap, NC (Surry County)

Mailing Address: 225 Windsor Park Drive, Dobson, NC 27017

Telephone: 336-789-7034

Hours of Operation: Second Saturday and Sunday; April - October

Fee: None

Website: www.visitmayberry.com

Name: Swannanoa Valley Museum

Description: This is a museum of general history that illustrates the development of Western North Carolina from Cherokee inhabitation to the mid-20th century through exhibits and collections specifically from the Swannanoa Valley in eastern Buncombe County.

Location: 223 W. State St., next door to Black Mountain Center for the Arts, Black Mountain, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 306, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

Telephone: 828-669-9566.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday thru Friday, 10:00am – 5:00pm; Saturday, Noon – 4:00pm; Sunday 2:00pm – 5:00pm; April thru October.

Fee: None.

Website: www.swannanoavalleymuseum.org

Name: The Family Store – A History of Jewish Businesses

Description: The Family Store is a 12-panel exhibit which spotlights the more than 400 Jewish businesses found in downtown Asheville. Through stories and photographs, from the era when all downtowns were destinations of purpose, it illuminates the civic contributions of these merchants along with the development of downtown. Walking tours and a book of the exhibit are available.

Location: This is a virtual exhibit. To access go to www.history-at-hand.com and click on Family Store. Four of the original panels are on display at Pack Place, 2 Pack Square, Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 333 Montford Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801

Telephone: 828-777-1014

Hours of Operation: Year round virtual tour; Walking tour by appointment.

Fee: None (\$ for walking tour)

Website: www.history-at-hand.com

Name: The Fine Art Museum at the Fine and Performing Arts Center at Western Carolina University

Description: The Fine Art Museum serves the campus and the community as a cultural catalyst to celebrate and preserve the artistic legacy of the Western North Carolina region with a developing focus to collect, interpret and showcase innovation in contemporary fine art in all media. The museum also functions as a teaching resource by facilitating scholarly research in the visual arts, interactive art education and curriculum support across disciplines. It provides enrichment and lifelong learning for children and adults.

Location: Western Carolina University campus. (Jackson County)

Mailing Address: Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723

Telephone: 828-227-2553

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm., Saturday, 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Closed Sunday, Monday and University Holidays.

Fee: None

Website: www.wcu.edu

Name: The Health Adventure

Description: The Health Adventure serves as a health and science museum for today's families and children by providing quality programs and exhibits in health, wellness and science.

Location: 2 South Pack Square, downtown Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 180, Asheville, NC 28802

Telephone: 828-254-6373

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00am – 5:00pm;
Saturday and Sunday 1:00pm – 5:00pm.

Fee: \$

Website: www.thehealthadventure.org

Name: The North Carolina Arboretum

Description: Nestled in the Western North Carolina mountains, The North Carolina Arboretum is a 434-acre property, featuring 65 acres of cultivated gardens, 10 miles of forested trails, a state-of-the-art production greenhouse and a Bonsai Exhibition Garden. Science, art and cultural history exhibits are rotated seasonally.

Location: 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC 28806

Telephone: 828-665-2492

Hours of Operation: 8:00am – 9:00pm April – October;
8:00am – 7:00pm November – March. Buildings are open
9:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Saturday; Noon to 5:00pm Sunday.

Fee: \$

Website: www.ncarboretum.org

Name: Thomas Wolfe Memorial

Description: This 28-room Victorian boardinghouse is novelist Thomas Wolfe's boyhood home and the setting for his 1929 classic *Look Homeward, Angel*. The museum and exhibits trace the life and writings of this powerful writer, and the house looks as it did in the early twentieth century. Tours of the historic house are offered hourly. Tours and guides are available to Riverside Cemetery Asheville's oldest historic cemetery and gravesite of Thomas Wolfe and O. Henry. Special events throughout the year commemorate Wolfe's literary legacy at the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources State Historic Site.

Location: 52 N. Market Street, off Biltmore Avenue, downtown, Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 52 N. Market St., Asheville, NC 28801.

Telephone: 828-253-8304

Hours of Operation: Tuesday - Saturday, 9:00am – 5:00pm;
Sunday, 1:00pm – 5:00pm.

Fee: \$

Website: www.wolfememorial.com

Name: Transylvania County Heritage Museum

Description: The Museum's exhibits reflect the lifestyles and stories of settlers in the region and depict a mountain county with abundance of rivers and cataracts, a county dubbed the Land of Waterfalls. The area's

historical heritage is also kept alive through educational programs and cultural events.

Location: 40 West Jordan Street, Brevard, NC (Transylvania County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2347, Brevard, NC 28712

Telephone: 828-884-2347

Hours of Operation: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.transylvaniaheritage.org

Name: Turchin Center for the Visual Arts

Description: Turchin Center for the Visual Arts presents exhibition, education, and collection programs that support Appalachian State University's role as a key regional educational, cultural, and economic resource.

Location: 423 West King Street, Boone, NC (Avery County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 32139, Boone, NC 28608

Telephone: 828-262-3017

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00am – 6:00pm; Friday, Noon – 8:00pm; Saturday, 10:00am – 6:00pm; Closed Sunday and Monday.

Fee: None

Website: www.tcva.org

Name: Tweetsie Railroad Depot Museum

Description: Tweetsie Railroad's No. 12 narrow gauge, coal-fired steam locomotive was built in 1917 for the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad (ET&WNC), which made runs from Johnson City, Tennessee to Boone, North Carolina. The museum contains historic memorabilia from the ET&WNC Railroad, artifacts from the 50-year theme park and Fred Kirby items. Tweetsie Railroad is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Location: 300 Tweetsie Railroad Lane, Blowing Rock, NC (Watauga County) US Highway 321 between Boone and Blowing Rock.

Mailing Address: 300 Tweetsie Railroad Lane, Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Telephone: 828-264-9061

Hours of Operation: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May – Memorial Day; Monday – Sunday Memorial Day – Mid –August; Mid-August – October; 9:00am- 6:00pm.

Fee: \$\$

Website: www.tweetsie.com

Name: Waldensian Heritage Museum

Description: Explore, learn and retrace the lives of these early Christians from the Middle Ages in Europe across the centuries to the settling in a new world. The museum contains Waldensian artifacts, cherished heirlooms and memorabilia of early Valdeese.

Location: 208 Rodoret Street South – Take I-40 – Exit 111 – North on Carolina Street 1.1 miles. Turn left on St Germain Ave and 2 blocks to Rodoret Street, Valdese, NC. (Burke County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 111, Valdese, NC 28690

Telephone: 828-874-1111 828-879-2126

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Friday, morning tour at 11:00am; afternoon tour at 2:00pm.

Fee: \$

Website: www.waldensianheritagemuseum.com
www.visitvaldese.com

Name: Waldensian Trail of Faith

Description: The Trail of Faith consists of fifteen outdoor exhibits and replicas tracing the religious heritage and pilgrimage of the faithful Waldenses from the Alps of Northern Italy to the settling of Valdese in 1893.

Location: 401 Church Street, Valdese, NC 28690

Mailing Address: 152 East Main Street, Valdese, NC 28690

Telephone: 1- 800-635-4778 or 828-874-1893

Hours of Operation: Saturday and Sunday; 2:00pm – 5:00pm
(April – October)

Fee: \$

Website: www.visitvaldese.com

Name: Western North Carolina Air Museum

Description: The Western North Carolina Air Museum is the first air museum in the state of North Carolina, known as the “First in Flight” state. The museum features award-winning restored and replica antique and vintage airplanes, and it collects and preserves aviation history through exhibits and programming. Gift shop features aviation-related souvenirs.

Location: 1340 Gilbert Street, off Brooklyn Avenue, Hendersonville, NC (Henderson County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2343, Hendersonville, NC 28793

Telephone: 828-698-2483

Hours of Operation: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday;
Noon – 5:00pm, weather permitting.

Fee: None

Website: www.wncairmuseum.com

Name: Western North Carolina Nature Center

Description: The WNC Nature Center is a living museum with a focus on wildlife of the Appalachians. The Center houses a collection of 130 injured and orphaned wildlife including reptiles, mammals, birds, insects, and amphibians. The facility conveys a sense of unity between humans and the animals that call the center home.

Location: 75 Gashes Creek Road, Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 75 Gashes Creek Road, Asheville, NC 28805

Telephone: 828-298-5600

Hours of Operation: Daily 10:00am – 5:00pm; Closed Holidays and Bad Weather

Fee: \$

Website: www.wildwnc.org

Name: Wilkes Heritage Museum

Description: At the Wilkes Heritage Museum visitors can learn about early settlers, pottery, education, religion, NASCAR, moonshine, the poultry industry, military history and Tom “Dooley” Dula. The Wilkes Heritage Museum includes both the Old Wilkes Jail and the Robert Cleveland Log Home.

Location: 100 East Main Street, downtown Wilkesboro, NC (Wilkes County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 935, Wilkesboro, NC 28697

Telephone: 336-667-3712

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Fee: \$

Website: www.wilkesheritagemuseum.com

Name: William Alfred Moore House

Description: The William Alfred Moore House was built in 1860 and is the earliest known structure remaining in the town of Mount Airy. The house exhibits a combination of Victorian and Italianate stylistic features and, on the interior, Greek Revival features. Located in the front yard of the house is a circa 1865 rustic hexagonal summer house constructed with wood poles and intervening root walls, and a shingle roof. A picture of this very rare gazebo can be seen in the book, North Carolina Architecture by Katherine Bisher.

Location: 202 Moore Street, Mt. Airy, NC (Surry County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 447, Mt. Airy, NC 27030

Telephone: 336-786-4512

Hours of Operation: By appointment.

Fee: None

Website: www.visitmayberry.com

Name: World Methodist Museum

Description: The World Methodist Museum houses the largest collection of Wesleyana in the world. This tells the story of the Wesleyan movement from the beginning of Methodism in England to the growing movement in America and its influence and ministry around the world.

Location: 575 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC (Haywood County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 518, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Telephone: 828-456-9432

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:30pm.

Or by Appointment.

Fee: None

Name: Yancey History Association – Rush Wray Museum

Description: The Yancey History Association and the Rush Wray Museum preserve the history and heritage of Yancey County through exhibits, educational programs and the preservation of the McElroy House in which the museum is located.

Location: Located in the McElroy House, 11 Academy Street, Burnsville, NC (Yancey County)

Mailing Address: PO Box 1088, Burnsville, NC 28714

Telephone: 828-682-3671

Hours of Operation: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Fee: \$

Website: yhmuseum@yancey.main.nc.us

Name: YMI Cultural Center, Inc.

Description: The mission of the YMI Cultural Center is to celebrate African-American culture and diversity in the community. Housed in one of Asheville's national historic landmarks commissioned by George Vanderbilt in 1893, the center features exhibit galleries, classes and performances.

Location: 39 S. Market Street, off Biltmore Avenue, downtown, Asheville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 39 S. Market St., Asheville, NC 28801

Telephone: 828-252-4614

Hours of Operation: Tuesday thru Friday, 10:00am – 5:00pm;
Saturday by appointment.

Fee: \$

Website: www.ymicc.org

Name: Zachary-Tolbert House

Description: A rare example of vernacular Greek Revival style architecture in the mountains, the Zachary-Tolbert House is a proud legacy to the pioneer spirit that helped build and transform a young nation. For 150 years, through tumultuous and changing times that sometimes split families apart, the Zachary-Tolbert House has remained virtually unaltered: no electricity, no plumbing, no central heat, no paint on interior walls and furniture made by Mordecai Zachary. Today it stands as one of the most important historical buildings in Western North Carolina.

Location: 1940 Highway 107 South, Cashiers, NC (Jackson County)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 104, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Telephone: 828-743-7710

Hours of Operation: Friday and Saturday, 11:00am – 3:00pm, June thru October.

Fee: \$

Website: www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org.

Name: Zebulon B. Vance Birthplace

Description: This 1830s reconstructed mountain farmstead is the birthplace of North Carolina's Civil War Governor. This is a NC Department of Cultural Resources Historic Site

Location: 911 Reems Creek Road, Weaverville, NC (Buncombe County)

Mailing Address: 911 Reems Creek Road, Weaverville, NC 28787

Telephone: 828-645-6706

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Saturday. 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Fee: None

Website: www.vancebirthplace.nchistoricsites.org

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AdvantageWest

is Western North Carolina's regional economic development commission. AdvantageWest promotes and advocates the creation of improved economic opportunity in the region while encouraging stewardship of the culture, heritage and natural resources of Western North Carolina

www.advantagewest.com



Blue Ridge National Heritage Area

was designated by Congress and the President in November 2003, in recognition of the unique character, culture, and natural beauty of Western North Carolina and the region's significance to the history of our nation.

www.blueridgeheritage.com

North Carolina Department of Commerce,

Division of Tourism undertakes a broad range of marketing activities, in cooperation with local and regional economic development and tourism promotion organizations, to increase tourism in the state.

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The Heritage Tourism Program

works in cooperation with strategic partners to develop and support sustainable efforts that strive to protect, preserve and promote the state's natural, historic and cultural resources, this effort enhances the economic well being and quality of life for all North Carolinians. This goal is met through the efforts of the Heritage Tourism Development Officers, guided by a Heritage Tourism Director, who all work collaboratively with local, state and national organizations.

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www.ncculture.com

North Carolina ECHO, Exploring Cultural Heritage Online

is the World Wide Web doorway to the collections of North Carolina's libraries, archives, museums, historic sites and other cultural institutions including institutional and collections directories and North Carolina maps.

www.ncecho.org



The North Carolina Office of Archives & History and Regional Western Office,

located in Asheville, NC, provides historical, arts, and library technical services. Staff includes representatives from the State Historic Preservation Office, the State Archives and Records, State Historic Sites and Western Region Administrator. Services include outreach and programmatic coordination; liaison with other state agencies, non-profit, educational, and local government organizations, and with state-wide and Western Region boards and commissions; administrative and technical support for museums, arts organizations, libraries and historical societies throughout the region.

<http://www.history.ncdcr.gov/sections/wo/>



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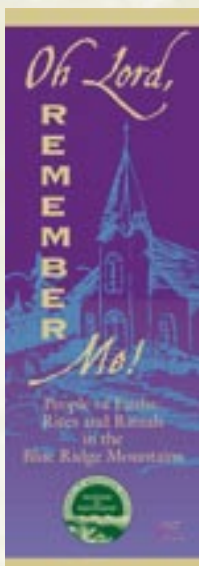
is Western North Carolina's region-wide reading and discussion program. TWR supports a wide range of activities at sites in 21 counties through book distribution, reading and writing guides, publicity and media events and speakers.

www.togetherweweread.org

Annual Themes



2006
"All Aboard the Westbound Train!" A Celebration of Trains, Depots and People of Western North Carolina.



2007
"Oh, Lord, Remember Me!" People of Faiths; Rites and Rituals in the Blue Ridge Mountains.



2008
"Find Your Way Home, Again!" A Genealogy of the Diversity and Heritage of the Mountain People.



2009
"That's A Long Row To Hoe!" Agricultural Heritage; Lifestyles in Farming, Gardening, Foodways and Viticulture – Mountain Style



2010
"Natural Scenic Beauty!" Mountains, Rivers, Valleys, Historic Sites and Trails; Adventure for Traveling Pioneers!



2011
"Brother, Brother, War Is Not the Answer!" A War Within A War; Mountain People and Counties Divided by the Civil War.