

TAKE A HIKE OUTDOOR ITINERARY

DAY ONE

Tour the Blue Ridge Parkway

The 46 miles of twisting mountain roads that run through Haywood County are one of the most popular attractions in the area. After breakfast head to the parkway entrance just outside of Maggie Valley and head North towards Canton for an exquisite drive through the Balsam Mountain Range, which is where Haywood 's native bluegrass band, Balsam Range, got the inspiration for their name. Stop and stretch your legs at two of the counties most popular hiking areas, Graveyard Fields or Devils Courthouse, which are sure to inspire you as well!



Skinny Dip Falls

Cool down this afternoon at a local swimming hole, Skinny Dip Falls. Located on the Blue Ridge Parkway, pull off near mile marker 417, which is near the Looking Glass Rock overlook. A moderate, short hike will take you to a natural waterfall and swimming hole on the Yellow Prong of the Big East Fork of the Pigeon River. Take a cool dip or sun yourself on the rocks. If you continue on the trail past Skinny Dip Falls on the Mountains to Sea trail you will reach Graveyard Fields where you will find more hiking trails and waterfalls.

Check out our Craft Breweries!

You must be getting thirsty! Haywood County is the proud home of four microbreweries: Boojum Brewing, BearWaters Brewing Frog Level Brewing, and Tipping Point Tavern & Brewery. Each had their own distinct taste so spend the afternoon at one (or more) trying their various taps. Order up a frosty flight and don't forget to grab a growler of your favorite to take home.

DAY TWO

Mountain Heritage Trout Waters

They say the early bird gets the worm...well so do the trout!
Purchase a 3-day, \$7.00 fishing license to fish in the designated Mountain Heritage Trout Waters in Waynesville and Maggie Valley. This special 3-day license can be purchased online at www.ncwildlife.org or by telephone Monday - Friday, 8-5 at 888-248-6834. Did you forget your fishing pole and tackle box? No worries! Stop by the Haywood County Visitor Center and pick up a free tackle box filled with 6 lures/flyes and you can borrow either a fly rod or a spinner rod.



Purchase Knob Hike

Swing by the Haywood County Visitor Center in Maggie Valley and pick up a Purchase Knob Hiking Guide. This beautifully illustrated map was created by a local certified naturalist and highlights one of Haywood County's best hiking gems. Purchase Knob offers a wide range of biodiversity and other appealing aspects all encompassed in a four-hour or less walk. Its winter accessibility, summer butterfly and wildflower abundance, and amazing panoramas make Purchase Knob the perfect hike. Easy to Moderate grade.

Cataloochee Valley

Spend your evening with an adventure to see the reintroduced elk of Cataloochee Valley, which are most visible during dawn and dusk. The valley is one of the most remote parts of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and is rich in mountain history and beauty. The area is laced with abundant wildflowers and wildlife including elk, white-tailed deer, black bears, wild turkey, butterflies and many species of birds. The tranquil scenery is sure to inspire the inner artist in everyone. With several hiking trails, streams for fishing, and preserved buildings from the early 1900's, there is plenty to explore in the valley.

****Note****

The above itinerary is a SAMPLE itinerary. Other attractions and activities can be substituted based on your preferences and the current seasonality to create a unique itinerary for your next visit.

Restaurant Suggestions - Haywood County is home to such a wide range of locally owned and operated restaurants that we couldn't just pick a few! From casual, down-home eateries to gourmet, fine-dining and everything in between, we have it all here Haywood. For a full listing and more information, visit www.visitncsmokies.com or call us - 800-334-9036.