

Holiday Fun in Haywood County

During the holidays, North Carolina's [Haywood County](#) transforms into a winter wonderland where the snow-capped peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains are the perfect backdrop for appreciating nature, seasonal shopping and enjoying Appalachian music and culture. Filled with festive decorations, twinkling lights and herds of elk, the mountain side communities of Maggie Valley, Waynesville, Lake Junaluska, Canton and Clyde are the gateway to North Carolina's Smoky Mountains (just 30 minutes from Asheville).

See below some festivities to celebrate the jolliest time of year:

- [Santa Holiday Farm Tours at Winchester Creek Farm](#): From the day after Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve, families can spend a day meeting and learning about the farm's many alpacas while taking in the beautiful Christmas decorations. Guests can share their wish lists with Santa, who will be on site handing out special gifts. Treats like sugar cookies and locally-made candy canes will surely satisfy any sweet-tooth cravings.
- [Canton Christmas Parade](#): Kick-off the holiday season at the Canton Christmas Parade which will feature dance teams, local businesses, vintage cars and high school bands marching the downtown streets of Canton on Dec. 7. Mr. and Mrs. Clause will be making a special appearance at this community favorite.
- [A Night Before Christmas](#): On Dec. 16, the streets of downtown Waynesville will come alive with hundreds of luminaries lining the sidewalks, trees decorated with twinkling balls and lamp posts wrapped in red ribbon and garland. During this annual holiday tradition, there will be carolers, live music and old-fashioned wagon rides. Visitors can discover handcrafted goods from downtown shops, explore local art galleries and savor culinary delights from the many eateries.
- [Folkmoot Holiday Bazaar](#): Travelers can support local artisans and knock out their holiday shopping at Folkmoot's Holiday Bazaar, a marketplace with a variety of vendors. There will be festive music, food trucks and the opportunity to mingle with the community.
- [Christmas at Lake Junaluska Carriage Rides](#): Those looking to enjoy the tranquil surroundings of Haywood County can hop on a carriage and stroll along scenic Lake Junaluska, immersing themselves in spectacular mountain views.

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