

Biltmore/Wine Tasting/King Tut Day Wednesday

0730: Depart Maggie Valley.

0820: Arrive at Biltmore Estate.

0900 - 1300: Explore the Biltmore House and Gardens

1300 - 1400: Lunch at the winery and wine tasting

1400 - 1630: Tour King Tut Exhibition

1700: Depart to return to Maggie Valley

Hiking:

1. **Soco Falls** – A short, 0.2 mile easy hike to a stunning double waterfall; can be slippery (5.7 Miles from Maggie Valley)
2. **Cataloochee Valley** – Moderate hikes with historic buildings and elk viewing. Multiple trails, ranging from 1 to 7 miles; moderate difficulty.
3. **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** – Offers trails ranging from easy walks to strenuous hikes.
4. **Blue Ridge Parkway** – Scenic overlooks with short hikes.
5. **Mingo Falls** – A steep but short 0.4 mile hike to a breathtaking waterfall. Moderate difficulty. (23.2 Miles from Maggie Valley)
6. **Deep Creek Trail** – Easy to moderate trails with waterfalls and tubing options. 2.4 miles round trip; easy to moderate.
7. **Pisgah National Forest** – Various trails for hiking and horseback riding.
8. **Waterrock Knob** – A 1.2 mile steep but rewarding hike with panoramic views. Strenuous.
9. **Max Patch** – A 1.7 mile moderate hike loop to a bald mountain with 360-degree views. Moderate difficulty.
10. **Clingmans Dome** – A short 0.5 mile paved trail to an observation tower. The highest point in the Smokies. Steep but short. (42 Miles from Maggie Valley)
11. **Little Cataloochee Trail** – A historic hiking trail with old cabins and churches. 6 miles round trip; moderate difficulty.
12. **Big Creek Trail** – A scenic hike with waterfalls and swimming holes. 4 miles round trip; moderate difficulty.
13. **Cherokee Botanical Garden and Nature Trail** – A peaceful walk through native plants.
14. **Hemphill Bald Trail** – A beautiful horseback riding and hiking trail with stunning views. 9 miles round trip; moderate to strenuous.
15. **Deep Creek Trail** -- A 2.5-mile loop trail featuring three waterfalls: Juneywhank Falls, Tom Branch Falls, and Indian Creek Falls.

Outdoor Adventures & Nature

Cataloochee Ranch

- **Address:** 119 Ranch Dr, Maggie Valley, NC 28751

- **Hours:** Varies by season; typically open April–October
- **Admission:** Rates vary; contact for details
- **Description:** A historic working cattle ranch offering horseback riding, hiking, and accommodations in a scenic mountain setting.
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Fontana Lake

- **Address:** Fontana Dam, NC 28733
- **Hours:** Accessible year-round
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** A picturesque reservoir surrounded by the Nantahala National Forest, ideal for boating, fishing, and hiking.smokymountainnews.com+1visitsmokies.org+1

Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC)

- **Address:** 13077 Hwy 19 W, Bryson City, NC 28713
- **Hours:** Varies seasonally; check website for current hours
- **Admission:** Varies by activity; rafting and zip-lining available
- **Description:** A premier outdoor recreation center offering whitewater rafting, zip-lining, and lodging along the Nantahala River.ncmountains.net

Smokemont Riding Stables

- **Address:** 135 Smokemont Riding Stable Road, Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Seasonal; typically open May–October
- **Admission:** Fees vary; contact for current rates
- **Description:** Provides guided horseback rides through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
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Smoky Mountain Llama Treks

- **Address:** 640 Padgett Mill Road, Cosby, NC 28751
- **Hours:** By reservation; seasonal availability
- **Admission:** Varies; contact for pricing; by appointment only
- **Description:** Offers guided hikes with llamas, providing a unique way to explore the mountains.smokiesguide.com (From \$70/\$20)

Wildwater Nantahala Adventure Center

- **Address:** 13077 Hwy 19 W, Bryson City, NC 28713
- **Hours:** Seasonal; check website for current hours
- **Admission:** Varies by activity; rafting and zip-lining available

- **Description:** Provides whitewater rafting, zip-lining, and lodging in the Nantahala Gorge area. ncmountains.net

The Road to Nowhere

- **Address:** POB 509, Lakeview Drive, Bryson City, NC 28713
- **Hours:** Open year-round
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** A scenic drive leading into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, offering views of Fontana Lake and the Tuckasegee River.
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Clingmans Dome

- **Address:** Great Smoky Mountains National Park, NC 28713
- **Hours:** Open year-round; road access typically April–November
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** The highest peak in the Great Smoky Mountains, offering panoramic views and a paved trail to an observation tower.

Scenic Tours and Adventures of Maggie Valley

- **Address:** 2961 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751
- **Hours:** By appointment; contact for availability.
- **Admission:** Varies; contact for pricing.
- **Description:** Offers guided scenic tours and adventures, showcasing the beauty of the Smoky Mountains. Reservations Required. scenictoursandadventures.com

Museums & Cultural Sites

Wheels Through Time Museum

- **Address:** 62 Vintage Lane, Maggie Valley, NC 28751
- **Hours:** Daily, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- **Admission:** Adults \$15, Children (6–12) \$5, Under 6 free
- **Description:** Showcases a vast collection of vintage motorcycles and classic automobiles.
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Smoky Mountain Trains Museum

- **Address:** 100 Greenlee Street, Bryson City, NC 28713
- **Hours:** Seasonal; check website for current hours
- **Admission:** Adults \$5, Children (3–12) \$3, Under 3 free
- **Description:** Features model train displays and exhibits on the region's railroad history.
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Great Smoky Mountains Railroad

- **Address:** 45 Mitchell St, Bryson City, NC 28713
- **Hours:** Varies by season; check the website for current schedules.
- **Admission:** Prices vary based on the route and class; ranges from approximately \$50 to \$150 per person.
- **Description:** Offers scenic train rides through the Smoky Mountains, featuring themed excursions, special events, and dining options.

Museum of the Cherokee Indian

- **Address:** 589 Tsali Blvd, Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Daily, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- **Admission:** Adults \$12, Seniors \$10, Children (6–16) \$8
- **Description:** Offers exhibits on the history and culture of the Cherokee people.
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Oconaluftee Indian Village

- **Address:** 288 Drama Road, Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Seasonal; check website for current hours
- **Admission:** Adults \$20, Children (6–12) \$10
- **Description:** A living history museum depicting a 1750s Cherokee village.

Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc.

- **Address:** 645 Tsali Blvd, Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Daily, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** Features authentic Native American arts and crafts created by local artisans.
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Museum of North Carolina Handicrafts

- **Address:** 49 Shelton St, Waynesville, NC 28786
- **Hours:** Varies; check website for current hours
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** Showcases traditional Appalachian crafts and artworks.
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Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians

- **Address:** 210 Main St, Bryson City, NC 28713
- **Hours:** Varies; check website for current hours
- **Admission:** Free

- **Description:** Nonprofit museum exploring the history of southern fly fishing through displays of equipment & gear.

Swain County Heritage Museum

- **Address:** 101 Mitchell St, Bryson City, NC 28713
- **Hours:** Open Tuesday–Saturday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM.
- **Admission:** Free; donations accepted.
- **Description:** Housed in a 1908 historic courthouse, the museum showcases the history of Swain County through photos, exhibits, and a children's activity area.
swainheritagemuseum.com

Mountain Farm Museum

- **Address:** 3000 Newfound Gap Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Open daily from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** An outdoor museum showcasing historic Appalachian farm buildings, including a farmhouse, barn, apple house, and springhouse.

Unto These Hills

- **Address:** Highway 441 N, Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Seasonal; typically runs from June to August. Evening performances.
- **Admission:** Varies; check official website for current pricing.
- **Description:** An outdoor drama depicting the history of the Cherokee people, performed at the Mountainside Theatre. motcp.org

Storytelling Center of the Southern Appalachians

- **Address:** 225 Everett St, Bryson City, NC 28713
- **Hours:** Varies; check their website for current hours.
- **Admission:** Free; donations are accepted.
- **Description:** Dedicated to preserving and promoting the storytelling traditions of the Southern Appalachians.

Appalachian Rivers Aquarium

- **Address:** 117 Island Street, Bryson City, NC 28713
- **Hours:** Varies; check their website for current hours.
- **Admission:** Free; donations are accepted.
- **Description:** Showcases the aquatic life of the Appalachian region through exhibits and educational programs.

Tiny Elvis Museum

- **Address:** 2289 Wolfetown Road, Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Open year-round; best visited during daylight hours.
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** A small, quirky museum dedicated to Elvis Presley, featuring memorabilia and tributes to the King of Rock and Roll.

Other Activities

Darnell Farms

- **Address:** 2300 Governors Island Road, Bryson City, NC 28751
- **Hours:** Seasonal; typically open May–October.
- **Admission:** Varies; contact for current rates.
- **Description:** A family-owned farm offering seasonal produce, pick-your-own experiences, and farm tours.
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Deep Creek Winery

- **Address:** 405 Jonathan Walk, Bryson City, NC 28713
- **Hours:** Seasonal; check website for current hours.
- **Admission:** Tasting fees vary; contact for details.
- **Description:** A boutique winery offering wine tastings, vineyard tours, and a selection of locally produced wines.explorebrysoncity.com

Mountain Layers Brewing Company

- **Address:** 90 Everett Street, Bryson City, NC 28713
- **Hours:** Varies; check website for current hours.
- **Admission:** Free entry; charges for beverages.
- **Description:** A local brewery offering a selection of craft beers in a relaxed, mountain-themed setting.

Nantahala River Gem Mine

- **Address:** 12121 Highway 19 W, Bryson City, NC 28713
- **Hours:** Seasonal; typically open April through October.
- **Admission:** Fees apply for gem mining activities; prices vary.
- **Description:** Offers visitors the chance to pan for gemstones along the Nantahala River.

Smoky Mountain Gold and Ruby Mine

- **Address:** 971 Tsali Blvd, Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Seasonal; typically open April through October.

- **Admission:** Fees apply for mining activities; prices vary.
- **Description:** Provides visitors the opportunity to pan for gold and rubies.

Lake Junaluska

- **Address:** 91 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745
- **Hours:** Open year-round; specific facilities may have varying hours.
- **Admission:** Free to visit; fees may apply for certain activities or accommodations.
- **Description:** A scenic retreat center and community located in Waynesville, NC, offering a 200-acre lake, walking trails, gardens, and various recreational activities.

Winchester Creek Farms

- **Address:** 386 Walker Road, Waynesville, NC 28786
- **Description:** A family-owned alpaca farm in Waynesville, NC, offering farm tours and opportunities to learn about alpacas and their wool.
 - **Hours:** Tours are available by appointment; contact the farm for scheduling.
 - **Admission:** Fees apply for tours; prices vary

Frog Level Brewing

- **Address:** 56 Commerce Street, Waynesville, NC 28786
- **Description:** A local brewery in Waynesville, NC, known for its craft beers and laid-back atmosphere.
- **Hours:** Open daily; specific hours may vary.
- **Admission:** Free to enter; charges apply for purchased beverages.

Stop for the Picture

Soco Craft & Tower

- **Address:** 6638 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28786
- **Description:** A scenic spot with a tower offering panoramic views.
- **Hours:** Open daily except Wednesday; specific hours may vary.
- **Admission:** Small fee to enter the tower.

Cataloochee Bigfoot Statue – A life-sized roadside likeness, Cove Creek Road

- **Address:** 4286-4500 Cove Creek Road, Waynesville, NC 28785
- **Description:** A life-sized roadside likeness.
- **Hours:** Open 24 hours
- **Admission:** Free

Giant Metal String and Banjo Players

- **Address:** Waynesville, NC 28786

- **Hours:** Open year-round; best visited during daylight hours.
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** A whimsical roadside art installation featuring oversized metal sculptures of string and banjo players, celebrating the region's rich musical heritage.

Monument to the Last Shot of the Civil War

- **Address:** 1049 Sulphur Springs Rd, Waynesville, NC 28786
- **Hours:** Open year-round; best visited during daylight hours.
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** A stone cairn commemorating the spot where, according to a 1923 plaque, the "last shot" of the Civil War was fired on May 6, 1865. The monument is located in a residential area, so parking is limited.
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Indian Death Tiki of Awesomeness

- **Address:** Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751
- **Hours:** Open year-round; best visited during daylight hours.
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** A towering, colorful tiki sculpture with a skull motif, located along the roadside in Maggie Valley. It's a popular spot for quirky photo opportunities.
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Caged Monument of Important Rocks

- **Address:** Heintooga Ridge Rd, Maggie Valley, NC 28751
- **Hours:** Open year-round; best visited during daylight hours.
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** An unusual monument constructed by the Masons in 1938, featuring a cemented-together mass of rocks, including one from an Egyptian pyramid and chunks from the homes of U.S. Presidents. roadsideamerica.com

Santa's Land Fun Park & Zoo

- **Address:** 571 Wolfetown Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Open mid-May through October; closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Open Thursday–Monday, 10:00 AM–5:00 PM.
- **Admission:** \$27.67 + tax per person; children under 2 free. Group rates and discounts available.
- **Description:** A family-friendly amusement park and zoo featuring Santa's house, a variety of animals, and a magic show.
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Giant Rabbit of Santa's Land

- **Address:** 571 Wolfetown Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Open mid-May through October; closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Open Thursday–Monday, 10:00 AM–5:00 PM.
- **Admission:** Included with park admission.
- **Description:** A large, colorful rabbit sculpture located at Santa's Land Fun Park & Zoo, serving as a whimsical photo backdrop for visitors. santaslandnc.net+1santaslandnc.net+1

Muffler Man

- **Address:** Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Open year-round; best visited during daylight hours.
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** A towering fiberglass statue of a man holding a muffler, part of a nationwide chain of roadside attractions. Located in Cherokee, it's a popular stop for travelers seeking quirky photo opportunities.

Tinkerbell Motel Sign

- **Address:** 1306 Tsali Blvd, Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Open year-round; best visited during daylight hours.
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** A vintage neon sign featuring Tinkerbell, located at the Pink Motel. The sign is a nostalgic piece of Americana and a favorite among roadside attraction enthusiasts. roadsideamerica.com+1roadsideamerica.com+1

Peter Toth Giant Indian Head

- **Address:** 546 US-441, Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Open year-round; best visited during daylight hours.
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** A massive wooden sculpture carved by artist Peter Toth, part of his "Trail of the Whispering Giants" series. Located in Cherokee, it's a striking tribute to Native American heritage.

Automotive Riverbank Preservation Wall

- **Address:** Cherokee, NC 28719
- **Hours:** Open year-round; best visited during daylight hours.
- **Admission:** Free
- **Description:** A unique roadside attraction featuring a wall constructed from preserved automotive parts, showcasing the region's creative use of materials.