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“Swing Into Spring” With the Best Golf Courses in the Country

*Gorgeous Spring Flowers are Beginning to fill the Smoky Mountain Landscape,
Creating an Incredible Backdrop to the Areas Already Exceptional Courses*

Waynesville, NC – Home to five outstanding golf courses, Haywood County provides visitors with some of the [best courses in the United States](#), and is surrounded by spectacular views of the Smoky Mountains. Haywood County is located at the foot of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which encompasses Maggie Valley, Canton, Waynesville, Lake Junaluska, and Clyde.

Now’s the time to start planning a golf trip to Haywood County for the spring season, when the mountains and valleys are transformed by blossoming flowers which provide a beautiful display of color across the landscape. The setting for a round of golf is nothing short of spectacular, no matter what course you decide to play on.

According to the National Golf Foundation, North Carolina is one of the five most popular destination states for golf travelers. There are both private and public golf courses, which offer a wide range of affordable golf amenities for players of any skill level.

“Golfing here during the springtime is an incredible experience, the flowers are just beginning to bloom, and the colors are gorgeous,” explains Lynn Collins, Director of the [Haywood County Tourism Development Authority](#) (HCTDA). “Our courses are unique, are reasonably priced, and are extremely well taken care of – we have some of the best courses in the country.”

Visitors can choose from on-premises lodging or one of the [900-plus accommodations](#) within Haywood County. Stay on the golf course, or book a night at one of the rustic cabins or lakeside cottages. With so many to choose from, you are almost guaranteed to find exactly what you’re looking for.

Haywood County's Incredible Golf Courses

Haywood County is home to five state-of-the-art golf courses. Each one is unique and offers visitors an outstanding golf experience. Below you will find a short summary of each course, which you can use when you're planning your next golf excursion.

Maggie Valley Club—an 18-hole, 6,500-yard, par 72 course is like two courses in one, with the flat Valley Nine serving as a "warm-up" for the Mountain Nine that features an 800-foot rise in elevation and an increased challenge. (866) 659-4725; www.maggiervalleyclub.com.

The Waynesville Inn Golf Resort & Spa—a picturesque 27-hole course that features three separate and distinct par 35, 9-hole courses that start and finish at the clubhouse. The Blue Ridge Course is the most mountainous; the Carolina Course is the flattest; the Dogwood Course is the shortest. In any combination, a round here offers everything one might expect from a Western North Carolina course. (800) 627-6250; www.thewaynesvilleinn.com.

Springdale Country Club— Located in Canton, this an 18-hole, par 72 course that stretches more than 6,800 yards (from the tips), from the gradual elevation changes of the front nine toward Rocky Face Mountain, to the wide open fairways that await you on the back nine where Cold Mountain serves as a spacious backdrop. (800) 553-3027; www.springdalegolf.com.

Laurel Ridge Country Club—fast, undulating greens, lush tree-lined fairways and spectacular panoramic views highlight this 18-hole, par 72 championship course in Waynesville. From the back tees, the semiprivate course spans 6,904 yards and offers every challenge expected of a mountain course, yet does it with a delicate balance of fairness and playability. (800) 769-1177; www.laurelridgegolf.com.

Lake Junaluska Golf Course—Enjoy a round of golf on the on-site 18-hole golf course. The fairways deliver top-notch conditions, spectacular views, a layout for all levels, and a great value. The course is just minutes from Asheville, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the Blue Ridge Parkway. For rates and to schedule a tee time, call the Club House at (828) 456-5777; www.lakejunaluska.com/golf-course

The *HCTDA* represents more than 900 accommodations in the community, from bed and breakfasts, cabins, campgrounds, cottages, country clubs, inns, hotels, lodges, motels, resorts, vacation rentals, and villas, and provides annual funding to Haywood County for promotions, events and festivals. Funding for HCTDA is generated by a 4-percent occupancy tax charged to guests by accommodations. To find out more, please visit: www.visitncsmokies.com

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