

APPALACHIAN HERITAGE ITINERARY

DAY ONE

Cataloochee Valley

Start your day bright and early with a visit 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.



Wheels Through Time Transportation Museum

62 Vintage Lane, Maggie Valley 28751

The Wheels Through Time Museum is home to a premier collection of rare American Vintage Motorcycles and other classic transportation displays. The museum houses over 300 of America's rarest and most historic classic motorcycles, with over 24 marquees on display, including the likes of Harley-Davidson, Indian, Excelsior, Crocker, Henderson, and much more.

Shopping in Downtown Waynesville

After lunch, spend the rest of the afternoon strolling down Waynesville's historic Main St. and visiting the many specialty stores that line both sides of the street. This area underwent a successful revitalization project several decades ago that restored the small town to its original quaint mountain charm.

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. Hop on the parkway from Hwy 23/74 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 county's most popular hiking areas, Graveyard Fields or Devils Courthouse, which are sure to inspire you too!

DAY TWO

Haywood's Historic Farmers Market

250 Pigeon St, Waynesville, 28786

Experience the premier producer-only farmers market in the Waynesville area. Take your pick of a variety of fresh produce, meat, plants, locally made food items, heritage crafts, and more. Agricultural heritage plays a huge role in Haywood County's history with over 700 working farms still harvesting our lands to this day. Many of those farmers and producers are present at the market and are also highlighted on the Buy Haywood "Find Your Adventure" Agritourism Guide.



The Shelton House

49 Shelton St, Waynesville 28786

As one of the stops on the Haywood County Quilt Trail, the Shelton House is a must for anyone intrigued by the heritage of Haywood County. It was built in 1875 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Housed in and around the Shelton House, the Museum of North Carolina Handicrafts features comprehensive exhibits of 19th century crafts.

Haywood County Quilt Trails

Pick up a quilt trail guide at the Shelton House or at the Haywood County Visitors Center to begin your next heritage adventure. The quilt trail project helps Haywood County tell its history by featuring colorful and meaningful quilt squares installed on barns, public buildings, and shops around the community. Quilts represent a much-loved symbol of comfort, family, heritage, and community, and the blocks on the trail provide splashes of color along major roads and in the rural countryside.

Maggie Valley Opry House

3605 Soco Rd, Maggie Valley 28751

Almost hidden from view on Route 19 by a motel, the Maggie Valley Opry House may be a simple building but is full of homegrown musical heritage. From May – October, the Opry House features live traditional bluegrass and mountain music that is most often accompanied by legendary bluegrass artist, Raymond Fairchild. The Opry House's regular line-up of mountain music has also earned it a spot on the Blue Ridge Music Trails, which helps promote and preserve various musical styles across NC. For line-ups and other information, call the Opry House: 828-926-9336

****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.