

WHEELIN' THROUGH THE SMOKIES MOTOR TOURING ITINERARY

DAY ONE

*Before you kick off your adventure, stop by the Haywood County Visitor Center in Maggie Valley and pick up your FREE copy of the **NC Smokies Motor Touring Guide**. You'll find tons of awesome rides to explore but we've gone ahead included a few of our favorites in this itinerary!*

Soco Falls

Hwy 19 between Maggie Valley & Cherokee
Soco Falls, located just a short walk off the main road, is a perfect way to start your scenic adventure. From Maggie Valley head up US 19 South to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Cross under the Parkway and continue downhill towards Cherokee. From the Parkway, it's 1.5 miles to a marked pull-off on the left side of the road. There's a small blue sign indicating Soco Falls 0.5 miles ahead. The trail begins at the break in the guardrail. The short, steep trail ends at a viewing deck overlooking the falls.

Cruise the Blue Ridge Parkway

The 46 miles of twisting mountain roads that run through Haywood County make the Blue Ridge Parkway one of the most popular draws for motor touring enthusiasts. Hop on the parkway outside of Maggie Valley just off Hwy. 19 and head North towards Canton. This will take you on an exquisite drive through the Balsam Mountain Range, which is where Haywood County's native bluegrass band, Balsam Range, got the inspiration for their name. Stop and stretch your legs at two of the most popular hiking areas, Graveyard Fields or Devils Courthouse, which are sure to inspire you as well!



Ride The Rattler

The Rattler has long been popular with locals and visitors alike. NC 209 takes you on a scenic and challenging ride north to Hot Springs. Extend your ride by continuing through Hot Springs on US 25, pass through Marshall and follow Meadows Town Rd to NC 63. NC 63 leads you back to NC 209, which will complete the loop. Its approximately 36 miles to Hot Springs and 98 miles will cover the entire loop ride.

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 character. From May – October, the Opry House features live traditional bluegrass and mountain music that is most often accompanied by legendary bluegrass artist, Raymond Fairchild. For line-ups and other information, call the Opry House: 828-926-9336.

DAY TWO

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. Any motor touring enthusiast could easily spend hours enjoying this intriguing collection!

Conquer the Copperhead Loop

Conveniently located in the heart of the North Carolina Smokies, the Copperhead Loop offers a compelling mix of great scenery, challenging riding, and easy access. Come see why the Copperhead is "*Beauty-With An Attitude!*" A combination of US HWY 276, NC HWY 215 and US HWY 64 will provide you with challenging ride on some of the most picturesque roads in Western North Carolina.

Check out our Craft Breweries!

Haywood County is the proud home of four microbreweries: Boojum Brewing, BearWaters Brewery, Frog Level Brewery, and Tipping Point Tavern. Each has their own distinct taste so spend the evening sampling their various taps and rehashing your adventures in the NC Smokies! Several of the breweries even offer live music several nights during the week and weekend so make sure you hang around to see who's playing.



****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.