## **Haywood County Halloween Accommodates Every Fright Level**

As you're working on Halloween roundups, I wanted to share how <u>Haywood County</u>, <u>North Carolina</u> provides travelers with both family-friendly fun, frights and haunted history for the ultimate October vacation. See below for a selection of what the mountain communities of Maggie Valley, Waynesville, Lake Junaluska, Canton and Clyde have planned this year.

## Halloween Events:

- Canton's <u>Cold Mountain Corn Maize</u> offers daytime family fun with hayrides and cornhole, and a nighttime haunted maze for adults (18 and up) seeking a more thrilling experience.
- Voted North Carolina's Best Haunted House & Attraction, <u>Pinhead's Graveyard</u> in Canton features fan favorite horror movie characters and professional animatronics sure to test each visitor's courage.
- Downtown Waynesville businesses make it easy to trick-or-treat with Treats on the Street. Each Halloween, Main Street closes from 5 to 7 p.m. as participating shops give out candy. <u>See here for imagery.</u>

## Folklore and Spooky Trails:

- The legend of the <u>Boojum</u> describes an eight-foot tall creature, part man, part beast, with shaggy hair, residing in Haywood County. It is said his moans can sometimes be heard near hiking trails. Pay homage to the local creature with a stop at <u>Boojum</u>
   <u>Brewing Company</u>.
- <u>Devil's Courthouse</u> on the Blue Ridge Parkway presides over some of the region's
  most spectacular views. From the top at 5,720 feet, visitors can see South Carolina,
  Georgia, and Tennessee in a 360-degree panorama. Devil's Courthouse may have
  received its name because of the sinister aspect of the rock formation, or because, as
  legend holds, the devil held court in the cave that lies beneath the rock.
- <u>Graveyard Fields</u> is a scenic hike that visits two beautiful waterfalls, the multi-tiered second falls and the tall cascades of the upper falls. It's named after tree stumps along the trail that eerily resemble gravestones.

## Festive and Fun October Events:

- Apple Harvest Festival Oct. 21 (Waynesville)
- Maggie Valley Fall Arts & Crafts Show Oct. 21 and 22 (Maggie Valley)