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Mountain Views and Meaningful Stays

Blue Ridge, Georgia, is surrounded by some of the Southeast's most memorable scenery. Mountain overlooks stretch for miles. Quiet forest roads lead to waterfalls, hiking trails, and hidden places that invite you to slow down and stay awhile.

From the Aska Adventure Area and Springer Mountain to nearby Brasstown Bald and the Cohutta Wilderness, every direction offers a new way to experience the mountains.

Selected as one of the South's Best Mountain Towns by Southern Living magazine.

Welcome to Blue Ridge

There's a certain feeling that settles in the moment you arrive in Blue Ridge, Georgia.

Maybe it's the cooler mountain air drifting through the trees. Maybe it's the way mornings begin a little slower here, with coffee on the porch and mist lingering across the ridgelines. Or maybe it's the simple joy of spending uninterrupted time with the people who matter most.



Surrounded by the Chattahoochee National Forest and tucked within the North Georgia mountains, Blue Ridge offers space to reconnect — to nature, to loved ones, and to yourself. Days here unfold naturally. Wander downtown streets filled with local shops and welcoming restaurants. Listen to the sounds of the

Toccoa River moving gently through the mountains. Gather around a firepit after sunset as fireflies flicker in the distance.

This is more than just time away ... it's time well spent.



Where you stay becomes part of the experience. Cozy cabins overlook layered ridges and winding rivers. Creekside retreats offer the peaceful soundtrack of rushing water.



Lakefront homes invite slow mornings and sunset gatherings, while downtown lofts place you steps away from restaurants, boutiques, and live music.

Whether tucked deep in the woods or settled near Main Street, every stay offers room to breathe, unwind, and reconnect.

McCaysville & The Copper Basin

Along the banks of the Toccoa River, the neighboring towns of McCaysville, Georgia, and Copperhill, Tennessee, offer a mountain experience shaped by water, history, and small-town hospitality.

Here, visitors can stand in two states at once along the famous Blue Line before wandering through riverfront shops, cafés, and gathering spaces tucked beside the water.

The Old Steel Bridge serves as a familiar landmark where the peaceful Toccoa River begins its transition into the raging Ocoee River, carrying adventure north toward Tennessee's whitewater rapids.

But in downtown McCaysville and the Copper Basin, life moves at a gentler pace. Patio dining overlooks the river while friends and families gather along the walkways beside the water. It's the kind of place where an afternoon stroll easily becomes an evening you don't want to end.



Downtown Blue Ridge

Downtown Blue Ridge blends mountain charm with an easygoing sophistication that feels welcoming from the moment you arrive.



Historic brick buildings, local storefronts, and walkable streets create the kind of downtown that encourages wandering without a plan. Boutiques filled with curated fashion, artisan goods, candles, home décor, and hand-crafted jewelry sit

alongside galleries, cafés, and specialty shops.

The historic depot remains at the heart of town, a reminder of Blue Ridge's railroad roots and enduring sense of place. Visitors still gather much like they did generations ago — strolling after dinner, listening to live music, lingering over dessert, and enjoying the slower rhythm of mountain evenings.

There's a warmth here that feels genuine.

Comfortably Blue Ridge.



Dining in Blue Ridge

Meals in Blue Ridge are about more than what's on the table. They're about gathering together after a day outdoors. Linger over conversation beneath patio lights. Savoring mountain views alongside locally inspired flavors.

Throughout Blue Ridge and the Copper Basin, restaurants range from elevated dining experiences to laid-back favorites. Fresh mountain trout, seasonal produce, handcrafted cocktails, wood-fired pizzas, Southern comfort food, and homemade desserts all have a place here.

Settle in for an intimate dinner downtown, enjoy riverside dining beside the Toccoa, or spend a relaxed evening sharing appetizers and live music on an outdoor patio.

Dine in Blue Ridge and linger a little longer.

Fine Dining

- Ferraro's Kitchen
- Grace Prime Steakhouse
- Harvest on Main
- The Black Sheep
- The General Ledger
- The Tavern at Old Toccoa Farm

On the Water

- Boat Dock Bar & Grill at Blue Ridge Marina
- Burra Burra on the River
- Toccoa Riverside Restaurant
- The Waterfront Bar & Restaurant



International Flavors

- Guagio Latin Flavors
- Meraki Souq
- Rum Cake Lady Cuban Café
- Twisted Tomato



Local Favorites

- Carroll's Barbeque
- Chester Brunnenmeyer's Bar & Grill
- Southern Charm
- The Dogwood
- Whiskey & Water - Seafood and Bourbon Bar

Breakfast Spots

- Bigfoot Biscuit
- Bumblebee's Café
- Iron Bridge General Store & Cafe
- Yellowphant Café

Coffee & Desserts

- Blue Ridge Creamery
- Good Berry Café
- Mountain Mama's Coffee Lounge
- The Little Bakery
- The Sweet Shoppe



Scan for a full list of great places to eat.



Wineries, Breweries & Distilleries

The mountains have a way of slowing conversations down and making simple moments feel memorable.

That feeling comes naturally at Blue Ridge's wineries, breweries, and distilleries.

Vineyards tucked among rolling hills invite guests to settle into Adirondack chairs with a glass of wine and panoramic mountain views. Downtown tasting rooms create welcoming spaces to gather with friends after a day of exploring.

Local breweries and distilleries reflect the relaxed spirit of the mountains — approachable, creative, and deeply connected to the community around them. Whether enjoying a craft beer on an open-air patio or sipping small-batch spirits beside live music, the experience feels personal and unhurried.

There's no need to hurry though ... the best moments here are the ones that linger.

Tasting Rooms & Wine Bars

- 34th Degree Wine Merchant
- Dancing Rabbits Espresso and Wine Bar
- Doghobble Cellars
- Georgia Wine Depot
- Mercier Orchards
- Out of the Blue



*Scan for more info on wineries,
craft breweries & distilleries.*

- The Pasta Market
- The Vine Wine Bar & Eatery

Farm Wineries & Vineyards

- Bear Claw Vineyards
- Grapes and Ladders Winery
- Kerith House
- Living Water Winery & Vineyard
- Mercier Orchards
- Nottely River Valley Vineyards
- Ott Farms and Vineyard
- Paradise Hills, Winery Resort & Spa
- Redtail Mountain Vineyard
- Roo Mountain Vineyards



Craft Breweries & Distilleries

- Angry Hops Brewing
- Blairsville Brewing Company
- Buck Bald Brewing
- Copperhill Brewery
- Granddaddy Mimm's Distilling Co.
- Grumpy Old Men Brewing
- House of Applejay Distillery
- Ocoee River Distilling
- Tipping Point Brewing Co.



Shopping & Local Finds

Shopping in Blue Ridge feels less like running errands and more like wandering through a collection of stories.

Locally owned boutiques, galleries, outfitters, bookstores, antique shops, and artisan markets line the streets of downtown Blue Ridge and McCaysville, each offering something thoughtfully curated and distinctly local.



Canoe



Blue Ridge Olive Oil

Shoppers discover hand-crafted pottery, regional artwork, vintage goods, candles, home decor, outdoor gear, handcrafted soaps, locally roasted coffee, specialty foods, and one-of-a-kind gifts that embody the character of the mountains.

Outfitter shops reflect Blue Ridge's deep connection to the outdoors, while boutiques and galleries showcase the creativity and craftsmanship woven throughout the area.

It's a place where you are invited to slow down, browse a little longer, and uncover something unexpected.



Scan for a full listing
of where to shop.



Downtown Blue Ridge

Art Galleries, Antiques & Uniques

- 4 Elements Art
- Black Bear Antiques
- Blue Ridge Antique Mall
- High Country Art
- Lily & Coco
- Mitzi's on Main
- Multitudes Gallery
- Pezrok
- Terri's Treasure Trove
- The Zoo Groovy Yard Art

Clothing & Jewelry

- Ballard's of Blue Ridge
- Blue Ridge Adventure Wear
- Blue Ridge Mountain Outfitters
- Canoe
- Cohutta Fishing Co.
- Coram's Clothing and Boots
- Crawford Collections
- Dunworkin
- Neighborly
- OAR Finer Goods
- Qinti - The Peruvian Shop

Provisions & Foodstuffs

- Blue Ridge Jerky
- Blue Ridge Olive Oil
- Chester's Provisions
- Huck's General Store
- Out of the Blue
- Spice & Tea Exchange
- Sunrise on Blue Ridge
- Taste of Amish
- The Pasta Market

Gifts & More

- Afrika Corner & Beyond
- Bearfoot in Blue Ridge Soap Company
- Blue Ridge Bird Seed Co.
- Blue Ridge Knife Co.
- Christmas Is Here!
- Copper Fox Books
- Copper Mine Candle Co.
- Deaf Man Vinyl
- Love Dogs & Cats Too
- New Blue Home & Gift
- Oyster Fine Bamboo Fly Rods



Parks, Trails & Outdoor Spaces

Nature isn't something you simply visit in Blue Ridge. It becomes part of your day!

The surrounding mountains offer endless opportunities to explore, from peaceful parks beside the river to scenic hiking trails winding through the Chattahoochee National Forest.

Families gather at local parks for picnics, fishing, playgrounds, and afternoons spent beside the water. Quiet trails lead to mountain overlooks, waterfalls, and forest paths shaded by tall trees.

Whether walking beside Lake Blue Ridge, exploring the Aska Adventure Area, or simply listening to the sounds of the river from a shaded bench, outdoor experiences in Blue Ridge invite you to pause.

- **Lake Blue Ridge Dam Recreation Area** is located beside the dam, with picnic tables and fishing platform.
- **Tammen Park** on the Toccoa River in Blue Ridge has picnic pavilions, pickleball courts, canoe/kayak launch and a fishing platform.
- **Lake Blue Ridge Day Use Area** off Aska Road is a small park with lake access, boat launch and hiking trails.
- **Sandy Bottoms Recreation Area** is located near the Shallowford Bridge area on Old Dial Road.

- **Fannin County Park** off Hwy. 5 features picnic areas, ballfields, bike and walking trails, a playground, and a community center.
- **Horseshoe Bend Park** in Mineral Bluff has pavilions, a playground, dog park, paved walking path, and access to the Toccoa River for fishing and wading.
- **McCaysville City Park** is a river park in town with a playground, picnic tables, boat launch and fitness park.
- **Deep Hole Recreation Area** off Hwy. 60 in Suches offers day-use fishing and canoeing in addition to a small, pet-friendly campground.



Horseback Riding

There's something timeless about seeing the mountains from horseback.

Guided trail rides carry riders through wooded paths, open meadows, and rolling hills where the pace naturally slows and the scenery unfolds one quiet moment at a time.

Whether it's a first ride for the kids, a peaceful afternoon together, or a sunset ride through the mountains, horseback experiences in Blue Ridge invite you to settle into the landscape and experience the mountains from a different perspective.

It's less about the destination. More about the ride itself.

Scan for horseback riding info.



Hiking & Biking Trails

Blue Ridge offers over 300 miles of trails that wind through forests, along rivers, and toward unforgettable mountain views.

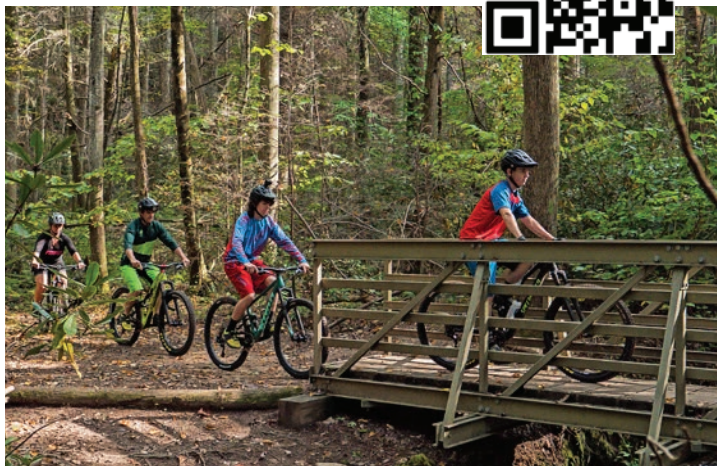
The **Appalachian Trail** and **Benton MacKaye Trail** both begin at Springer Mountain, drawing hikers from around the world while also offering accessible day hikes for families and casual explorers.

The **Aska Trail System** provides year-round hiking and biking experiences for every skill level, while nearby waterfalls and scenic overlooks reward those willing to wander a little farther.

East of Blue Ridge, **Brasstown Bald** towers over nearby ridges as the highest point in Georgia. And over the line into Tennessee, the **Ocoee Whitewater Center** offers more than 30 miles of trails around the raging Ocoee River.

Adventure here doesn't have to be extreme. Sometimes it's simply the feeling of cool mountain air beneath a canopy of trees. The quiet at the top of a trail. The sound of boots crossing a wooden bridge. The memory of spending uninterrupted time outdoors together.

*Scan for more details
on area hiking trails.*



Water Adventures

Water is woven into life in Blue Ridge.

The **Toccoa River** winds quietly through the mountains, offering peaceful places to float, fish, and gather along the shoreline. Throughout the summer, colorful tubes drift beneath the trees, while kayaks and rafts move steadily through the cool mountain water.

Lake Blue Ridge offers another way to experience the outdoors, with calm coves perfect for boating, swimming, paddleboarding, and slow afternoons on the water.

For those seeking more adventure, the nearby **Ocoee River** delivers world-class whitewater rafting through scenic mountain landscapes.

Whether floating the river or watching sunlight dance across the lake, time on the water has a way of making everything else feel a little quieter.

Scan for info on water adventures.





Waterfalls

Sea Creek Falls

Hidden throughout these mountains are waterfalls that invite visitors to wander just a little farther.

Some are reached by short walks through the forest, while others unfold along scenic hikes lined with rhododendron, moss-covered rocks, and rushing creeks. Each waterfall offers its own unique mountain experience — peaceful swimming holes, cascading overlooks, and quiet places where the sounds of nature seem to slow everything down.

- **Amicalola Falls** is the tallest cascading waterfall east of the Mississippi River.
- A favorite path on the Appalachian Trail steers hikers to **Long Creek Falls** near Three Forks.
- The peaceful 30-foot **Sea Creek Falls** spills into a shallow pool.
- The double waterfall at **Helton Creek Falls** creates the perfect swimming spot.



Benton Falls

- The Ocoee Scenic Byway in Tennessee leads to **Benton Falls**.

These are the kinds of places where conversations soften. Where

phones stay tucked away. Where the sound of falling water becomes part of the memory.

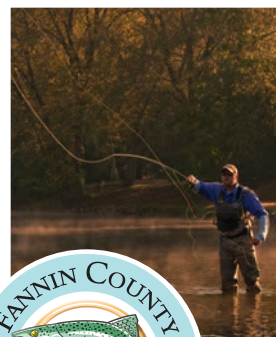
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Fishing

Blue Ridge has long been known as the **Trout Capital of Georgia**, with more than 100 miles of cool mountain rivers, creeks, and streams flowing throughout the region.

At the center of it all is the **Toccoa River**, where anglers gather year-round for fly fishing, guided trips, and peaceful mornings beside the water. Public access points along the river include **Sandy Bottoms Recreation Area**, **Tammen Park**, **Curtis Switch**, and **Horseshoe Bend Park**, each offering scenic places to cast a line



and settle into the slower rhythm of the mountains.

Beyond the Toccoa, nearby waters like Rock Creek, Cooper Creek, Noontootla Creek, Jack's River, and the Conasauga River provide additional opportunities to explore some of North Georgia's most beautiful fishing destinations.



Fishing here isn't only about the catch. It's about stepping into the river at sunrise. Watching mist rise above the water. Listening to the sounds of the mountains wake up around you.

For experienced anglers and first-time casters alike, the rivers of Blue Ridge offer space to reconnect with nature and savor the quiet moments.

Scan for info on fishing access, guides and more.



Golfing in the Mountains

Golf in Blue Ridge comes with mountain views, rolling ridgelines, and the kind of scenery that makes you pause between shots.

Old Toccoa Farm blends beautifully into the surrounding landscape, winding through 125 acres of ridges and meadows with sweeping views of the North Georgia mountains.

But the experience extends beyond the course itself.

Gather for dinner at the tavern after a round. Sit on the patio as the sun lowers behind the mountains. Enjoy the slower rhythm that defines life in Blue Ridge.

Here, even a day on the course feels restorative.



Riding the Rails

The **Blue Ridge Scenic Railway** offers one of the area's most nostalgic mountain experiences.



Departing from the historic depot in downtown Blue Ridge, the train follows the Toccoa River north toward McCaysville, passing forests, fields, and mountain scenery that changes beautifully with every season. Guests can choose from relaxing 2-hour or 4-hour excursions, with open-air seating available for those wanting to fully take in the mountain air and river views along the way.

Throughout the year, the railway also hosts themed rides and seasonal experiences that have become cherished traditions for many families.



Riding a Rail Bike

For a more active experience, **Blue Ridge Scenic Rail Bikes** offers another way to explore the foothills.

These motor-assisted rail bikes allow guests to move at an easy pace through the mountains while enjoying the scenery from a unique perspective. Along the route, there's time to pause, take photos, and simply enjoy being present in the landscape around you.

It's a reminder that slowing down often leads to the moments we remember most.

Kid-Friendly Activities

Family time feels a little different in Blue Ridge.

Days are filled with simple adventures that bring generations together — tubing the river, exploring trails, picking apples, playing mini golf, digging for gems, or sharing popcorn beneath the stars at the Swan Drive-In Theatre.



Kids can spend the afternoon outdoors instead of indoors. Parents can relax a little longer. Grandparents can reconnect with traditions that feel timeless.

Whether gathered around a firepit at a cabin, riding the train through the mountains, or wandering downtown together after dinner, Blue Ridge creates space for moments that become lasting family memories.

Scan for 30 things to do with kids.

Arts & Entertainment

- Blue Ridge Community Theater
- Blue Ridge Paintball
- Escape Blue Ridge
- Fannin Lanes Bowling Center
- Haunted Blue Ridge Ghost Tours
- Project Chimps
- Sugar Creek Raceway
- Swan Drive-In Theatre
- The Zoo Groovy Metal Yard Art
- Vertigo Pinball



Apple Orchards

For generations, **Mercier Orchards** has been part of the rhythm of life here in Blue Ridge.

Families return season after season for fresh apples, warm fried pies, cider, baked goods, and the experience of spending time together on the farm.

Seasonal U-pick experiences, tractor tours, and mountain views create the kind of traditions people carry with them long after the trip ends.

In McCaysville, **The Folk Collaborative** specializes in apple picking, as well as herbs, teas, tinctures, and Appalachian heritage products inspired by the traditions and natural rhythms of mountain life.



Mini Golf, Gem Mining & Outdoor Fun

- 2nd Story Entertainment
- Aska Mining Company
- Blue Ridge Adventure Park
- Cohutta Cove Mini Golf & Gem Mining
- Huck's Lost Mine
- The Lilly Pad Village
- Zipline Canopy Tours of Blue Ridge

Working Farms & Petting Zoos

- CATE Farms
- Creekside Petting Zoo
- Cress Creeks Farm
- Mercier Orchards
- The Folk Collaborative

Scan for more memorable family adventures.



Arts, Music & Mountain Creativity

Creativity thrives in Blue Ridge.

Artists, musicians, makers, and storytellers have long been drawn to the beauty and pace of the mountains, shaping a creative community that feels both welcoming and deeply authentic.



Misty Mountain Hops

Local galleries showcase handcrafted pottery, paintings, sculpture, woodworking, and regional art inspired by the surrounding landscape. Live music drifts through downtown patios and gathering spaces throughout the week.

At the **Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association** and throughout the community, art becomes another way to connect — to place, to tradition, and to one another.

In Blue Ridge, creativity feels personal. Grounded. And beautifully woven into everyday life.



Scan for arts info.



Scan for live music info.



Blue Ridge Blues & BBQ Festival



Festivals & Seasonal Gatherings

Throughout the year, Blue Ridge gathers together to celebrate the seasons, local traditions, music, food, and community.

From arts festivals and barbecue gatherings to holiday parades and outdoor celebrations, festivals here feel less like large-scale productions and more like shared experiences.

There's a warmth to these gatherings that reflects the spirit of the mountains themselves — welcoming, relaxed, and rooted in connection.

Scan for a full list of annual festivals.



Annual Festivals

- SPRING**
 - St. Patrick's Day Parade
 - Blue Ridge Trout & Outdoor Adventures Festival
 - Spring Arts in the Park
- SUMMER**
 - Independence Day Celebrations
 - Old Timers 4th of July Parade
 - Kiwanis Rodeo
- FALL**
 - Blue Ridge Blues & BBQ Festival
 - Blue Ridge Mountain Parade of Homes
 - Fall Arts in the Park
- WINTER**
 - Light Up Blue Ridge & Parade
 - Light Up the Basin & Parade
 - Fire & Ice Chili Cookoff & Craft Beer Festival

Relax & Stay Awhile

Where you stay in Blue Ridge shapes the experience and memories of your visit.

Cabins tucked into the mountains invite slow mornings with coffee on the porch and evenings gathered around outdoor fireplaces beneath the stars.

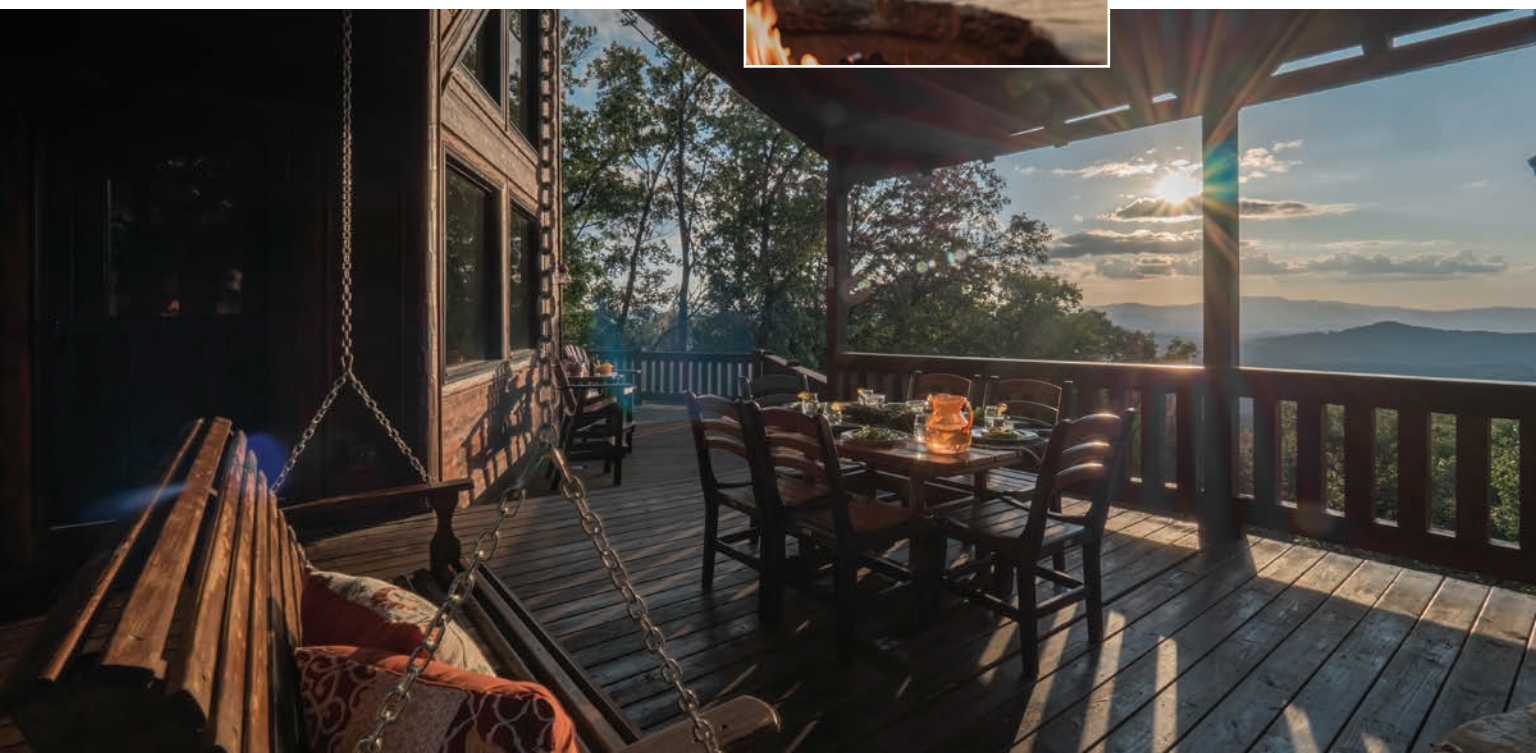
Lakefront homes offer peaceful water views and easy access to days spent boating or paddleboarding. Creekside cabins provide the soothing soundtrack of rushing water just outside the window.

Downtown lofts place visitors steps from dining, shopping, and live music, while cozy inns and boutique stays offer warmth, comfort, and thoughtful hospitality.

Whether visiting for a weekend, a family gathering, or a quiet retreat together, Blue Ridge offers spaces designed for rest, reconnection, and unforgettable moments.



*Scan to see all of the
area's lodging options.*



FOUR SEASONS TO EXPLORE

Scenic drives, orchard visits, festivals, and train rides become favorite ways to experience the season. Crisp mornings give way to cozy evenings filled with mountain views, local wine, and the scent of woodsmoke in the air.

Year-Round Charm

Spring

Spring arrives gently here.

Dogwoods bloom along winding roads. Waterfalls flow stronger from winter rains. Mountain mornings feel crisp and full of possibility.

It's a season made for scenic drives, patio lunches, wildflower hikes, and quiet afternoons beside the river.



Summer

Summer in Blue Ridge brings long days, green mountain landscapes, and evenings that seem to linger a little longer.

Colorful tubes drift along the Toccoa River while families gather on Lake Blue Ridge for boating, swimming, and paddleboarding. Downtown patios fill with conversation, live music, and the cool mountain air that settles in after sunset.

Fall

Autumn transforms the mountains into layers bursting with gold, crimson, and deep orange.

Winter

Winter in Blue Ridge feels peaceful and restorative.

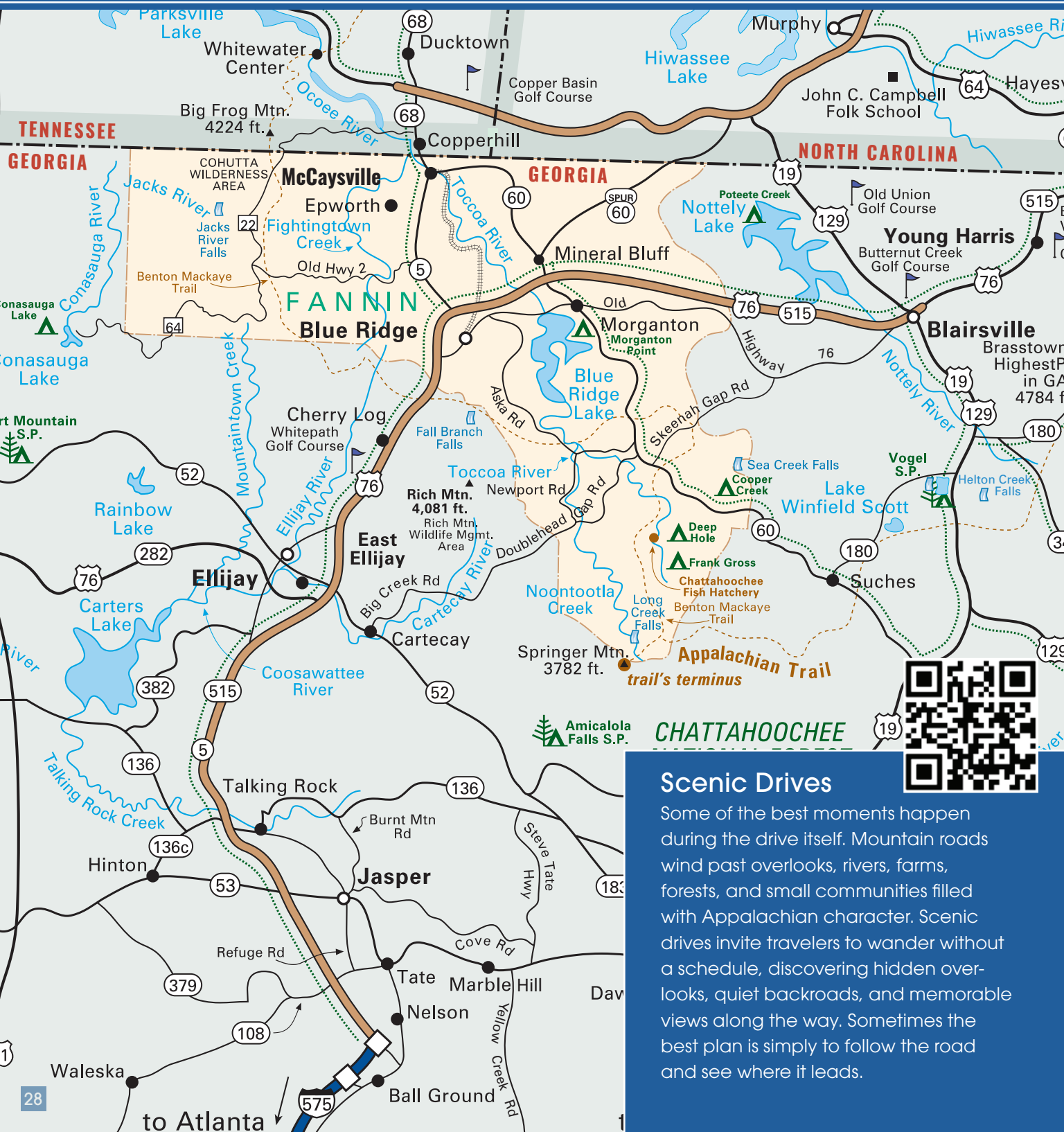
Twinkling lights glow throughout downtown while cabins offer warm fires, quiet mornings, and mountain views softened by winter skies.

It's a season for slowing down, gathering close,

and savoring the quiet beauty of the mountains.

Whatever season you visit, it's always time well spent.





Scenic Drives

Some of the best moments happen during the drive itself. Mountain roads wind past overlooks, rivers, farms, forests, and small communities filled with Appalachian character. Scenic drives invite travelers to wander without a schedule, discovering hidden overlooks, quiet backroads, and memorable views along the way. Sometimes the best plan is simply to follow the road and see where it leads.





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