

Enjoy the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains

Welcome to our home in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Every effort has been made to acquaint potential visitors to the pleasures and amenities for your enjoyment during your visit to Alleghany County, as well as the wider region of Northwest North Carolina and Southwest Virginia.

However, one important quality of the area has not been addressed: It is a magical place.

It is a place where during a drive through the countryside, you round a curve or crest a hill and are awed by the view. You swear to yourself that you can see forever.

It's a place where the stars in the night sky shine brightly, and you trace the constellations they form and maybe catch the sight of a falling star.

It's a place where you put your craft on the river and leave the commotion and hustle and bustle of your daily life behind. Shortly you find yourself alone with nature. The only sound is the rhythm of the water and the occasional lap of a fish breaking the surface.

It's a place where you can play in the warmth of the sun because it's always 10 to 15 degrees cooler than down the mountain in the flatlands.

With few exceptions, all the cafes and restaurants are locally owned and many often serve up recipes that you won't find elsewhere.

Music often fills the air, with many live events held regularly throughout the year.

Music on Main and Saturdays in the Park are two major attrac-

tions, but you can certainly listen to music at multiple venues including bars and restaurants, with the Crouse House Pickers, at the Alleghany Jubilee, and sometimes at local churches. See our events listings in this guide for ideas of places you might want to check out while you're here.

Enjoy fishing, a game of golf or pickleball and bocce at the park.

We're small-town and rural, but still inclusive and, well, fun. It's the kind of place you can have a drink and a nice meal with friends after paddling down a quiet stretch of the river or hiking through a secluded patch of wilderness along one of our many trails. Or if you prefer, sit on the porch of your overnight rental and watch the kids chase lightning bugs in the grass nearby.

Besides Airbnb units in most parts of the county, we have multiple lodging options, including the Alleghany Inn, which sits in the heart of Sparta and offers rooms that open up to a balcony or first level walkway where you can sit outside and enjoy a cool evening.

There are state and national park lands, including the Blue Ridge Parkway, Stone Mountain, New River State Park, Mount Jefferson and Grayson Highlands.

Yes, there's plenty to do and plenty of time to choose whether to do it, or just sit back and soak up the friendly atmosphere.

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