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Blue Ridge Parkway

Grandfath

Mountain

To Asheville

on the BRP:

77 mi.

Pisgah National Forest

www.fs.usda.gov/nfsnc

The Pisgah National Forest is a land of mile-

high peaks, cascading waterfalls, and heavily

forested slopes covering over 500,000 acres

of mountainous terrain across Western North

Carolina. Tremendous recreational opportunities

and backpacking. The Mountains-to-Sea Trail, a long-distance recreational trail, travels through

this district close to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

are available within its boundaries including hiking

Spanning 469 miles along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Parkway runs from the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina. For nearly 100 miles, the Blue Ridge Parkway skirts the western boundary of the Yadkin Valley from Linville Falls, just west of Lenoir, to Cumberland Knob near the Virginia state line. //www.blueridgeparkway.org



Overmountain Victory Trail

The 330 mile long Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail stretches through North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The trail traces the route taken by the Revolutionary War Overmountain Men patriot militia during their campaign of 1780 that took them over the Great Smoky Mountains to the Battle of King's Mountain in North Carolina. The Overmountain Men decisively defeated the the loyalist militia garrisoned on King's Mountain. A reenactment of the historic journey takes place in the fall of each year. www.nps.gov/ovvi



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The mountain from which this park takes its name is not immediately visible upon entering the park, but the magnificent 600-foot granite dome is well worth the wait. Test your fly-fishing skills in the park's more than 20 miles of designated trout waters, or hike one of the park's 16 miles of trails. Designated as a National Natural Landmark in 1975, the park offers more than 14,100 acres of mountain beauty opportunities for outdoor activities of all kinds. www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/stmo/main.php



Deep Gap Boone

> Yadkin River Blowing Headwaters Rock

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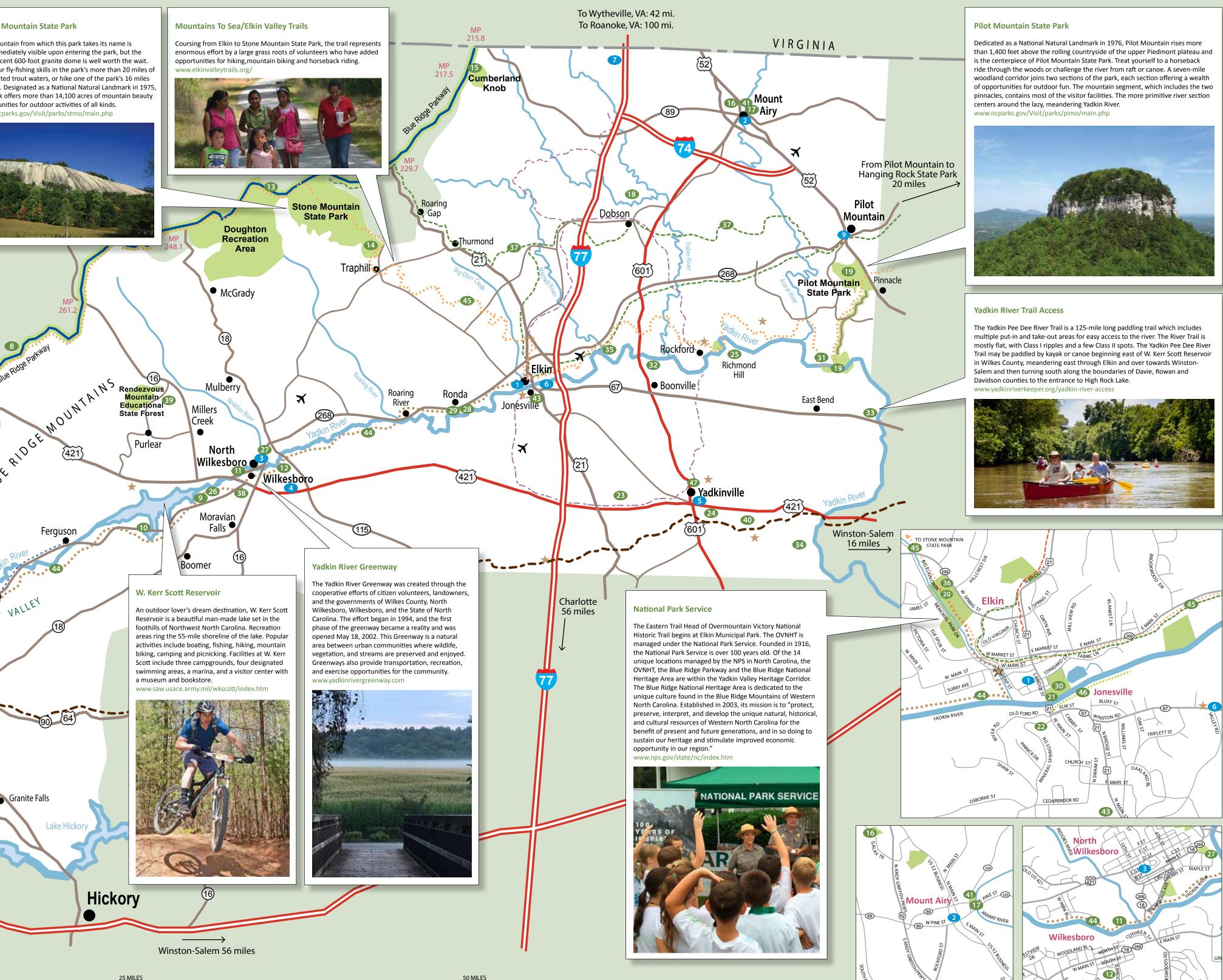
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Asheville 56 miles

Rhodhiss Lake

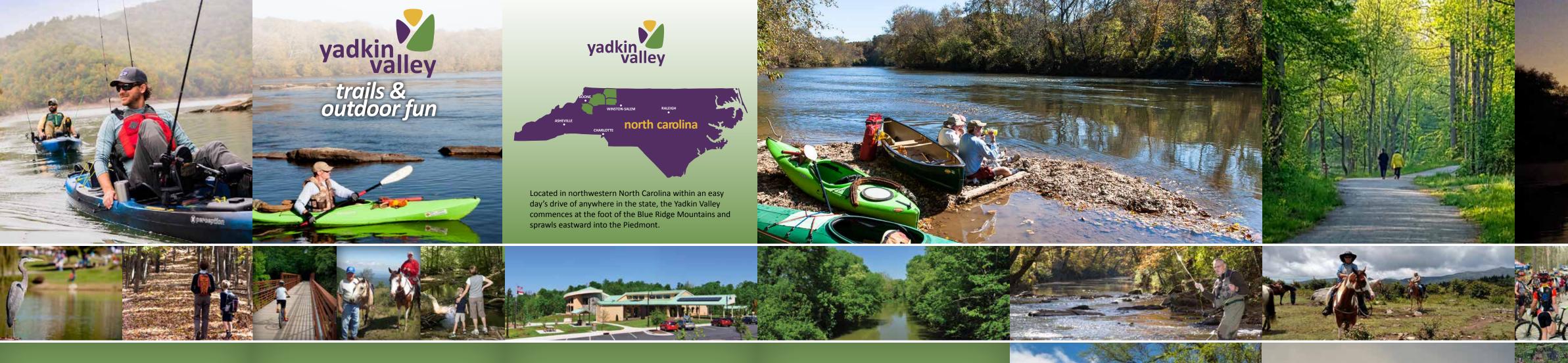
Granite Falls

Hickory









explore. engage. experience.

With abundant outdoor activities, local arts & crafts, charming bed and breakfasts and the exquisite food and wine offered at local restaurants, in the Yadkin Valley you have the makings of a great weekend getaway or family vacation.

In our part of the world, you can go at your own pace, stop at your favorite place, and see a little or a lot of a region bound together by a river for generations.

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Yadkin Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center 1 257 Standard Street, Elkin, NC 28621 336-526-1111 www.yadkinvalley.org

Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center 200 North Main Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030 336-786-6116 www.mountairyncchamber.org

Wilkes Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center 3 717 Main Street, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659 336-838-8662 www.ExploreWilkes.com

Northwest North Carolina Visitor Center 4 2121 East Hwy. 421, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659 336-667-1259 www.nwncvisitorcenter.com

Yadkin County Chamber & Visitor Center 5 205 S. Jackson Street, Yadkinville, NC 27055 336-679-2200 www.yadkinchamber.org

Jonesville Welcome Center 6 1503 NC Highway 67, Jonesville, NC 28642 336-835-2000 www.visittheyadkinvalley.com

I-77N North Carolina Welcome Center Southbound I-77 Milepost 105, Dobson, NC 27017 336-320-2181 www.visitnc.com

Caldwell County Chamber & Visitor Information Center 8 1909 Hickory Blvd SE, Lenoir, NC 28645 828-726-0616 www.caldwellchambernc.com

Pilot Mountain Visitor Center 9 124 W Main Street, Pilot Mountain NC 27041 336-368-2247 www.visitpilotmountain.com



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hiking biking picnicking camping swimming fishing canoeing kayaking

horseback riding



GRANDFATHER RANGER DISTRICT TRAILS Wilson Creek Visitor Center

7805 Brown Mountain Beach Road, Collettsville, NC 828-652-2144 www.fs.usda.gov Rugged wilderness area with waterfalls, swimming, hunting, fishing and a network of trails in varying degrees of difficulty including a section of the Mountains to the Sea Trail. Also, Brown Mtn. OHV Trail system opened seasonally, permit area.

2 2 JOHN'S RIVER TRAIL

5930 NC-90, Lenoir, NC 828-726-0323 www.ncwildlife.org From the John's River Greenway with close proximity to Tuttle State Forest—a 290 acre managed educational forest with exhibits & the "talking tree" trail, picnic shelter and restrooms. 3 🚯 🏠 拱

JOHN'S RIVER GREENWAY

5431 Adako Road, Collettsville, NC 828-726-0323 Ichambernc.com Begins at the Hard & Flossie Park in Collettsville with a lighted track. The paved trail continues south along John's River with picnic shelter, lighted fields and restrooms.

YADKIN RIVER TRAIL

1349 State Road 1560, Lenoir, NC 828-726-0616 www.caldwellchambernc.com Begins with a lighted trail at Happy Valley School and is a growing network of trails to connect along the Yadkin River.

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LENOIR GREENWAY SYSTEM 710 Powell Road NE, Lenoir, NC 828-757-2200

www.caldwellchambernc.com Approximately 8 miles of paved trails with a safe underpass on Hwy 321 to connect to City of Lenoir. Allows access to the Zack's Fork Mtn. Bike Trail System and nature trails in

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470 Redwood Street, Hudson, NC 828-726-6304 www.caldwellchambernc.com 3.5 mile loop connects Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute with Redwood Recreation Park and area schools Some trails are lighted, partly paved and the nature trail includes an amphitheater.

CASCADE FALLS LOOP & TOMPKINS KNOB TRAIL

Blue Ridge Parkway, MP 271.9 & 273 828-298-0398 www.exploreboone.com Tompkins Knob Trail is a 1.2 mile lightly trafficked out and back trail located near Purlear, North Carolina that features beautiful wild flowers and is good for all skill levels. The trail offers a number of activity options and is best used from April until October.

map your adventure.

Plan the route your fun will take with our map of the Yadkin Valley—colored and numbered markers on the map help you easily locate your destination.

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LUMP SUMMIT TRAIL Blue Ridge Parkway, MP 264.4 828-298-0398

www.alltrails.com The Lump Trail is a 0.2 mile moderately trafficked out and back trail located near Purlear, North Carolina that features beautiful wild flowers and is good for all skill levels. The trail offers a number of activity options and is best used from March until Octobe

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499 Reservoir Road, Wilkesboro, NC 336-921-3390 www.visitwilkesboronc.com Dark Mountain Trail features loop after

loop of single track trail rolling through a mature forest with tall poplars and pines. With only a few hundred vertical feet from the lakeshore to the top of the ridge, the trails wind up and down the ridge with an average of about 120 feet of climbing per mile.

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499 Reservoir Road, Wilkesboro, NC 336-921-3390

www.visitwilkesboronc.com OVT Trail is designed as an out-and-back and can be accessed from several locations, but rides typically start from the trailhead at the W. Kerr Scott Visitors Assistance Center. OVT is a great starting point as it is the least difficult of the trails currently at Kerr Scott. less technical riding, climbs/descents are shorter, and the overall elevation aain is also sliahter

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OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY TRAIL SYSTEM - Warrior Creek 7659 W. Highway 268, Boomer, NC

www.visitwilkesboronc.com Warrior Creek Trails' length is a big difference from other trails at W. Kerr Scott. Combined with a section of the OVT at Warrior, it is usually completed with a 13-mile commitment. Along the way there are rock gardens, bridges, tons of in-sloped turns, and great lake views. Also includes several "super-stacks" of berms and banked turns that are likely to provide the most memorable part of your ride.

YADKIN RIVER GREENWAY

1918 West Park Medical Center Drive, North Wilkesboro, NC 336-651-8967 www.yadkinrivergreenway.com The Yadkin River Greenway is a growing segment of a network of trails in Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro following the Yadkin River and connecting sites throughout the two

TRAILS AT CUB CREEK

206 South Bridge Street, Wilkesboro, NC 336-838-3951 www.explorewilkesboro.com These trails are some of the best mountain biking in the southeast. Citizens can walk or mountain bike these trails and they are open sun up to sun down. Included: Call Farm-3.6 miles: Jailbreak-0.7 miles; Perkins Place-2.6 miles; Tornado Alley-1.5 miles.

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From its headwaters near the Blue Ridge Parkway's Thunder Hill Overlook, the Yadkin River flows over 200 miles southeast into South Carolina, making it one of the longest rivers in North Carolina.

Ancient Native Americans and European settlers made their homes near its fertile banks, the life-sustaining river providing not only water, but also a means for fishing and travel. Its waterpower drove gristmills, forges, and sawmills that spurred economic development. Today, fishing, canoeing, kayaking and rafting are favorite pastimes as the river meanders around towns, farms, forests and lush vineyards.

DOUGHTON PARK TRAILS

Blue Ridge Parkway, MP 241 828-271-4779

www.visitblueridgeparkway.com Doughton Park Trail is a 14.3 mile lightly trafficked loop trail located near Hays, North Carolina that features beautiful wild flowers and is rated as moderate. The trail offers a number of activity options and is accessible year-round. Dogs are also able to use this trail but must be kept on leash.

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3042 Frank Parkway, Roaring Gap, NC 336-957-8185 www.ncparks.gov Stone Mountain Trail network visits the Stone Mountain summit as well as waterfalls, trout streams, historic homestead and dramatic overlooks. Rugged terrain can offer hiking challenges, and equestrians enjoy a five-mile trail.

CUMBERLAND KNOB TRAILS

Blue Ridge Parkway, MP 217.5 800-372-5473 www.visitblueridgeparkway.com Perfect for visitors who want to stretch

their legs after a long drive on the Parkway. For an easy one-half mile walk, take the paved trail that starts near the gray structure that served as the Parkway's first concession stand. The trail loops through the picnic area to the Cumberland Knob Overlook shelter. The elevation change is only 100 feet, making this a good trail for taking younger children.

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1250 Galax Trail, Mount Airy, NC 336-786-8313 www.mountairy.org Westwood Park is a wooded site with nature trails, two lighted ballfields, playground equipment, fitness stations, disc golf (nine holes), mountain bike trails, community fishing pond, shelter, restroom facilities, and paved parking.

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Lovills Creek & Ararat River Connected Greenway Systems 350 Riverside Drive, Mount Airy, NC 336-786-8313 www.mountairy.org A paved 2.2-mile paved Greenway Trail from Riverside Park to Tharrington Park)beside Tharrington Elementary School). This section has been restored and is a great area for wildlife viewing, kayaking, canoeing, and trout fishing. The entire length of the Greenway Trail is stocked with trout. There are multiple canoe/kayak/tube launch stations along the trail as well as multiple areas for sitting by the river. A restroom is available halfway down the trail, off on a side trail to the environmental park. Restrooms are also available at Riverside Park.

FISHER RIVER PARK

381 County Home Road, Dobson, NC 336-401-8235 www.co.surry.nc.us Located on the banks of the picturesque Fisher River, Surry County's Fisher River Park offers a wide variety of outdoor activities. The park is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and supplies



1792 Pilot Knob Park Road, Pinnacle, NC 336-325-2355 www.ncparks.gov Rising 1,400 feet above the countryside below, Pilot Mountain State Park is known for its Big Pinnacle peak seen from all directions.



ELKIN VALLEY TRAILS - MOUNTAINS-TO-SEA TRAIL/OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY NATIONAL AND MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAIL SYSTEM 399 Highway 268 West, Elkin, NC 336-258-8917

www.elkinvalleytrails.org Gentle, groomed, wheelchair friendly walking track (3+ miles return loop) links to technical single-track mountain biking loops (up to 4 miles), once trail leaves the Elkin Park it travels 15 miles NW to Stone Mountain State Park as the Mountains-to-Sea Trail. The mountain bike loop is hiker friendly. National Park historic trail travels out of the park alongside the Yadkin River (1.3 miles).

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310 Standard Street, Elkin, NC 336-258-8917 www.elkinnc.org River access to the NC State Bluway Trail of the Yadkin River. Mountains-to-Sea Trail passes through this park, heading east to eventually reach Pilot Mountain State Park.

22 MINERAL SPRINGS BRANCH TRAIL

200 N. Mineral Springs Drive, Jonesville, NC 336-835-0077 www.jonesvillenc.gov Home to an historic Bicentennial Park featuring a Tri-County Veterans' Memorial with 3000+ names of those who have served our nation since pre-Revolutionary War conflicts. The Mineral Sprinas Park. located along the Yadkin River, was once a respite where multiple wilderness trails converged, approximating highways 67 and 21 through Yadkin County.

23 📢 🏈 🚣 拱 YADKIN MEMORIAL PARK AT LAKE HAMPTON

1142 Crystal Lane Yadkinville, NC 336-849-7751 www.yadkincountync.gov Park with activity venues for the entire family on 140 acre Lake Hampton

24 🕅 🎲 🏀 🧭 YADKIN COUNTY NATURE TRAIL

6600 Service Road Yadkinville, NC 336-679-4200 www.yadkincountync.gov Located at Yadkin County Park featuring variou activity opportunities for all gaes.

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RICHMOND HILL LAW SCHOOL TRAIL 4641 Law School Road, East Bend, NC 336-699-3921 www.yadkincountync.gov Located at the Historic Richmond Hill Law School. This site features a short walking trail and picnic shelters.

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TAILWATER ACCESS - Yadkin River Trail W. Kerr Scott 499 Reservoir Road, Wilkesboro, NC 336-921-3390 www.visitwilkesboronc.com Part of the 125-mile long Yadkin Pee Dee River paddling trail, paved parking lot, plenty of parking, bathroom.

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Chestnut & Second Street, North Wilkesboro, NC 336-838-3359 www.north-wilkesboro.com Part of the 125-mile long Yadkin Pee Dee River paddling trail, gravel parking lot, moderate parking, bathroom.

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Clingman Road, Ronda, NC 336-835-2061 www.townofronda.org Park includes a half-mile walking trail, picnic table and shelter, swings and monkey bars. It also has a boat dock onto the Yadkin

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ROARING RIVER/RONDA ACCESS - Yadkin River Trail Clingman Road, Ronda, NC 336-835-2061 www.townofronda.org Part of the 125-mile long Yadkin Pee Dee River

paddling trail, paved parking, plenty of parking, bathroom. 30 | 开 🞲 🕰 🕼 🌏

CRATER PARK ACCESS - Yadkin River Trai Off Commerce Street, Elkin, NC 336-258-8917 www.elkinnc.org Part of the 125-mile long Yadkin Pee Dee River paddling trail, well-kept gravel entrance, moderate parking, bathroom (sometimes locked).

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4400 Shoals Road, East Bend, NC 336-325-2355 www.ncparks.gov Part of the 125-mile long Yadkin Pee Dee River paddling trail, dirt and gravel entrance, limited parking, no bathroom.

32 🖉 🌪 🐺 SHORE ACCESS - Yadkin River Trail

Boonville, NC 336-679-4228 www.yadkincountync.gov Part of the 125-mile long Yadkin Pee Dee River paddling trail, primitive access, moderate parking, no bathroom, camping

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DONNAHA ACCESS - Yadkin River Trail East Bend, NC 336-679-4228 www.yadkincountync.gov Part of the 125-mile long Yadkin Pee Dee River

paddling trail, dirt and gravel entrance road, moderate parking, bathroom. 34 | 🛃 🌏

HUNTSVILLE ACCESS - Yadkin River Trail Yadkinville. NC 336-679-4228

www.yadkincountync.gov Part of the 125-mile long Yadkin Pee Dee River paddling trail, primitive dirt/rock entrance, limited parking, no bathroom.

35 🛛 🛃 🌏 **BURCH STATION at MITCHELL RIVER - Yadkin River Trail**

105 Greenwood Circle, Elkin, NC 336-401-8235 www.co.surrv.nc.us Part of the 125-mile long Yadkin Pee Dee River paddling trail, well-kept gravel entrance, moderate parking, no bathroom.

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399 Highway 268W, Elkin, NC 336-258-8917 www.elkinnc.org 25-acre park with 8 lighted tennis courts, a scenic walking track, a playground, two picnic shelters and a bandshell.

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NC Bike Route 4 1-877-999-8390 www.co.surry.nc.us Over 500 miles with 5 various loops of designated providing access to communities and attractions.

GARDEN OF SENSES

Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, NC 336-838-6100 www.wilkescc.edu Located on the campus of Wilkes Community College designed for sighted and the visually impaired. Plants are labeled in braille and are chosen for their strong scents and textures. Also includes brick walls with raised sculptures labeled in braille.

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YADKIN COUNTY PARK and pond. 41 🗳 ぞ 🐺

RIVERSIDE PARK/ARARAT RIVER GREENWAY TRAIL 350 Riverside Drive. Mount Airv. NC 336-786-8313 www.mountairy.org Located on the banks of the Ararat featuring the multi-purpose, paved Ararat River Greenway Trail (2.2 miles one-way); and The Granite City Greenway which includes 2 previous greenways which comes to 7 Miles of total greenway, a canoe launch; green space; picnic

shelters; a large playground; restrooms; and a soccer field. 42 🔁 📢 ぞ 🚺 🥎 HAPPY VALLEY GREENWAY/YADKIN RIVER TRAIL 1350 Yadkin River Road, Lenoir, NC 828-726-0323

www.caldwellcountypathways.com The multi-use Yadkin River Trail accommodates pedestrians, bicyclists and joggers in the beautiful Happy Valley area of Caldwell County. The 2-mile trail is paved and includes a walking loop near the Happy Valley Elementary School.

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2635 Park Road, Blacksburg, SC 864-936-3477 Trailheads in Wilkesboro, W. Kerr Scott Dam, and Elkin www.nps.gov/ovvi The Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail (OVNHT) is a 330-mile, Congressionally-designated historic trail that spans four states - Virginia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina - and runs through the Yadkin Valley. The trail commemorates the route that the American Patriot militia marched over the Appalachian Mountains to defeat the British-led loyalist army at the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 8, 1790. This Patriot victory is recognized as a turning point in the Revolutionary War that resulted in American Independence in 1781.

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ELKIN & ALLEGHENY RAIL TRAIL/MOUNTAINS-TO-SEA TRAIL 399 Highway 268 W., Elkin, NC 336-258-8917 www.elkinnc.org The Elkin & Alleghany Rail Trail is part of an effort to connect the rural town of Elkin with the nearby Stone Mountain State Park, utilizing the long-abandoned route of the historic Elkin & Alleghany short line railroad. Parking is available next to the southern trailhead, as well as in the municipal park.





RENDEZVOUS MOUNTAIN EDUCATIONAL STATE FOREST

1956 Rendezvous Mountain Road, Purlear, NC 336-667-5072 www.ncesf.org/RMESF Located in the rugged Blue Ridge Mountains, this forest showcases magnificent mountain hardwoods in one of North Carolina's most scenic settings. Its features are accessible by a series of well-marked trails, accented by exhibits and displays depicting the ecology



6600 Service Road. Yadkinville. NC 336-679-4228 www.yadkincountync.gov Provides activities, events, and facilities to visitors and features disc golf, nature trails, playgrounds, picnic areas, a stage,

140 Delos Martin Drive, Jonesville, NC 336-835-3426

www.jonesvillenc.gov Recreational area with tennis, baseball, softball, walking, basketball, social gatherings, soccer, playground and picnic area.

OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

fun happens here.

If your idea of fun includes hiking, biking, kayaking and canoeing, the Yadkin Valley offers all of that and more. Visit shops, restaurants, galleries, and antique stores, take in a farmers market or festival, tour our vast array of wineries and sample award-winning wines, then spend the night at a historic bed and breakfast or hotel.

Here, you'll discover a thriving, vibrant region, proud of its history and heritage and welcoming you to partake in its bounty.

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JONESVILLE GREENWAY TRAIL 1503 NC Highway 67, Jonesville, NC 336-835-3426

www.jonesvillenc.gov A great trail for a nature walk, bike ride, and bird watching with plans to expand to a 32-mile stretch ending in historic Rockford. **47**

YADKINVILLE COMMUNITY PARK

606 North State Street, Yadkinville NC 336-679-8732 www.yadkinville.org Family friendly park with a trail for walking or running. Features a playground, picnic shelter, and stage.

