



Welcome Center

Fall Newsletter 2024



Almost There! Driving into Hot Springs and seeing Bluff Mountain in the distance.

Photo taken from Tanyard Gap by Marion Cook, [Hot Springs Getaway](#)

Fall- possibly your favorite time of year?
The cooler weather brings us back to life, and entices us out for more Adventure.

A hike up to **Rich Mountain Fire Tower** along the AT will energize and reward you. Starting at Tanyard Gap- find directions for this hike further down in this newsletter.

Adventure is just part of what makes Fall special here. We also like to relax, sip and savor at our diverse, original and locally-owned eateries. And gather at our special events- festivals, workshops and live music!

Make some memories and new friends here in Hot Springs. We are family!

**“Autumn mornings:
sunshine and crisp air,
birds and calmness,
year’s end and day’s
beginnings.”**

~Terri Guillemets

Hot Springs, NC
Website

Art Trail Downtown Hot Springs

Saturday, October 5 - 11am-6pm

Hot Springs Art Trail is a celebration and promotion of the talents, works, and creativity of the many local artists in the Hot Springs area and Madison County. Visitors and residents are invited to walk the self-guided “trail,” see



artworks, and meet artists.

FREE & family-friendly.

11AM Trailhead Kickoff at Gallery339 / Refreshments / Live Music by Madelyn Ilana

12-6PM Artist Exhibits open through downtown Hot Springs

2-5PM Live Music by The Moon and You + Kids Activities at Spring Creek Hotel

6PM Trailhead Finish Line at Big Pillow Brewing / Live Music by The Knotty G's

Learn More about the Art Trail!

Sit and Savor in Hot Springs

Content by Alicia Araya, local connoisseur



Diners at Iron Horse Station trying out their New Menu!

The Iron Horse Station recently updated its hours and menu.

"Our new menu consists of all our best-selling items from previous years" says Karen Goss, co-owner, "including glazed salmon and the legendary Iron Horse Burger. Be sure to check out our new appetizers, salads and homemade sides too! Stop in and say hello, we love taking care of our guests!"

As summer's rush and leisure eases into Fall, we turn our minds towards what Hot Springs dining offerings have to take us through the cold winter months and into the new year.

Our little community boasts many excellent dining experiences, from **Grey Eagle Taqueria at Big Pillow Brewing**, to delicious brick-oven pizza at **Vinyl Pies Pizza**, to the

gourmet deli offerings at [Vaste Rivière Provisions](#) just next door, to the culinary workhorses in the town - the [Spring Creek Tavern](#), and the [Smoky Mountain Diner](#). Diners can also pop into [Hillbilly Market & Deli](#) for great take-away food and basic groceries. For those whom leaf-viewing takes them wandering up Hwy 209, [Trust General Store & Cafe](#) offers a fine dining experience and groceries as well.

The [Iron Horse Station](#) restaurant is another Hot Springs institution, greeting all visitors coming into town across the French Broad river bridge. Located next to [Artisun Gallery and Cafe](#), which offers Ultimate ice cream and delectable bakery items made in-house, the **Iron Horse** has for many years been the go-to place in town to get fresh hand-cut steaks, Ribeye, 14 oz. New York Strip and local, fresh Rainbow Trout delivered every Friday.

Iron Horse Station Menu		
<i>Appetizers</i>		
Fried Green Tomatoes \$9- Hand-breaded and southern fried, served w/avory sweet red tomato jam and housemade honey mustard.		
Medjool Dates \$9- Stuffed with blue cheese and bacon wrapped served over mixed greens w/buttermilk and drizzled with Mike's Hot Honey.		
Crispy Chicken Tenders \$9- 6 hand-breaded chicken tenders served w/choice of dipping sauce.		
Happy Kelli's Crab Cakes \$16- Two lump crab cakes, lightly spiced and pattied, topped w/guacamole and spicy aioli.		
<i>Salads</i>		
Beet Salad \$13- Baby greens, toasted walnuts, goat cheese, mandarin oranges, red and gold beets, and balsamic vinaigrette.		
House Salad \$12- Baby greens, cucumbers, red onion, tomato, pumpkin seeds, cranberries, croutons, choice of dressing. Side available \$7		
<i>Dressings</i>		
Balsamic		
Blue Cheese		
Honey Mustard		
Ranch		
<i>Entrées</i>		
All beef provided by: BRAVEHEART PRIME BLACK ANGUS BEEF		
Iron Horse Burger \$16- 8 oz chargrilled, topped with applewood smoked bacon, cheddar cheese, tomato, lettuce, and onion served on a toasted Brioche roll w/side of Moonshine BBQ and mayo. Beyond Burger (meatless) patty available for substitution.		
14 oz Prime Ribeye \$39- Hand-cut, lightly seasoned w/salt & pepper chargrilled to order and two sides.		
14 oz Prime NY \$34- Hand-cut NY strip lightly seasoned w/salt & pepper, chargrilled to order topped with red wine mushroom demi glaze and two sides.		
Southern Fried Chicken \$21- Two delicious chicken breasts lightly breaded and covered with housemade white-pepper gravy and two sides.		
Bourbon Glazed Salmon \$24- Filet, chargrilled and glazed with housemade bourbon glaze and two sides.		
Sunburst Farms Trout \$28- Prepared either blackened or lemon pepper grilled and two sides.		
Catfish \$21- Farm-raised catfish, marinated, hand breaded, golden fried and served with our housemade Cajun tartar sauce.		
*Warning: Consumption of undercooked meat/poultry/seafood may increase the risk of food borne illness		
<i>Sides</i>		
Macaroni & Cheese	Hand-Cut French Fries	Vegetable of the Day
Creamy Cheese Grits	Loaded Baked Potato +\$1.50	Sweet Potato Fries
Collard Greens	Green Onion/Cheddar Mashed Potato	Cole Slaw

Iron Horse Station Menu

Updated Restaurant Hours
Thursdays: 4 - 8 PM

Fri, Sat, Sun & Mon:
11:30 AM - 8 PM

Tuesdays & Wednesdays:
CLOSED

Looking for Lodging?
The Iron Horse Station Inn is open 7 days a week.



Vinyl Pies Pizza, Vaste Riviere Provisions and Bluff Mountain Outfitters in Downtown Hot Springs.

Restaurants in
Hot Springs

Hot Springs Lodging

Finding a unique and comfortable place to stay is essential for any outing. Our website makes that easy!

There are over 70 Lodging Listings on our website- downtown homes, hotels & suites, plus cabins &



vacation homes sprinkled down the French Broad River, up into the mountains of Spring Creek and near the Laurel River. These special places also support the operations of the Welcome Center and maintenance of our website, hotspringsnc.org

Browse around our website to find your next getaway to Hot Springs!

WildWood Junction- Our newest Lodging Member of Hot Springs Tourism Assn & Welcome Center.

Do you recognize this Caboose that used to be in downtown Hot Springs?

[View all Lodging Listings](#)

More Fall Events!



Car Show & Pie Contest in Spring Creek This Saturday- Old-Time Fun!

Car Show - Open Entry, \$10 registration. People's Choice Awards
Pie Contest - Judge's & People's Choice Awards
Winner's announced at 2 pm



Oktoberfest at Big Pillow Brewing!



Appalachian Heritage Festival Woodson Branch Saturday, October 5, 10am-3pm

Join us for a day of carnival games, timber sports, live music, baked goods, homemade chili, and buy a pumpkin at our very own pumpkin patch!



Hot Springs, NC, is famous for its natural mineral springs and as the first stop (North Bound) along the Appalachian Trail.

About Our Events

Stories of Hot Springs is a community event celebrating the town's history and culture. From September 23rd - 25th, enjoy a walking tour, centennial celebrations, local food, and activities for all ages.



Stories of Hot Springs

September 23rd - 25th, 2024

This merry three-day celebration features a walking tour, local history, and centennial landmark events. Enjoy activities such as the Walking Tour, live entertainment, and more fun as you explore the heritage of Hot Springs, NC.

Stories of Hot Springs 3 Days of Events

Saturday, October 26 1-10pm

Throw on your lederhosen und dirndls...and join us for a day of Oktoberfest celebrations!
Sip on our delicious Oktoberfest beer, enjoy some special German-inspired foods from the Grey Eagle Taqueria, play some games (for prizes!) ...all while dancing to the fun music of 2 to Toot!



**Halloween Dance Party
at Spring Creek Tavern!**
Saturday, October 26-9pm

DJ Raven will be spinning your favorites, while you dance the night away. Don't forget to wear your best costumes for the contest!

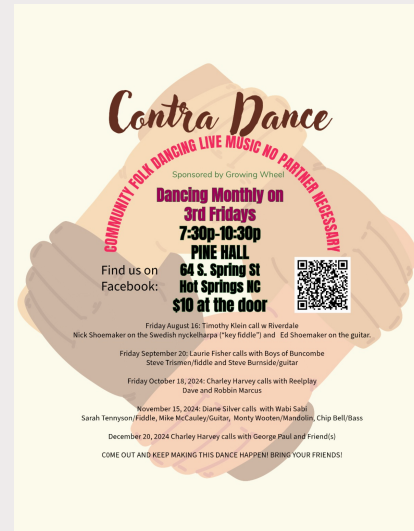


**Bandaloop Tiny Music Festival
at Rare Bird Farm**
October 18 & 19

We hope you'll join us at Rare Bird Farm for a weekend of music,

Mon-Wed, September 23-25

Experience walking tours, tastings, films, live music, and special activities that explore our town's rich history and charm.



Contra Dancing at Pine Hall
7:30 till 10:30pm

**Every month on 3rd Fridays-
September 20, October 18,
November 15 & December 20!**



Laurel Community Market
Saturdays - September 28, October 26, & November 23
3-6pm

Other Local Markets

Downtown Hot Springs on the lawn of Hot Springs Rafting Co. on most weekends, weather dependent.

community, and connection. Whether you're here for one show or the whole weekend, we can't wait to share this experience with you.



Tuxedo Junction Band at Trust **General Store & Cafe** **Saturday, October 26, 4-7pm**

Tuxedo Junction plays your favorite hits from Classic Rock, Pop, Motown, Beach, Country, and Rockabilly!

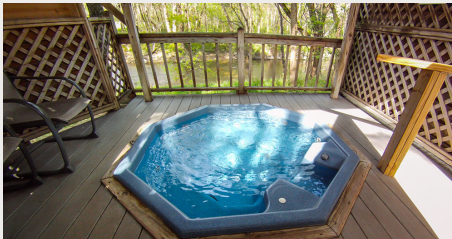
Spring Creek Community Market - **Friday, October 4** **12-6pm**

Save the Date - December 14 **Hot Springs Christmas Parade!**

Sponsored by the
Hot Springs Entertainment Committee

**Browse our Events Calendar for
More Happenings this season!**

[Visit our Events Calendar](#)



Hot Springs Resort & Spa

Fall is the perfect time of year for a soak!

The Spa features jetted hot tubs built into attractive wooden decks. The hot natural mineral water flows continuously into them from deep inside the earth. Each tub is in a relaxed and private outdoor setting along scenic Spring Creek and the French Broad River.

Baths are drained and sanitized after each use. Yes, that means the water is natural and free of chemicals!

This is the only place to soak in the natural hot mineral water by the hour, so make your reservations today by calling **828-622-7676**.

[Hot Springs Resort & Spa Website](#)



Rich Mountain Fire Tower View

To **hike** here from Tanyard Gap, follow directions on



More Links and Information

Fall Splendor in Hot Springs

visitmadisoncounty.com

To **drive** to the base of the tower along USFS gravel roads, learn more on RomanticAsheville.com
Check for winter road closures.

Stop by the **Hot Springs Welcome Center** beforehand for a **glossy brochure** for this hike!

Both Photos taken by Bill Downey, courtesy of Madison County, NC Tourism

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[Hot Springs Welcome Center](#) is open daily from 10-5pm.

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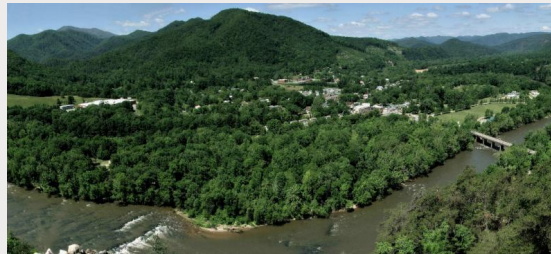
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