



## Welcome Center

### Summer Newsletter 2024



**Floating down the French Broad River near Hot Springs**  
Photo by Wendy Stancil

After a busy springtime, a little time near the water will get you into that relaxed summertime mood.

We've got plenty of water in Hot Springs! Where the dynamic French Broad River is joined by the cool mountain waters of Spring Creek.

Read below for some things to do on the water this summer. Plus events and other fine things to do in Hot Springs, NC!

[Hot Springs, NC Website](#)

**"A river seems a magic thing. A magic, moving, living part of the very earth itself."**  
Laura Gilpin, American Photographer

## Boating, Fishing, Swimming... Playing in the Water!

**Boating-** There is nothing quite like floating down a river.

If you have already done it, time to go again. And if you have never tried it- what are you waiting for!?

There are 4 local outfitters that can get you set up for an exciting whitewater adventure or relaxing float trip in an inflatable kayak or tube. Contact one of these friendly companies and get the fun started.



**French Broad Whitewater on Section 9.** Photo by [French Broad Adventures](#)

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**Fishing-** Cast a line in the river or in one of the many creeks in Madison County. Stop by the Welcome Center for a brochure of local fishing spots.

**When you're here, ask a local!** Stop by and see Cindy at C&H Fishing Supplies, Aaron at Tobacco Road, and Keith at Bugs and Brews.

Fishing near Hot Springs, NC

**Swimming-** Cool off in a swimming hole. Get directions to the Laurel River Trail and Paint Creek Corridor at the Welcome Center. Laurel Community Center is now a new site on the Blue Ridge Snorkel Trail.

Be mindful of posted signs and leave no trace practices when enjoying these waters!

## Horseback Riding, Llama Experiences, Hiking... Playing on the Land

If water is not your thing, try one of these down to earth activities.

### SANDY BOTTOM TRAIL RIDES

The premier Horseback Riding destination, 1, 2 or 3 hour rides.

### LLAMAS OF HOT SPRINGS

Llama Trekking and Animal-Assisted Therapy.

### BLUE RIDGE HIKING COMPANY

Guided Hikes, Gear Rentals and Bunkhouse Lodging in town on the AT.



Horseback Riding with views  
at Sandy Bottom Trail Rides

Things To Do in Hot Springs,  
NC

**Massage-** Really get down to earth and tune into deeper relaxation while in Hot Springs.

Contact one of these excellent practicing therapists for an appointment.

### JUST BE- MASSAGE & BODYWORK THERAPY

### THE MUSCLE WHISPERER



## Bluff Mountain Festival

This Saturday, June 15 - 10am-6pm

What could be sweeter than a day on the lawn under shady trees listening to mountain music? Connect with friends old and new during this special annual reunion of artists and musicians.

Visit the Hot Springs Resort & Spa for this free event on Saturday, June 15. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and kick back.

The festival has food and arts vendors, plus you may amble into the downtown shops and eateries!

Learn More about Bluff Mountain Festival

## More Summer Events!



### July 6- Celebration and Fireworks in Downtown Hot Springs!.

**12-4:** Frolic on the lawn of the Alpine Court with games, waterslide and supersoaker zone!

**All day:** Stroll around town and explore the shops, eateries and market vendors.

**Evening:** Fireworks display by the VFD. View them from downtown and the HS Elementary grounds.

## Laurel Community Market Saturday, June 29



### Other Markets:

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

**Spring Creek Community Market** on July 5, 12-6pm, and on First Fridays through October.





**July 6- Lightning Bug Sessions at Rare Bird Farm from 4-9pm.** An intimate all-day concert lineup featuring top indie musical artists across multiple genres. Stay for the whole weekend with camping options.



**July 6- Freedom Festival and Fireworks at Laurel Community Center, 5pm till After Dark.**

If you are a morning person and love to jog, sign up for the 5K at this link



**June 22- An Art Workshop for Kids** ages 7-14 at the Spring Creek Community Center.  
Plus more dates on flyer!



**June 21- Contra Dancing** at Pine Hall starting at 7:30pm till 10:30.  
And every month on 3rd Fridays!

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

[Visit our Events Calendar](#)

## Hot Springs Library Events

The library staff work very hard every year to create a summer reading program. Many of the workshops are entertaining for locals and visitors.

**APPALACHIAN  
HEARTSTRINGS**



No sign-up required!

Appalachian Heartstrings is a local group of Madison County musicians, intertwining traditional old-time music with folk and bluegrass to create a unique blend of tones and harmonies. This program is open to all ages with two chances to see!

Tuesday, June 18 @ 11 am - Pine Hall, Hot Springs  
Wednesday, July 10 @ 11 am - Marshall Library

**Tuesday, June 18 at 11am, Pine Hall**  
**Appalachian Heartstrings** is a local group of Madison County musicians, intertwining traditional old-time music with folk and bluegrass to create a unique blend of tones and harmonies.

**Tuesday, June 18 at 7pm, Chestnut Hall**  
**Author Tom Hare** will discuss his book *Mountain Bound and the Life I Found*, his upcoming project as well as his collaboration with Rare Bird Farm in Hot Springs.

**Monday, June 24 at 5pm, Hot Springs Library**  
**Family Night at the Movies** The new *Wonka* movie with Timothee Chalamet.

**Monday, July 8 at 5pm, Hot Springs Library**  
**Family Night at the Movies** Movie is *Yes Day* with Jennifer Garner.

**Monday, July 15 at 11am, Hot Springs Library, Ages 7 and up.**  
**Who stole the cookie from the cookie jar?** Crime sleuths in this program will study a crumbled crime scene, collect clues, and come to conclusions to answer the age-old problem of the cookie caper.

Library Events on Facebook

## Art Trail event being planned downtown on October 5

**SAVE THE DATE- Art Trail, downtown Hot Springs, Saturday, October 5th, 12-6pm.**

Get on the trailhead at Gallery 339, meet the artists, and sip & savor refreshments with live music. Continue through town, experiencing local art and 'trail magic' along the way. Celebrate the final destination at Big Pillow Brewing with live music.

Artists interested in participating, contact Terry Thirion (704)334-0800.



Hot Springs, NC Website

**More Links and Information**

[Summertime Fun in Hot Springs](#)

[Hiking Trails](#)

[Cycling & Off-Road Mountain Biking](#)

## Bird's eye view of Hot Springs on a vibrant May day

Photo by Bill Downey,  
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## [A Walking Tour of Hot Springs](#)

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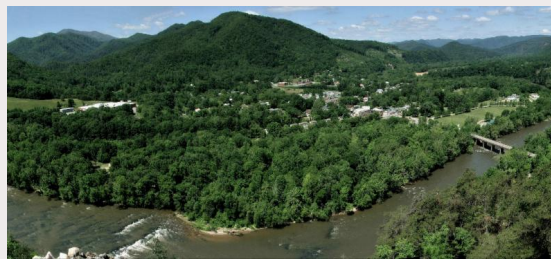
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