



## ***SPRING Newsletter 2020***

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**Hot Springs Tourism Association**

### ***2020 SCHEDULE of EVENTS in Hot Springs, NC***

Looking forward to the fun festivals and holiday gatherings happening this year! Mark your calendars for an exciting year.

Dates and times are subject to change. Check ahead for any cancellations or rescheduling of events prior to arrival.



This Saturday, March 7th, [Bingo Night](#) from 6-9pm to benefit new Events Committee for Town of Hot Springs!

April 17,18 & 19	<u><a href="#">Appalachian TrailFest</a></u>
May 1,2 & 3	<u><a href="#">23rd Annual French Broad River Festival</a></u>
May 16	<u><a href="#">Vintage BMW Gathering</a></u>
June 13	<u><a href="#">Bluff Mountain Music Festival</a></u>
July 4	<u><a href="#">Independence Day Fireworks</a></u>
July 9,10,11 & 12	<u><a href="#">Wild Goose Festival</a></u>
October TBA	<u><a href="#">BBQ for BOOKS by Friends of the HS Library</a></u>
December 5	<u><a href="#">Christmas Parade &amp; Light the Night</a></u>
December TBA	<u><a href="#">Spring Creek Christmas Bazaar</a></u>

See More Events and Live Music on our [Website Events Calendar](#)

## Appalachian Trail Conservancy AT Community Program



The Appalachian Trail travels through the heart of downtown Hot Springs, giving all hikers a chance to interact with our friendly and diverse community.

We are one of 40 towns included in the AT Community Program. These trail towns are considered assets by all that use the Trail, and many towns act as good friends and neighbors to the Trail.

[Learn more about the ATC and read a feature article from A.T. Journeys magazine about things to do and see in Hot Springs.](#)

### Shopping and Dining Downtown

**Artisun Gallery**- New Owners Phillip and Pascha Solomon have enlivened this beautiful space with artwork, crafts, unique gifts and delicious treats. Enjoy a scoop of locally made Ultimate Ice Cream and an espresso in this meeting place by the railroad tracks. Mountain Vino, a fine wine shop, is also located inside.



**Bluff Mountain Outfitters**- Providing supplies and gear for Appalachian Trail thru-hikers since 1997, this shop also has a fun and diverse collection of books, clothing, accessories and gifts. Owner Wayne Crosby and staff may also help you find maps and gear for any outdoor pursuit!

**Gentry Hardware**- Family owned since 1946, Gentry's is an old-time hardware store. Stop by for unique gifts and souvenirs and to meet owners Keith and Jeanne Gentry.

**Iron Horse Station**- Take in a mountain view and watch a train go by while enjoying made from scratch food such as steaks cut in-house. Live music by singer-songwriters on select evenings throughout year. Owners Karen and Gary Goss have created a friendly atmosphere for relaxed dining.

**Sara Jo's Station**- New paint and fresh style for our Triangle Gas Station! Reopened on February 1st after several months of closure. Now being stocked with fresh items weekly such as local Mills River Milk, homemade pot pies and Mountain City Roasters coffee. All gas is Ethanol-Free.

**Smoky Mountain Diner**- Stop by to see original murals of Appalachian Trail

scenes and stay for a delicious and expansive menu. Owner Genia and friendly staff are serving breakfast, lunch and supper daily except Sundays. Their motto 'When you come, you will be treated like family'.

**Spring Creek Tavern**- Dine and drink on the deck overlooking beautiful Spring Creek or sit inside for a warm, cozy atmosphere. Live music on most weekend nights. Owners Tim and Amanda Arnett have created a welcoming space for locals and visitors to town.

**Tobacco Road**- This craft beer, fine wine, cider and smoke shop will help you find the perfect item for your occasion. Aaron and Cindy have gathered an impressive collection of local and regional beverages.

**Vaste Riviere Provisions**- A new addition to town in 2019, owners Danny and Rebekah Arnold have created a sophisticated and comfortable place to relax and enjoy fine foods and drinks. Shop for quality gifts and groceries to take home.

#### **New and Exciting Places in the Works:**

Big Pillow Brewing Company

Trailside Cafe

Jailhouse Java

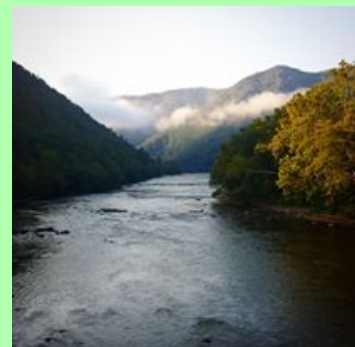
When taking a scenic drive south on NC 209 to Spring Creek, you will definitely want to stop by the **Trust General Store & Cafe** for a home-cooked meal or snack for the road.

**[Learn More at HotSpringsNC.org](http://HotSpringsNC.org)**

## **When in Madison County, NC**

Hot Springs is located within beautiful Madison County, a gem of the Blue Ridge Mountains that is home to over 55,000 acres of the Pisgah National Forest, the scenic French Broad River and its pristine tributaries.

The majesty of our natural surroundings combines with the heritage of our three small towns, our timeless mountain music and delicious food offerings to make Madison County a most desirable destination.



We offer outdoor activities for enthusiasts of all ages that include hiking, whitewater rafting, tubing, cycling and horseback riding. Also available are soaks in the natural hot springs that are among only a few such springs found east of the Mississippi River.

Learn more at the official website: **[www.visitmadisoncounty.com](http://www.visitmadisoncounty.com)**

And for more on the outdoors: **[www.madisoncountyoutdoors.com](http://www.madisoncountyoutdoors.com)**

## Hot Springs Resort & Spa



Reopening for Hot Mineral Water Soaks on March 7th.

Open to the public for private soaks in natural Hot Mineral Water in modern jacuzzi-style hot tubs located on Spring Creek and the French Broad River.

Massage & Spa treatments compliment the relaxing soaks, making for the ultimate self-care experience.

Find all you need to know to plan your visit at their website: [www.nhotsprings.com](http://www.nhotsprings.com)

## Adventure Outdoors

The pristine mountain forests and lush river valleys are a magical outdoor playground for nature lovers of all ages to explore.

### Fun things to do in Hot Springs...

whitewater guided rafting trips, kayaking  
swimming, river tubing, peaceful float trips  
hiking, biking, camping, fishing, birding  
horseback riding, rock-hounding, zip-lining  
hot spring soaks, soothing massages  
shopping, dining out, making new friends



Check out the Hot Springs Welcome Center for information on where to go and what to see, and our [\*Things To Do page on our Website\*](#)

## Hot Springs Welcome Center

The Center is open from 10-5 daily and offers visitors and residents a comfortable place to relax, learn more about the area and explore many fascinating historical exhibits.

Watch the history film created by the Rural Heritage Museum in Mars Hill.

*'A Fountain of Youth in the Southern Highlands:  
A History of Hot Springs, NC'*

Staff will be happy to play it for you by request.





*The mission of The Welcome Center is to promote local businesses, events and area attractions of Hot Springs to all visitors and guests of town.*

We are located in the heart of downtown at 106 Bridge Street, across from the Post Office.

*The Welcome Center is operated by the Hot Springs Tourism Association with support from the Town of Hot Springs and the Madison County Tourism Development Authority.*

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## **Looking for Sunday worship services? Check out these area Churches.**

There are several houses of worship in our neighborhood that are open to the public and are happy to receive you as a guest.

### **Dorland Memorial Presbyterian Church**

61 Bridge St. Downtown Hot Springs

### **Hot Springs First Baptist Church**

Meadow Lane, Downtown Hot Springs

### **Solid Rock Full Gospel Church**

4154 NW Hwy 25-70, Hot Springs, Phone: (423) 972-2944

### **Fairview United Methodist Church**

202 Fairview Loop, Hot Springs, Phone: (828) 622-7272

### **Antioch United Methodist Church**

44 Grassy Creek Rd, Hot Springs

### **Hot Springs Freewill Baptist Church**

772 River Road, Hot Springs

### **Walnut Presbyterian Church**

270 Barnard Rd, Marshall, Phone: (828) 280-3929

**Also, see our [Website for Service Times and Photos](#)**

**Hot Springs Welcome Center**

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