



Welcome Center

Spring Newsletter 2024



Red Trillium- Coming soon to a moist woodland near Hot Springs!

Photo by Matt Mechem

Our spirits are lifting as the days lengthen and the sap rises back into the trees. Spring is time to put aside the devices and get outside for a dose of good ol' Vitamin D!

Treat yourself to a relaxing day, evening, or extended stay in our beautiful neighborhood.

[Hot Springs, NC Website](#)

"If you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it's your world for a moment."
~ Georgia O'Keefe



Loving a Mountain: How Community Cares for Max Patch

article by Wendy Stancil, photo by Matt Mechem

Have you been to Max Patch lately? It looks and feels clean and pristine, thanks to the loving hands of many volunteers.

Our local writer, alderwoman and lover of nature- Wendy Stancil- has shared her voice with us again in this uplifting story.

[Read about Max Patch](#)



Appalachian TrailFest Update

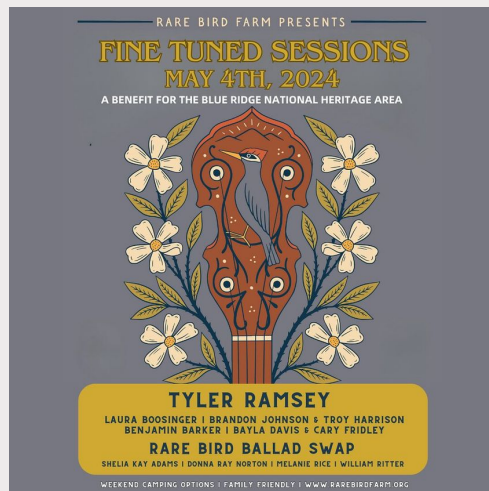
The official festival is cancelled this year for the weekend of April 13th- so to celebrate the AT and Town of Hot Springs- some favorite events are planned for **SATURDAY APRIL 27!**

DUCK RACE- Late afternoon prior to the next event. Organized by the Hot Springs Fire Department. Proceeds go to the VFD and 2025 TrailFest.

DINNER + FASHION SHOW AT LAUGHING HEART HOSTEL-Free to hikers and guests. Donations to be accepted and saved for 2025 TrailFest.

The organization of TrailFest is in transition, with plans to continue in 2025, in partnership with the Laughing Heart Hostel and Hot Springs community.

Spring Event Flyers



May 4- Fine Tuned Sessions at Rare Bird Farm. Day Passes and Camping options. Showcasing local and regional talents in traditional Appalachian music. In the beautiful Spring Creek Community, about 20 minutes from Hot Springs.

While on their [website](#), browse around for workshops and musical gatherings all spring and summer!

Spring Creek Community Market starts May 3rd



Other Markets:

Laurel Community Center Makers & Growers Market happens monthly, starting April 27, and on last Saturdays through November.

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



March 29- Wine Tasting at [Vaste Riviere Provisions](#) from 5-7pm



April 1- Learn More About Solar Eclipses with Bernard from the Asheville Astronomy Club!
At the [Hot Springs Library](#)
Monday, 4/1 at 1pm



May 18- The very best Yard Sale happens at the [Spring Creek Community Center](#).

And Looking Ahead...

June 15- [Bluff Mountain Festival](#)
Foot-tapping bluegrass and old-time music on the grounds of [The Hot Springs Resort & Spa](#)

July 6- [Fireworks](#)
Downtown Hot Springs
Sponsored by the HS VFD

Browse our Events Calendar for More Happenings this season!

[Visit our Events Calendar](#)

Adult Workshops, Plant Sales, Batter Breakfast, Kids Summer Camps, and more...

at Woodson Branch Nature School

Enjoy a visit to their beautiful campus, only 7 miles from downtown Hot Springs, en route towards Marshall, NC.

Choose from **Parenting Workshops** and other Amazing Workshops this Spring- see flyer for details. Attend the yummy **[Batter](#)**



WBNS SPRING 2024 ADULTWORKSHOPS

PARENTING WORKSHOPS SERIES

- TOOLS TO PROMOTE PEACE IN OUR HOMES. (MARCH 21ST, 7-8 PM)
- THE UPSIDE OF ANGER- (APRIL 14TH, 4-6 PM)
- PARENTING STYLES, VALUES, BOUNDARIES (APRIL 21ST, 4-6 PM)
- NEUROLOGY OF BIG FEELINGS/TANTRUMS AND NAVIGATING CONFLICT (APRIL 28TH, 4-6 PM)

OTHER AMAZING WORKSHOPS

- MEDICINE MAKING WITH SYDNEY THOMPSON (MARCH 23RD, 10AM-1 PM)
- WILD EDIBLE PLANTS AND WOODY ETHNOBOTANY WITH MARC WILLIAMS (APRIL 20TH FROM 1-4)
- COB OVEN BUILDING WITH MORGAN CARAWAY (MAY 4TH & 5TH)

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Breakfast fundraiser on April 20, and green up your landscape with some homegrown plants during their **Plant Sales** on May 4 & May 11.

Immerse your child in the natural world at one of their **Summer Camps** for kids age 6-11. These day camps may be signed up for one week at a time, and have fun themes ranging from Outdoor Theater to Wilderness Survival!

Woodson Branch Nature School Website

New Welcome Sign

Next time you drive into town from the West side, be sure to lookout for this beautiful new painting by Brian Boles! This railroad bridge is just upstream of Hot Springs.

Project sponsored by The Hot Springs Lions Club, The Town of Hot Springs, Hot Springs Tourism Association, and the Madison County TDA. The project was inspired and coordinated by Terry Thirion, artist and owner of Gallery 339 Hot Springs. Structure design and assembly done by Brian Boles, owner of Bolesart Studio.

Local and regional artists may apply to have one of their images featured on the sign for 6 months. Brian's art will be removed and replaced by the new artist's artwork. More information to come soon.



New Must-See Video on PBS- Featuring Hot Springs!

America: The Land We Live In

The first episode of this series takes you on a modern-day adventure along the French

Broad River near Hot Springs, NC.

Seeking vantage points from the 19th-century travelogue called Picturesque America, Scott 'Doc' Varn and Sophia Michelen enlist help from local experts. After 150 years, these views have changed a little, making the challenge even more interesting!

The show is available to stream anytime through PBS Passport. Or check local

listings for showtimes.



Hot Springs, North Carolina Where the Appalachian Trail Meets the French Broad River

Photo by Mary Helen Adamson,
co-owner of [Hot Springs Getaway](#)

[Hot Springs, NC Website](#)

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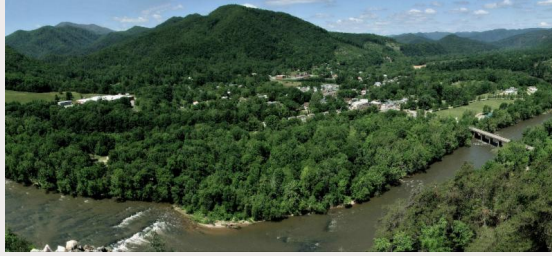
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