



Hot Springs, NC Welcome Center

2023 Spring Newsletter

This is the season of exquisite redemption, a slam-bang return to joy after a season of cold second thoughts. ~ Barbara Kingsolver



Changes are unfolding in Hot Springs, NC as the trees begin to sprout and flowers spring up from gardens and forest floor!

Cruise out for a relaxed day trip, spontaneous weekend getaway, or make a plan for a long vacation to connect with family, friends and nature.

Scroll down to find events planned in town and the surrounding mountains of [Madison County](#).

[Tap a link to our website](#) to find places to stay, play, eat, and shop!

Highlighted Events

Saturday, April 22-

[Hot Springs Appalachian TrailFest](#) returns for 1st time since 2019

Saturday, June 10-

[Bluff Mountain Music Festival](#) at the [Hot Springs Resort & Spa](#)

Saturday, July 1-

[FIREWORKS in downtown Hot Springs](#)

**More events, artists markets and music shows are planned...
Click the button below to find out more on our Events Calendar!**

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Appalachian TrailFest in Hot Springs, NC: April 21-23

Where better to celebrate the Appalachian Trail than in the town of Hot Springs, NC, where the AT runs through the heart of downtown and crosses one of the oldest rivers in the world—the French Broad River?

Celebrate the outdoors all weekend long, with



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a presentation by Sarah Jones Decker on Friday night, festivities all day Saturday, and a hearty breakfast on Sunday morning.

View the detailed schedule on our Facebook page or website!

[TrailFest Schedule on Facebook](#)

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75th Anniversary of the First Thru-Hike by Earl Shaffer

This year marks a special milestone in the history of the Appalachian Trail, which was fully connected from Georgia to Maine by 1937. In 1948, after 4 months of walking more than 2,000 miles from Mount Oglethorpe in Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine, Earl became the first person to ever thru-hike the Appalachian Trail.

Learn more about Earl and his writings at the [Earl Shaffer Foundation website](#).



Music, Workshops and Connecting with Nature at Rare Bird Farm

'Empowering people to unplug and nurture a connection with the natural world, themselves, and others'. This is the mission of Rare Bird Farm in the Spring Creek community.

Click the button below to register for an intimate barn concert or enlivening workshop, and to view photos of this special place.

[Rare Bird Farm Website](#)

Shops and Markets

Spring Creek Community Market, First Friday of the Month, beginning April 7th, from Noon to 6pm. On scenic Highway 209, about 20 minutes South of downtown Hot Springs.

In downtown Hot Springs, most Saturdays and holidays, find makers, artists, and growers on the lawn of Hot Springs Rafting and across from Town Hall.

Laurel Community Market will take place on the last Saturday of the month,



starting May 27th and continuing through October. Stop by between 3-7pm.

Browse all the Shops in Hot Springs by clicking the buttons below.

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Photo by Karl Gustavsen

Karl uses a drone to take exceptional footage of our valley. Known by his friends as 'Shred', he has also logged many hours guiding on the French Broad River.

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