

## Hot Springs Tourism Association Winter Newsletter 2018

Hot Springs Welcome Center is open daily from 10-5. We are located at 106 Bridge Street. Call us at 828-622-9932

#### HOT SPRINGS, NC SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Mark your calendars for an exciting start to the 2018 Christmas Season! Below is a list of events that we know of which are currently scheduled for the remainder of the year. Dates and times are subject to change. Check ahead for any cancellations or rescheduling of events prior to arrival.

Dec 1. Sat. Town of Hot Springs' Christmas Parade & Light the Night Celebration 2018

Dec 8. Sat. Spring Creek Christmas Bazaar

Dec 15. Sat. Community Christmas Sing-Along at the Laughing Heart Lodge 2-4 pm.

If you have an event happening be sure to let our staff at the HS Welcome Center know for inclusion in the guarterly newsletter.







### Christmas Parade in Hot Springs! December 1st at 3 PM

Come join us downtown and help usher in the holiday spirit with our annual Christmas Parade. This years parade includes floats, police cars, firetrucks, marching bands of Madison County, the Grinch, Santa & Mrs. Claus and fun for the whole family.

The parade begins **at 3 pm.** Downtown will be filled with street vendors and live music performances.

Parade participants can gather at the Hot

Springs Elementary School no later than 2:30 for places.

If you want to be involved, Contact: Julie Hochwender at 828-622-7591

Parade Event Page on Facebook

#### **Light the Night Christmas Celebration!**

On Saturday night, December 1st, the town of Hot Springs kicks off the start of the 2018 Christmas season in full style. The days festivities begin at 3 pm with the downtown **Christmas Parade**. Afterwards, there will be live holiday music filling the air and over 20 street side vendors set up near the Welcome Center.

Many townsfolk will gather at the Remembrance Tree at the town caboose to watch the town throw the switch to turn on all the Christmas lights at once. At 5:45 the countdown will begin for **Light The Night** and by 6pm the towns decorative holiday lights and town Christmas tree will suddenly shine bright. Almost every business on Bridge Street has a festive light display and the spirit of the holidays is warming the town.





#### Winter in Hot Springs, NC

Every passing season brings its own beauty and wonder to the area. Winter is a particularly peaceful season in the mountains for us. With the onset of colder weather and shorter days, we find more time to reflect and relax.

There are many cozy cabins and other accommodations in town and surrounding Hot Springs for you to enjoy even in the coldest months. Shoppers will find great gifts and artisan delights at these HSTA member stores



Many of the local restaurants, all with delicious



menus, stay open throughout the year. The natural hot mineral waters at *Hot Springs Resort & Spa* are always bubbly and are available to book your own private soak or massage during the winter season.

Find places to stay and things to do on our website: **HotSpringsNC.org** 

#### Website Update: New Blog Site!

The staff at the Welcome Center have been working hard to refresh and modernize our presence on the internet web site. A recent addition includes a new segment about fishing the French Broad River for Bass, Musky and Wall-eye. Find out more here: <a href="https://www.hotspringsnc.org/how-to-fish-the-french-broad-river-around-hot-springs-nc/">https://www.hotspringsnc.org/how-to-fish-the-french-broad-river-around-hot-springs-nc/</a>

In and around Hot Springs we have some excellent rivers and streams for fishing. The streams here are clear and clean making us a designated **NC Mountain Heritage Trout Water Town**.



For the fly fishing enthusiast in your family be sure to let them know of this exciting new page. The Hot Springs Welcome Center has some informative brochures on the best spots in Madison County.

https://www.hotspringsnc.org/blog/

#### **Celebrate Your Special Moment in the Mountains**

Hot Springs is only a 50 minute drive by car from Asheville and 1 and 1/2 hours from Knoxville. Experience for yourself a chance to stop and breathe in everything this beautiful mountain area has to offer. Lodging, restaurants, and the folks at the Hot Springs Resort & Spa are ready now to book that special winter occasion for the one you love.

Unwind in front of a toasty, roaring fire at your own mountain cabin; share a romantic meal; and relax in a soothing soak for a memorable experience you will both never forget.



The Hot Springs Welcome Center can help you find the accommodations to meet your needs at hotspringsnc.org. Check our Facebook page for updates about local holiday specials and our website calendar.

Hot Springs, NC Events Calendar

establishments:

#### **Holiday Festivities at Local Restaurants**

During the weekend, most restaurants in town have excellent live musical performances in the evening. Restaurant seating in town is limited for holiday dining so be sure to plan ahead. Reserve your party's table early. Special holiday meals will be served at all these fine member



Smoky Mountain Diner
Iron Horse Station
Spring Creek Tavern
Mountain Magnolia Inn & Restaurant
Mosaic Gourmet Restaurant - on Bridge Street - will mark its first full year of business with a festive New Year's Eve Celebration for all.

Check our Hot Springs Welcome Center Facebook page for updates about local holiday specials, live performances and events.

Check out our website calendar at: Hot Springs, NC Events Calendar.

# 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 quest.

Antioch United Methodist Church 44 Grassy Creek Rd, Hot Springs

Hot Springs First Baptist Church Meadow Lane, Downtown Hot Springs

Solid Rock Full Gospel Church 25/70, Hot Springs, Phone: (423) 329-5466

Dorland Memorial Presbyterian Church 64 Bridge St. Downtown Hot Springs

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

Church of God, 345 Upper Shut In Rd, Hot Springs, NC 28743. Phone: (828) 622-7272



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