



SUMMER Newsletter 2019

Brought to you by the
Hot Springs Tourism Association

2019 SCHEDULE of EVENTS in Hot Springs!

There are some really cool things happening this year. Here is a list of the scheduled events in town. Mark your calendars for an exciting 2019 Season!



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

June 15	<u>Bluff Mountain Music Festival</u>
June 28,29,& 30	<u>Concerned Bikers Association Rally</u>
July 6	<u>Independence Day Fireworks</u>
July 11, 12,13 & 14	<u>Wild Goose Festival</u>
July 13	<u>Hot Doggett 100 Mountain Challenge</u>
October 12	<u>BBQ for BOOKS by Friends of the HS Library</u>
December TBA	<u>Christmas Parade & Light the Night</u>
December TBA	<u>Spring Creek Christmas Bazaar</u>

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

Hot Springs Welcome Center Fishing Blog Site!

Your family fisherman may want to check out these great local fishing tips on our recent Blog segment about fishing the French Broad River for Bass, Musky and Wall-eye. Find out more here: <https://www.hotspringsnc.org/how-to-fish-the-french-broad-river-around-hot-springs-nc/>

In and around Hot Springs are some excellent rivers and cool mountain streams for fishing. The areas streams and

creeks are clear and clean making Hot Springs a designated **NC Mountain Heritage Trout Water Town**.

Stop by The Hot Springs Welcome Center for more informative brochures and directions on the best spots to cast your line in Madison County.

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



The Latest Exhibit at **Rural Heritage Museum** Now thru August 31

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

The staff at the Mars Hill University have created an outstanding museum exhibit featuring the colorful, 241 years of Hot Springs often forgotten past. You won't want to miss this showing before its gone!

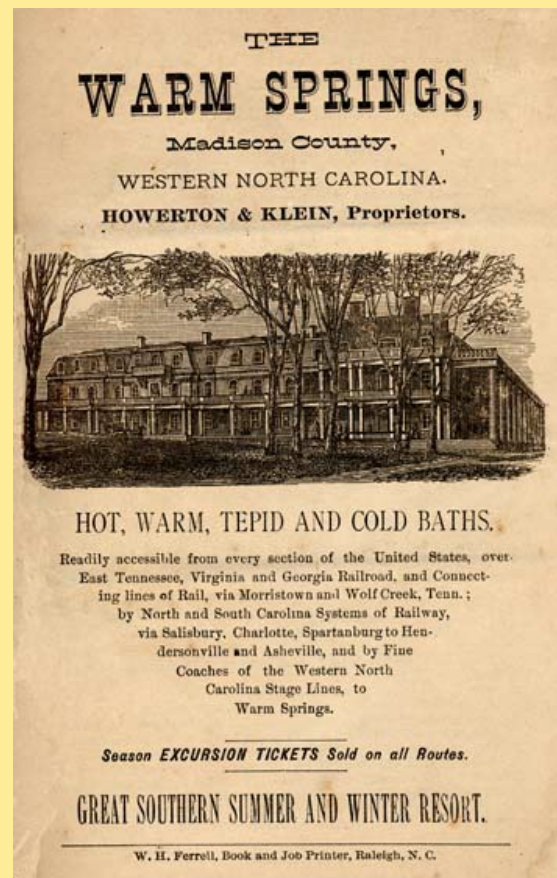
Free and open to the public.

Open daily (except Mon) 11 to 5 pm.

Located in the rock-built
Rural Heritage Museum on the
MH University Campus at:

80 Cascade Street,
downtown Mars Hill,

(828) 689-1651



Your Summer Fun begins NOW

Let me mention a few things for you to do in these magical mountains. In and around the town of Hot Springs you will find:

White-water guided rafting trips *river tubing * swimming * kayaking * hiking *camping * fishing * horse-back riding *rock-hounding * zip-lining * bird-watching * hot spring soaks * shopping * dining out * body massages * live music and more

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](#) .



Bicycle Routes around Hot Springs Blog Site!

Summer guests to town often bring their bikes to help explore the areas many places of raw beauty and marvel at nature's landscape. There are some really exciting and beautiful places to ride your bicycle along the French Broad River. This stretch of road along the river was once part of the 1790-1829 Drovers Road where early settlers walked their livestock to markets in the East.

[Read Recent Post on the River Road Ride](#)

*Find out more on our web page Blog Site. Also, stop by the **Hot Springs Welcome Center**, across from the post office, for more informative brochures and directions on the best spots to explore on bike.*

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



Photo by Sharon Orłowski

Looking for Sunday worship? 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.

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

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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

Your Pisgah National Forest

This historic mountain town of about 580 people is bound on three sides by the borders of North Carolina's Pisgah National Forest. Limiting the town size has helped create a mountainous and remote place in WNC like no other.

The National Appalachian Scenic Trail of 1937 marks Hot Springs as mile 274 on the 2,192 mile-long trail. Each year, thousands of hikers walk off of the rocky Deer Park Mountain footpath south of town and onto paved sidewalks for supplies, laundry and a hot shower.



For the weekend or daytime traveler there are shorter alternatives. Several trails cross and connect to the Appalachian Trail (AT) around the outskirts of town. Hikers will find delight in the wildlife, cool streams, and the large variety of tree and plant species during their time through the forest.

Other Local Hiking Trails include: **Lover's Leap, Pump Gap Loop, Mill Ridge, Paint Rock, Jack Branch, Laurel River Trail and more.**

Check out the Hot Springs Welcome Center for more information on where to go, what to do and what to see.

Also, See the new Community Page for Hot Springs on the Appalachian Trail Conservancy website.

Hot Springs Welcome Center

In addition to providing business information, the Center is also part museum with several fascinating exhibits and historic photos highlighting our town's rich history, culture, and natural beauty.

Whether you are new to town or a lifelong resident, you will enjoy viewing the special photos and memorabilia of our historic antebellum and gilded age resort hotels at the warm and hot natural springs; Dorland-Bell school; Amos Stackhouse; Drovers Road; English Professor Cecil Sharp and the balladeer, Jane Gentry; the first World War German internment camp and more.



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 in part by the Hot Springs Tourism Association with support from the Town of Hot Springs and the Madison County Tourism Development Authority.

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

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