



Hot Springs, NC Summer Newsletter 2020

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Hot Springs Tourism Association

Large Events & Festivals Cancelled

For the safety of residents and visitors, our big festivals were cancelled this year, including [French Broad River Festival](#), [Appalachian TrailFest](#), [Bluff Mountain Music Festival](#), [Wild Goose Festival](#) and [Independence Day Fireworks](#).



Depending on the progression of COVID-19 and government restrictions, the events listed below may still be planned. Check ahead for any cancellations or rescheduling of events prior to arrival.

October 10 [BBQ for BOOKS by Friends of the HS Library](#)

December 5 [Christmas Parade & Celebration](#)

December TBA [Spring Creek Christmas Bazaar](#)

Also Check for Updates on our [Website Events Calendar](#)

Hot Springs Resort & Spa



The Spa has been closed for all services since mid-March. Their gradual reopening plans are as follows: Phone lines open June 1st and mineral soaks begin Friday, June 5th with limited hours and availability.

No Walk-In Appointments! The Spa building will remain closed for retail sales.

No massage appointments until further

notice. Lodging will gradually open beginning Tuesday, June 16th and be limited to cabins and RV sites. Tent camping will be delayed until mid-July, and reservations shall not be made until after July 7th.

They have also asked that only registered guests enter the property and have strict protocols for social distancing and sanitation.

Find all you need to know to plan your visit on www.nhotsprings.com

Shops and Dining *Open For Business*

Please respect the safety guidelines in place at the time of your visit and the wishes of shop owners. Hours and services may be limited or different than those prior to the pandemic.

[Artisun Gallery](#) is opening again on Thursday, May 28th with cafe items for take-out.



[Bluff Mountain Outfitters](#) is open Monday through Saturday, closed Sundays.

[Gentry Hardware](#) has side-door service Monday through Saturday.

[Hazelwood House Gift Shop](#) may be open some weekends this summer.

[Iron Horse Station](#) has dine-in service and is open 7 days a week.

[Sara Jo's Station](#) is open 7-7 daily.

[Smoky Mountain Diner](#) is still doing take-out and has some outdoor seating. Still closed on Sundays.

[Spring Creek Tavern](#) is planning to open again on June 2nd.

[Tobacco Road](#) is still open daily at 10am.

[Trailside Bakery & Cafe](#) is a new eatery with carryout and outdoor seating.

[Vaste Riviere Provisions](#) is open daily from 11-7.

Coming Soon! **Big Pillow Brewing**

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)

Getting Out On The River Playing Around in Boats



This summer will be a great time to enjoy the great outdoors, breathe fresh air and let a little sunshine on your skin. Treat yourself to a gentle float trip or exciting whitewater rafting trip on the French Broad River.

[Read More About Boating The French Broad On Our Website](#)

These local rafting companies may be able to facilitate your adventure and offer guided trips and gear rentals. Note that they may still be developing a reopening plan that allows for staff and visitor safety.

[Blue Heron Whitewater](#)
[French Broad Adventures](#)
[Hot Springs Rafting](#)
[NOC- French Broad Outpost](#)

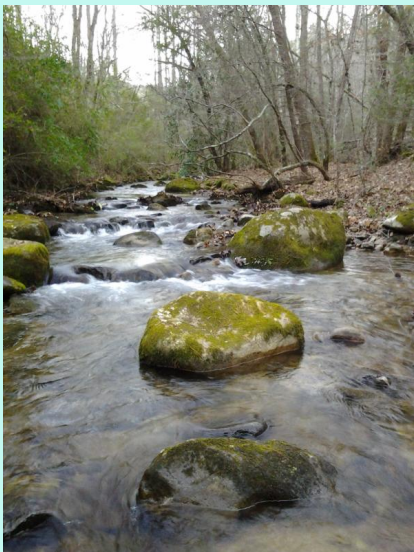
Horseback Riding

Another way to refresh your spirit is to take a guided horseback ride with [Sandy Bottom Trail Rides](#).

Hiking Trails

Most area hiking trails have been opened. Check with the [Pisgah National Forest Website](#) for latest alerts and information.

[Blue Ridge Hiking Company](#) may be able to provide guided hikes, backpacking trips, gear rentals and shuttles.



The Appalachian Trail *Recommendations for Hikers*

The Appalachian Trail travels through the heart of downtown Hot Springs, and we usually enjoy meeting thousands of hikers and backpackers during the Springtime. Needless to say, this season was different.

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy has been posting updates and recommendations for hikers on their [Responding to COVID-19 Webpage](#). They have posted guidance on how to plan your day hikes and backpacking trips during this dynamic time.

Madison County, NC

Blessed with vibrant communities, beautiful vistas and abundant forests, Madison County is a hidden gem in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Learn more about visiting and enjoying Madison County on one of our websites. Be mindful of current precautions when travelling and respect the wishes of business owners.



www.visitmadisoncounty.com

www.madisoncountyoutdoors.com

Hot Springs Welcome Center

The Center is now open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10-5. When possible, we will open weekdays as well.

During Phase 2 we only allow up to 10 visitors inside at the same time, recommend wearing a mask and require social distancing.



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 St, 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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Hot Springs Area Churches

Please Contact Churches For Latest Information About Services.

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](#)

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Give us a call today!

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