

Hot Springs Tourism Association Summer Newsletter 2021

What's Happening This Summer and Fall in Hot Springs, NC

We are getting together again in 2021!

Some events have been scheduled with new protocols. Check their websites for details, and for any cancellations or rescheduling of events prior to arrival.



Every Tuesday at 6pm.....[Game Night at Big Pillow Brewing](#)

Every Wed at 6pm.....[Live Music at Big Pillow Brewing](#)

June 12 Virtual Event.....[Bluff Mountain Music Festival](#)

June 19.....[Muck Boot Ball at Woodson Branch](#)

July 3 Downtown.....[Independence Day Fireworks](#)

Sept 2,3,4 & 5.....[Wild Goose Festival](#)

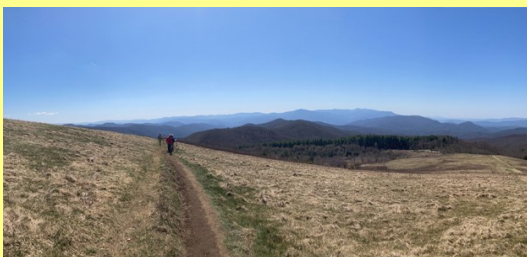
September 18.....[Vintage BMW Gathering](#)

October 1,2 & 3.....[French Broad River Festival](#)

October 9.....[BBQ for Books Library Fundraiser](#)

Keep Track of Events and Live Music on our[Website Events Calendar](#)

Read More About Activities on our[Things To Do Page!](#)



Local Nonprofits Work Together to Maintain Trails and Educate Visitors

During the ongoing threat of COVID this past year, outdoor spaces received record visitation in 2020 as travelers sought safe spaces outside, and our small trail town was one of them. The popular summit along the Appalachian Trail at Max Patch drew travelers from across the United States, and with that came increased human impact and waste left along the trail. Luckily, two nonprofits have been long-time stewards of our trail space, helping to maintain, advocate,

and protect our beloved scenic trail-- the [Appalachian Trail Conservancy](#) and the [Carolina Mountain Club](#).

[Learn more about these local organizations working to protect our trails and educating visitors on how they can do the same.](#)

[Read our latest article by Tiffany Narron on our website.](#)

Bluff Mountain Music Festival Goes Virtual on June 12th

The Madison County Arts Council presents A Virtual 25th Anniversary Bluff Mountain Festival on Saturday, June 12, 2021.



The program will air at 2, 4, and 7pm on the [Madison County Arts Council Facebook page](#) and [MCAC's YouTube Channel](#) and will last a little over an hour.

Viewing is free, however donations are greatly appreciated before, during or after the show! [Donate to MCAC on their website.](#)

This year's festival will feature White Rock Revival (pictured above), Donna Ray Norton, The Stoney Creek Boys, Betty Smith, Rhiannon and the Relics, the Cole Mountain Cloggers, the Green Grass Cloggers and more. Producing the festival will be Madison County native son and superb musician, Josh Goforth.

Non-profit Mountain True Taking Care of Our Creeks and Rivers



Courtesy of Tiffany Narron

Water sampling season for [Mountain True](#) began May 26th with volunteers headed out across our mountains to sample our rivers and creeks. Water samples are then tested for E. coli levels. They share that data with the public through their [Swim Guide App](#) every Friday so you can check on water quality before swimming. This water quality monitoring also helps locate possible issues with runoff, wastewater, and illegal dumping that our [French Broad River Keeper](#) then addresses.

Mountain Magnolia Inn Lives On

Letter From the Mountain Magnolia Family and Staff:

As some of you know we took a hiatus

from business for a little while, but we are opening again as a business! We are taking lodging reservations now for June and beyond. It is truly a joy for us to share this amazing house and property with everyone. Please come visit us this summer in Hot Springs.



We have done a little restructuring and have changed a couple of things. First, we will be available for guests Thursday through Monday nights. Second, we have decided to try a European style continental breakfast. We feel as though these changes will help us better serve our guests.

To everyone who has supported us through the past several months, thank you. You helped keep the spirit of the Mountain Magnolia Inn alive. It became very apparent that this place is dear to so many, and you all are what makes this Inn such a remarkable place.

Find out more on their website. (Photo Courtesy of Jeremy Russell Photography)



It's Fun to Go Shopping!

Our shops feature an eclectic variety of goods, local and regional arts and crafts, outdoor equipment, fabulous clothing, unique gifts and souvenirs.

Find our shopping choices on our website.

Open Air Markets

Hot Springs sports multicolored tents that sway in the breeze from early Spring to sometime in November. These structures encase jewelers, bakers, retailers, and artisans, and offer their wares to the passing tourists and hikers that provide the economic lifeblood to our small mountain town.

Two locales exist: one on the lawn of the **Hot Springs Rafting Company**, and the other at the 'Wash Tub' parking lot at the entrance of town. Operated by **Tobacco Road**, the now long-defunct but often remembered laundromat in town has spent the past year transforming itself into an offbeat and compelling weekend crafts market. "The Wash Tub Market ...it all comes out in the wash" laughs Michelle Blake, jeweler and one of the founders of the market "It's a pun about us all coming out to vend." Because, I suppose, just about any crazy old thing can come out of the wash. "The Wash Tub Market... because you never know what you'll find."

Loraine Hegarty Pinson has set up her soap stand at the location on 81 Bridge Street long before the current proprietor, Hot Springs Rafting Company, took over the building and continued the tradition of offering up lawn space to local producers such as Loraine. "I like it here" she says "this is a beautiful place at this time of year when we come share the fruits of winter's labors with others."

Both locations operational every weekend from Spring to Fall, contingent on

weather.

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from 10-5.**

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