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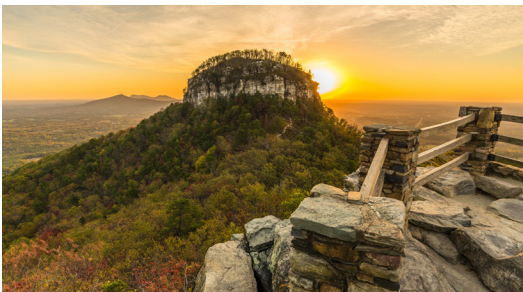
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Intro & Getting Here



Stoney Knoll Vineyards

Serenity and Adventure Await in Surry County, NC

Welcome to a memorable getaway in Surry County, a top destination in the heart of North Carolina's Yadkin Valley wine country.

The towns of Mount Airy, Dobson, Elkin and Pilot Mountain provide authentic experiences for people seeking smaller, less-stressful places where they're never bullied by time.

This region is known for beautiful topography flowing from the Blue Ridge Mountains into the rolling Carolina piedmont.

A visit to the vineyards on the Surry County Wine Trail (17 at last count) reveals tasty wines, beautiful views and the likelihood the person who pours your wine is also the one who made it, or at least grew the grapes.

The natural, mostly undisturbed countryside

is perfect for outdoor pursuits. Hikers, kayakers, paddlers, mountain bikers, road cyclists and trail walkers all find refuge here.

Paddle enthusiasts are surprised to learn that Surry County is a statewide leader in building and maintaining river access points. We'll even mail you a Surry Four Rivers Map for free.

When the dinner bell rings, vineyard chefs craft menus from farm-to-table ingredients, while in-town restaurants earn high marks too.

And what better way to cap a perfect day than with a restful night in a countryside cabin.



Within a Half Day's Drive for 50% of the Population

Yadkin Valley's location, where the Southeast meets the Mid-Atlantic, puts it within a half-day's drive of 50 percent of the U.S. population.

Interstate 77 runs north-south through Surry County, making the county easily accessible for travelers heading south from the Virginias, Ohio Valley and northeastern states.

Alternately, southeastern travelers can conveniently reach the area via I-77 in a northward direction.

Commercial air travelers have two options — Piedmont Triad International airport in Greensboro is just over an hour away, while Charlotte Douglas International airport is about 90 minutes away.

New York City	9 hours
Orlando	9 hours
Indianapolis	8 hours
Cleveland	7 hours
Jacksonville	7 hours
Nashville	6 hours
Atlanta	5 hours
Charleston, SC	4.5 hours
Richmond	4 hours
Augusta	4 hours
Knoxville	3.5 hours
Charleston, WV	3 hours

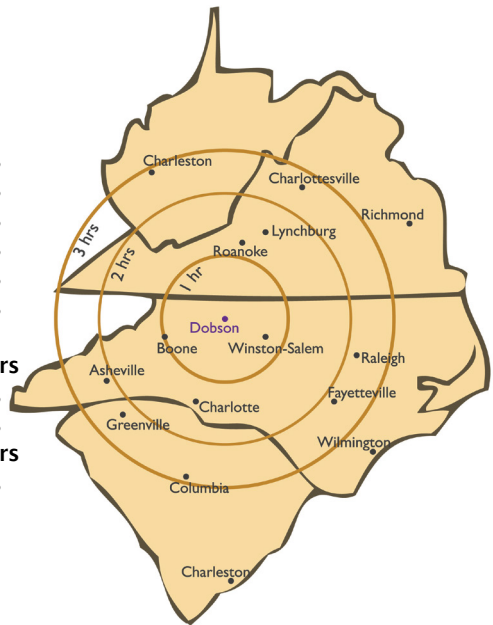
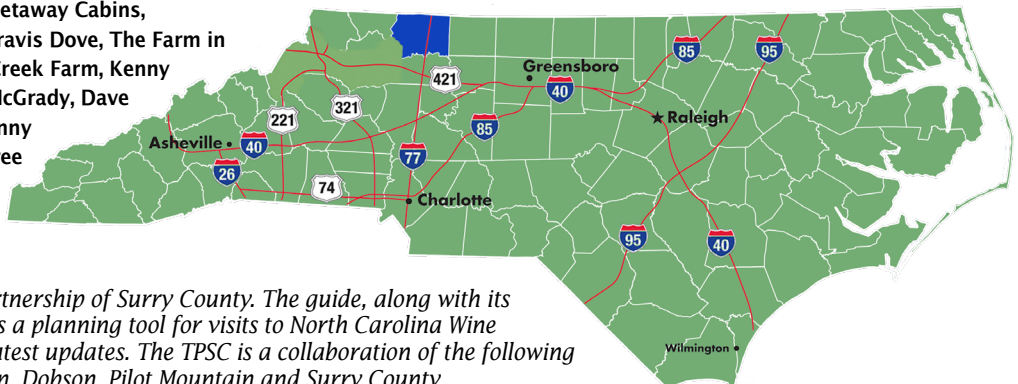


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Pilot Mountain State Park



Your Surry County Trail Awaits

That Next Great Adventure Awaits in NC's Yadkin Valley

Pilot Mountain's quartzite dome is the most recognizable Yadkin Valley landmark. It has served as a beacon for centuries, beckoning people to visit these relaxing foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Here in Surry County, we enjoy the great outdoors and take pride in an undisturbed landscape of rolling hills, free-flowing rivers and old-growth forests, all framed by mountain peaks.

The area's history is rich in pathways, which we embrace with a collection of trails. Hikers, paddlers, mountain bikers, road cyclists and anglers enjoy hundreds of miles of trails in the heart of NC wine country.

Hiking options range from easy walking paths at Dobson's **Fisher River Park** and Mount Airy's

horseshoe-shaped **Granite City Greenway** to strenuous uphill climbs at **Pilot Mountain State Park** and along the **NC Mountains-to-Sea Trail** near Elkin.

Miles of trails, built by the Elkin Valley Trails Association, have earned Elkin its reputation as the "best little trails town in North Carolina." The "**Forest Bathing**" and **Carter Falls Trail** are located near Grassy Creek Vineyard & Winery. The **Elkin & Alleghany Railroad Trail** turned a former railway bed along Big Elkin Creek into a pathway accessible to those of all abilities.

Paddlers are now discovering Surry thanks to a countywide effort to construct a series of access points along the **Ararat River**, **Fisher River**, **Mitchell River** and **Yadkin River**. These four rivers provide 100 miles of navigable blueway trail waters.

The **Surry Scenic Bikeway** is an officially designated system of road cycling trails covering 500 miles. The bikeway is composed of four large loops, with connectors and spur routes. Pedal past scenic vineyards in the rolling hills of wine country or feel the burn at **Pilot Mountain State Park** with a 1,400-foot climb to the summit parking area.

The same rivers that attract kayakers and canoers also contain a bounty of trout fishing opportunities.

There are 36 miles of state-designated trout waters stocked twice a year with brown, rainbow and brook trout. These cold-water streams have headwaters in the high elevation peaks along the **Blue Ridge Parkway**, another "trail" in our area.



Grassy Creek Trail



Yadkin River



Mitchell River

Heart of the Valley

SURRY COUNTY

The best of North Carolina wine country awaits in Surry County where thriving vineyards add tapestry and flavor to the Yadkin Valley foothills.

The Surry County Wine Trail connects 17 wineries across the birthplace of the Yadkin Valley American Viticultural Area, North Carolina's largest AVA.

In 2003, brothers Charlie and Ed Shelton of Shelton Vineyards led the effort to make the Yadkin Valley a federally designated wine appellation, highlighting a terroir that provides ideal conditions for growing European vinifera and French-American hybrid grapes.

That designation puts Yadkin Valley on par with other noted wine regions like Sonoma, Napa Valley and the Finger Lakes. Vineyards have become a transformative agricultural venture for farms that once depended on tobacco crops.

Considering the Yadkin Valley sits within a half-day's drive of almost 50 percent of the U.S. population, wine aficionados no longer need to buy West Coast airline tickets or update passports for a European trip.

"The temperature and humidity averages are almost exactly like Bordeaux, France," says Louis Jeroslow,



Y WINE TRAIL

winemaker at Elkin Creek Vineyard. “These vines don’t know they’re in North Carolina. Their feet are in Italy, and they’re growing in France, as far as they know.”

Popular grape varietals include: Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Chambourcin, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Riesling, Sangiovese, Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier.

Many wineries capitalize on the valley’s natural beauty with tasting rooms and patios that feature sweeping views of the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains. Situated near the towns of Dobson, Elkin, Mount Airy and Pilot

Mountain, the vineyards give life to the countryside in a way that was hardly imaginable at the dawn of the new millennium.

The Surry County Wine Trail was created in 2018 to make it easy for visitors to navigate their way to these award-winning tasting experiences in the heart of North Carolina wine country.

We invite you to come see for yourself. Turn the page to start planning your journey.

Aerial view of Shelton Vineyards



Surry County Wine Trail

Wonderful Yadkin Valley Tasting Experiences

Adagio Vineyards 🐾

Elkin, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, fire pits

Fun fact: Named for musical term that means to perform slowly with passion

AdagioVineyards.com

Carolina Heritage Vineyard & Winery 🐾

Elkin, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, on-site lodging

Fun fact: North Carolina's first certified organic vineyard

CarolinaHeritageVineyards.com

Christian Paul Vineyards 🐾

Elkin, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, food trucks

Fun fact: They are continuing a long legacy of winemaking of the Ercolani family which dates back many generations in Tuscany and Umbria, Italy.

ChristianPaulVineyards.com

Elkin Creek Vineyard 🐾

Elkin, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, restaurant, on-site lodging

Fun fact: Produces a wine from the German grape Dornfelder

ElkinCreekVineyard.com

Golden Road Vineyards 🐾

State Road, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, fire pits, food trucks

Fun fact: Veteran-owned certified Homegrown by Heroes vineyard

GRVwines.com

Grassy Creek Vineyard & Winery 🐾

State Road, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, fire pits, food trucks, on-site lodging

Fun fact: Multiple trails on-site, including a forest bathing trail

GrassyCreekVineyard.com

Haze Gray Vineyards 🐾

Dobson, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, food trucks, on-site lodging

Fun fact: Winemaker Deane Muhlenberg is a former Navy "Top Gun" pilot

HazeGrayVineyards.com

Hidden Vineyard 🐾

Dobson, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, food trucks, on-site lodging

Fun fact: Vineyard trail features great views of the peak of Pilot Mountain

Hidden-Vineyard.com

JOLO Winery & Vineyards

Pilot Mountain, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, fire pits, restaurant, on-site lodging

Fun fact: Named among Top 100 brunch locations in America

JOLOVineyards.com

Jones von Drehle Vineyards & Winery 🐾

Thurmond, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, food trucks

Fun fact: Premier music venue with outdoor stage and amphitheater

Jonesvondrehle.com

McRitchie Winery & Ciderworks 🐾

Thurmond, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, fire pits

Fun fact: Ring of Fire red wine is one of NC's all-time favorites

McRitchieWine.com

Round Peak Vineyards 🐾

Mount Airy, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, fire pits, food trucks, on-site lodging

Fun fact: Has its own line of craft beer, plus an 18-hole disc golf course

RoundPeak.com

Serre Vineyards 🐾

Mount Airy, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, fire pits, food trucks, on-site lodging

Fun fact: View stunning mountain sunsets from the tasting room terrace

SerreVineyards.com

Shelton Vineyards 🐾

Dobson, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, amphitheater, restaurant

Fun fact: North Carolina's largest family-owned estate winery

SheltonVineyards.com



Round Peak Vineyards

Slightly Askew Winery 🐾

Elkin, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, on-site lodging

Fun fact: Sweet wine lovers enjoy the large selection of fruit wines

SlightlyAskewWines.com

Stony Knoll Vineyards 🐾

Dobson, North Carolina

Outdoor seating, live music, fire pits, food trucks, on-site lodging

Fun fact: Viognier named the state's best wine at 2023 NC Fine Wines Competition

StonyKnollVineyards.com

Surry Cellars

Dobson, North Carolina

Located at Surry Community College, visits by appointment only

Fun fact: Wines available at Little Italy in Dobson & The Wisdom Table in Elkin

Surry.edu

🐾 denotes pet-friendly locations

Winery Treasure Map

Wine country getaways begin with the Surry County Wine Trail map.

It combines winery locations, lodging details and key info.

Also included are 3 breweries.





Vineyard Excursions

Chauffeured Tours: an Easy Way to Explore Wine Country

Wine tours provide a fun, relaxing way to sip your way through the Yadkin Valley, with multiple tour options available for individuals, couples and large groups.

Variety and personalization are specialties of **Yadkin Valley Wine Tours**. Small groups cruise in a Chevy Suburban, while larger shuttles handle groups up to 55. Yadkin Valley Wine Tours also hosts themed tours, which are open to the public and have a pre-selected schedule.

Parkway Wine Tours has shuttled people from one tasting room to the next since 2009. Options include a sedan-style vehicle for couples, SUV for four people,

15-passenger van and 20-person shuttle.

The winery hopping **Elkin Vine Line** offers a different approach. Shuttles leave from Elkin and run regular loops to wineries, allowing folks to get on and off at their convenience.

Elkin Vine Line operates six lines, each connecting to four vineyards. Visitors may hop off at as many or few wineries as they desire. Vans arrive at each winery approximately every hour. While at tasting rooms, visitors can track vans via a phone app.

Another interesting mode of transport is a 14-seater trolley. Slide into a bench and admire the rolling hills through wraparound windows as **Good Time Trolley Tours**

chauffeurs your group. A custom-built bar lets riders enjoy beverages between stops.

Frog Holler Wine Tours hosts groups as small as two or as large as 14. Select four wineries to visit via minibus and choose between a picnic or sit-down lunch.



Frog Holler Wine Tours

Frog Holler is one of four services that picks up guests at their hotel or rental. The others are Parkway, Yadkin Valley and the Good Time Trolley.



Elkin Vine Line

Fine Wine Tours

Savor the best of the Yadkin Valley and leave the driving to the pros. Our tour companies are happy to customize an ideal itinerary. They plan the trip; all you do is sip.



WINE COUNTRY

Take Your Pick of Countryside Cabins



Photo credit

If a relaxing stay in wine country sounds good, you're in luck. YadkinValleyNC.com offers an extensive listing of rentals. Browse everything from cozy cottages and bungalows to upscale cabins and spacious vacation homes.



Explore Options Galore

We offer an abundance of vacation rentals in the tranquil countryside as well as in our friendly small towns. Scan the code to find the one that's right for you.





Elkin Creek Vineyard

Winter Wine & Beer Passport

Experience a Season Full of Tastings in the Yadkin Valley

Chase away the winter blues with an array of reds, whites and ambers. The **Yadkin Valley Winter Wine & Beer Passport** provides a fun and economical way to experience North Carolina wine country during the colder months.

Each passport serves as a ticket to tastings at award-winning wineries and craft breweries throughout Surry County in the heart of the Yadkin Valley.

The passport program has expanded over the years to more than a dozen tasting experiences. Wineries make up the bulk of the tastings, along with a few craft breweries.

The passports go on sale in September. There's an individual passport, which

provides one tasting per location, and a two-person passport that provides two tastings per location.

All passport holders also receive discounts at accommodations, restaurants and retail locations. The lodging discounts include several cabins and cottages in the vineyards.

Ample time is provided to allow folks to take full advantage of the perks of passport ownership. The program begins the day after Thanksgiving and runs through late March, a period of roughly four months.

"People love the passports. Many come back year after year or give them as holiday gifts to family and friends," says Becky Muhlenberg of Haze Gray Vineyards. "It's really just the idea

of having something fun to do for a long winter weekend, or spreading it across several weekends."

This annual program is possible thanks to a collaboration between the Surry Wineries Group, the Yadkin Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism Partnership of Surry County.



Thirsty Souls Community Brewing

"It's a great time of year to visit because things slow down and you often get to meet the winemakers and brewmasters," says Jessica Roberts, director of the Tourism Partnership of Surry County.



Haze Gray Vineyards

Winter Wonderland

To learn more about the Winter Wine & Beer Passport, see a list of participating locations and purchase a passport online, scan the code. Passports are also on sale each winter at many of the wineries and breweries.





The Yadkin Valley is Ideal for Destination Weddings

Dream weddings come true at vineyards and rustic barn venues in the Yadkin Valley. Couples love the relaxing, natural feel, especially the mountain backdrops that are perfect for ceremonies, receptions and photos.

Several wineries along the Surry County Wine Trail specialize in weddings. That list includes **Elkin Creek Vineyard** and **Serre Vineyards**.

It's hard to pick a favorite among the wedding destinations. Each offers a different experience with distinctive amenities. Here are four to consider.

With dedicated event coordinators, on-site accommodations, and a seamless blend of nature and elegance, **White Sulphur Springs** makes wedding planning easy. Plus, being in Mount Airy—aka “Mayberry”—means you and your guests can enjoy small-town charm and local attractions before and after the big day!

Housed in a beautifully restored tobacco warehouse, **Coley Hall at The Liberty in Elkin** offers a unique blend of rustic character and modern sophistication. Exposed brick walls, original wood beams, and vintage accents make it a stunning backdrop



WINE COUNTRY

Coley Hall at The Liberty

for any wedding style—whether you want a classic, boho, or industrial-chic vibe.

If you're dreaming of a charming, countryside wedding with rustic elegance, **The FarmHouse Siloam** near Dobson is a venue you don't want to overlook! Nestled in the rolling hills of North Carolina's wine country, this venue offers a perfect mix of natural beauty, modern amenities, and Southern hospitality.

Once a cozy B&B, **Rosa Lee Manor** a family-owned estate situated near Pilot Mountain and the Yadkin Valley Wine Country, it boasts scenic mountain views and a tranquil atmosphere. Owners Bill and Cyndee, are dedicated to making your wedding or celebration a dream come true in this elegant countryside setting for your special events.

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IN JUNE



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- * CHILDREN'S AREA & ACTIVITIES *

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Blaze a Path to the Yadkin Valley

From the Blue Ridge Parkway in the north to the Yadkin River in the south, and from Pilot Mountain State Park in the east to Stone Mountain State Park in the west, Surry County in North Carolina's Yadkin Valley is a prime destination for outdoor activities.

The area's landscape, where the Blue Ridge Mountains meet the foothills, offers opportunities for hiking, biking, kayaking, rock climbing, and gentler pursuits like trail walking, greenway cycling, and vineyard visits.

Surry County is easily accessible from the Blue Ridge Parkway, a designated National Scenic Byway, with several access points from milepost marker 199.4 on the parkway. This is an invitation to experience nature and find tranquility along these scenic roads.

Fox Hunters Paradise Overlook on Blue Ridge Parkway



Mayberry Campground

Camping Under the Stars

Enjoy The Outdoor Beauty 24 Hours A Day

1 Convenient to Mt. Airy, Pilot Mountain, hiking/biking trails, trout fishing and much more. **Beechnut Family Campground** take prides in providing clean restrooms and well maintained grounds. Each site has a picnic table and area for a campfire. Amenities include three swimming pools, three fishing ponds, snackbar with grill, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, basketball, and corn hole. 🐾

2 **Homeplace Recreational Park** has 150 campsites with full hook-ups and is home to Surry County's largest pool. Clean bathhouses are handicap accessible and coin laundry is available. Other amenities include: snack bar, waterslide, arcade, miniature golf course, volleyball and basketball courts, playgrounds, hiking trails and fishing. 🐾

3 **Mayberry Campground** is a well-maintained RV park that has 106 sites with full hook-ups for water, sewer, electrical, cable television, and Internet. Two ponds offer great fishing, plus a walking trail, large picnic shelter with enclosed kitchen, and four smaller shelters. Other amenities include laundry facility, fire pits, playground, and biking trails. The land was once part of a 2,000-acre farm owned by the original Siamese twins, Eng and Chang Bunker. 🐾

4 **Pilot Mountain State Park Campground** has 49 family campsites on the lower slopes of Pilot Mountain. Sites are scattered among the trees and suitable for tents and trailers. Each site has tent pad, table and grill. No hookups. Drinking water is available throughout campground, and two modern washhouses with hot showers are nearby. Firewood may be purchased, but gathering wood isn't allowed. 🐾

5 Just outside of the town of Pilot Mountain, **Greystone RV Park** is a 22-acre recreational vehicle park located near Pilot Mountain State Park. The campground features pull-through sites with 38'x50' concrete pads and full RV hook-ups. The campground features an ADA-compliant bathhouse with hot showers. Nearby Pilot Mountain State Park offers bird watching, educational programs, fishing, picnicking, rock climbing, and horseback riding. 🐾

6 **Byrd's Branch Campground**, nestled in the foothills outside of Elkin, North Carolina, offers a relaxing, unforgettable getaway the whole family can enjoy! With the Mountain-to-Sea Trail running through the campground, you can spend the day hiking to beautiful Carter Falls or experience the

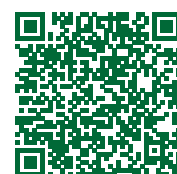
enchanted forest that leads to Grassy Creek Winery. Pure family fun guaranteed! You will not be disappointed. 🐾

7 **Black Dog Acres RV Park** is a new RV park located on Hwy 268. Downtown Pilot Mountain, and Downtown Mount Airy are all within easy driving distance offering beautiful hiking trails, a greenway for bike riding, trails for horseback riding, and quaint shops. The park offers large, level sites that can accommodate any size RV/ campers with full hook-ups, picnic tables, and fire pits at each site. Pet friendly, fire pit and picnic tables at each site; central picnic pavilion; dog park; farm store with local farm products, fresh local beef, pork, eggs, and honey; firewood and ice available; large catch and release pond; apiary; playground; free at-site trash pickup; free wi-fi 🐾

🐾- denotes pet-friendly

Under the Stars

Experience the serenity of a starlit night. Peaceful camping under the vast, sparkling sky





Pilot Mountain State Park



Hiking Trails, Biking Trails

By Boot or Pedal, These Routes Get the Adrenaline Flowing

For hiking and mountain biking, some places naturally offer better terrain.

Such is the case with Surry County. Its location in the transition zone from the mountains to foothills provides significant elevation changes and geographical features. On the county's western side, higher elevations produce challenging trails.

Once the topography flows into the central and eastern side of the county, visitors find rolling hills punctuated by rivers. The exception to that is Pilot Mountain on the county's eastern edge. It rises 2,200 feet from flatter lands like a perfect mountain playground.

Hikers love the challenging trails at **Pilot**

Mountain State Park. There are 16 trails totaling just over 40 miles. Several are rated strenuous, including the 3.5-mile uphill **Grindstone Trail** beginning at the visitors center and climbing through the woods to the summit.

Branching off the Grindstone is the very challenging one-mile **Ledge Spring Trail**. Hikers navigate roots, rocks, boulders and rock steps as the path connects to **Pilot Knob Trail**, where there's a likelihood of encountering climbers. The park's rock-climbing area is along the Ledge Spring Trail.

Since mountain biking is not allowed at Pilot Mountain, a good biking spot is

nearby at **Westwood Park** in Mount Airy. Westwood has five miles of intermediate bike trails and 1.5 miles of walking trails, all centered around the Tumbling Rock Reservoir.

Mountain biking is a big part of the offerings at Dobson's **Fisher River Park**. Bikers frequent a 6.3-mile multi-use trail. It's a secluded, moderate route with hardwood forests, pine groves, rock outcroppings and ravines.

Hikers and bikers find trails galore in Elkin, thanks to the efforts of the

Elkin Valley Trails Association. For hikers, a challenging route is the **Wells Knob Trail**, a five-mile roundtrip on rocky terrain with an 800-foot ascension to Wells Knob.

The two-mile **Elkin Creek Mountain Bike Trail** is a moderate route that travels the hills and hollers of Big Elkin Creek and circles Elkin's water reservoir. Your Elkin trail itinerary should also include the tranquil **Forest Bathing Trail** for a unique walk. Hike multiple segments of the renowned **Mountains-to-Sea Trail (MST)** here. Be sure to visit **Carter Falls**—its beauty is a must-see! For added mileage, the Byrd's Branch to **Grassy Creek link trail** is easily accessed nearby.



Fisher River Park

Outdoor Adventure

A trip to wine country reveals an unending supply of outdoor pursuits. Hiking, mountain biking and rock climbing are among the many options. Learn more about getting outdoors in the Yadkin Valley by scanning the code.





Elkin & Alleghany Railroad Trail

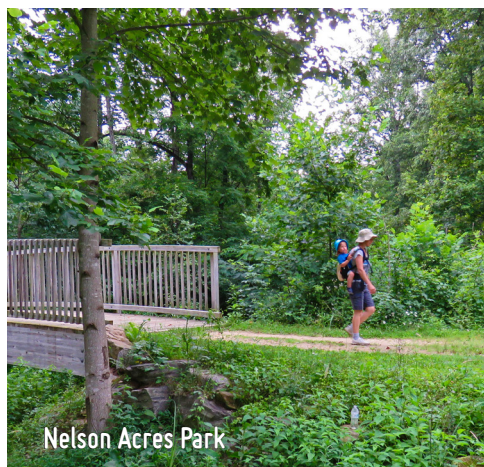


Trail Walks & Greenways

Follow These Six Paths for Less Strenuous Adventures

Outdoor adventure can be rewarding without being strenuous. Here's the scoop on a half dozen must-see Yadkin Valley locations where the walking is easy.

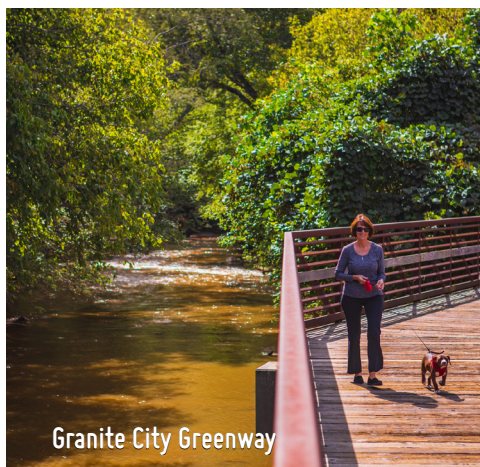
1 The **Elkin & Alleghany Railroad Trail** begins in Elkin Municipal Park and follows an old railroad route along Big Elkin Creek. It's a wide, level trail of crushed gravel. The route is two miles long (four miles round trip) and crosses seven bridges, including a 75-foot wooden bridge. For added adventure, take the steps down to the rocky area below the spillway dam. The trail includes a rest shelter, benches and historical markers. Restrooms are located at Elkin Municipal Park.



Nelson Acres Park

2 Also in Elkin is the **Carolina Heritage Vineyard Trail**. This is an easy/moderate half-mile spur that's part of the **NC Mountains-to-Sea Trail**. Park at the Burch Station kayak launch beside Hwy. 268 and cross the road to the trailhead. The short trail goes to Carolina Heritage Vineyard, where tastings are available.

3 The mostly shaded **Loop Trail at Fisher River Park** in Dobson is a 1.5-mile greenway, with an additional 0.75 mile of connectors. Enjoy a relaxing, scenic walk on a level crushed-rock pathway. Half a mile hugs the river, with the remainder meandering among the park's activities.



Granite City Greenway

4 Located down a one-lane country road is the **Pilot Creek Meadow Walk**, part of Pilot Mountain State Park. Walkers often see birds, butterflies and dragonflies while following the mowed trail through grassy meadows above Pilot Creek. The path is a registered part of the **Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail** and was established to benefit native pollinators and grassland birds. There's a small farm pond along the way where folks may fish for bass, catfish and sunfish with a valid North Carolina Fishing License.

5 The 8-mile **Granite City Greenway** forms a horseshoe around Mount Airy. The east trailhead begins at Riverside Park and follows the **Ararat River** until curving westward along **Lovills Creek**. The wide, paved greenway is ideal for walking, jogging, cycling and trout fishing.

6 At the Cumberland Knob overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway, the **Cumberland Knob Trail** provides an easy half-mile walk through a picnic area and along a meadow to the overlook shelter. At the shelter are photo-worthy views of the 2,885-foot Cumberland Knob peak.



Yadkin River

Four Rivers Run Through It

Paddle to Your Heart's Content on Uncrowded Waterways

While most people know Yadkin Valley's name comes from the Yadkin River, they're often surprised to learn three other rivers flow through Surry County in North Carolina wine country.

It's not just vineyards that bring people to the region. Many kayakers and canoers visit to take advantage of 100 miles of uncrowded paddling waters. Joining the Yadkin River in offering paddle opportunities are the Ararat River, Fisher River and Mitchell River.

Surry is a leader among NC counties for

building and maintaining river accesses. There are 11 developed access points and six undeveloped access points countywide, and all are listed on the **Surry County Four Rivers Map**, along with distances between access points.

The most paddled river is the **Yadkin River**. It is a wide, gently flowing waterway with only occasional Class I and Class II rapids. Two outfitters – Rocky Forest River Run and Hometown River Co. – offer kayak, canoe and tubing trips along the Yadkin, which is great for casual paddlers, novices and those wishing to rent equipment instead of bringing it along.

Avid paddlers often gravitate toward the other streams.

The **Ararat River** is a smaller waterway that flows south from Virginia into Mount Airy, where it runs alongside the Granite City Greenway. From there, it continues southward near Pilot Mountain, offering some of the best technical waters outside of the Carolina mountains, before joining the Yadkin.

Headwaters for the **Fisher River** begin near Cumberland Knob in the high-elevation northwest corner of Surry County at the Blue Ridge Parkway. Most people bypass the upper Fisher and put in at the developed access point in Fisher River Park near Dobson. From there, it's 17.5 miles downstream to the Yadkin River, with multiple access points along the way.

The **Mitchell River** also originates high in the Blue Ridge in the county's westernmost reaches. People typically put in below Kapp's Mill Dam and enjoy 13.7 serene miles to the Burch Station access point on the Yadkin. There are fewer access points on this river.



Rocky Forest River Run

Four Rivers Map

The **Surry County Four Rivers Map** is available for free online or via mail. It showcases all access points, denotes which are developed and lists exact mileages between points. Scan the code to begin your paddle adventure.





Mt. Airy-Pilot Mountain Loop



Pedal the Surry Scenic Bikeway

Cyclists Explore More Than 500 Miles Along Dedicated Routes

The Surry Scenic Bikeway attracts cyclists looking to get out in the countryside and enjoy the Yadkin Valley's rolling terrain.

Here among vineyards and farmland are more than 500 miles of designated routes. The bikeway consists of four loops tied to a series of connectors. The connectors also provide options for shorter, alternate routes.

The four loops are the **Dobson-Elkin Loop**, **Lowgap-Mount Airy Loop**, **Mount Airy-Pilot Mountain Loop** and **Mount Airy-Westfield Loop**. The bikeway includes the state-designated **North Carolina Bike Route 4**, which runs east-west through Surry County.

For those seeking a serious challenge, a 3.6-mile uphill spur ascends 1,400 feet to the summit parking area of Pilot Mountain State Park, or cycling the entire 55-mile Low-

gap-Mount Airy Loop involves a total elevation gain of 4,421 feet.

As its name suggests, the bikeway provides cyclists with a lot of beautiful scenery. Pilot Mountain's quartzite peak is visible from multiple vantage points. Several vineyards pop up along the way, including Carolina Heritage, Golden Road, Hidden Vineyard and Shelton Vineyards.

(Insider tip: Veer off at the front gate of Shelton Vineyards to enjoy a paved ride through the vines.)

While the routes are mostly rural, they do take riders through friendly small towns. Main Street in Pilot Mountain, Renfro Street in Mount Airy, North Main Street in Dobson and Market Street in Elkin are all part of the bikeway.

The 12.5-mile **Rockford Connector** traverses the southernmost portion of the county near the Yadkin River. Here, riders pass through the Historic Village of Rockford, founded in 1790, where a number of historical buildings can be observed. Those structures include the 1848 Rockford Inn, 1830 Mark York Tavern building, 1890 Rockford General Store and 1914 Rockford Methodist Church.

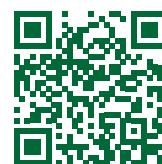
Rockford Park in the village is a great picnic location. Grab a sandwich or burger from the general store across the street and enjoy the shady setting. The park includes the footprint

remains of the 1796 Grant-Burrus Hotel, which hosted U.S. Presidents Andrew Jackson and James Polk, as well as Vice President Aaron Burr.

Tour de Vino offers five rides (30-100 miles) for all levels, showcasing the picturesque vineyards and landscapes of Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin, and Alleghany counties. Starting in Elkin, the ride features post-event showers and meals. Plus, your entry grants a free tasting ticket to the Yadkin Valley Wine Festival, held right at the park. Your participation benefits the Elkin Valley Trails Association. Gather friends for an unforgettable day of cycling, wine, and celebration!

All About the Ride

Everything to plan a ride on the Surry Scenic Bikeway is on the bikeway's website. Study route maps, calculate mileages, download GPS files, review elevation profiles, get parking info and chart points of interest. Scan the code to begin.



Elkin-Dobson Loop

A Taste of Yadkin Valley

Savor the Flavors

Check out restaurant listings at YadkinValleyNC.com. Listings can be sorted by town or by categories, such as outdoor, casual and fine dining, sandwich shops, and coffee shops.



The Depot at Cody Creek

The flavors of the Yadkin Valley go far beyond wine. In towns and at vineyards, culinary artists craft palate-pleasing menus that change seasonally. Farm-to-table freshness is a priority in this agricultural region. Of course, so is Southern comfort food like barbecue, burgers and biscuits. Down-home cooking is a staple at numerous diners and drive-ins. But then you turn a corner and are surprised to find a top-notch sushi bar or Mexican grill with authentic recipes. We're also proud to be home of two culinary trails that showcase one-of-a-kind heritage foods found nowhere else.



End Posts at JOLO Winery and Vineyards, Pilot Mountain



Angry Troll, Mount Airy



Harvest Grill at Shelton Vineyards, Dobson



Tilted Ladder, Pilot Mountain



Elkin Creek Vineyard



Southern on Main, Elkin



State of Graze, Mount Airy

Unmistakably Delicious



Food Trail Serves Up Mouthwatering Ground Steak

From meager beginnings in the Great Depression, the ground steak sandwich not only survived, it thrived. So popular is this melt-in-your-mouth cousin to the hamburger that nearly a century later it has received its own food trail.

The Surry Ground Steak Trail shines the spotlight on 15 mom-and-pop restaurants that serve this uniquely Surry County creation.

The sandwich is believed to have originated in the 1930s at the old Canteen Restaurant in Mount Airy before spreading to diners in nearby Pilot Mountain, Elkin and Dobson. Cooks with limited resources got more out of ground beef by boiling or browning the meat, adding flour and water (or milk), and seasoning with salt and pepper. They placed the tender, loose-meat patty on a bun and topped it with mayonnaise, slaw and tomato.

"When the lunch whistle blew at textile factories in Mount Airy, workers would walk to Main Street for sandwiches, and one of those was ground steak," says Travis Frye, coordinator of the Surry Co. Tourism Development Authority. "It was an affordable sandwich for blue-collar workers. It quickly spread, and people around the county started enjoying ground steak."

Frye came up with the trail idea in 2022, only weeks into his

new job as tourism coordinator. One of his first assignments was organizing the dedication ceremony for a Hungry for History roadside marker to honor sonker, a local heritage dessert with its own trail.

"It piqued my interest because I saw there were stories to tell," he says. "There's a history to expand upon and something we have that differentiates us from any other county in North Carolina. We can claim two different dishes - one being sonker and one being ground steak."

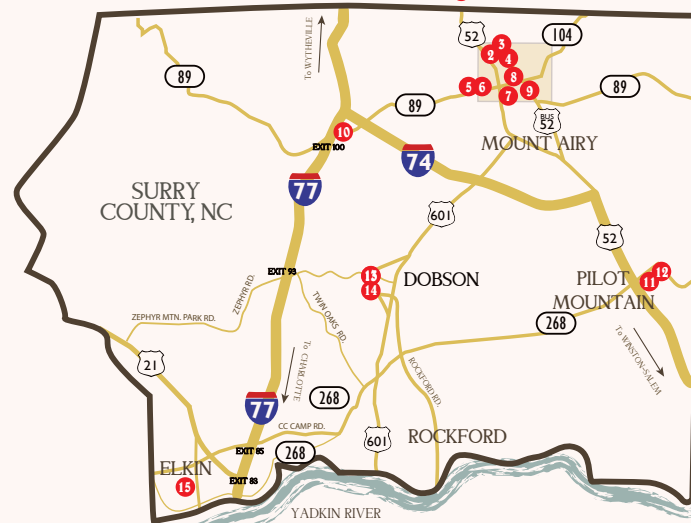
Folks can savor a ground steak sandwich at any - or all - of the 15 trail locations. Mount Airy has nine: Aunt Bea's BBQ, C.F. Jones Classic Café, The Copper Pot, Dairy Center, Holly Springs Cafe, Porky's Bar B-Que, Mayberry Drive-In, Snappy Lunch and Speedy Chef. Three Pilot Mountain eateries are on the trail: All Sauced Up BBQ, Aunt Bea's BBQ and Cousin Gary's. In Dobson, ground steak is on the menu at Central Café. Elkin's Speedy Chef and Cana Copper Pot in Cana, VA rounds out the list.

Freddy Hiatt purchased the Dairy Center in Mount Airy in the 1990s and learned ground steak's history from previous owner, Gene Fleming, who opened the eatery in 1954.

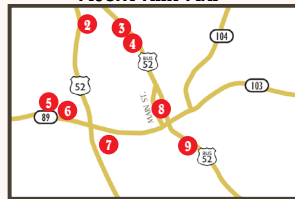
"It's a soft, tender type of meat, and it does kind of melt in ➔

SURRY GROUND STEAK TRAIL MAP

NORTH CAROLINA / VIRGINIA BORDER

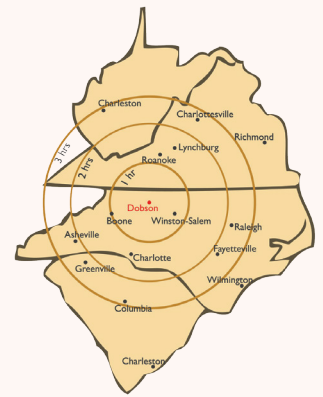


MOUNT AIRY MAP



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REGIONAL MAP



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[336] 356-2110 • [336] 786-6116

- 1 Cana Copper Pot – (276) 922-1991
15397 Fancy Gap Highway, Cana, VA 24317
- 2 Aunt Bea's BBQ of Mount Airy – (336) 789-3050
452 N. Andy Griffith Pkwy., Mount Airy, NC 27030
AuntBeasBBQ.com
- 3 Porky's Bar B-Que – (336) 789-0788
805 W. Lebanon St., Mount Airy, NC 27030
- 4 Dairy Center – (336) 786-2349
407 W. Lebanon St., Mount Airy, NC 27030
- 5 Odell's Sandwich Shop – (336) 786-4946
1924 W Pine St., Mount Airy, NC, 27030
- 6 C.F. Jones Classic Café – (336) 786-9490
976 W. Pine St., Mount Airy, NC 27030
CFJonesCafe.com
- 7 Mayberry Drive-In – (336) 415-5056
675 W. Pine St., Mount Airy, NC 27030
- 8 Snappy Lunch – (336) 786-4951
125 N. Main St., Mount Airy, NC 27030
TheSnappyLunch.com
- 9 Speedy Chef of Mount Airy – (336) 789-2396
1516 S. Main St., Mount Airy, NC 27030
- 10 The Copper Pot – (336) 352-4108
123 Scenic Outlet Ln., Ste. 4, Mount Airy, NC 27030
Facebook.com/TheCopperPot89
- 11 Aunt Bea's BBQ of Pilot Mountain – (336) 368-2300
642 S. Key St., Pilot Mountain, NC 27041
AuntBeasBBQ.com
- 12 Cousin Gary's – (336) 368-1488
626 S. Key St., Pilot Mountain, NC 27041
- 13 Central Café – (336) 356-2100
304 N. Main St., Dobson, NC 27017
Facebook.com/CentralCafe2015
- 14 Sue's Kitchen – (336) 356-4500
709 S Main St., Dobson, NC 27017
Facebook.com/SuesRestaurant
- 15 Speedy Chef of Elkin – (336) 835-4403
685 N. Bridge St., Elkin, NC 28621
Facebook.com/SpeedyChefElkin

your mouth,” Hiatt says. “You can eat it with-out a lot of heavy chewing. Some people use ground chuck. We use the ground beef with higher fat to get a better flavor, a better taste. That’s what we’ve done all the years I’ve been here, and Gene did the same. I’ve always said if it works, there’s no reason to change it.”

The recipe at Cousin Gary’s in Pilot Mountain hasn’t changed since Gary Collins founded the diner in 1988. Collins was one of 18 children. They grew up on ground steak, and he made sure to get his mom’s beloved “secret” recipe when he opened.

The recipe stayed a family secret when Collins’ sister, Debbie Butner, bought the eatery and remains so today as ownership has passed to Debbie’s daughter, Gina Erickson.



Central Café

“It’s not like a hamburger that is tough, and you have to chew it up,” Erickson says. “When you take a bite, you’re eating it with the slaw and tomato, and it all just kind of comes together in your mouth. It’s really good.”

While the basics of making ground steak are similar, recipes vary per restaurant, as does the presentation. Some serve it on a plate (minus the bun) accompanied by sides. Others put ground steak on a biscuit.

“We serve it all day long, and I have a large customer base for breakfast who eat it with eggs, either as an egg-and-ground-steak sandwich or a ground steak omelet,” says Hiatt of the Dairy Center. “We fix it any way people request it.”

Ground steak, like sonker, is part of the



Speedy Chef

generational fabric of the area. Locals love it, and the creator of the Surry Ground Steak Trail believes visitors will, too.

“It’s an institution – there’s history, there are memories, there’s an identity,” says Frye, who remembers his great-grandmother making ground steak in a cast-iron skillet.

“The roots are the selling point,” he adds. “Let us tell you a little about our history while giving you a current experience.”



Dairy Center

Hungry for History?

Get Your Just Desserts on the Sonker Trail



Harvest Grill at Shelton Vineyards

The Surry Sonker Trail is a confectionary journey that showcases a heritage dessert passed down from generation to generation.

The trail leads visitors to eight places that serve sonker, which begs the question: What exactly is this uniquely named delicacy?

The confection is best described as a hybrid between a cobbler and deep-dish pie. It comes about by blending fruit and unshaped dough that is sweetened with sugar, molasses and the occasional secret ingredient. Many folks serve it drizzled with a cream-based dip, not to be called a glaze!

Sonker is similar to snowflakes in that no two are exactly alike. Recipes, handed down over the years, evolved as cooks tweaked them to suit their tastes and seasonally available ingredients.

Flavors commonly enjoyed are apple, blackberry, cherry, peach, raspberry, strawberry rhubarb and sweet potato, but don't be surprised to come across a savory sonker or wine-infused sonker.

It's unclear exactly how the dish got its unusual name, although

it can be attributed to the Scottish and Scotch-Irish immigrants who settled the Yadkin Valley in the 1700s.

The word sonker comes from the Scottish dialect. It originally referred to a small, grassy knoll that could have been used as a seat. The meaning evolved over time to describe a seat or saddle made of straw. Many suspect the dough covering the bumpy filling reminded cooks of a knoll or saddle, hence the term sonker.

Others say the name comes from the word "sunk" because a sonker's crust sinks into the fruit filling. Over the years in rural Carolina dialect, perhaps "sunker" became "sonker."

However the name came about, one thing is clear: This tasty Surry treat is a must-have on your next visit.

And if your next visit happens to be the first Saturday in October, check out the Sonker Festival at the historic Edwards-Franklin House west of Mount Airy. The event has celebrated sonker annually since 1980.

Surry Sonker Trail

Celebrating a one-of-a-kind dessert found in Surry County, NC



www.SonkerTrail.org
(800) 948-0949

1. **Anchored Sweet Treats & Savory Eats**
301 W. Main Ave., Mount Airy, NC 27030
(919) 735-3444
www.anchoredsweetsavoryeats.com
2. **Miss Angel's Heavenly Pies**
1514 N. Main St., Mount Airy, NC 27030
(919) 736-4227
www.missangelshomebakes.com
3. **The Tilted Ladder**
105-A W. Main St., Pilot Mountain, NC 27041
(919) 444-4944
www.TheTiltedLadder.com
4. **Royall's BBQ & Grill**
101 W. Main St., Elkin, NC 28621
(919) 525-4244
Royall's BBQ & Grill (718)
5. **Southern on Main**
1010 E. Main St., Elkin, NC 28621
(919) 525-5244
www.SouthernOnMain.com
6. **Harvest Grill at Shelton Vineyards**
3010 Cabernet Ln., Dobson, NC 27034
(919) 564-6565
www.SheltonVineyards.com

*Following the
Surry Sonker Trail*

Surry Sonker Trail



Different Flavors & Varieties Await on the Trail

Surry's signature dessert is big on personalization. Every stop along the Sonker Trail presents different styles, along with crust and flavor variations.

Across the street at **Miss Angel's Heavenly Pies**, Angela Shur bakes with fresh fruit from her orchard and uses a crumb-based crust, drizzled with moonshine dip. "I don't call it a sonker," Miss Angel says. "I call it a 'zonker' because when you eat ours with moonshine, you go zonkers."

Two blocks away, third-generation sonker chef Samantha Coleman serves traditional style at **Anchored Sweet Treats & Savory Eats**. Baked in old-school rectangle pans, her



sonker offers a hearty crust over a juicy filling.

When sonker is served at **The Tilted Ladder**, it unexpectedly arrives in a large, stemmed cocktail glass alongside a thin milk dip, reminiscent of snow cream, for drizzling.

Small cast-iron skillets hold individual

sonkers at Shelton Vineyards' **Harvest Grill**. After baking, the crust is topped with fresh fruit, often wine-infused, and a scoop of ice cream.

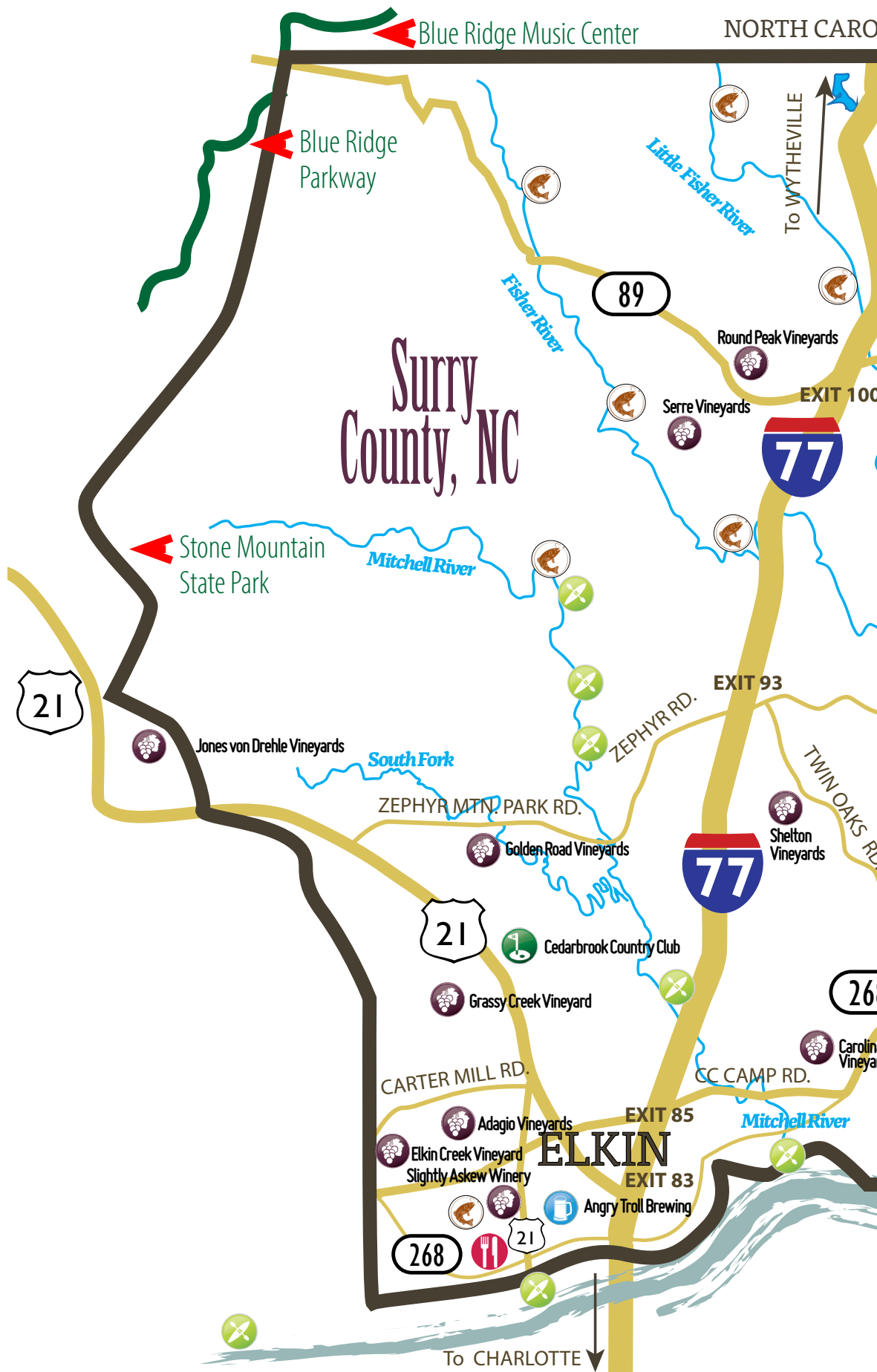
Ice cream is also part of the recipe at **Southern on Main**. Owner Marla Stern bakes sonker with a lot of crust and serves it warm with vanilla ice cream.

Royall's BBQ & Grill in Elkin is the perfect place to enjoy the best Southern classics. After savoring a delicious lunch of tender smoked brisket, pork, or chicken, there's no better way to finish than with a refreshing Surry Sonker à la mode in a hot iron skillet.



Legend

-  Breweries
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Liv For Sweets



Six Tasty Discoveries

Follow the Locals to Find These Culinary Treasures

Travel is about discovery. When it comes to food, the best memories are often created by unexpected experiences that locals know best. Here are six to consider on your next visit

1 The fried pork chop sandwich at **Snappy Lunch** is legendary. It's a messy mouthful, fully loaded with chili, tomato, ketchup, mustard and onions. There's often a line to enter the eatery, located on Mount Airy's Main Street. **Snappy Lunch** opened in 1923 and is the oldest restaurant in town. It was a favorite spot for a young Andy Griffith, who reportedly was fond of the hot dogs. Griffith later mentioned Snappy Lunch on his classic TV show, the only real-life Mount Airy business to have that distinction.



Snappy Lunch Pork Chop Sandwich

2 **End Posts Restaurant** at JOLO Winery & Vineyards serves lunch and dinner in an intimate dining room overlooking rows of grapevines with Pilot Mountain in the distance. The elegantly appointed space manages to blend high-end dining with warm hospitality, making you feel welcome without the stuffiness often associated with fine-dining restaurants.

3 **The Depot at Cody Creek** serves standard chophouse fare in a mountain lodge atmosphere with wood finishes, carved bears and an actual working water wheel. The satisfying menu covers such favorites as steaks, chicken, pork, seafood, appetizers, salads and homemade desserts.

4 **Angry Troll Brewing Restaurant**, A popular eatery, taproom and brewery on Main Street in Elkin. Angry Troll's menu serves up wood fired pizzas, 10 flavors of wings, barbecue nachos, hearty sandwiches and a variety of salads. It is also home to Angry Troll Brewing and features a casual atmosphere in a renovated tobacco warehouse on Main Street in Elkin. The Angry Troll in Mount Airy is located in the historic Belk Building offering a similar experience.

5 **The Wisdom Table** features more than 100 bottles of North Carolina wine with a spotlight on surrounding Yadkin Valley. Enjoy a Craft beer or a nibble at the tasting bar or at a surrounding table.

6 **Liv For Sweets** is your go-to, sweet-as-pie, small-town bakery, born in 2019! The creation of Olivia "Liv" Jessup, a self-taught baker and pastry chef. Try her delicious lineup of daily treats, including gourmet cupcakes, cookies, frosted brownies, cookie sandwiches, chocolate-covered Oreos, cakesicles, and so much more! Visit Liv at her Pilot Mountain or her Mount Airy Location.



Angry Troll Brewing Restaurant

Where Mayberry Blends with Merlot



— VisitMayberry.com —

TOWNS



Shelton Vineyards, Dobson



Downtown Mount Airy

Friendly Towns

If small towns with authentic experiences appeal to you, make plans to visit **Dobson, Mount Airy, Elkin** and **Pilot Mountain** in the Yadkin Valley.



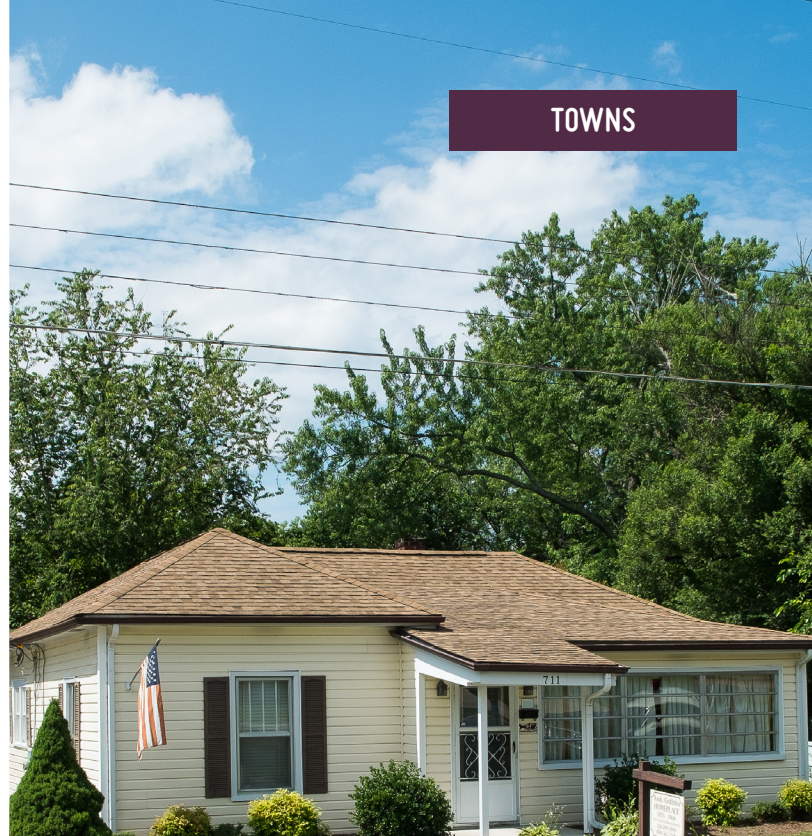
Main Street, Elkin



Downtown, Pilot Mountain



Hampton Inn at Shelton Vineyards



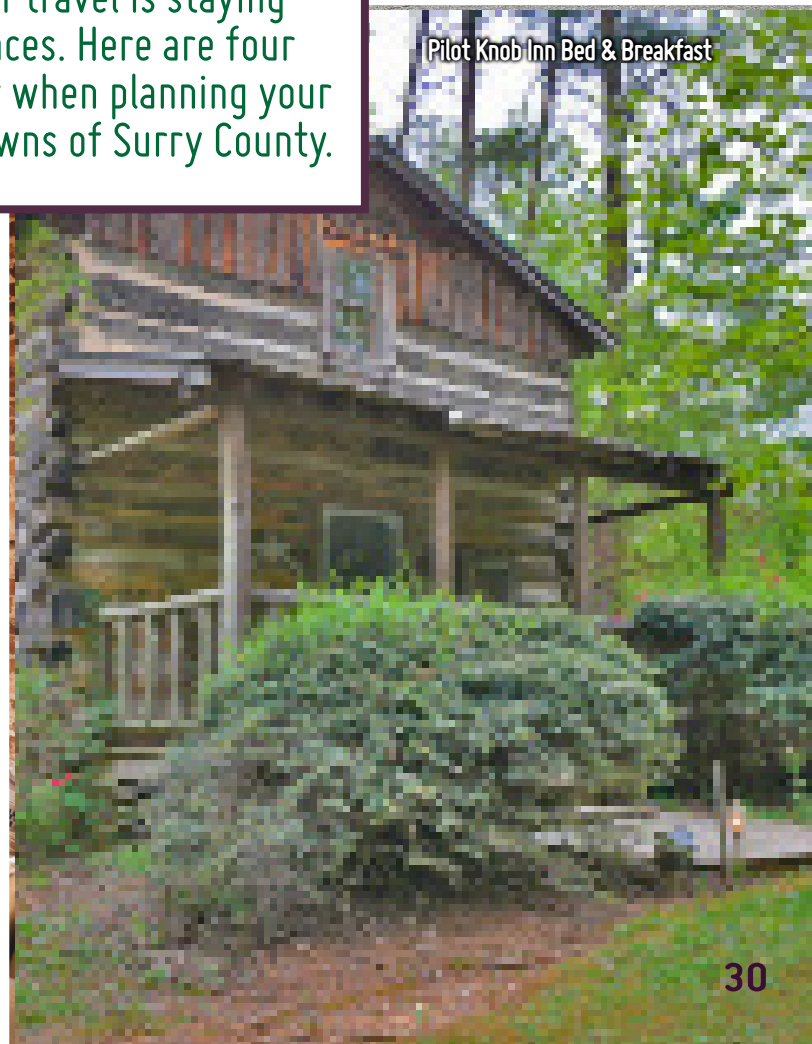
Andy Griffith's Homeplace, Mount Airy

Uniquely 4 You

Part of the joy of travel is staying in interesting places. Here are four options to consider when planning your next visit to the towns of Surry County.



Three Trails Hotel, Elkin



Pilot Knob Inn Bed & Breakfast



Enjoy Mayberry & Merlot in America's Hometown

Steeped in nostalgia and friendly charm, Mount Airy is the quintessential Southern small town. Known by many as Mayberry, it's the birthplace of Andy Griffith and inspired the fictional town depicted in "The Andy Griffith Show."

Fans reminisce about their favorite scenes as they stroll Main Street to visit **Floyd's City Barber Shop**, stop by **Opie's Candy Store** and eat a famous pork chop sandwich at **Snappy Lunch**, which was mentioned on the first season of the famed sitcom.

A bucket-list activity involves a ride in the back of a patrol car. **Mayberry Squad Car Tours** depart daily from **Wally's Service Station**, ferrying passengers in vintage Ford squad cars to Mayberry landmarks and other points of interest.

Don't miss taking a picture at Sheriff Taylor's desk in the replica courthouse beside Wally's or posing behind bars in Otis Campbell's jail cell.

Spending time downtown reveals Mount Airy's pride for its famous son. The bronze

TV Land Statue of Andy and Opie walking to the fishing hole stands outside the **Andy Griffith Museum**, where more than 1,000 pieces of memorabilia detail Griffith's life and career. Adjacent to the museum is the **Andy Griffith Playhouse**.



Each September, the town celebrates its television heritage with the weeklong **Mayberry Days** festival. From watermelon-seed-spitting contests to bluegrass music, appearances by famous folks connected to the show, and the annual parade, the event promises down-home family fun.

Mount Airy's rich music tradition lives on

today with live performances at the **Historic Earle Theatre** and preserved memories in the **Old-Time Music Heritage Hall**. The area's signature old-time sound involves instrumental numbers led by the fiddle and banjo. Old-time music paved the way for bluegrass.

Every Saturday morning, WPAQ (740 AM) broadcasts its live radio show, called "Merry-Go-Round," from the Earle Theatre stage. Merry-Go-Round started on Groundhog Day in 1948 and is the second-longest-running live radio show in the nation, trailing only the "Grand Ole Opry."

Like any good Southern town, Mount Airy restaurants dish out plenty of comfort food, from classic meat-and-threes to smoked pork barbecue. Great burgers, too!

Three eateries serve the county's signature dessert, a cobbler-pie hybrid known as sonker, as part of the **Surry Sonker Trail**. One in particular, **Miss Angel's Heavenly Pies**, adds moonshine to the recipe, but don't tell deputy Barney Fife.

Surry County's newest culinary trail, the **Ground Steak Trail**, celebrates a melt-in- ➔



Donna Fargo Exhibit



Opie's Candy Store



Mayberry Days Festival



Old-Time Music Heritage Hall

your-mouth cousin to the hamburger. This loose-meat sandwich is served at nine locations in Mount Airy.

Andy Griffith is not the town's only famous person. Singer Donna Fargo, who had a string of Top 10 hits in the 1970s, was born and raised here. See an exhibit dedicated to Fargo at the **Mount Airy Museum of Regional History**.

The original Siamese Twins – Eng and Chang Bunker – settled in Mount Airy and raised their families on a farm outside of town. At the **Siamese Twins Museum**, uncover the unique story of their lives after leaving Siam and settling in Surry County through a compelling exhibit featuring photographs, furniture, and videos.

On weekends from May through October, the **Market Street Arts and Entertainment District** comes to life. The street is closed to vehicles welcoming food trucks and musicians.

Grab craft brews, artisan pizza, and more at one of two breweries on the street, **Thirsty Souls Brewing**. Across the way is **White Elephant Beer Co.**, Grab a seat, browse the eclectic offerings and public art adding to the festive atmosphere of the Market Street Arts District.

Pizza, pints, and paranormal? **Angry Troll Brewing in Mount Airy** has it all! Dive into the vintage brewpub, housed in the historic Belk's building, and experience small-batch brews, hearth-fired pizzas, and maybe...a ghost or two.

The town's location in the heart of the Yadkin Valley wine region makes it easy to explore beautiful vineyards.

Head into the countryside for vino accompanied by views of the Blue Ridge Mountains at **Round Peak Vineyards** and **Serre Vineyards**. Several other wineries are nearby in Dobson and Pilot Mountain.

More information about Mount Airy can be found at VisitMayberry.com.



Round Peak Vineyards



The Earle Theatre: Mount Airy's Center for the Arts

Almost anytime of the year, visitors can find something to do at the Earle Theatre on Main Street in Mount Airy.

Movies, concerts, live radio broadcasts, and instrument and dance classes are regularly scheduled at the historic downtown venue.

And even when there's not an event, people can learn about the area's nationally renowned string music history via self-guided tours of the Old-Time Music Heritage Hall inside the Earle.

Top-notch bluegrass artists like Rhonda Vincent, Balsam Range and Sam Bush make a point to schedule shows at this hallowed hall.

The theater, which opened in 1937, was spared from the wrecking ball in 1990 by the Surry Arts Council, which continues to own and operate the facility.

By 2015, the theater was no longer able to get reel-to-reel films from suppliers, so a \$90,000 digital projector was installed to keep movies alive on the silver screen.

Mount Airy Events



FEBRUARY

Tommy Jarrell Festival
Honoring the life & music of a world-renowned fiddler

MAY

Buddbreak Wine & Craft Beer Festival
Wine, beer, food & music on Main Street

MAY

Mayberry Farm Fest
Celebrate agriculture with food, crafts, music, displays & tractor parade on Main



JUNE

Mount Airy Fiddlers Convention
Old-time and bluegrass music at Veterans Park

JUNE

Peach Festival at Miss Angel's Farm
Pick your own peaches, blackberries & sunflowers

SEPTEMBER

Oktoberfest at the Orchard
German beer, brats, music & more at Miss Angel's Farm



SEPTEMBER

Mayberry Days
Celebrate all things Mayberry in Andy Griffith's hometown

OCTOBER

Autumn Leaves Festival
Dozens of craft vendors, plus music, food & fall foliage in Downtown Mt. Airy

NOVEMBER

Mayberry Half Marathon, 10K & 5K
Flat, fast courses through Mt. Airy

A Mountain Vibe All Year

www.pilotmountainnc.org



Downtown Dining



Pilot Mountain



Family Fun



Scenery Galore



Concert in the Park



Wineries



Roaming Rivers



Advent.



Monsters On Main



Downtown Shopping



Hot Nights Hot Cars



Winding Roads



The Best Little Trails Town in North Carolina

Tucked in the Blue Ridge foothills beside the Yadkin River, Elkin is known as the “best little trails town in North Carolina.” It has evolved from a textile manufacturing hub to a haven for hiking, paddling and biking, as well as winery hopping through the vineyards of Yadkin Valley.

Downtown sits at the convergence of three major trails: the **Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail**, the **Yadkin River State Blueway Trail**, and the **NC Mountains-to-Sea Trail**, which runs right down Main Street.

This collection of trails, along with other trails created by the Elkin Valley Trails Association, provides many miles of pathways.

Hikers are rewarded with beautiful landmarks along the trails, such as **Carter Falls** located on a one-mile hiking trail off of Pleasant Ridge Road, as well as the spillway dam on the **Elkin & Alleghany Rail Trail**. Each year during the first weekend in June, people arrive from all over with boots, bikes and kayaks for the **NC Trail Days Festival**.

The Yadkin River provides myriad

opportunities for tubing, kayaking, canoeing and fishing. **Rocky Forest River Run** are your local outfitters. Stop by the **Yadkin Valley Heritage and Trails Visitor Center** for outfitter details, maps, brochures and all kinds of trail info, as well as showers



for hikers and charging stations for electric vehicles.

The heritage center is also the pickup/drop-off point for the **Elkin Vine Line** winery hopper service.

The renovated **Reeves Theater** anchors Main Street with its bright Art Deco facade. A farm-to-table cafe operates in the lobby, and the state-of-the-art venue welcomes acts of

all genres, with a focus on regional sounds.

Twice a month, “**The Martha Bassett Show**” takes place at the Reeves. The folksy, musical variety show is Elkin’s answer to “A Prairie Home Companion” and includes three guest acts, mixing in local, regional and national artists.

Elsewhere along Main Street, several murals adorn buildings, telling stories of Elkin’s history and the surrounding foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. A variety of shops and boutiques dot the street, including the popular **Wisdom Table** tasting room, which specializes in local and regional wine, plus North Carolina craft beer, and also offers a dinner menu.

An excellent culinary option is **Southern on Main**, serving a variety of entrées and Southern comfort food in the laid-back atmosphere of a two-story former bank building.

Elkin’s small-town setting creates an ideal backdrop for events throughout the year, such as classic car cruise-ins, the **Yadkin Valley Pumpkin Festival** held at Elkin Municipal Park. ➔



Grassy Creek Winery



Carter Falls Trail



The Wisdom Table



Yadkin River Trail

The **Foothills Arts Center** works with artists of all genres to bring cultural experiences — art exhibitions, plays, concerts and festivals — to the community. The Foothills Arts Center is part of Surry County's Blue Ridge Craft Trail.

Its central location in Yadkin Valley wine country makes Elkin an ideal base to explore vineyards and sample some of the finest vintages in the Southeast. More than 20 wineries are located within 20 miles of downtown. Many specialize in wines made from European vinifera varietals.

Each May, the **Yadkin Valley Wine Festival** celebrates local wine with tastings from area vineyards, live music, food trucks and the **Tour de Vino** bike ride. Cyclists choose from rides of 30 miles, 31 miles, 52 miles, 71 miles or 100 miles along scenic byways. Upon returning to Elkin, riders are welcomed with showers, a meal and free entry to the **Yadkin Valley Wine Festival**.

Slightly Askew Winery operates an in-town tasting room. Boutique-style **Adagio Vineyards** is close to town, yet has space for a wraparound porch and fire pit. Just down the road, **Elkin Creek Vineyard** is a pioneering winery, established in 2001. Located along its namesake creek beside a rustic mill, the winery is known for bold, red vintages that pair well with gourmet pizzas served on Sundays.

The nearby rural community of State Road is home to **Grassy Creek** and **Golden Road** vineyards. Farther out in the countryside is **Carolina Heritage**, North Carolina's first certified organic vineyard.

Back downtown, enjoy a pint and excellent pub fare at **Angry Troll Brewing** on Main Street.

Angry Troll is located in The Liberty, a renovated brick building from the early 1900s that includes a spacious events hall on the second floor.

"Main Street's popular spot for spirits is Fruition, a tiny, speakeasy-type bar known for expertly made cocktails.

Hear that whistle? It's calling you to The **Elkin RailYard**! Coolest beer garden with 16 taps, tasty food trucks, and the best chill spot in town. Your pups will love it too!

More information about Elkin can be found at ExploreElkin.com.



Elkin RailYard

Building Upon a Rich Family History While Looking Forward to a Future of Exceptional Wines

Christian Paul Vineyards, a relatively new addition to the Yadkin Valley wine scene, opened in September 2023. It occupies a 25-acre estate, featuring rolling hills and scenic views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. This provides a picturesque backdrop for visitors.

Christian Ercolani, with his background in geochemistry/wine, and Andrew Weyl, with his background in law/farming, joined forces to establish Christian Paul Vineyards. Their vision was to create a winery that blends traditional winemaking with international influences. These varietals allow Christian Paul Vineyards to produce wines with diverse flavor profiles, drawing inspiration from different wine regions around the world.

Winemaker Christian Ercolani has a family history of winemaking that goes back many generations in Tuscany and Umbria, Italy. His great-grandfathers immigrated to the U.S. with the goal of continuing their winemaking tradition. While Andrew is a lawyer and grew up crop farming. Together, they strive to build the NC wine industry and provide first-class experiences and wines.

The vineyard cultivates a variety of grapes, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Albariño, Chambourcin, Traminette, and Malbec.



Christian Paul Vineyards

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In essence, Christian Paul Vineyards is building upon a rich family history while looking forward to a future of growth, innovation, and the creation of exceptional wines.

Elkin Events



Yadkin Valley Wine Festival

FEBRUARY

Elkin Brrfest

Beer fest & soup-off

APRIL–OCTOBER

Food Truck Fridays

2nd Friday: food trucks, music & beer downtown at farmers market

MAY

Yadkin Valley Wine Festival

A day in the park with wineries & music



The Milltown Get Down

JUNE

NC Trail Days

Three-day celebration of all things trails

JUNE

Elkin Roots Music Fest

Regional string bands

JULY

FreedomFest

Celebrate the Fourth with music, food & fireworks



Yadkin Valley Pumpkin Festival

SEPTEMBER

Yadkin Valley Pumpkin Festival

Great Pumpkin weigh-off; activities, food & vendors

OCTOBER

The Milltown Get Down (Music Festival)

From the folks who brought you Reevestock

DECEMBER

Light Up Elkin

Christmas kickoff with a host of activities



Reach New Heights with a Visit to Pilot Mountain

Civic leaders in Pilot Mountain have elevated their tourism messaging by embracing the highly visible pinnacle on the edge of town.

The easily recognizable knobby peak is central to the experience at Pilot Mountain State Park not only for what it is, but also for what it represents – an outdoor playground of more than 3,000 undisturbed acres. There's no need to travel to the state's high country when the perfect blend of mountains, trails, streams and forests exists in the rolling foothills of the Yadkin Valley, just 30 minutes from Winston-Salem.

Pilot Mountain State Park falls into two sections – the **mountain section** and the **river section**.

The mountain section includes the namesake mountain, hiking trails, campsites and a state-of-the-art visitors center. The mountain's rocky cliffs create challenging terrain for rock climbing and rappelling. A viewing platform in the upper parking area provides wonderful panoramic views to people of all abilities.

The river section, 20 minutes south of the main park along the Yadkin River, offers hik-

ing trails, paddle-in campsites, a picnic area and a canoe/kayak launch. This area of the park has a more rugged, undiscovered quality that outdoor adventurers particularly enjoy.

Adjacent to the park is **Horne Creek Farm**. This living historical site demonstrates what

appropriately named **Pilot Knob Park** golf club, a semi-private layout with views of the mountain on 13 of its 18 holes.

People sometimes refer to the town as "Mount Pilot," thanks to references on "The Andy Griffith Show" of the nearby big city of

Mount Pilot. The real Pilot Mountain is a smaller town with antiques shops, restaurants and bakeries along Main Street.

Sip a cup of joe at **Main Street Coffee**; enjoy a sandwich with friendly service or search for treasures at the **Mount Pilot Country Store**; and dig into a dish of sonker, the county's heritage dessert, at **The Tilted Ladder**, a favorite restaurant and bar among locals.

Three stops on the **Surry Ground Steak Trail** are right in town – All

Sauced Up, **Aunt Bea's BBQ** and **Cousin Gary's**. Ground steak is a tender, juicy loose-meat variation of the hamburger.

Follow the aromas to sweet treats at **Liv For Sweets**, a small-batch bakery known for deliciously decadent cakes, cupcakes, brownies and cookie sandwiches.

Main Street hosts noteworthy events throughout the year, including the beloved ➔



rural life was like in the early 20th century and holds events and tours year-round. Fall is a great time to tour the farm's 850-tree Southern Heritage Apple Orchard and learn about heirloom apples.

More adventure awaits just east of Pilot Mountain, where **Carolina Ziplines** takes visitors on a cruise through the treetops. Golfers love the park-like feel of the

TOWNS



Pilot Mountain State Park



Crisanthemum Studios



Pilot Knob Park Golf Club



Cousin Gary's

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Hot Nights, Hot Cars monthly cruise-ins that take place from May through October, pairing classic cars with beach music bands.

JOLO Winery & Vineyards, an upscale winery, pours award-winning reds, whites and rosés made from European varietals inside an elegant tasting room. JOLO's wine regularly earn top awards at national and international wine competitions.

The winery's on-site restaurant, **End Posts**, serves a full menu that pairs well with each glass. Dining on the patio, guests enjoy a frame-worthy view of Pilot Mountain's peak.

After a few days of adventure and indulgence, a visit to the **Art of Massage** might be just the ticket. The studio offers massages, energy-healing and sound therapies in a relaxing studio on Main Street.

At **Crisanthemum Studios**, they are all about sparking creativity and celebrating the beauty of handmade ceramics! They've created a fun, welcoming space where everyone can come together, explore their artistic passions, and connect through art. Think of it as a judgment-free zone where you can discover your inner artist and appreciate the amazing work of talented artisans. Their goal? To make art an accessible and enriching experience for everyone, through community, connection, and a whole lot of creativity!



Carolina Ziplines

Two Top Trails for Horseback Riding are in Pilot Mountain

The impressive array of outdoor activities in Pilot Mountain includes two bridle trails. Horse owners saddle up for rides on the **Corridor Trail** at Pilot Mountain State Park, or the **Sauratown Trail** that connects Pilot Mountain State Park with Hanging Rock State Park.

The shorter of the two is the Corridor Trail, a 6.6-mile hiking and bridle trail through hardwood and pine forests of Pilot Mountain State Park's two sections. The trail runs between the park's mountain section, what most consider to be the park's main area, and the river section, located to the south along the Yadkin River islands.

It is important that equestrian activities remain on the marked bridle trail. Horses may be loaded and unloaded only in the lots located at each end of the trail.

The **Sauratown Trail** is a longer, 25-mile bridle and hiking trail from Pilot Mountain State Park eastward to Hanging Rock State Park in Stokes County. It is maintained by the Sauratown Trails Association and provides excellent views of Pilot Mountain from open meadows.

Horseback riders and hikers may use the Sauratown Trail most of the year, except during deer hunting season from mid-November to mid-December.



Pilot Mountain Events



Monsters On Main

MAY

Mayfest

Three-day festival with rides, games, music, etc.

MAY-OCTOBER

Hot Nights, Hot Cars

Monthly cruise-in on Main with regional beach bands



Mayfest

AUGUST

National Night Out

The community gets to engage with the police officers and other first responders in our area

OCTOBER

Halloween Movie Night ("Boo Bash")

Outdoor free screening of a family-friendly Halloween movie



Hot Nights, Hot Cars

Halloween Trunk-or-Treat Event & "Monsters on Main" Parade

One of the largest trunk-or-treats in the county

NOVEMBER

Small Business Saturday / Deck the Halls

Support small/local businesses. Enjoy holiday shopping with activities & Santa Claus



Birthplace of North Carolina's Premier Wine Region

Dobson is the birthplace of the Yadkin Valley American Viticultural Area, North Carolina's first federally recognized wine-growing region. Brothers and Surry County natives Charlie and Ed Shelton led the way to establish the AVA in 2003, which now includes about 40 wineries, including 17 along the **Surry County Wine Trail**.

The Sheltons' pioneering legacy remains strong at their namesake winery, **Shelton Vineyards** in Dobson. It is the largest family-owned estate winery in North Carolina. In addition to the winery, the property is home to **Harvest Grill**, a farm-to-table restaurant, and the nearby **Hampton Inn & Suites Shelton Vineyards**, the only Hampton Inn in the nation with a wine bar.

Dobson has attracted several wineries since the Sheltons put down roots. **Haze Gray Vineyards** and **Hidden Vineyard** are boutique wineries that offer rental cabins on-site. **Stony Knoll Vineyards** is an N.C. Century Farm that carries on its agricultural legacy through grape growing and winemaking. These three wineries are in close proximity

to one another, lined up along a four-mile stretch of Stony Knoll Road.

Surry Community College in Dobson offers one of the nation's top viticulture and enology schools. The school includes a five-acre teaching vineyard and state-of-the-art

mountain-biking trail.

Mitchell River is stocked with brook, rainbow and brown trout for delayed-harvest trout fishing; an access point is located near Kapps Mill along River Road. In downtown,

Dobson Square Park charms visitors with a popular splash pad, as well as a playground and picnic shelters.

As the Surry County seat, Dobson balances its governmental responsibilities with a down-home atmosphere and scenic surroundings.

In April 2022, the national Hungry for History program recognized Surry County's signature dessert, the cobbler-like sonker, with a roadside marker in downtown Dobson. Try it for yourself along the **Surry Sonker Trail**, which includes

eight restaurants that serve the dessert daily, including the **Harvest Grill** at Shelton Vineyards.

Another Surry County delicacy, the melt-in-your-mouth ground steak sandwich, has its own trail and festival. The **North Carolina Ground Steak Festival** takes place in June on the square of the historic courthouse in Dobson, while **Central Café** on North



Shelton Vineyards

bonded winery known as **Surry Cellars**.

The **Fisher River** makes Dobson a destination for paddling. Hop in a canoe or kayak and spend a relaxing afternoon drifting downstream. **Fisher River Park** has a dedicated kayak launch. The park is also popular for trout fishing. A 1.5-mile walking or jogging trail runs along the river, and mountain bikers enjoy a wooded 6.3-mile



Stony Knoll Vineyards

Main Street is one of 15 stops on the **Surry Ground Steak Trail**.

South of town, the historic **Village of Rockford** reflects what life was like in Surry County in the early 1800s. Historic properties include a Methodist church, tavern, post office, store and Masonic lodge. **Candlelight Christmas** in Rockford features festive music including choral music, gospel, and bluegrass. The performances take place in the historic Rockford Methodist Church, where the acoustics and candlelit ambiance create a special atmosphere. The community event includes traditional performances, a candlelit setting, and local charm.



Dobson Splash Pad



Mitchell River

Dobson Events



British Car Show



Running the Vines 5K/10K



North Carolina Ground Steak Festival

MARCH-APRIL

Vineyard Stomp 5K

Scenic run thru the vines at Hidden Vineyard

Dobson Spring Folly

Carnival rides, food trucks, and craft vendors at Dobson Square Park

British Car Show

Gathering of British cars on the estate of Shelton Vineyards

MAY-SEPTEMBER

Running the Vines 5K/10K

Races at Shelton Vineyards followed by food, music, wine

Surry County Food Truck Rodeo

Food and Beach Music at Surry County Farmers Market

Fisher River Highland Games

Heavy Athletics, Celtic music, food, clans, and crafts at Fisher River Park. Second Saturday In May

NC Ground Steak Festival

Come hungry for the area's unique ground steak sandwich. Second Saturday in June

Movies in the Park

One family movie monthly at Dobson Square Park

Mercedes-Benz Car Show

Vintage & modern Mercedes at Shelton Vineyards

Rock the Block

Food trucks, beer, wine, spirits garden, and music at Dobson Square Park

OCTOBER

Dobson Spooktacular

Carnival rides, food trucks, and craft vendors at Dobson Square Park

DECEMBER

Shelton Vineyards New Year's Eve Fine dining

THINGS TO DO



Family Friendly

The Whole Gang Is Really Going To Like This

Rising more than 2,000 feet, the quartzite knob of Pilot Mountain is the anchor of **Pilot Mountain State Park**, which offers miles of trails, camping, climbing and spectacular scenery. The mountain summit remains the principal park area. The most popular trail is the Jomeokee Trail, which circumnavigates the midway point of the peak, offering great views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Sauratown Mountains, and the city skylines of Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

Explore the agricultural charm of **The Farm** in Dobson, offering a delightful experience for families to connect with farm life and enjoy seasonal activities, creating cherished memories for everyone.

Discover the scenic beauty and outdoor adventures awaiting at **Fisher River Park**, where vast trails, open spaces, and serene riverside views provide a perfect setting for recreation and peaceful escapes.

Cool off and have a blast at **Dobson Square Park**, featuring a fantastic splash pad that promises hours of refreshing, joyful fun for children on even the warmest North Carolina day.

Enjoy the tranquil riverside atmosphere and recreational opportunities at **Riverside Park**, an ideal spot for peaceful picnics, leisurely strolls, and simply enjoying nature's calm embrace by the water.

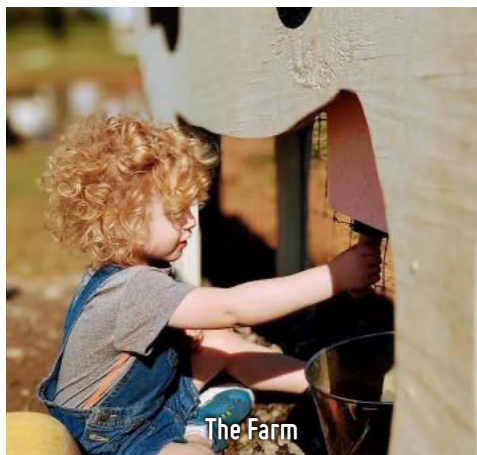
Step back in time with interactive learning at the **Mount Airy Museum of Regional History** children's gallery, where captivating local history truly comes alive in an engaging and educational way for young minds.

Engage in a variety of recreational activities and vibrant community events at the **Armfield Civic Center**, a bustling hub for sports, fitness,

and family-friendly entertainment, welcoming all ages.

Relax and play at **Elkin Municipal Park**, offering expansive green spaces, modern playgrounds, and a wonderfully pleasant environment for a leisurely afternoon outing with your loved ones.

Experience endless fun at **Crater Park**, boasting a newly updated, state-of-the-art playground and an exhilarating splash pad, making it a must-visit for families seeking active play and cool relief. Crater Park is connected with walking trail, bike lane and sidewalk to the Elkin Municipal Park and offers river access to the Yadkin River.



The Farm



Mt. Airy Museum of Regional History



Round Peak Vineyards

Tail-Wagging Good Times

The Best Travel Companions Often Have Four Legs

If your vacation involves a furry family member, you'll be pleased to find Surry County is pet-friendly. Stroll downtown sidewalks, hike state parks and trail networks, and enjoy a wine tasting or pint of beer with your pet.

Everyone loves a walk with a reward at the end, so if you're in Elkin, grab the leash and hit the **Grassy Creek Trail**. The mile-and-a-half trail meanders through pine forests

before ending at **Grassy Creek Vineyard & Winery**. Humans enjoy wine tastings in the tasting room as pups relax by the fireplace. Another pet-friendly winery near Elkin is **Jones von Drehle Vineyards & Winery**.

Meanwhile, the **NC Mountains-to-Sea Trail** runs down Elkin's Main Street, where beer lovers can detour to the pet-friendly tasting room at **Angry Troll Brewing**. Another downtown stop is **The Barkery**, a pet bakery featuring locally made natural treats.

Another hiking destination is **Pilot Mountain State Park**. Take the **Pilot Knob Trail** for a moderate hike that circles the park's namesake knob. There are other trails, too, plus a dog-friendly campground.

No pet will want to miss a visit to **The Grand Pup Resort Hotel & Spa** in Mount Airy. Drop off your dog or cat for an afternoon of pampering or for an overnight stay. This four-legged-only hotel pleases even the pickiest K-9s and felines, from specialty grooming services to large suites for pets and green space out back for fresh air and exercise.

After a spa treatment at the resort, visit

The Dapper Hound boutique to purchase the latest pet fashion accessories, along with locally made Mutt Munchies dog treats.

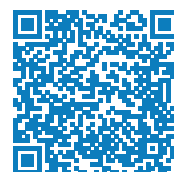
If your dog loves watching "The Andy Griffith Show", make sure to visit the replica courthouse and jail beside **Wally's Service Station**. Later, snap a photo in front of the TV **Land Andy & Opie Statue**.

Shelton Vineyards in Dobson is a must-visit. Stroll manicured grounds with your pup in tow and enjoy the beauty of the area's largest winery. Pack a picnic for a doggone good time.



Pet-Friendly Lodging

The Yadkin Valley website makes it easy to identify lodging spots that welcome pets. Look for the paw print beside the name of the accommodation, or scan this code to see only pet-friendly options.





Mount Airy's Whittling Wall

Blue Ridge Craft Trail

Explore the Area's Rich History of Craft and Creativity

Artists and crafters bring creativity and authenticity to the places they call home. We're fortunate to have a collection of these folks who make visiting our towns more interesting.

A great way to seek these creators is via Surry County's **Blue Ridge Craft Trail**, one of several aligned trails throughout Western North Carolina.

As visitors travel the trail they meet renowned artisans, discover one-of-a-kind craft and experience small-town charm.

In Elkin, the trail includes the **Foothills Arts Center** and **Yadkin Valley Fiber Center**.

Both hold classes in fiber arts, drawing, painting, photography and clay. The space is also home to luthier Joe Thrift, who builds fine violins and teaches the art of making them.

John Furches Gallery in Elkin shows off the artist's watercolors of nature. Through etching, printmaking and watercolor, Furches transfers the natural world — birds, wildflowers, rolling landscapes — into art.

A few steps farther along Elkin's Main Street is **Yadkin Valley Quilts**, where crafters find supplies and inspiration for all sorts of fiber projects. Finished quilts

by local artists are sold in the shop.

In Mount Airy, the **Surry Arts Council** celebrates local artists, musicians and hometown hero Andy Griffith. The main Arts Council building houses the **Andy Griffith Museum** and additional exhibits. The council also operates the **Earle Theatre**, **Old-Time Music Heritage Hall** and **Blackmon Amphitheater**.

A favorite stop in Mount Airy is the **Whittling Wall**. Created by North Carolina artist Brad Spencer, the wall features brick sculptures of notable local artists, musicians and dignitaries.



John Furches Gallery

Get Crafty With Us

The Blue Ridge National Heritage Area allows folks to customize an itinerary for Surry's Blue Ridge Craft Trail.

Scan the code to go to the itinerary builder, then select your favorite craft locations and other points of interest.



Yadkin Valley Fiber Center



Museums & Agritourism

Six Great Spots for a Fun and Educational 'Field Trip'

Experience agriculture, history and unexpected curiosities at these Surry County attractions.

Horne Creek Farm, a state historic site near Pilot Mountain, demonstrates what rural life was like in central North Carolina from 1900–1913. Staff members and volunteers plant crops, bring in the harvest and prepare for winter the same way it was done more than a century ago.

Go back even farther into Surry County's history at the **Richard Gwyn Museum**. The building is named after Elkin's founder, who built the structure in 1850 as Elkin's first school and church. Assorted tools, household items and photographs tell bits and pieces of local history.

The **Siamese Twins Museum** is packed with artifacts and interactive displays that brings Eng and Chang Bunkers' extraordinary lives to life. You'll learn all about their adventures, their families, and what it was like to be Eng and Chang. It's a wild ride through history you won't want to miss!

From their early days in Siam (now Thailand), these amazing twins traveled the globe, becoming huge stars. But the story doesn't end there! Eng and Chang eventually settled down in Mount Airy,

where they raised their families and became part of the community.

Mount Airy Museum of Regional History also recounts stories of the past, as well as the area's penchant for producing famous people, including Andy Griffith, Donna Fargo and Tommy Jarrell. Take a museum ghost tour to learn about the town's "less mortal" friends and where they spend their time.

In season, visitors can pick 23 varieties of peaches, plums, apples, flowers, berries and pumpkins at **Miss Angel's Farm** in Mount Airy. Also offered are fresh produce, canned goods, homemade ice cream and baked goods. Children can play in a giant barn

playhouse or explore the corn maze. Soft drinks, wine, beer and cider are available.

The Farm in Dobson invites visitors to pick their own strawberries in the spring and pumpkins in the fall. Other activities include barnyard animals, a barrel train, jump pillow, playground and corn maze. During the holidays, take a hayride through light displays, roast s'mores and visit with Santa.

Minglewood Farm and Nature Preserve in Westfield hosts workshops, hikes, plant sales, field trips and outdoor dinners throughout the year. All events support its mission to spread awareness about native ecology and the local food system.



Mt. Airy Museum of Regional History



Minglewood Farm & Nature Preserve



Cross Creek Country Club



Golfing in Wine Country

A Trio of Courses Provides Country Club Access to All

Cedarbrook Country Club, Elkin

Enjoy the country club experience on this semi-private course designed by Ellis Maples, one of the states's most noted golf architects.

Maples, who studied under Donald Ross in Pinehurst, carved Cedarbrook from rolling countryside and thick forests.

Unlike Ross, Maples often incorporated water hazards into his designs, and his work at Cedarbrook reflects that signature. It is considered a true classic.

From the front nine's majestic, undulating greens to the back nine's requirement of shot-making precision, the course is challenging, but fair, and rates highly with most everyone who plays it.



Cedarbrook Country Club

Cross Creek Country Club, Mt. Airy

Cross Creek is situated just north of Mount Airy, about two miles from the Virginia line, with a striking backdrop provided by the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The course was renovated and redesigned in 2007 by Greensboro architect Kris Spence. Spence took a very good course, which opened in 1973, and improved it. He lengthened several holes for modern play, while adding accents of traditional golf architecture that were absent in the original design.

The par-72 course measures around 6,900 yards from the back tees and has been ranked among the state's top 100 courses. Its four finishing holes are particularly well-designed.

Pilot Knob Park, Pilot Mountain

Another country club that welcomes non-members is Pilot Knob Park.

Its calling card is a picturesque layout that flows through a hilly tract of land adjacent to Pilot Mountain's iconic 2,200-foot knobby peak, which is visible on 13 of the 18 holes.

Pilot Knob Park was designed in 1963 by architect Gene Hamm. The par-70 course is not overly long, measuring 6,225 yards from the back tees.

It is a treat to play, offering plenty of room to hit the ball off the tee, with increasing difficulty as you approach the greens. The greens are composed of heat-tolerant zoysia grass, which stays lush all summer.



Pilot Knob Park

Yadkin Valley Tee Party

Interested in teeing it up in wine country? To learn more about these three country club experiences, as well as other golf courses in the region, scan the code.





Live Music at Reeves Theater, Elkin



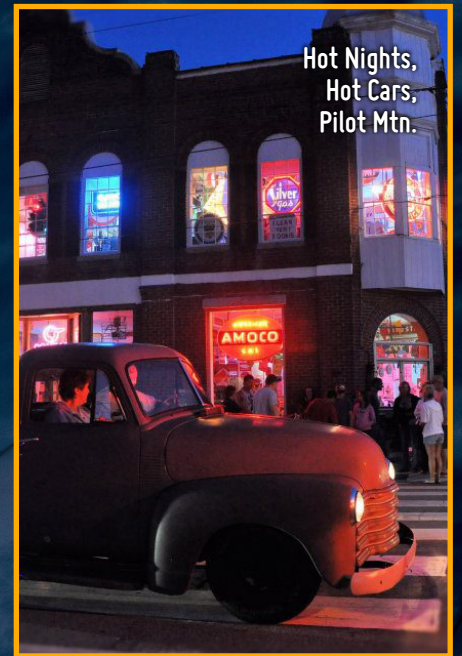
Blackmon Amphitheatre Concerts, Mt. Airy



The RailYard, Elkin

Surry After Sunset

When the sun goes down and daylight ends, a different type of Yadkin Valley adventure begins



Hot Nights, Hot Cars, Pilot Mtn.



Market Street Arts District Breweries, Mount Airy



Six28 House B&B, Elkin

Play Hard, Rest Easy

Lodging Options to Please a Variety of Travelers

- BED & BREAKFASTS -

A Mighty Oak B&B
Pilot Mountain, North Carolina
Purpose-built inn with four large suites, mountain views and daily breakfast from adjoining farm.
AMightyOakBedandBreakfast.com
336-325-3285

Bee's Bed & Breakfast
Mount Airy, North Carolina
Located downtown. Easy walk to tourists sites, main street shopping & dining.
VisitMayberry.com
336-783-4663

Heart and Soul B&B
Mount Airy, North Carolina
Upscale inn with six spacious guest suites and gourmet breakfasts. Walking distance to downtown Mount Airy.
HeartnSoulBB.com
336-789-0126

Pilot Knob Inn & Cabins
Pilot Mountain, North Carolina
Romantic bed & breakfast inn close to Pilot Mountain with five spacious suites, six cabins and one cottage.
PilotKnobInn.com
336-325-2502

Six28 House B&B
Elkin, North Carolina
Renovated boarding house near town. Comfy rooms and chef-prepared breakfast daily, timed to your schedule.
Six28House.com
336-530-4080

- HOTELS -

Fairfield Inn & Suites
Elkin, North Carolina
Top-tier property in the Fairfield brand and 'Award of Excellence' recipient. Modern guest rooms, indoor pool/hot tub.
Marriott.com/intje
336-353-2008

Hampton Inn & Suites Shelton Vineyards
Dobson, North Carolina
One of the top-rated Hampton Inns and the only one with a wine bar. Shuttle service to nearby Shelton Vineyards.
HamptonInn3.Hilton.com
336-353-9400

Hampton Inn Mount Airy
Mount Airy, North Carolina
Hotel has 125 updated guest rooms and several spacious suites. Amenities include indoor pool and fitness center.
HamptonInn3.Hilton.com
336-789-5999

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Mount Airy, North Carolina
Four-story hotel is walking distance to restaurants. Amenities include indoor pool, fitness center, business center.
IHG.com/holidayinnexpress
336-719-1731

Quality Inn Mount Airy
Mount Airy, North Carolina
Located near shopping and restaurants. Offers continental breakfast, outdoor pool and whirlpool tubs in select rooms.
QualityInnMountAiry.com
336-789-2000

Three Trails Boutique Hotel
Elkin, North Carolina
Beautifully renovated historic

building converted into a 14-room boutique hotel on Main Street in Elkin.
TheCarolinaExperience.com
919-893-4424

- INNS & MOTELS -

Andy Griffith Parkway Inn
Mount Airy, North Carolina
Budget-friendly motel located on U.S. Hwy. 52 (Andy Griffith Parkway) that offers queen and king rooms.
Booking.com
743-333-2432

Bea's Parkway Inn
Mount Airy, North Carolina
Rooms have a flat-screen TV and air conditioning, and selected rooms also offer a seating area.
BeasParkwayInn.net
(336) 648-5331

Bryson Inn
Mount Airy, North Carolina
The inn has 59 guest rooms and is located off I-77 at Exit 100, just nine miles from downtown Mount Airy.
BrysonInn.com
336-352-3400

Comfort Inn
Mount Airy, North Carolina
King and queen rooms with complimentary breakfast served daily. Amenities include indoor pool, fitness center.
ChoiceHotels.com
336-783-0008

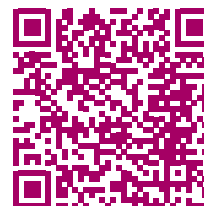
Econo Lodge
Pilot Mountain, North Carolina
This 56-room property is conveniently located off U.S. Highway 52. Amenities include outdoor pool.
ChoiceHotels.com
336-368-2237

Elk Inn
Elkin, North Carolina
Elk Inn provides cable TV and free Wi-Fi in every room. Some rooms have microwaves and refrigerators.
MotelElkin.com
336-835-7780

Knights Inn Mayberry
Mount Airy, North Carolina
Conveniently located to the Mayberry attractions. Amenities include outdoor pool, high-speed internet access.
RedLion.com
336-786-8387

Mayberry Motor Inn
Mount Airy, North Carolina
Well-maintained vintage 27-room motor court with outdoor pool, gazebo and walking paths on property.
MayberryMotorInn.com
336-786-4109

Surry Inn
Dobson, North Carolina
Just off I-77, this 30-room motel was renovated in 2019. Centrally located to all attractions in Surry County.
SurryInn-Dobson.us
336-366-3000



Sitting on a Backlog of Vacation Days? Let Us Help With That.



*We're probably not going out on a limb by
guessing you have a backlog of time off.
How do we know?*

*The average American worker finishes each
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