

Big Billy Cabin

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- Whitewater Equestrian Center
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- Cherokee Ruby & Sapphire Mine
- Gold City Gem Mine
- Jackson Hole
- Mason's Ruby and Sapphire Mine
- Rose Creek Mine
- Sheffield Mine

Fine food

- On the Verandah
- Four65 Woodfire Bistro
- Blue Bike Café
- Madison's at Old Edwards Inn
- Wine Garden at Old Edwards Inn
- Wolfgang's Restaurant & Wine Bistro
- 4118 Kitchen + Bar
- Lakeside Restaurant
- Oak Steakhouse
- Paoletti's
- Wild Thyme
- Primary Restaurant
- · Prime Steakhouse
- Highlands Tavern
- Ugly Dog Pub
- Asia House
- The Ruffed Grouse
- Calders Coffee Cafe
- Stubborn Seeds
- Canyon Kitchen
- The Orchard
- Hidden Valley Tavern
- · Library kitchen & bar
- Whiteside brewing company
- The fix bar and lounge
- Restaurant at Greystone Inn
- On the side BBQ at Cashiers Farmers market

Directions to property

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Complimentary amenities and services

- · Seasonal flower arrangement
- Ultimate s'mores basket
- Handwritten notecards
- Firewood
- Games
- Premium basics
- · Personal concierge

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Add ons

- Food delivery
- Anniversary package
- Guided hikes
- Lawn game selections
- Housekeeping upgrade

Private chef experiences

- Pastry platter
- Savory breakfast
- Garden lunch
- BBQ lunch with lawn games
- Garden lunch chef experiences

In-home spa treatments

- Facials
- Massages
- Nail services
- Reiki

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Wifi

Network name

Network name: Big Billy Cabin

Password: 8285261559

In-Room Amenities

First-class products

Big Billy Cabin offers first-class. Organic paya products in bathrooms, hotel collection linens on king beds, curated antiques and custom furnishings throughout the home.

Amenities

The dining room table

Please enjoy your tailored complimentary amenities located on the dining room table!

HOME DETAILS

Central air/heat



The central air/heat of the hotel

Central air/heat: There are 5 units & thermostats, 1 downstairs, 2 on the main level and 1 in each upstairs' wings. Please do not have the air on with doors open and/or with fireplace burning; either can cause the unit(s) to freeze.

7 fireplaces

All fireplace flues are open prior to starting a fire

4 indoor and 3 outdoor, ensure all fireplace flues are open prior to starting a fire; always must be attended and watched. Your personal concierge is happy to assist with dumping ashes and stocking firewood, please ask for assistance- do not dump ashes anywhere inside or outside.

Alarm

To disarm / to arm

To disarm, press 7406 in either laundry room or master bedroom

To arm, press 7406 or 'away'

In the event the alarm goes off and it is a false alarm, the monitoring station will call the landline located in the den. The agent on the line will ask for a password and please give "I'm not the owner." This will notify the alarm company everything is okay and no emergency services will be dispatched.

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Trash

No trash pick up available

No trash pick up available, please leave your trash at the end of your stay, The Highlands concierge team will take care of it. If need to take trash to convenience center located at 10333 Buck Creek Road Highlands, NC 28741. The center is located within 2 miles. All trash must stay inside in laundry room area.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Highlands outpost

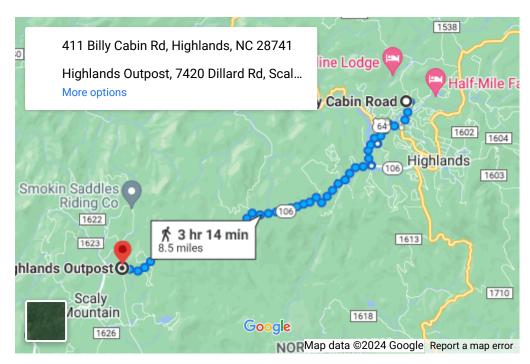


Visit and experience the fun of trout fishing, panning for gems, riding a mountain roller coaster, ice skating, snow tubing, and summer tubing.

Highlands outpost

828-526-3737

Between Sky Valley, GA and Highlands, NC, Highlands Outpost. Is the place to enjoy both summer and winter fun. Visit and experience - or rediscover the fun of trout fishing, panning for gems, riding a mountain roller coaster, ice skating, snow tubing and summer tubing. When it's time to feed the gang, blue hound barbecue is sure to satisfy all tastes.



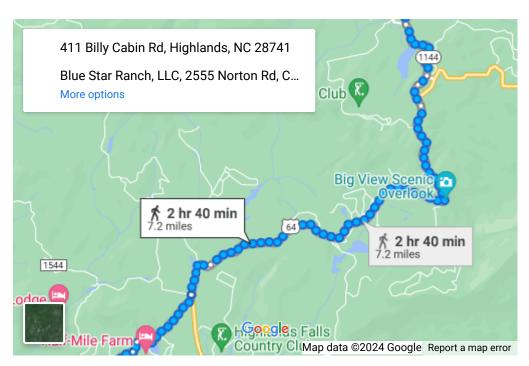
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Blue Star Ranch Cashiers, NC

Experimental learning

Experimental learning at its most powerful, our group equine experience helps you and your team discover what horses can teach you about yourselves while you learn skills, connect with horses and practice fun exercises in a lighthearted but meaningful way.

tel: 828-743-3768



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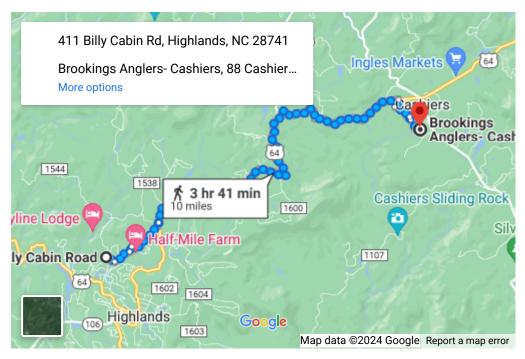
Brookings Anglers Cashiers, NC

A destination for anglers to experience what WNC fly fishing is all about.

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small-mouth bass fishing. Staffed by some of the most experienced (and friendliest) guides in the area, you will always leave with more knowledge than you came with.

Tel: 828-743-3768



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Curtis Wright Falconry Sky Valley, GA

Learn the ancient art of falconry with Master Falconer, Peter Kipp!

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Tel: 828-553-5063

Whitewater Equestrian Sapphire, NC

The exciting adventure on horseback

If you're looking for an exciting adventure on horseback, whitewater Equestrian offers a treat for you. Imagine becoming one with nature as you leisurely make your way through a variety

of trails nearby. They also feature gem mining and Gift and snack shack and seating area for those shy about horseback riding.

Tel: 828-966-9646



Directions on Google Maps

Arrowmont Stables

Enjoy horseback riding, trout fishing, hiking, swimming, hunting for arrowheads and gems and camping.

Experience nature firsthand on this 200-acre retreat, a great place to spend time with your family. Enjoy horseback riding, trout fishing, hiking, swimming, hunting for arrowheads and gems and camping. Tel: 828-743-2762 Cullowhee, NC arrowmont.com



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Chattooga Whitewater Outfitters

The most beautiful and exciting river in the Southeast.

Experience the most beautiful and exciting river in the Southeast. Enjoy whitewater paddling including rafting, canoing, kayaking and sit-on-tops; flatwater paddling; fishing guides and equipment; inner tubing; hiking, camping and bird watching; as well as instruction

for paddling and fishing.

Tel: 864-647-9083 Long Creek, SC chattoogaadventures.com

Highlands Aerial Park

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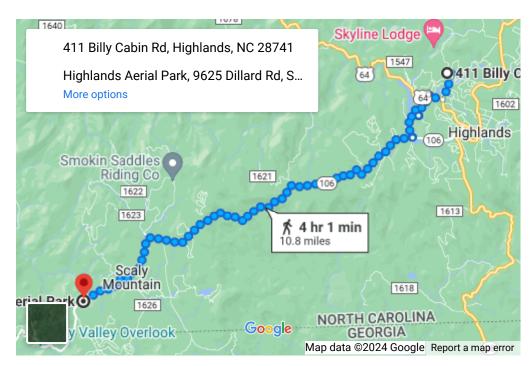
Highlands Aerial Park offers zip lining for the whole family. From the family adventure on the Brave

Indian aerial course to the Thrills of the World Class Canopy tour. New as of last year is a Giant Swing that will soar 60' through the forest and a mule wagon ride to view a waterfall area. Highlands Aerial Park also offers nature trails, fire pit deck, refreshments and a souvenir shop. Located at an elevation 3,400' atop High Holly Mountain, the lush, virgin, old-growth forest creates a wondrous natural terrain ideal for this ecologically inspired family adventure park. Adventure for ages 8 and up is just nine miles from downtown Highlands. See you in the trees!

Tel: 828-526-8773

Highlands, NC

highlandscanopytour.com



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Highlands Canoe Rentals

The gift shop

A retail gift shop with canoe rentals located on Lake Sequoyah.

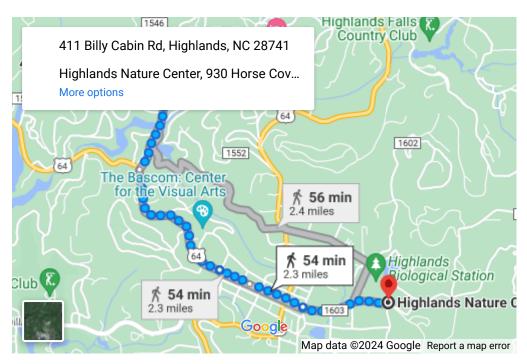
Tel:828-526-3126

Highlands, NC

Highlands Nature Center

The special events, family activities, weekly family programs in Highlands Nature Centre.

Since 1927, the mission of the Highlands Biological Station has been to foster research and education focused on the rich natural heritage of the Highlands Plateau, while preserving and celebrating the integrity of the "biological crown" of the southern Appalachian Mountains. Highlands Nature Center offers special events throughout the summer to join families together in an informative way such as the Salamander Meander, Owl Prowl, Nature by Night and more. Family activities include guided walks along the garden trails, nature lessons, workshops, observing each of the Nature Center's animals, critter searches and much more. Weekly family programs are held May through August. Tel: 828-526-2623 Highlands, NC highlandsbiological.org



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Scaly Mountain Outdoor Center

Outdoor Center is the place to enjoy both summer and winter fun.

Located between Sky Valley, Georgia and Highlands, North Carolina, The Scaly Mountain Outdoor Center is the place to enjoy both summer and winter fun. Come visit and experience, or rediscover, the fun of trout fishing, ice skating, summer and snow tubing, and try out bungee trampoline. When it's time to feed the gang, Downhill Grill is sure to satisfy all tastes.

Tel: 828-526-3737

Scaly Mountain, NC

scalymountain.com



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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES AND SCENIC DRIVES

Southeastern Expeditions



Go on a grand adventure of the Chattooga River, one of the southeast's premier rivers for whitewater rafting.

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Tel: 800-868-7238

Clayton, GA

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Blue Ridge Parkway

America's favorite and most visited parkway

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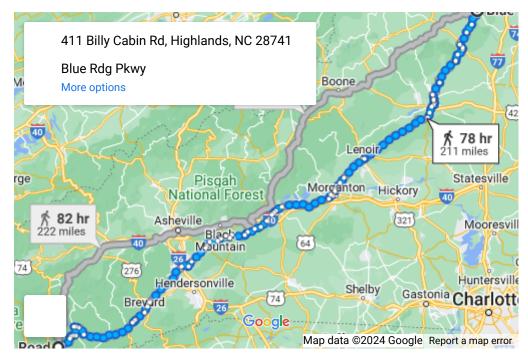
Legendary views from elevations above sea level of 5,000 and even 6,000 feet

Many points of interest along the parkway for the entire family to enjoy

Runs for just over 469 miles, Shenandoah Valley, Virginia to Cherokee, NC

26 tunnels to navigate through, causing this byway to be closed in the winter months due to ice

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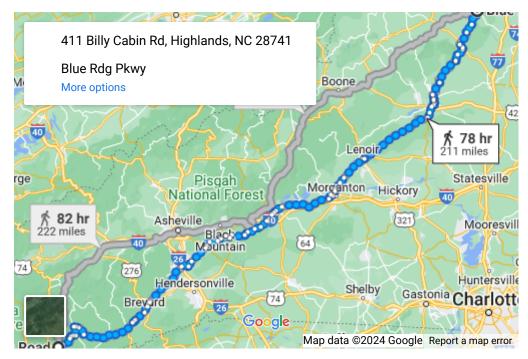
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Bull Pen Road

Multiple activities along this scenic and secluded road include hiking, camping, fishing and swimming.

- Scenic drive of 8.3 miles gravel/paved road connecting Horsecove Road in Highlands, NC and Hwy 107 in Cashiers, NC
- Multiple activities along this scenic and secluded road include hiking, camping, fishing and swimming
- Access to the wild and scenic Chattooga River
- Gateway to "Ellicott Rock Wilderness" where 'Commissioners Rock' and 'Ellicott Rock' can be found marking where the borders of North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina all meet in the same location.

From downtown Highlands drive HWY 64 west to downtown, take Main Street east out of town (past Mountain Fresh Grocery on the right) to Horse Cove Road (Main Street turns into Horse Cove Road). Travel 4.5 miles to a fork in the road. To the left will be Whiteside. Cove Road and to the right will be Bull Pen Road. Take the right onto the gravel Bull Pen Road.



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SCENIC DRIVES

Forest Road 67-Standing Indian Basin



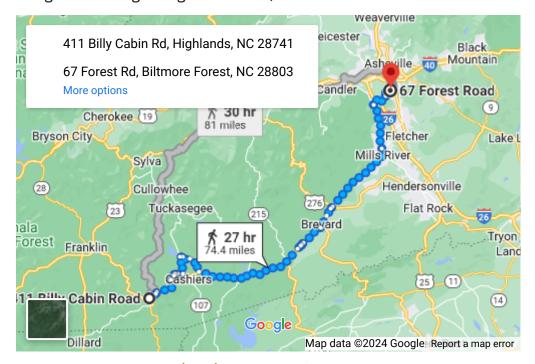
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Approximately 35 miles/1 hour from Highlands, NC

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- Numerous points of interest for the entire family located just off of FR 67
- Campgrounds, hiking trails, waterfalls, fishing, swimming holes, horseback riding and more
- Three separate campgrounds within the area: Standing Indian Campground, Kimsey Creek Group Camp and Hurricane Creek
- Primitive Campground and Horse Camp (outdoor stables)
- Historic Sites: Wasilik Poplar, White Oak Bottoms & Albert Mountain Tower
- Begins as a paved two-lane road and turns into single-lane gravel past Standing Indian Campground access

From intersection of Hwy 64 and Hwy 23/441 North in Franklin, NC take Hwy 64 W towards Murphy, NC for 12 miles. Just before the 12th mile you should see a brown sign for Wallace Gap, Appalachian Trail & Standing Indian Campground with arrows pointing you towards West Old Murphy Road (SR 1448) on your left, take this left. Stay on W. Old Murphy Road for two miles. You'll pass a Nantahala National Forest Sign for the campground saying, "500 Ft Ahead," and at two miles you'll be at FR (Forest Road) #67 to your right (indicated by a small, skinny brown sign at the beginning of the road).



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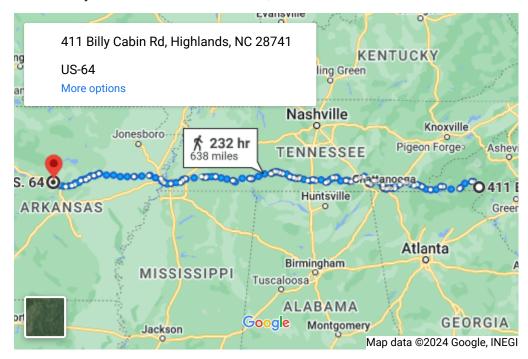
US Hwy 64: Franklin, NC to Whiteside Mountain

22 miles of gorgeous roadside scenery on this section of the "Mountain Waters Scenic Byway"

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- Multiple waterfalls (Cullasaja Falls, Bust Your Butt Falls, Dry Falls, Bridal Veil Falls & Lake Sequoyah or "Kala Kaleskies Falls")
- Fishing in the hatchery supported waters of the Cullasaja River
- Cliffside Lake Recreation Area with fishing, hiking, picnic area, swimming, bath house (showers, restrooms), kid friendly
- Vanhook Glade Campground with Cliffside Lake access via Vanhook Trail
- Two roadside picnic areas with multiple tables, charcoal grills and easy access to the Cullasaja River
- Toilets located at the Dry Falls parking area
- Downtown Highlands shopping, restaurants and lodging
- Whiteside Mountain with excellent hiking opportunity
- Views from "Big View", roadside of Highway 64 (Whiteside Mountain, Devil's Courthouse, Chattooga River Valley and into South Carolina)



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Whiteside Cove Road

Multiple activities and points of interest

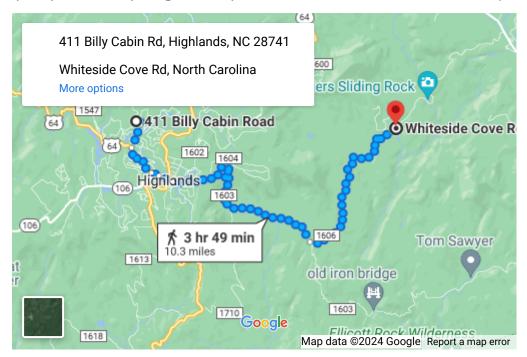
Peaceful drive connecting Horse Cove (just South of Highlands) and Hwy 107 (just South of Cashiers)

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Multiple activities from this road including scenic views, photography, fishing, swimming and hiking

Points of interest: Granite City, Grimshawes Historic Post Office, Cashiers Sliding Rock, Chattooga River Cliffs Trail (Upper)

This road is part pavement, part gravel in places; not recommended for motorcycles



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LOCAL PICNIC AREAS

Chattooga River Loop Trail Bull Pen Road Trailhead



Park and start at what locals call the "Iron Bridge".

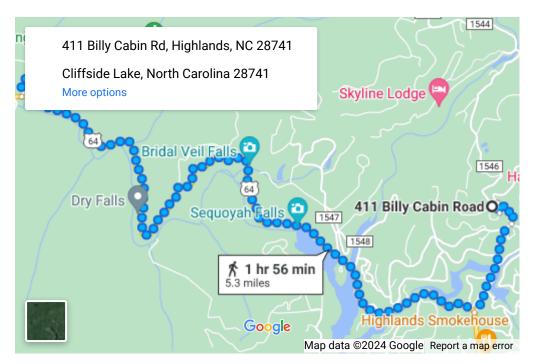
Park and start at what locals call the "Iron Bridge." The trail head for the "Loop" starts on the left side of the bridge and runs along the river for just under one mile. You can break up this two-mile loop by stopping along the shores of the river for a picnic, swimming or trying your luck at fishing. A picnic table can be found midway through the hike if you would rather wait to have lunch there. See Chattooga River Trail for directions

Cliffside Lake

The area is great for kids learning how to fish due to the ample room around Cliffside Lake for you to spread out.

This is a great place to take your family. Kids can run around and play in the water or the woods. The area is great for kids learning how to fish due to the ample room around Cliffside Lake for you to spread out. Take along your fishing pole and swimsuit.

This is four miles west of Highlands on Hwy 64. Between Cashiers & Highlands.



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Cullasaja Gorge

This is a very convenient picnic area if traveling along this section of the "Mountain Waters Scenic Byway."

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Highlands Botanical Garden

Learn about the flora of the region while having your picnic lunch among the gardens or by the lake.

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Tel: 828-526-0188 | Highlands, NC

Highlands Recreation Park

This is a local favorite for picnicking.

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Tel: 828-526-3556 | Highlands, NC

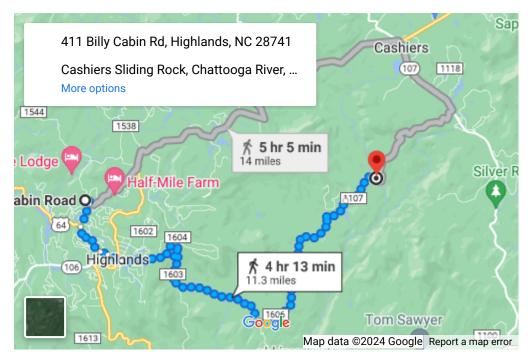
- WATERFALL RECOMMENDATIONS —————

Cashiers Sliding Rock

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A natural waterslide, created by the Chattooga River.

A natural waterslide, created by the Chattooga River gliding over a 10-foot-high face with a few large potholes, Cashiers Sliding Rock is a popular local spot during the summer because the water is quite cool. You can slide down the rock, cannonball into one of the potholes or just wade in the pool below the rock. From the intersection of NC 107 and US 64 in Cashiers, follow NC 107 south for 1.9 miles to Whiteside Cove Road. Turn right onto Whiteside Cove Road and follow it 2.8 miles to the bridge over the Chattooga. Park and follow a short trail to the river.



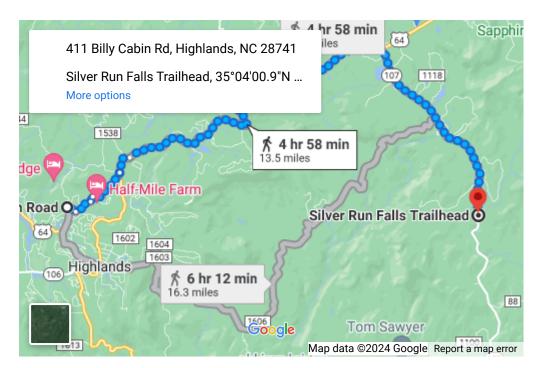
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Silver Run Falls

A 30-foot Falls spills into a pool of water, making for a nice swimming hole at the base of the Falls.

A 30-foot Falls spills into a pool of water, making for a nice swimming hole at the base of the Falls. The area can be crowded on a warm day. To get to these Falls, head east on HWY 64 to Cashiers. Turn right on Hwy 107 South. Silver Run Falls is 4.1 miles down on the left. Park in the pull-off on the left and take the short, easy trail to the base.

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Whitewater Falls

This is North Carolina's highest waterfall and the highest waterfall east of the Rockies.

This is North Carolina's highest waterfall and the highest waterfall east of the Rockies, with the upper portion falling 411 feet! It's part of the Whitewater River in the Jocassee Gorge area of North Carolina just before you reach South Carolina. For an excellent view of Whitewater Falls, follow the paved 1/4-mile walkway to the upper overlook. The walkway begins at the end of the parking lot and is accessible to wheelchairs. A lower overlook with an even better view is located at the bottom of 154 wooden steps. The only full views of the falls are from these two-overlook s. From Highlands, take HWY 64 East to Cashiers, and take left on NC Highway 107 South for nine miles. Turn left onto SC Highway 130 South for 3.3 miles to the Whitewater Falls entrance.

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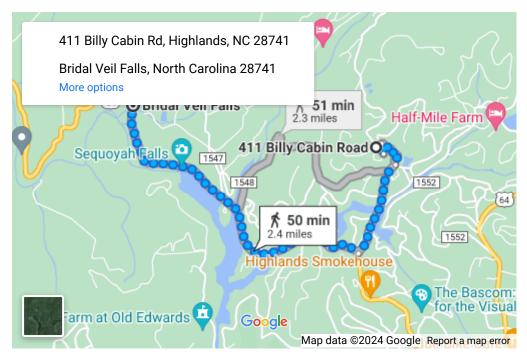


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Bridal Veil Falls

This fall is one of the most unusual and most popular falls in the South.

This fall is one of the most unusual and most popular falls in the South by virtue of its location along scenic mountain US 64 West, 2.45 miles from town of Highlands. The falls drop for 120 feet and cars can drive under the veil of water on the old road. This is the only waterfall in North Carolina that you can drive under. During cold spells, the falls create a large mound of ice at its base. If it stays cold long enough, the falls will form one giant column of ice.

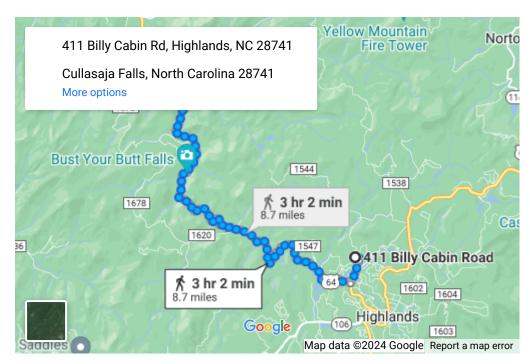


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Bust Your Butt Falls

This popular swimming hole is for the brave, one can jump off a boulder into the Cullasaja River.

This popular swimming hole is for the brave, one can jump off a boulder into the Cullasaja River. Bust Your Butt Falls is a little over a mile beyond Dry Falls on US 64 West, and on the right is a large unpaved parking area flanked by sheer granite cliffs. Park here and cross the road to find Bust Your Butt Falls.



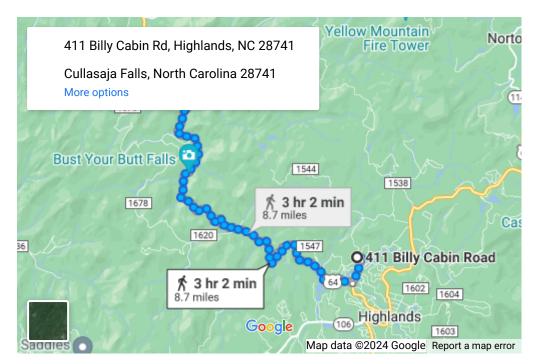
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Cullasaja Falls

The last major waterfall on the Cullasaja River

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these 250 feet falls are a long cascade over the course of 0.2 miles. Drive 8.75 miles from town on US 64 West to a pull over on the left side of the road. To return, it is strongly advised that you drive beyond the pull-off, turn around at a safe place, and retrace your route.

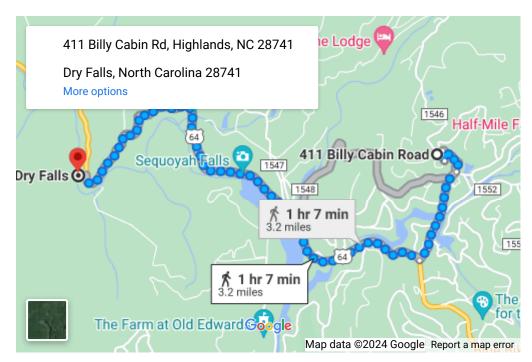


Directions on Google Maps

Dry Falls

This fall flows on the Cullasaja River through the Nantahala National Forest.

This fall flows on the Cullasaja River through the Nantahala National Forest. It is part of a series of waterfalls on an 8.7 mile stretch of the river that eventually ends with Cullasaja Falls. Dry Falls flows over an overhanging bluff that allows visitors to walk under the falls and remain relatively dry when the waterflow is low, hence its name. Visitors will get wet if the waterflow is high. Drive 3.5 miles on US 64 West to the parking area on the left.



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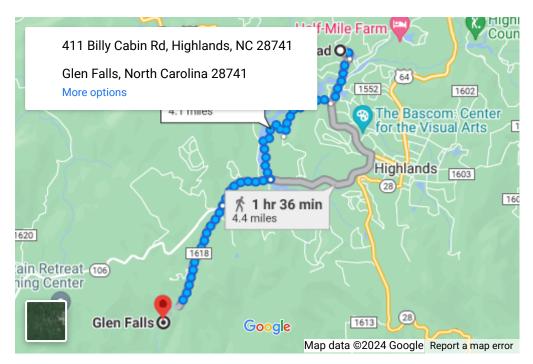
Glen Falls

Glen Falls is located 2.6 miles south of Highlands.

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To reach Glen Falls, take Hwy 28 South from Highlands and travel 1.6 miles where you will see

a sign directing you to turn left. Immediately after, turn right and head down the gravel road for one mile. The road will dead end into the Glen Falls parking area. From here, you can either take the Glen Falls Trail or the Chinquapin Mountain Trail. Glen Falls features a series of beautiful cascades. There are three major cascades and several smaller cascades, all of which you can access from the zig- zagging trail. Pay attention to which turn on the trail you make as there are several shoot offs from the main trail. From top to bottom, the trail is one mile long and descends 700 ft. The hike in is fairly easy since you are dropping down, but coming out will be a lot more strenuous. Glen Falls is located in a forest of hardwoods and pines which help keep the trails nicely shaded from the hot summer sun. From most points on the trail, you can hear the falls which makes for a wonderful hike in and out.

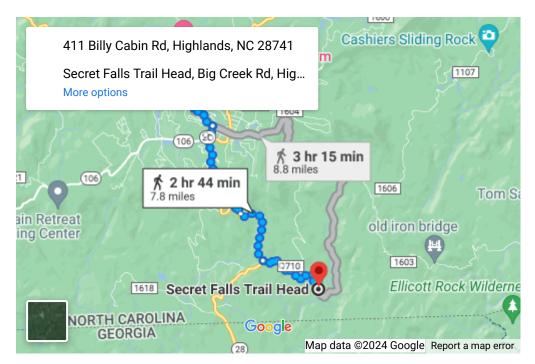


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Secret Falls

One of the finest waterfalls in the area, a relatively large creek pours over a nearly vertical bluff into a big, deep, beautiful pool, complete with a sandy beach, before spilling over some smaller cascades and into a dark, rocky cove.

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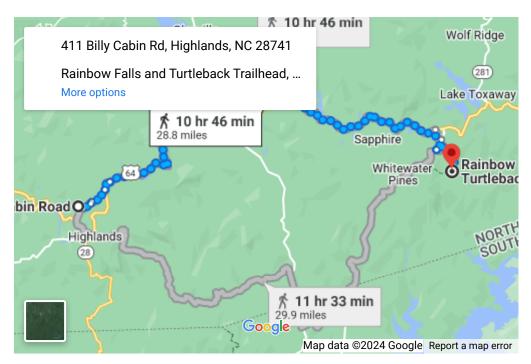
Rainbow/Turtleback/Drift Falls

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To reach Rainbow Falls, it is a 1.5 mile hike from Gorges State Park at the Grassy Ridge Parking area, about 2 miles after entering the park. The trail to Rainbow Falls begins at the cluster of information boards at the end of the parking lot and is blazed with orange circles until you reach the National Forest. Then the trail is blazed with orange ribbons. When you near the river (about 1/2 mile), you will intersect with the main trail. Fork to the right to continue upriver to Rainbow Falls. Continue upriver about 1/3 mile to Turtleback Falls, a 20 foot drop over a curved rockface into a pool that can have strong currents. At lower water levels, it's a popular spot to go sliding and swimming. Walk another 1/2 mile (keep left at the trail fork - the right fork will take you to the NC Highway 281 entrance) to Drift Falls, a beautiful 80-foot rockslide. However, the Falls are just past the National Forest boundary and on private property. At the end of the trail, you can enjoy a great view of the Falls from a distance. But don't go past the "do not enter" signs. There is a hefty fine if you are caught trespassing. Return and walk back the same trail to reach your car at Gorges.

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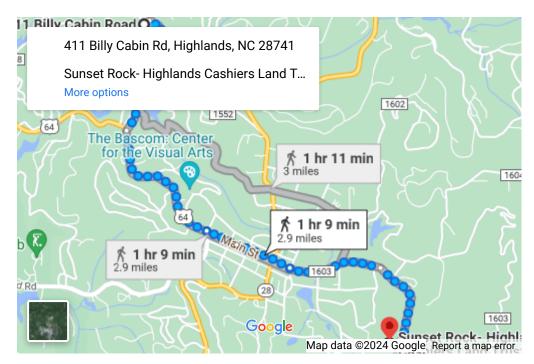
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HIKE RECOMMENDATIONS

Sunset Rock

Enjoy a bird's eye view of the town from the top of Sunset Rock!

Enjoy a bird's eye view of the town from the top of Sunset Rock! A short 1/2-hour walk leads to a natural cliff side amphitheater where slabs of granite provide front row seats. Beautiful sunsets can be seen over Highlands and Brushy Face Mountain to the west and the vista of Horse Cove to the east (Sunrise Rock). To locate the trail, go east for 0.5 miles to the Highlands Nature Center on the left. Park here and follow the sign indicating a gravel road to Sunset Rock and Ravenel Park. Although the trail is marked "Hiking Trail Only" it is a private drive so do not park as to block it. The road ends with Sunset Rock to the right. Do not drive.



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Yellow Mountain



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5,127 feet. Allow a full day to complete this trail.

The destination of this hike is spectacular

panoramic views seen from the top. Directions Take US 64 East, turn right onto Buck Creek Road for 2.3 miles. The trail will be on the right. Look for the steps at the trail head

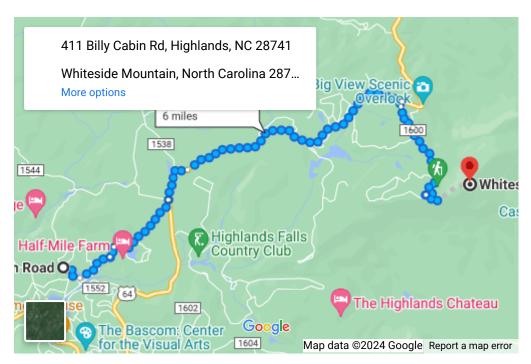


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Whiteside Mountain

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Great for all ages, this hike is located midway between Cashiers and Highlands, NC on US 64. It features panoramic views and one of America's landmarks along the Eastern Continental Divide. Directions Just west of the Jackson/Macon County Line, turn on right to Whiteside Mountain Road (SR 1690). Go one mile to the well-marked trail head and parking area on left.



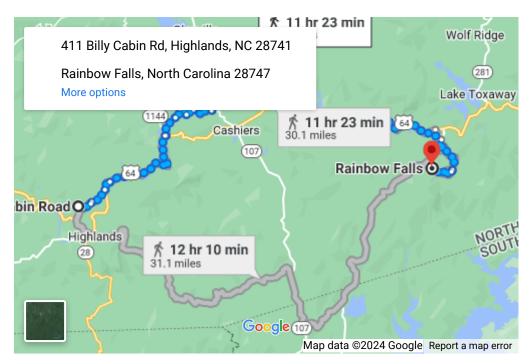
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bottom, side and top! Rainbow Falls is just one of four waterfalls on a two-mile stretch of the river. Directions Make a left out from Flat Mnt Road onto HWY US 64 East, drive 11.3 miles then take a right onto NC-281/ Lower Whitewater Road. Turn left onto Gorges Maintenance Road. Follow NC 281 South for 1 mile to the Grassy Ridge access entrance to Gorges State Park. Enter the park and drive 1.6 miles to the parking area at the bottom of the Loop Road.



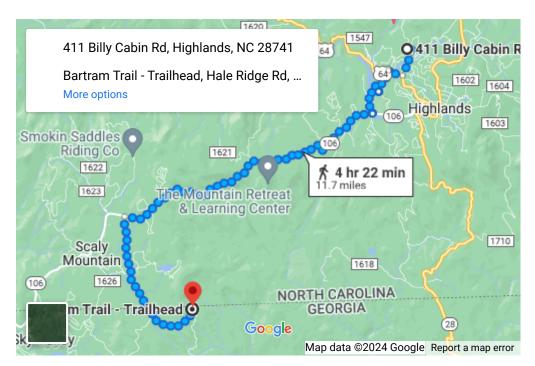
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Bartram Trail

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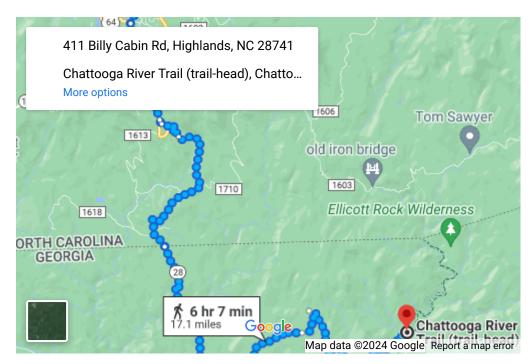


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Chattooga River Trail

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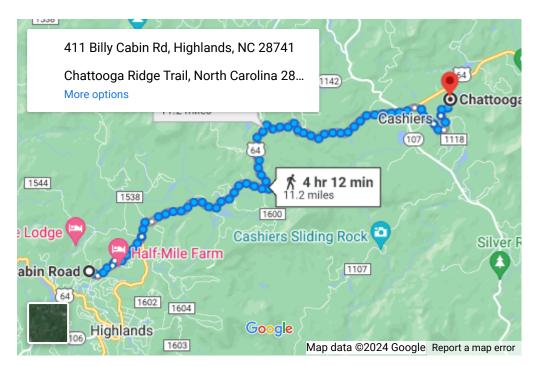
Chattooga Loop Trail

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The Chattooga River Loop Trail is a great hike for the entire family. It is moderate in difficulty with a few inclines and obstacles to deal with (fallen trees over trail, wet spots, rocky/root exposure). You'll start at what locals call the "Iron Bridge," where you'll park. The trail head for the "Loop" starts on the left side of the bridge and runs along the river for just under one mile. You can stop along the shores of the river for a picnic, swim, or to try your luck at fishing.

Head to Highlands on HWY 64 west, proceed east on Main Street, which becomes Horse Cove Road, for 4.5 miles to the intersection with Bull Pen and Whiteside Cove Roads. Turn right onto Bull Pen Road (#1178) and proceed for 3.1 miles

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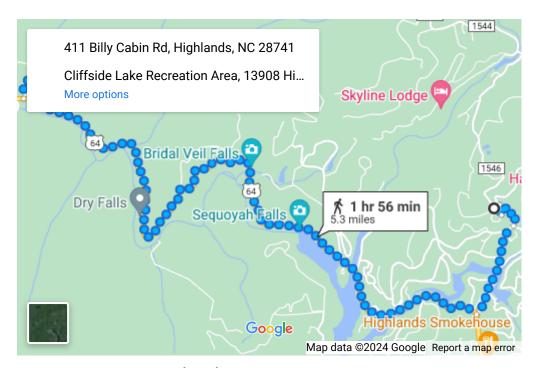
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Cliffside Lake Recreational Area

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a mecca for those who enjoy the outdoors. Approximately 4 miles from the heart of Highlands in Nantahala National Forest, directly across the street from the beautiful Cullasaja River. Up the hill from the campground is Cliffside Lake Recreation Area, a tucked-away haven of tranquility, where you can swim, fish, hike, and picnic. There is a \$4 per day parking fee per vehicle.



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Cliffside Loop

This 0.75 mile trail encircles the lake

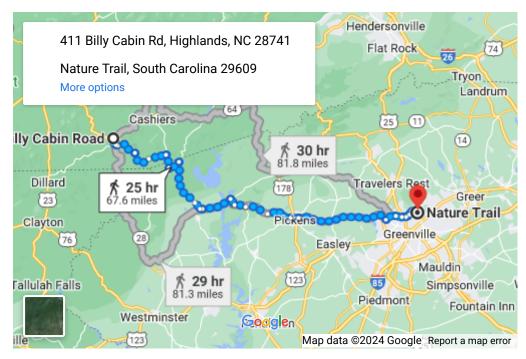
This 0.75 mile trail encircles the lake, passes through the camp ground, and crosses over the dam and beach area.

Cliffside Vista Nature Trail

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Directions on Google Maps

Clifftop Vista Trail

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Pott's Memorial Trail

This trail travels to a white pine plantation.

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Ranger Falls Trail

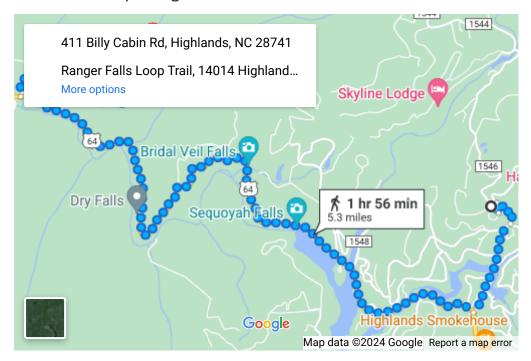
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0.3 mile, at a fork in the trail, take the left fork (downhill) to the falls. In approx. 0.6 mile the trail splits again. Stay to the right and do not cross the creek via the left trail. In approx. 0.2

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mile you will arrive at Ranger Falls. Continue up past the Falls to a four-way intersection. Turn right and continue for 0.1 mile to a road. Turn right onto the road for approx. 0 .25 mile into a clearing where the trail departs the road to the left; take this trail through the clearing. Continue past the first fork in the trail that led to the Falls Head back downhill to the parking area at Cliffside Lake.

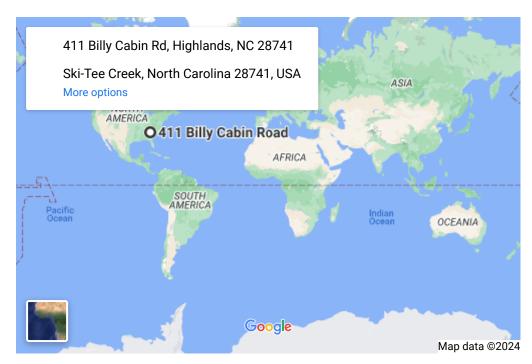


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Skitty Greek Trail

This 0.5 mile trail runs between Cliffside Lake Road and US 64.

This 0.5 mile trail runs between Cliffside Lake Road and US 64. The trail leads to Dry Falls. To get to the falls from the trail's end, take a short walk along US 64. Watch out for cars along this easy trail.

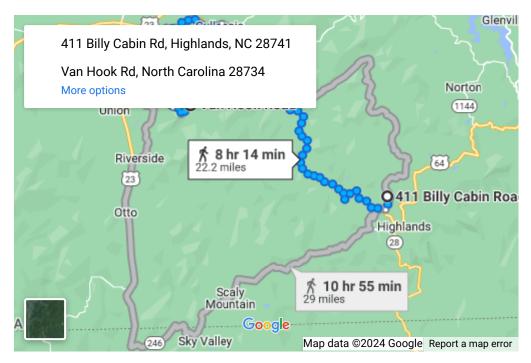


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Van Hook Trail

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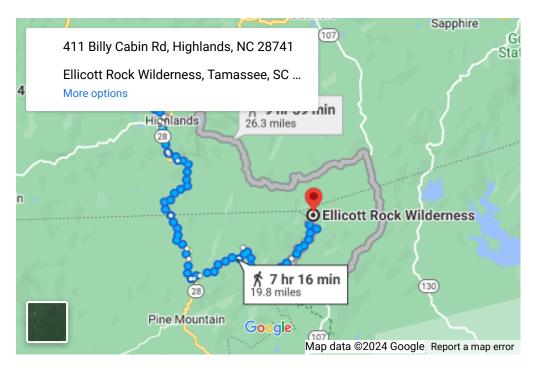
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Ellicott's Rock Wilderness Area

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Bad Greek Trail

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Ellicott's Rock Trail

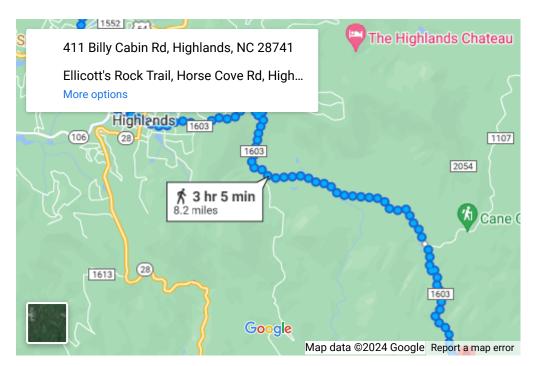
This trail follows an old roadbed through a rich pine forest.

This trail follows an old roadbed through a rich pine forest. At 2.0 miles there is an intersection of two trails; continue straight. At 2.7 miles there

is another junction; bear left and descend to the river. To reach Ellicott's Rock you must ford the river. Water depth will vary. During the summer wading should not be difficult. After fording, take the Chattooga River Trail to the right for a short distance to Ellicott's Rock.

Turn right from Flat Mnt. Rd towards Highlands, left on Main Street until the road becomes Horse Cove Road, for 4.5 miles to intersection of Bull Pen Road. Turn right on Bull Pen Road. Bad Creek trail begins on right, 3 miles east of bridge. Ellicott's Rock Trail

trail head is 1.8 miles down Bull Pen Road. Both drop steeply down from opposite sides of the river near Ellicott's Rock.



Directions on Google Maps

Glades Road Caves

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This is a nice 3.5 mile, moderate loop hike through the forest that follows an old roadbed that was used for boot-legging long ago with multiple cavernous exploration opportunities. The Cherokee Indians used these caves. As you're hiking along you will notice side trails/old roadbeds. Stay to your right and on the obvious trail. A mixed terrain can be expected. A small spring flows through portions of the trail once you get closer to the caves, but again, nothing too serious to navigate. Approximately 17-20 minutes into your hike you will come upon another small brown trail sign that says "loop" on it. Keep to your right here, you are approx. Eight minutes from the caves on your left and uphill. The first "cave" you come to is small but very interesting to explore. Scoot underneath the overhang to get some pretty cool views of how the rocks have slid into place over the years. Take Horse Cove Road for 4.5 curvy miles down into the cove until you come to a fork in the road. Turn right at fork on Bull Pen Road. Go 1 mile and take Glades Road on the right. In 0.3 miles look for large, grassy parking area on the left. Trail head is approximately 50 ft. to the right of the parking area.

Glen Falls and Trail

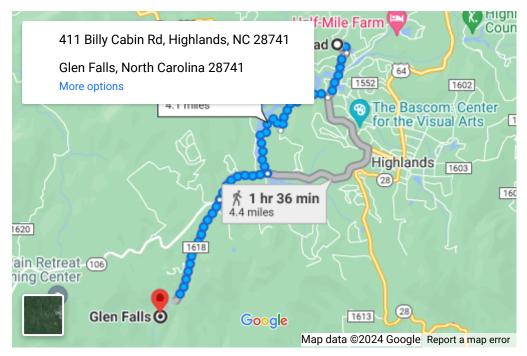
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Glen Falls is a series of three beautiful cascades. The trail descends some 700 feet and starts at the top of the falls. You can return after seeing the first or second waterfall and still have

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an enjoyable walk. Or go all the way to the third waterfall!

From the intersection of US 64 and Hwy 106 in Highlands, NC take Hwy 106 South for 2 miles. Turn left at sign for Glen Falls, then immediately right onto gravel road. Take the road one mile to the parking area. The Glen Falls trail continues in the same direction of the road. (The trail to the right goes to Chinquapin Mountain, a 3.2 mile (round trip) moderate hike).

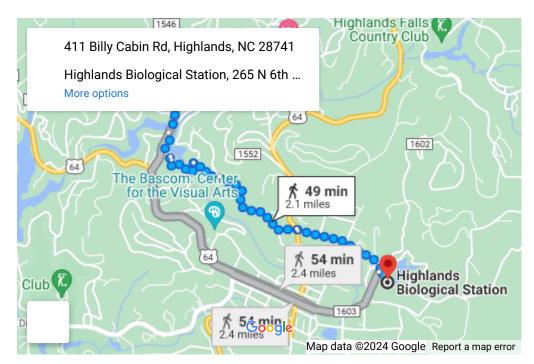


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Highlands Biological Center

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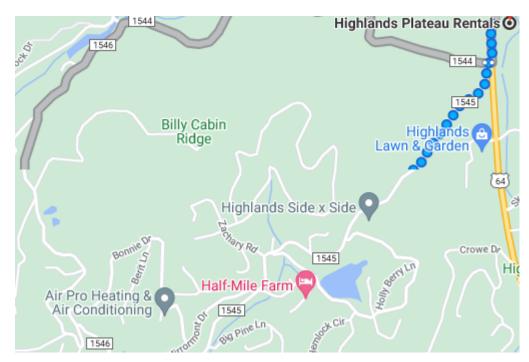


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Highlands Plateau Greenway - Multiple Trails

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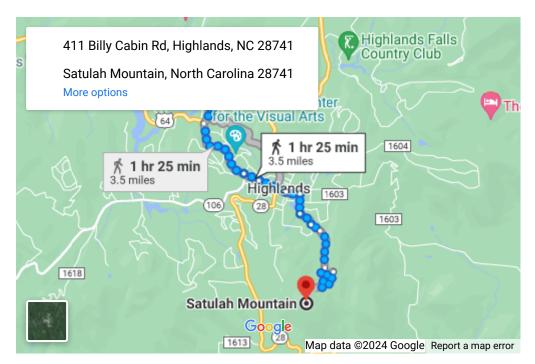
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Satulah Mountain Trail

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Park your vehicle in downtown Highlands. Then walk along Hwy 28 South toward Walhalla for 0.2 miles until the road makes a sharp curve to the right. Go straight ahead at the curve onto Satulah Road. Half a mile up the road the road forks. Continue straight ahead on the left fork to the end of the road, a distance of about 0.4 miles. The trail to Satulah Mountain is the rocky old roadbed to the right. Follow this roadbed an additional half a mile to the clearing at the top of the mountain.

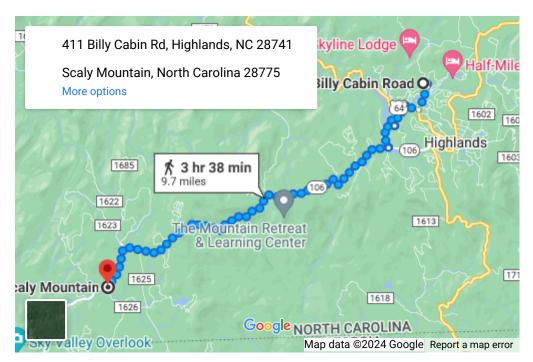


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Scaly Mountain

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Take this moderate to difficult hike along the Bartram Trail to the top of Scaly mountain, marked by yellow blazes. The summit offers a beautiful view of the Appalachians and Piedmont. From Highlands drive south on NC 106 for 5.7 miles to the Osage Mountain Vista parking area. The trail starts across the road from the overlook. (This trail is not suitable for small children.)



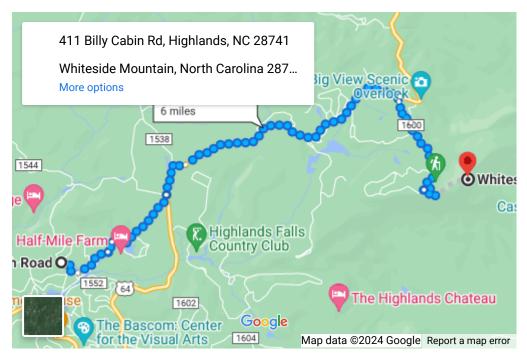
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Whiteside Mountain Hike

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Yellow Mountain/Shortoff Mountain

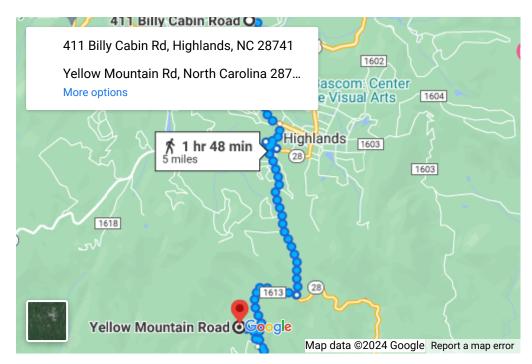
Yellow Mountain is a long hike with a fair amount of climbing and views in all directions.

Yellow Mountain: 4.8 difficult miles one way

Shortoff Mountain: 1.5 easy miles

A short, easy hike to a view of the Buck Creek area; Shortoff Mountain offers views to the south. Yellow Mountain involves a long hike with a fair amount of climbing, offering views in all directions. Plan for a full day to complete this trail, which traverses three beautiful mountains: Cole, Shortoff, and Yellow. The destination is the spectacular panoramic vista seen from the top of Yellow Mountain.

To find the trailhead for Yellow Mountain, travel 2.3 miles until you see the trail on the right. Look for the steps marking the trailhead. Note that there is no cell service in this area.



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Highlands Botanical Garden Trails

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Highlands Plateau Greenway - Multiple Trails

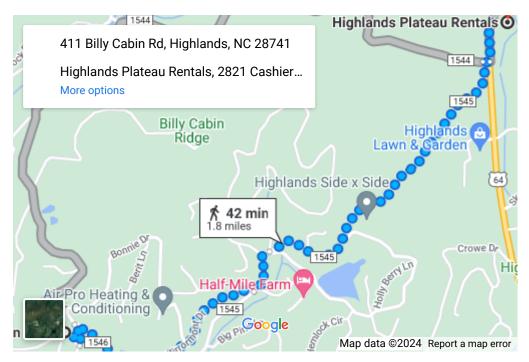
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route, easily identified through signage, maps, and user guides designed to promote the public's enjoyment and appreciation of the natural and historical environment as well as quality of life on the Highlands plateau.

During the first half of 2015, volunteers contributed 234 hours of their time and effort, turning the Sled Run from Oak Street to Mill Creek into a beautiful and well-constructed entrance to the Greenway trail. They filled the water-laden marshes of the old Sled Run with surge stone and gravel for essential support and transplanted native shrubs, ferns, and mosses to adorn the rock-lined edges of the new trail. A pavilion was moved from Kelsey Hutchinson Founders Park to mark the gateway to the trail system on Oak Street, 2nd Street, and North 1st Street.



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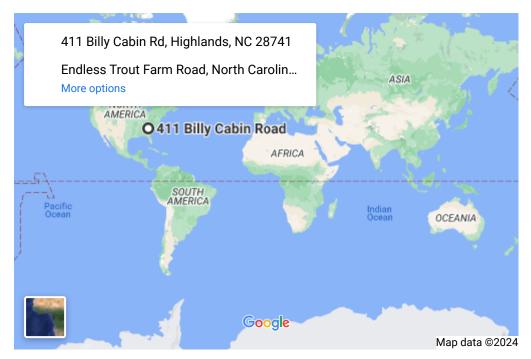
FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

Andy's Trout Farm



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Geocaching

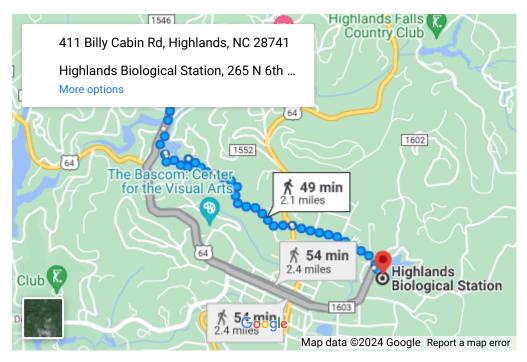
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Highlands Biological Station, Nature Center and Botanical Gardens

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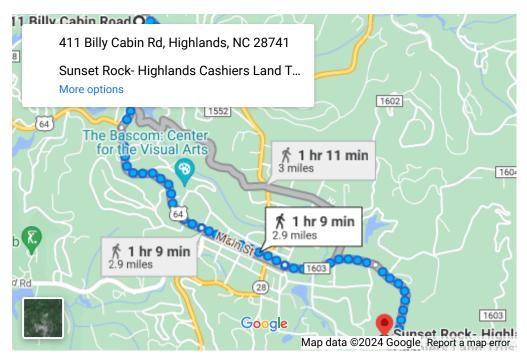
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Sunset Rock Hike

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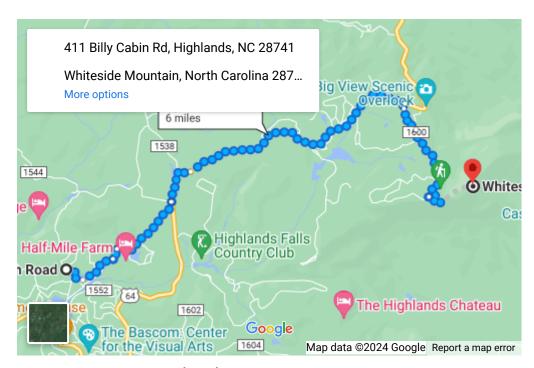


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Whiteside Mountain hikes

At an elevation of 4,930 ft, this landmark along the Eastern Continental Divide is famous for its postcard view of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

At an elevation of 4,930 ft, this landmark along the Eastern Continental Divide is famous for its postcard view of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Whiteside Mountain is about 390 to 460 million years old, and legend says it is the oldest rock in the world. A two-mile loop around the back or north side of the mountain gives visitors a chance to view a variety of wildflowers. The trail climbs approximately 500 ft and can be walked in an hour, but allow plenty of time to take in the vistas.

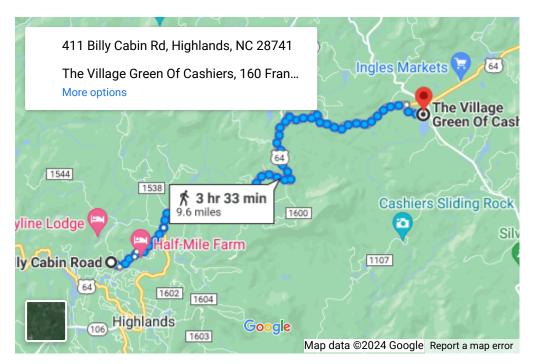


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The Village Green

Playground called village play was designed by the children of cashiers in 2002.

"Playground called Village Play was designed by the children of Cashiers in 2002. The entire park is 12.5 acres and is open year-round for public use and enjoyment for the entire community. It is located in the heart of Cashiers, at the crossroads of HWY 64 and HWY 107, featuring a giant wooden children's playground called Village Play!"



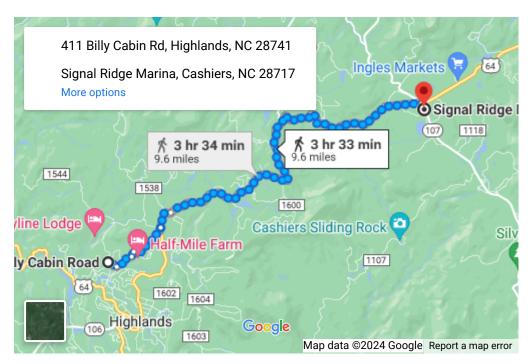
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Signal Ridge Marina

Only available full service marina on the highest lake east of the Mississippi called lake Glenville!

Only available full service marina on the highest

lake east of the Mississippi called lake Glenville! Whether you're interested to view one of three natural waterfalls by boat or wanting to have family outing on the water, signal ridge marina has you covered with rental pontoon boats and all of the possible water sport accessories you could want! Hourly & daily rates available: 828.743.2143 and reservations highly recommended.



Directions on Google Maps

GEM MINING

Whitewater Equestrian Center

Featuring native and enriched stones, Whitewater is located in waterfall country above the breathtaking White Water Falls.

Featuring native and enriched stones, Whitewater is located in waterfall country above the breathtaking White Water Falls. Find gems and minerals. Sapphire was named for the sapphire mines in the area. Open year round.

Tel: 828-966-9646

6420 Whitewater Road, Sapphire, NC

funhorsebackriding.com

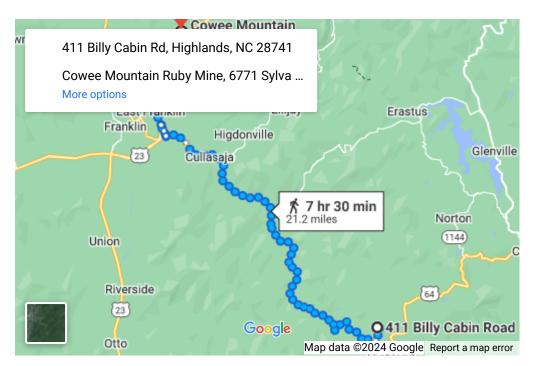


Directions on Google Maps

Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine

Located four miles north of Franklin at the foot of Cowee Mountain just off Highway 441, Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine is open daily from 9 am until 6 pm, March - November. T

Located at 6771 Sylva Road, Franklin, NC, Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine is situated four miles north of Franklin at the base of Cowee Mountain, just off Highway 441. It operates daily from 9 am to 6 pm, open from March through November. The mine offers two covered flumes, allowing visitors to mine for rubies rain or shine. For more information, you can contact them at 828-369-5271 or visit their website at coweemthrubymine.com.



Directions on Google Maps

Cherokee Ruby & Sapphire Mine

Located four miles north of Franklin at the foot of Cowee Mountain just off Highway 441, Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine is open daily from 9 am until 6 pm, March - November.

Located at the foot of Cowee Mountain, just four miles north of Franklin off Highway 441, Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine welcomes visitors daily from 9 am to 6 pm, operating from March through November. The mine features two covered flumes, ensuring that mining activities can proceed regardless of the weather conditions.



Directions on Google Maps

Gold City Gem Mine

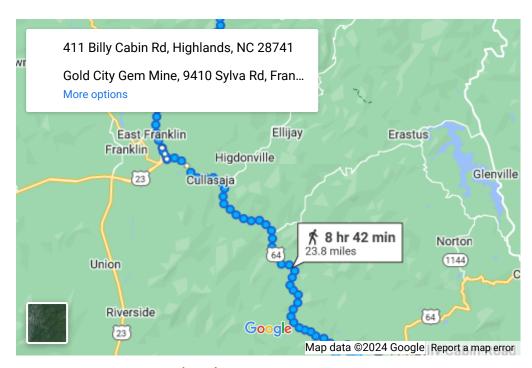
Home of the 1061-carat sapphire found at Gold City, featured in People Weekly, Disney Adventures and Rock & Gem Magazines.

Home of the 1061-carat sapphire found at Gold City, featured in People Weekly, Disney Adventures and Rock & Gem Magazines. Native and enriched gemstones buckets. Gold panning also available. New and improved large, covered flume for gem mining rain or shine. New inside heated flume for cold days.

Tel: 828-369-3905

9410 Sylva Road, Franklin, NC

goldcityamusement.com



Directions on Google Maps

Jackson Hole

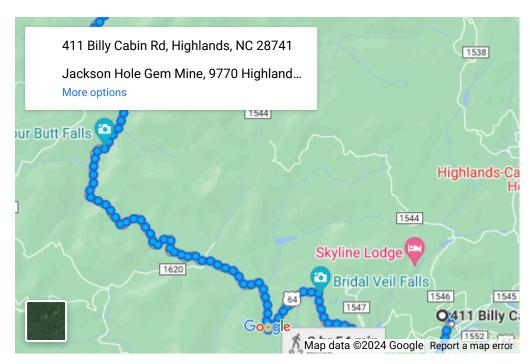
Featuring native and enriched stones.

Featuring native and enriched stones. Located in waterfall country above the breathtaking Cullasaja Falls on Hwy. 28 & US 64 halfway between Franklin and Highlands. Gem cutting available, snack bar and gem shop on site. Covered gem mine makes it the perfect rainy-day activity.

Tel: 828-524-5850

US 64 West, Highlands, NC

jacksonholegemmine.com



Directions on Google Maps

Mason's Ruby and Sapphire Mine

It's one of Macon County's oldest and most productive mines.

Offering native only gem mining, this mine has an abundance of beautiful sapphires and occasional rubies. It's one of Macon County's oldest and most productive mines. Most will have success their first time. Dig your own dirt. Located in the Burningtown Community off Route 28 North. Follow signs.

Tel: 828-369-9742

Route 28 North, Franklin, NC

masonsmine.com



Directions on Google Maps

Rose Creek Mine

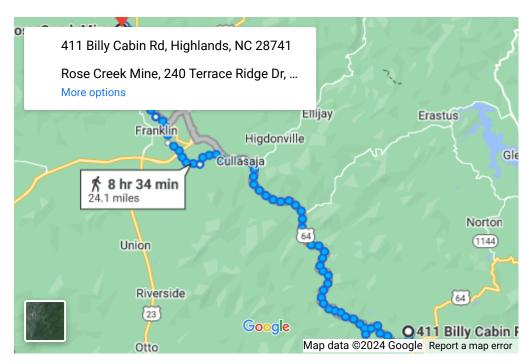
Mine for rubies, sapphires, garnets, emeralds and so much more.

Mine for rubies, sapphires, garnets, emeralds and so much more. Rose Creek has special buckets, gem kits, lapidary supplies, jewelry, opals and a world class collection of minerals. Dig your own dirt, first bucket free with admission. Help for beginners, equipment supplied, covered flume line, clean rest rooms, covered picnic tables and snacks. Group rates available, as is "gem dirt to go." Five miles north of Franklin on Hwy 28, left on Bennett Road before river.

Tel: 828-349-3774

115 Terrace Ridge Drive, Franklin, NC

rosecreekmine.com



Directions on Google Maps

Sheffield Mine

As featured on the Travel Channel, Sheffield Mine features native rubies and sapphires (some will "STAR") or enriched rainbow buckets with semi-precious gems from around the world.

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Tel: 828-369-8383

385 Sheffield Farms Road, Franklin, NC

sheffieldmine.com



Directions on Google Maps

FINE FOOD

On the Verandah



Dinner only

Dinner only

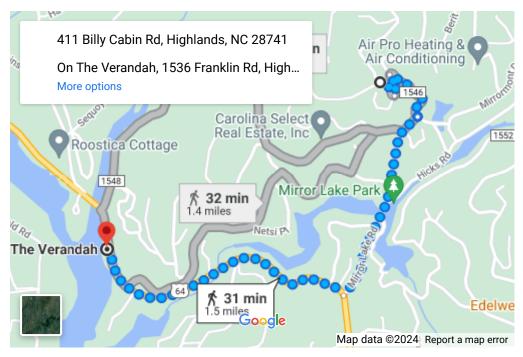
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Open every day

Reservations suggested

International cuisine

Tel: 828.526.2338



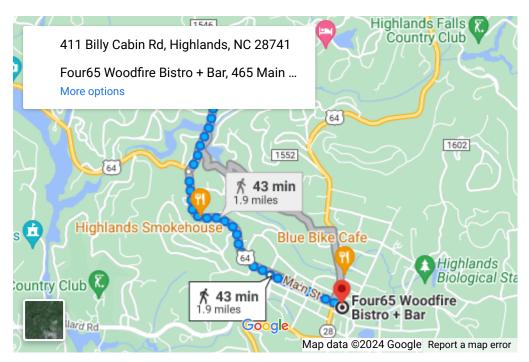
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Four65 Woodfire Bistro

Lunch & dinner

Lunch & dinner
Open every day
No lunch on Wednesday
First come, first serve
Pizzas/salads

Tel: 828.787.2990

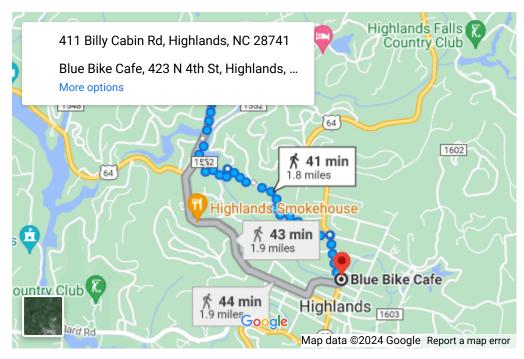


Directions on Google Maps

Blue Bike Café

Breakfast all day

Breakfast all day
Breakfast served until 3PM
Closed Sunday
First come, first serve
Take-out available



Directions on Google Maps

Madison's at Old Edwards Inn

Lunch & dinner

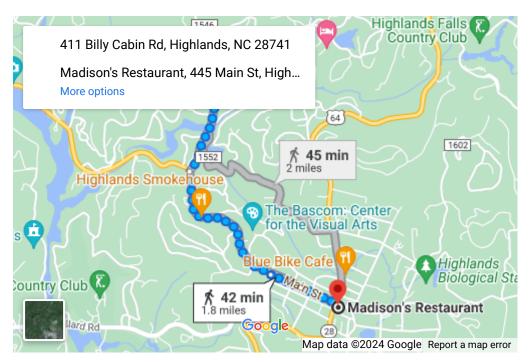
Lunch & dinner

Open every day

Reservations suggested

European small portion plates

Tel: 828.787.2525



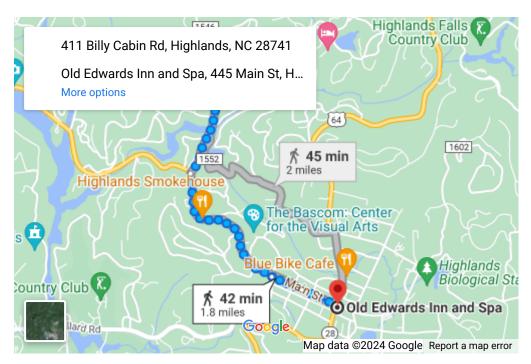
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Wine Garden at Old Edwards Inn

Lunch & dinner

Lunch & dinner
Open every day
First come, first serve
Same menu as Madison's
With outdoor dining

Tel: 828.787.2525

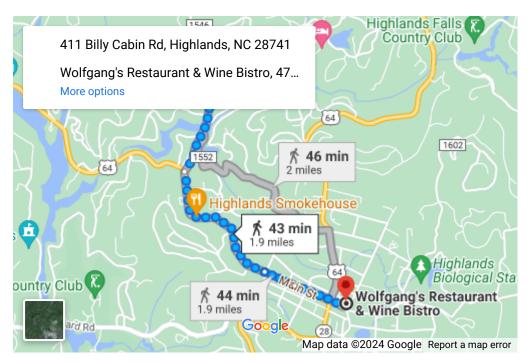


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Wolfgang's Restaurant & Wine Bistro

Dinner only

Dinner only
Wednesday - Sunday
Reservations suggested
Southern classics
German & Cajun influences

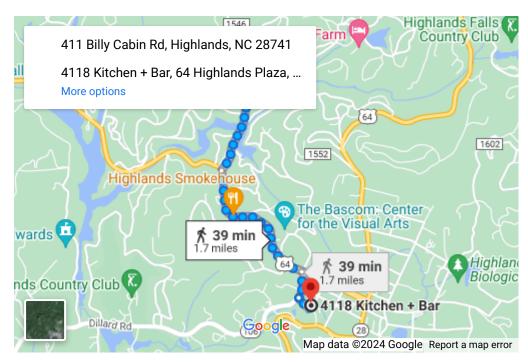


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4118 Kitchen + Bar

Lunch & dinner (casual)

Lunch & dinner (casual)
Closed Monday
Reservations suggested
Elevated pub food

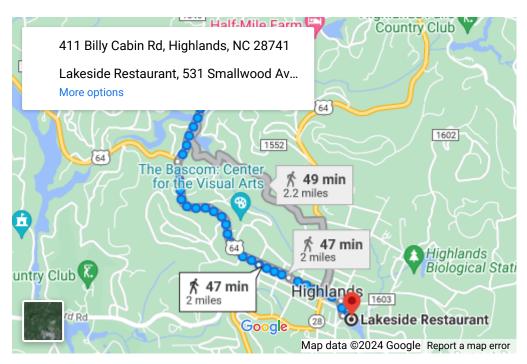


Directions on Google Maps

Lakeside Restaurant

Dinner only

Dinner only
Tuesday - Saturday
Reservations suggested
Seafood/steaks
Known for rack of lamb



Directions on Google Maps

Oak Steakhouse

Brunch, lunch & dinner

Brunch, lunch & dinner
Open every day
Reservations required
American steakhouse

Tel: 828.482.4720

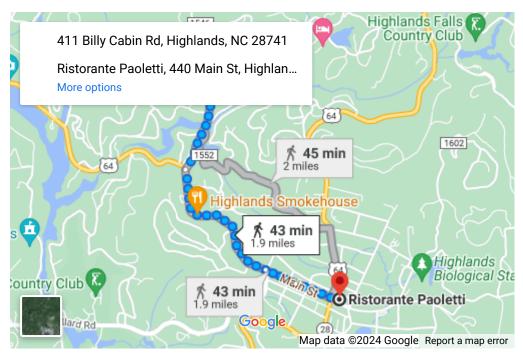


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Paoletti's

Dinner only, except for bar seating

Dinner only, except for bar seating
Open every day
Reservations required
Italian cuisine



Directions on Google Maps

Wild Thyme

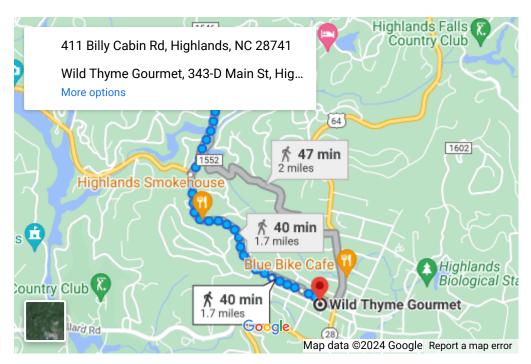
Lunch & dinner

Lunch & dinner

Open every day

Lunch: first come, first serve

Dinner: reservations suggested

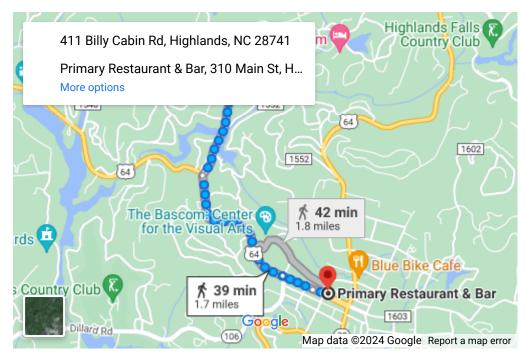


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Primary Restaurant

Brunch, lunch & dinner

Brunch, lunch & dinner Thursday-Monday Reservations suggested Southern classics



Directions on Google Maps

Prime Steakhouse

Lunch & dinner

Lunch & dinner
Thursday-Sunday
Reservations suggested
Modern farm-to-table

Tel: 828.526.3555

Highlands Tavern

Dinner only

Dinner only

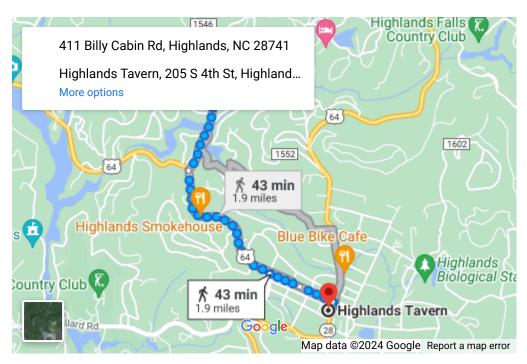
Friday-Tuesday

First come, first serve

Local ingredients showcased

Bourbon tastings and/or handcrafted burger

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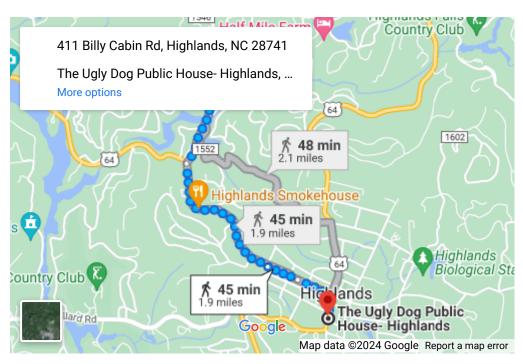
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Ugly Dog Pub

Lunch & dinner

Lunch & dinner
Tuesday-Sunday
First come, first serve
Pizzas/salads
Take-out available

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Directions on Google Maps

Asia House

Lunch & dinner (casual)

Lunch & dinner (casual)

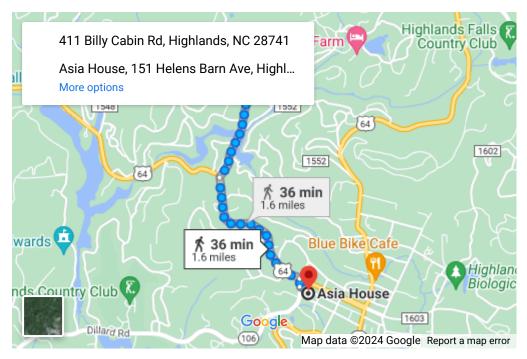
Thursday-Tuesday

Reservations suggested

Asian cuisine

Take-out available

Tel: 828.787.1680



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The Ruffed Grouse

Brunch, lunch & dinner

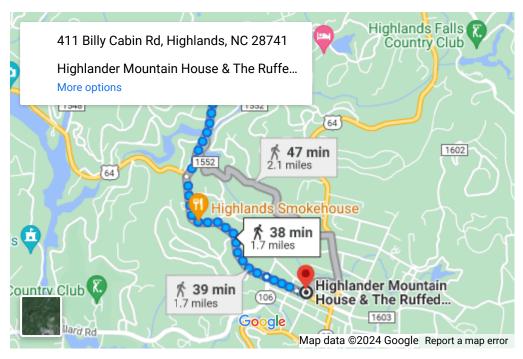
Brunch, lunch & dinner

Everyday

Reservations suggested

Within Highlander Mountain House Hotel

Renowned executive chef



Directions on Google Maps

Calders Coffee Cafe

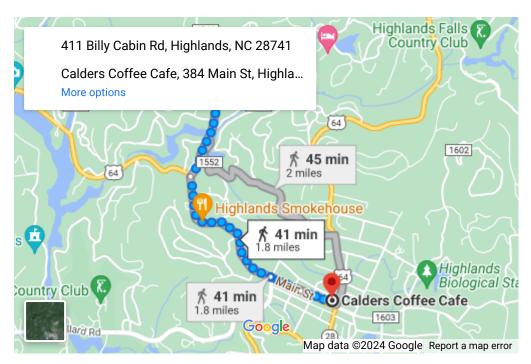
Coffee, sandwiches & continental options

Coffee, sandwiches & continental options Every day

First come, first serve

Online ordering available

Tel: 828.200.9308



Directions on Google Maps

Stubborn Seeds

Lunch & dinner

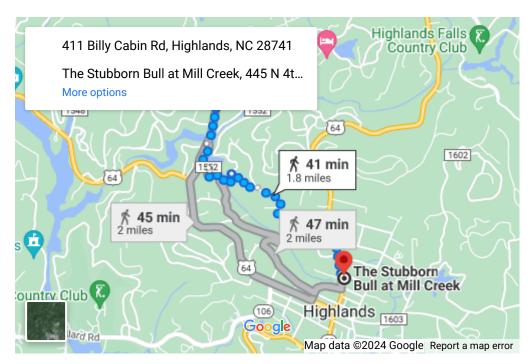
Lunch & dinner

Tuesday-Sunday

Reservations suggested

Mediterranean, tapas and seafood

Tel: 828.200.0813



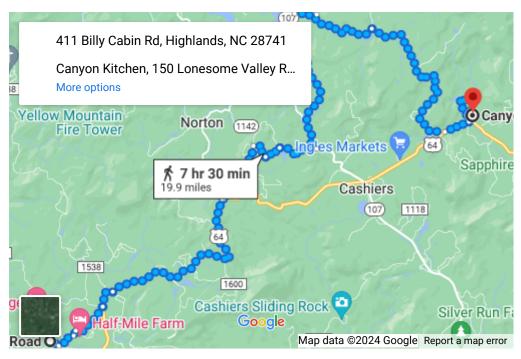
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Canyon Kitchen

Dinner only

Dinner only
Wednesday - Sunday
Reservations suggested
Farm to table cuisine

Tel: 828.743.7967



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The Orchard

Dinner only

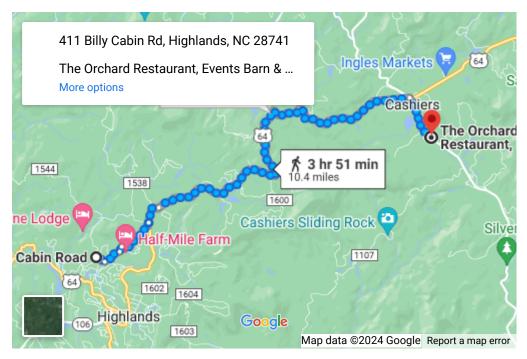
Dinner only

Tuesday - Saturday

Reservations suggested

Town favorite: Signature Orchard Chicken

Tel: 828.743.7614



Directions on Google Maps

Hidden Valley Tavern

Lunch & dinner

Lunch & dinner

Tuesday - Saturday

Lunch: first come, first serve

Dinner: reservations suggested five minutes from

Herefordshire

Tel: 828.417.3637

Library kitchen & bar

Dinner only

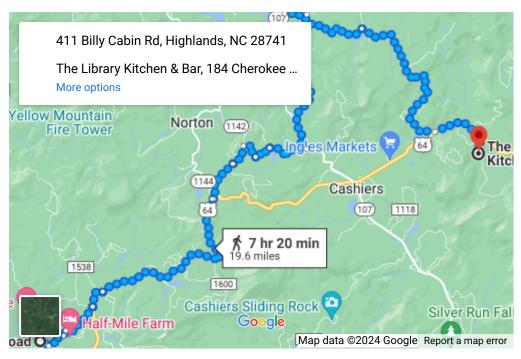
Dinner only

Tuesday - Saturday

Reservations suggested cashiers' one of oldest structures built in 1864

Tel: 828.743.5512

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Directions on Google Maps

Whiteside brewing company

Lunch & dinner

Lunch & dinner

Thursday - Tuesday

First come, first serve

Tel: 828.743.2226

Tel: 828.743.6000



Directions on Google Maps

The fix bar and lounge

Monday: dinner only Wednesday: lunch & dinner Saturday & Sunday: all meals

Monday: dinner only

Wednesday: lunch & dinner

Saturday & Sunday: all meals

Reservations suggested go to sports upscale bar

Tel: 828.743.7477



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Restaurant at Greystone Inn

All meals

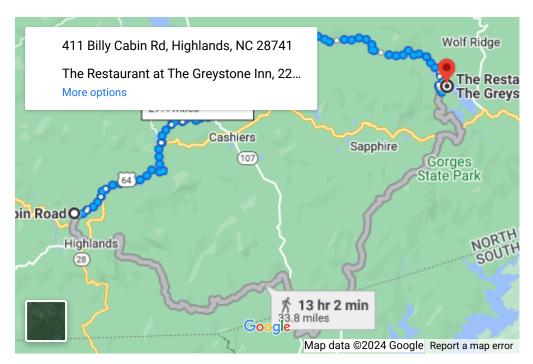
All meals

Open everyday

Reservations suggested lakeside dining,

Farm to table cuisine

Tel: 828.966.4700



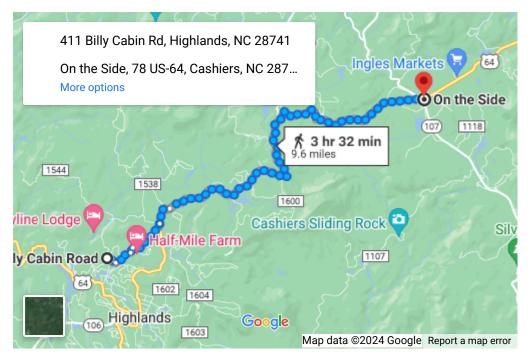
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On the side BBQ at Cashiers Farmers market

Everyday lunch & early dinner (before 6pm)

Everyday lunch
& early dinner (before 6pm)
Takeout available,
Limited picnic tables best BBQ in town with freshest
vegetables & specialty food

Tel: 828.743.4334



Directions on Google Maps

DIRECTIONS TO PROPERTY

Personal concierge

Stephen Witt created The Highlands Concierge to give homeowners and visitors the same access to exclusive services as any other 5 star hotel or fine dining restaurant.

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Stephen Witt's previous experience includes the creation with white-glove services for exclusive guest experiences at The Estates of Old Edwards Inn, Operations Director at Highlander Mountain House in Highlands as well as Café Boulud and Café L'europe in Palm Beach. His approach to guests is noticeable for it's sincerity and commitment to the highest level of service available in the industry. Please utilize The Highlands Concierge to make this a memorable, once in a lifetime vacation experience.

Property rules



Quiet times are required between 11:00pm through 8:00am, no exceptions.

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Max occupancy is 16 persons, we do allow 4 additional day time visitors (only) to visit home. prior authorization is required for any non-listed guests.

Parties or events with 17 or more persons are not allowed on the premises, immediate departure will be required if this rule is broken.

Pets are only allowed with prior authorization and a minimum \$250 payment.

Please do not leave any fireplace with fire unattended- please ensure the fire has gone out before leaving fireplace area.

We offer organic Paya products in bathrooms, please do not take the bottles- we sanitize after each stay and refill to help save on plastic use.

All guests must be registered prior to arrival, stay will be forfeited in the event this rule is disregarded. No refunds.

Please strip all used bed linens & towels, do not wash. Please place garbage in trash receptacles in laundry area before departure.

Directions to property

We are located off of Flat Mountain Road, your private entrance is the first driveway after Lovell Road on the right.

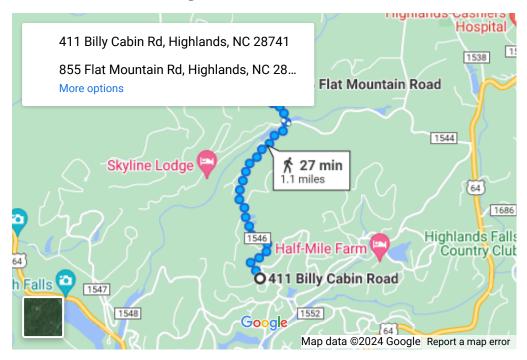
We are located off of Flat Mountain Road, your private entrance is the first driveway after Lovell Road on the right. It is a long, gentle driveway. We encompass over 24 acres of

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untouched and pristine land! We have a circle driveway for easy access. The entrance to the property is on the left side. There will be two urns with beautiful flowers showcasing your entrance!

You are welcome to call your personal concierge, Stephen, for any questions or guidance at 415.589.0851. Your personal concierge will send your keyless entrance code once your home is ready and we hope we exceed your expectations!

Address: 855 Flat Mountain Road, Highlands, North Carolina 28741



Directions on Google Maps

From Atlanta

Please refer to the link below for Mapquest directions from Atlanta airport to Big Billy Cabin.

Please refer to the link below for Mapquest directions from Atlanta airport to Big Billy Cabin. bit.ly

From Asheville

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Seasonal flower arrangement



Curated by your personal concierge.

Curated by your personal concierge. For weekly stays

Ultimate s'mores basket

Includes XL dark & milk chocolate bars, original graham crackers, whole bag of marshmallows, roasting sticks

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Handwritten notecards

Papyrus notecards for adults and bright colored cards for children.

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Firewood

Always stocked for all fireplaces inside and on porches with lighters and starters.

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Games

Poker Table, Foosball, Billard's and any board game you can think of will be located in our lower level.

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Premium basics

Property is stocked with all you can need, ask your personal concierge for specifics.

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Personal concierge

Available to assist prior & during stay with dinner reservations, recommendations, be your point of contact & answer readily from 8:00am 8:00pm

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Food delivery



Enjoy your favorite local restaurant cuisine delivered to the Big Billy Cabin

Enjoy your favorite local restaurant cuisine delivered to the Big Billy Cabin. Ask for pricing and availability.

Anniversary package

Rose petals in a copper tub, chilled bubbles, and six chocolate-covered strawberries. pictured above at \$165 + sales tax.

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Guided hikes

Guided hikes | Two-hour hike

Guided hikes | Two-hour hike: \$120

Lawn game selections

Lawn game selections | \$29 for each full set + sales tax

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Your choice of corn hole, ladder ball, giant Jenga and spike ball during stay.

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Housekeeping upgrade

Multiple housekeeping service levels are available.

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PRIVATE CHEF EXPERIENCES

Pastry platter



Pastry platter | \$47

Pastry platter | \$47

Fresh baked croissants, scratch-made biscuits, gooey chocolate chip muffins and cheese filled danishes for two people.

Savory breakfast

Savory breakfast | \$67

Savory breakfast | \$67

Dozen local eggs, whole loaf of bread, side of biscuits, choice of pound sausage or bacon, assorted jams and butter.

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Garden lunch

Garden green salad with sunburst smoked trout or chicken salad, with buttermilk dressing or apple cider vinaigrette

Garden green salad with sunburst smoked trout or chicken salad, with buttermilk dressing or apple cider vinaigrette. Ask for pricing.

BBQ lunch with lawn games

The best BBQ brought to your home and served buffet style to family & friends.

The best BBQ brought to your home and served buffet style to family & friends. Meal includes protein of choice, baked beans, collard greens, potato salad, other sides, cornbread, desserts, non-alcoholic beverages and lawn games. Ask your personal concierge for details. Meal starts at \$100 per person.

Garden lunch chef experiences

Can be any meal you desire, up to 16 people. Custom menu created just for you!

Can be any meal you desire, up to 16 people. Custom menu created just for you! Serve guests purchased alcohol with fine Bernardaud china, Christofle wine glasses, Sferra or Frette linens and quality cutlery. European accents and fresh flowers are all brought into home to create your unique chef experience! Starting at \$185 per person. Please let us know what you are celebrating. We love providing surprises, intimate events and hiking excursions. Stephen will create the ultimate vacation for you and your guests!

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Facials



Double-Lift Facial | 110 Min

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This treatment maximizes your skin's ability to lift, hydrate, rejuvenate and plump. A relaxing and gentle hand massage completes this extremely effective, release stress for a journey into your perfect oasis. | \$325 Customized Facial 60 Min | 90 Min Our skin care professionals are trained to

analyze your skin and customize your treatment using pure, raw ingredients. A completely tailored facial that achieves your preferred needs. Feel smoother and rejuvenated looking skin. \$225 | \$265

Massages

Ultimate Massage

Ultimate Massage For Two

60 Min | \$425

90 Min | \$485

Share the experience with custom massages in the comfort of your own home with candles and aromatherapy.

Customized Massage

60 Min | \$225

90 Min | \$265

The experienced therapist will tailor the massage to your individual needs based on your input.

Smooth River Stone Massage

60 Min | \$245

90 Min | \$285

Feel the warmth of smooth river stones melting away your body's tension and stress, resulting in a deeper sense of relaxation and bliss.

*You may request a specific gender Massage Therapist when booking an appointment. We will do our best to accommodate, however, we cannot guarantee availability.

Nail services

Organic Manicure & Pedicure

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60 Min | 90 Min Relax as our professional uses deep hydrating exfoliation followed by a hand and foot massage with a customized application moisturizes the skin to feel soft and supple. Natural finish on nails and cuticle care are included. \$105 | \$145

Reiki

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