

2021 HIGH COUNTRY HOLIDAY EVENTS

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Tweetsie Christmas

Fri-Sun Nov 19- Dec 30, Blowing Rock

Celebrate the holiday season as Tweetsie Railroad transforms into a winter wonderland for Tweetsie Christmas! Enjoy a nighttime train ride.

Crazy Christmas

Daily, Nov 19- Dec 24, Mystery Hill, Blowing Rock

Special holiday activities and events happening throughout the season

Apple Hill Farm Christmas Celebration

Fri-Sun Nov 21- Jan 3, Banner Elk

Mini farm tours take place every 30 minutes between 11am and 2:30pm

Appalachian Theatre of the High Country Christmas Events

Various, Nov-Dec, Downtown Boone

Live Holiday music and classic holiday films are scheduled throughout the season

Light Up the Town

November 19, 6-9pm, Downtown North Wilkesboro

Enjoy late store hours, Christmas lights & music, Santa Claus visits and horse-drawn carriage rides

West Jefferson Holiday Parade

November 20, 3pm Downtown West Jefferson

Come to the Downtown West Jefferson NC 2021 annual holiday parade!-- And of course, Santa will be there!

Ashe County Holiday Farmer's Markets

Saturdays, Nov 20-Dec 4, 10-2, Downtown West Jefferson

Find unique gifts and holiday decorations, locally grown Christmas trees, ropes and garland

Blowing Rock Lighting of the Town, Christmas Festival and Parade

Nov 26, 12-6:30pm, Memorial Park, Downtown Blowing Rock- Parade: November 27, 10-12pm, Main Street

Christmas in the Park features: 12-3: Santa, 1:30-4:30: Kids Games, Live Music: 2-6:30, Lighting of the Town: 5:30ish, Sat Parade: 10-12

Saturday's with Santa at The Blowing Rock

Nov 27- Dec 18, 1-3pm, The Blowing Rock

Enjoy a special visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus and enjoy the winter views. Free admission for one child and accompanying adult.

Chetola Resort Festival of Lights

Daily, November 28-January, Blowing Rock

Chetola Resort becomes a Winter Wonderland with over 50,000 dazzling lights around Chetola lake. Free to public

Banner Elk Small Town Christmas

December 3-5: Downtown Banner Elk

Dec 3- Lighting of the Town: 6:30pm, Dec 4- Festivities in the Park: 6pm including train rides, synchronized light show, movie, hot chocolate and more

West Jefferson Christmas Crawl

December 3: 5-7pm, Downtown West Jefferson

Downtown West Jefferson will be decked out in Christmas Joy for the evening Holiday Gallery Crawl. Galleries, shops and more will be open with holiday artwork, refreshments, music and more!

Boone Festive First Friday & Solar Tree Lighting

December 3: 5-8pm, Downtown Boone

Head to Downtown Boone for carriage rides, marshmallow snowball fights, carolers, holiday treats, and more!

Ensemble Stage: A Banner Elk Christmas

Dec 3 (7pm), 5 (2pm) 17-18 (7pm), 19th (2pm), Ensemble Stage, Banner Elk

Enjoy a holiday musical variety show patterned after the Andy Williams and Bing Crosby television Christmas specials

Wilkesboro Christmas Parade & Christmas in the Commons

December 4: 3-8:30pm,

Parade: 3pm on Main Street, North Wilkesboro 6 pm: Tree lighting, music, kids activities, & movie in the Community Commons, Wilkesboro

Boone Christmas Parade

December 11: 2pm, King Street, Boone

The annual parade proceeds east on King Street through downtown Boone

Beech Mountain Christmas Parade

December 22: 4-6pm,

The parade will go from the Beech Mountain Ski Resort up to the Beech Mountain Sled Hill. Be sure to arrive at a spot to watch the parade by 3:45pm.

AREA WINTER ACTIVITIES

Beech Mountain Sledding Hill

Nov 25-Feb (weather permitting) M-F: 1-5pm; Holidays & Weekends: 9am-5pm

Children under 12 can enjoy free sledding on this sledding hill with on-site snow making. Call for current conditions: 800-468-5506

LOCAL TIP: Go across the street to Fred's Merchantile to purchase a sled. After you are finished sledding, drop in the Famous Brick Oven Pizzeria at the bottom of the sledding hill for a meal. Our staff unanimously agrees it is the best pizza in the NC High Country.

Hawksnest Snow Tubing (and Zip Lining)

Seven Devils, Open daily over the holidays, sessions 2 hrs long, book online 24 hrs in advance, walk ups available day of

Hawksnest is the largest snowtubing park in the southeast with 30 tubing lanes... and the park even has conveyors to get you and your tube back to the top of the mountain! **HawksnestTubing.com**

Ice Skating, Skiing, Snowboarding

Appalachian Ski Mountain, Blowing Rock, Sugar Mountain Resort, Beech Mountain Resort, Book Online

Ice Skate Under the Stars, sit by the rink-side and enjoy the night sky with a cup of hot chocolate! Ski and snowboard.

Grandfather Mountain

Linville NC, Open daily til 5pm, Book Online

Walk the Mile-High Swinging Bridge at Grandfather Mountain (weather permitting), the swinging bridge is the perfect spot to take in the endless winter vistas and capture the snow capped mountains. Afterwards, head down to the animal habitats and see how otter, bear and eagles stay busy during the winter months! **Grandfather.com**

Wilderness Run Alpine Coaster

Sugar Mountain, Open Daily, 10-6, Book Online

To ride the coaster, you must be 3 y/o, 38 inches, and ready to have fun! On this gravity coaster- you control how fast you go down. Bring the family & come adventure! **WildernessRunAlpineCoaster.com**

Linville Caverns

Linville, November: Open Daily, December: Weekends Only: 9:00-4:30

Linville Caverns are the only show caverns in North Carolina and have a constant year-round temperature of 52 degrees. This is a perfect place to visit on a cold and windy winter day! See the winter hibernation of grand-daddy long-legs, and unique limestone formations.

LinvilleCaverns.com

Mountain Warriors UTV

Linville, Open Daily, Book Online

Tour the mountains on top of the line Polaris XP 1000 4-seater vehicles. This is a journey like no other that brings you in touch with the Appalachian Mountains in the most intimate way possible! **OffRoadMountainWarriors.com**

Ashe County Cheese

West Jefferson, Mon-Sat: 8:30-5:30

Visit the cheese factory viewing room to see how cheese is made. Across the street you can sample and purchase fresh cheese curds and a variety of cheeses. Gift baskets, Ice cream, candies and other old-fashioned treats and games can also be found here. LOCAL TIP: After your purchase, take a walk around downtown and view the murals and small shoppes. **AsheCountyCheese.com**

Mystery Hill

Blowing Rock, Daily: 9:00-6:00

This unique entertainment center has five attractions under one roof including the original Mystery Platform, the Mystery House, the Hall of Mystery, the Native American Artifacts Museum and the Appalachian Heritage Museum + Tomahawk Hill! **MysteryHill.com**

The Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, Daily: 9:00-5:00

Visit North Carolina's Oldest Attraction where "snow falls upside down". **TheBlowingRock.com**

Gem Mining

Indoor mines with heated water available at Foggy Mountain Gem Mine, Doc's Rocks, Blowing Rock and Sugar Creek Mining, Sugar Mountain Mines also offer gemstone cutting and setting- perfect for holiday gifting!

High Country Wine Trail

Enjoy wine with a view at the five wineries on the High Country Wine Trail. **HighCountryWineTrail.com**

Unique Shopping

Find unique gifts in beautiful settings. Visit the original 1883 **Mast General Store** in Valle Crucis and find old-timey items as well as quality outdoor gear brands. Take a drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway to the **Parkway Craft Center** housed in the Moses Cone Manor (open Thurs-Sun, 10-4). Find deals on name brands at **Shoppes on the Parkway** Outlet Mall in Blowing Rock.

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