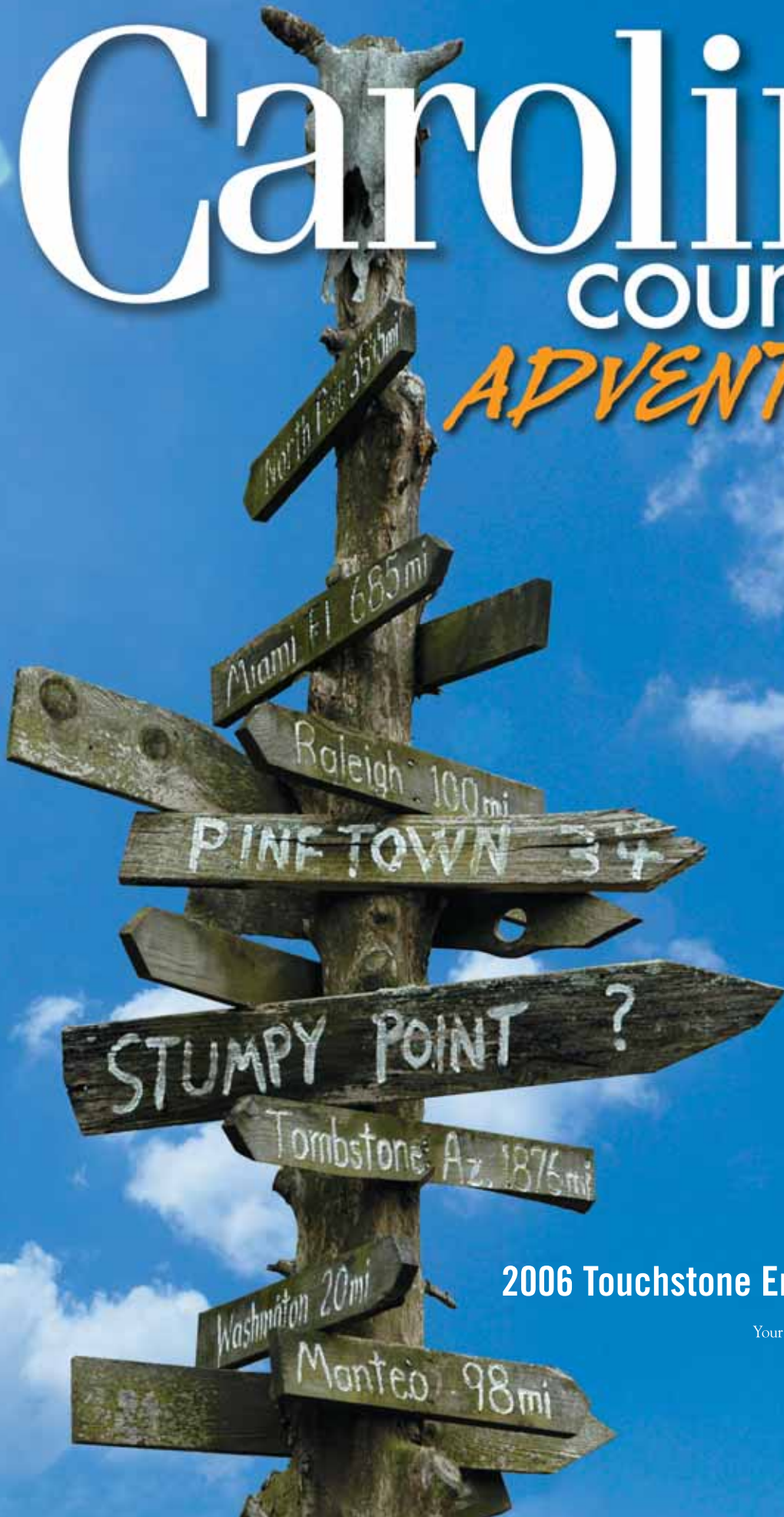


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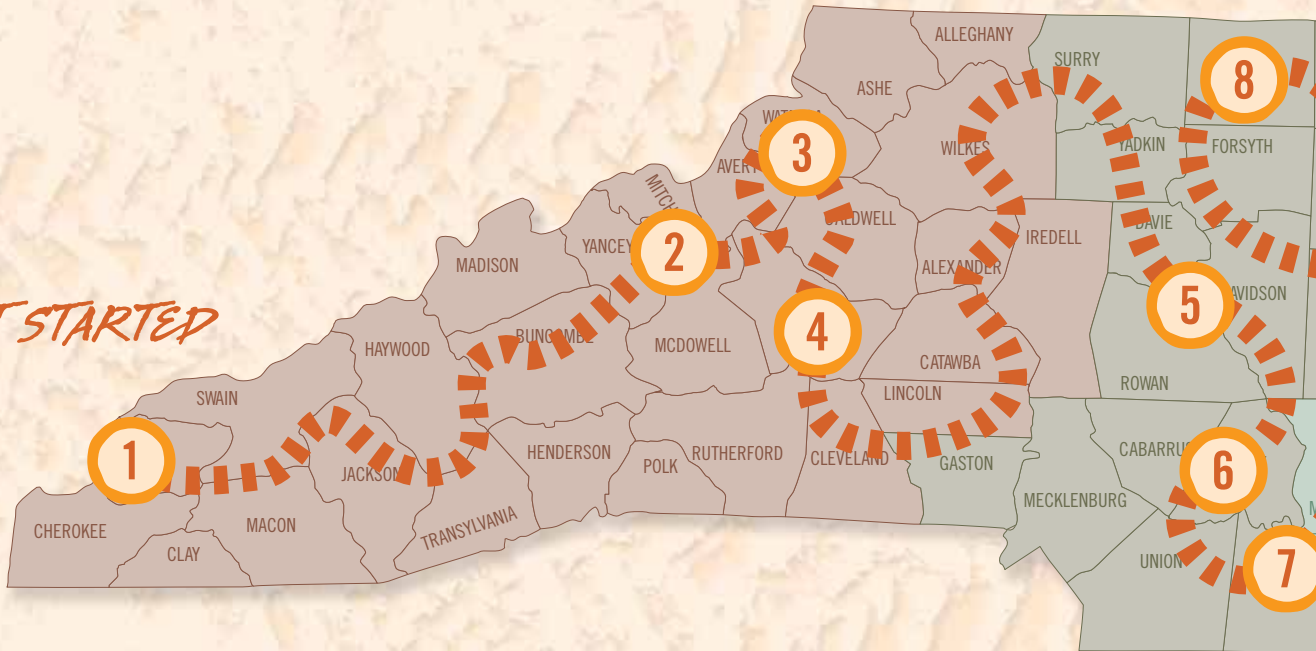


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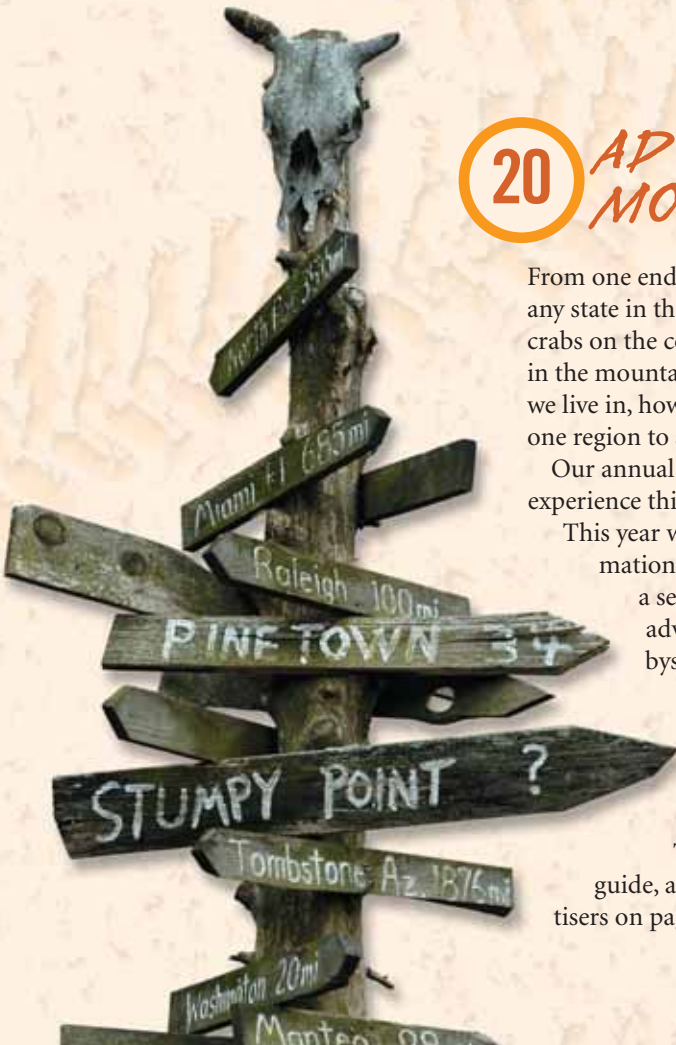
From one end to the other, North Carolina is about as diverse as any state in the nation. We've got hard gemstones in the west, soft crabs on the coast and red clay in the middle. The tobacco we grow in the mountains is different than what we grow in the east. What we live in, how we drive, what we eat and how we talk varies from one region to another.

Our annual Touchstone Energy Travel Guide encourages you to experience this variety firsthand.

This year we've collected the primary sources of general information about each of five regions and accompany them with a set of Carolina Country Adventures. Among the four adventures for each region are some well-known standbys and some not so familiar, some historical, some recreational, some just plain fun.

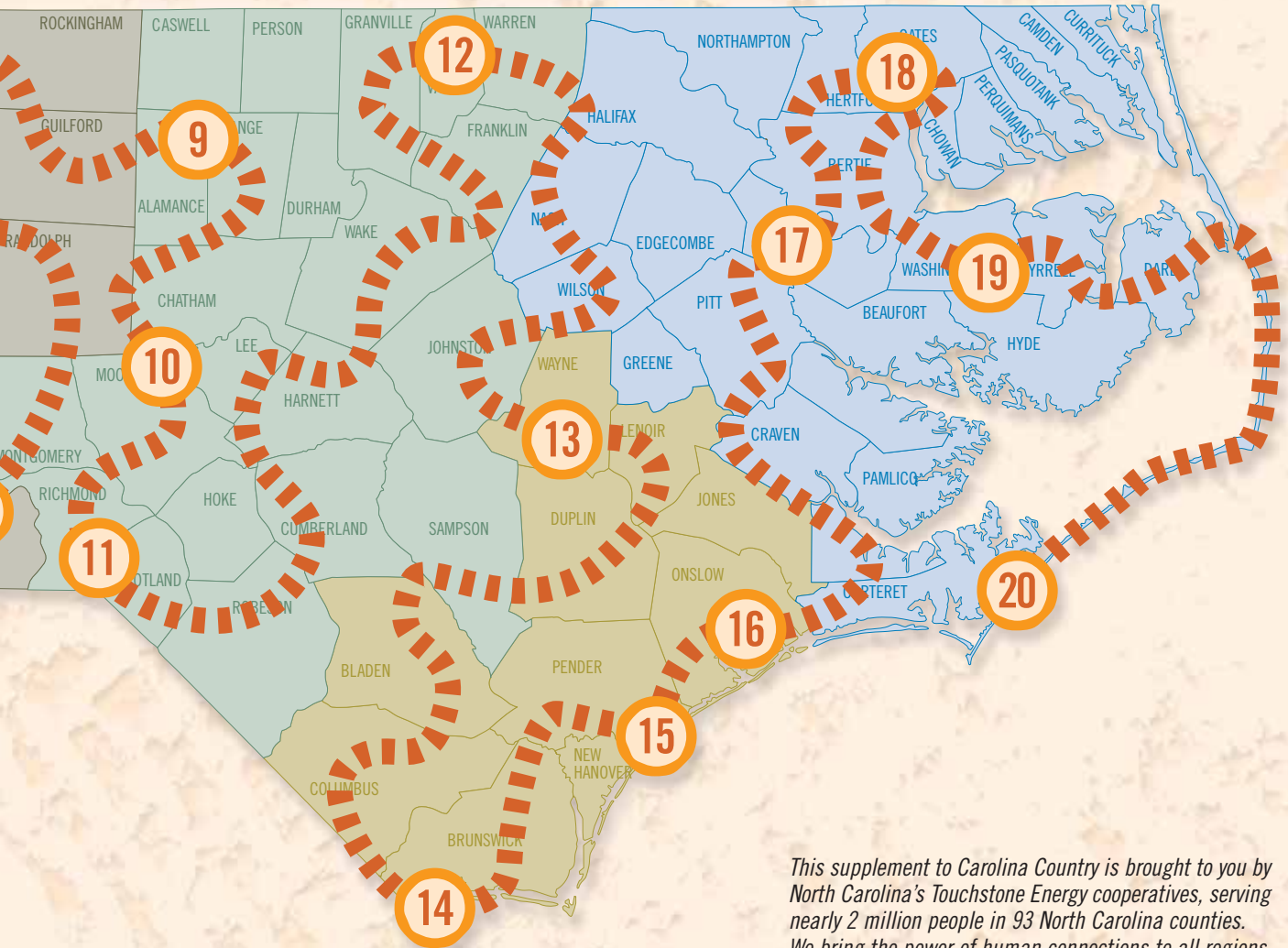
As you make your way through this guide, or through the countryside responsible for these adventures, you can be assured that a Touchstone Energy cooperative is nearby.

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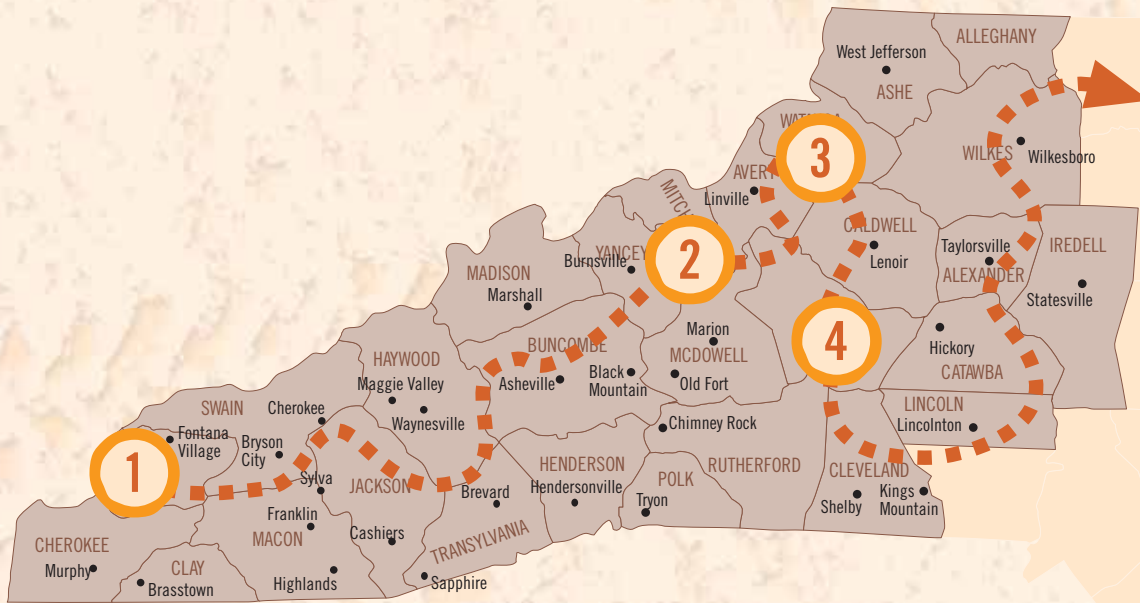
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MOUNTAIN ADVENTURES



Towering peaks, lush valleys and postcard views are just around the bend in this culturally rich region. Old-time music, heritage arts and crafts, quaint inns, Appalachian cooking and pristine hiking trails are among its attractions. (For more information see our travel resources on page 79.)

By Karen Olson House



JOYCE KILMER MEMORIAL FOREST

Giant trees 100 feet tall and 400 years old, 20 miles of hiking trails, and utter peace and quiet.



EMERALD VILLAGE

Find a gem every time—guaranteed. See how a mountain mining town lived between the 1920s and 1950s.



TWEETSIE RAILROAD

The steam engine's whistle that once echoed among the mountains now signals real family fun along the railroad, plus a hankering for corn dogs.



VALDEESE

To appreciate this unusually proud place and its traditions, you must understand what brought the Waldenses here from northern Italy 100 years ago.

1 JOYCE KILMER MEMORIAL FOREST

Graham County

For hikers and nature lovers, a walk through the lush Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest is a primitive journey back in time. This magnificent cove hardwood forest's special offering is its immense, towering trees, some of which are more than 20 feet around in circumference, more than 100 feet high, and as old as 400 years.

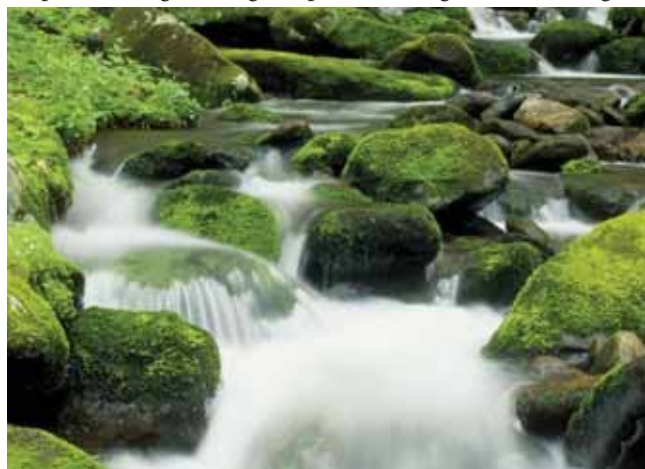
The unusual and impressive remnant of virgin wilderness includes yellow poplar, hemlock, sycamore, basswood, dogwood, beech and oak trees, among others. In addition to the enormous old trees, there is an outstanding variety of shrubs, vines, ferns, lichens, liverworts and herbaceous plants. The forest's floor is carpeted with moss-covered logs from fallen giants.

The memorial forest, located near Robbinsville in Graham County, is maintained in its natural state by the National Forest Service. In spring, blazes of wildflowers show off their blooms before the massive trees' leaves open and shade the forest floor. Summer is wet, with brilliant greens—hikers say that the forest is noticeably cooler than the parking area. Fall signals a gradual color change from greens to red, orange, yellow and maroon. Then the leaves fall, revealing the “bones” of the mountains.

No plants, living or dead, may be cut or removed in this area that was the uncharted hunting ground of the Cherokee Indians. The area is a living, formal memorial to soldiers in general and a nod in particular to poet Joyce Kilmer, who was killed in action during World War I. Kilmer is best remembered for “Trees,” his oft-quoted poem that begins with the lines “I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree.”

HIKING THE FOREST AND WILDERNESS AREA

The only way to see this impressive area is on foot. There are roughly 20 miles of hiking trails. Hikers suggest taking the figure-eight Joyce Kilmer National Recreation Trail. It covers 2 miles and has two loops: a 1¼-mile lower loop that passes by the Joyce Kilmer Memorial plaque, and an upper ¾-mile loop that swings through Poplar Cove, a grove of the largest



The memorial forest lies within the larger Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness area.



In addition to huge trees, there is a wide range of beautiful shrubs, ferns, vines and lichens.

trees. The trailhead parking area has a flush toilet and picnic tables. No camping or overnight parking is allowed inside the forest. However, two campgrounds, Horse Cove and Rattler Ford Group, are located a half-mile away.

The memorial forest lies within a much larger area to explore, the Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness area. Not counting the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest, there are roughly 60 miles of hiking trails in other parts of the Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness. It boasts mountain streams, misty waterfalls, bold, sharp peaks and rugged ridge tops. Like other wildernesses, Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness area is managed to protect naturalness and solitude. No motorized or mechanical vehicles or equipment, such as cars, chain saws or bicycles, are allowed. Hikers must meet with nature on its own terms, which is one of the biggest charms of this area.

Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest
Cheoah Ranger District
Route 1, Box 16-A
Massey Branch Road
Robbinsville, NC 28771

(828) 479-6431
www.cs.unca.edu/nfsnc

2 EMERALD VILLAGE

Mitchell County

North Carolina is a rock-hound's heaven, with vast, shiny treasures stored underground. The Blue Ridge mountain region is particularly rich in unusual rocks and minerals, and bountiful with regard to gem mining attractions. Cities and towns that offer mining opportunities include Franklin, Sapphire, Marion, Chimney Rock, Bryson City and others.

Possibly the richest area for gems is Mitchell County. One of the county's main industries is mining, and it hosts the North Carolina Mineral and Gem Festival each August. About 60 different rocks and minerals have been found in the area, including aquamarine, emerald, garnet, and smoky quartz along with uranium and fluorescent minerals. A popular family mining attraction here is Emerald Village. This cluster of gem, mineral and mining commercial attractions, nestled high in the Blue Ridge Mountains at Little Switzerland, offers underground mine tours, gemstone mining and unusual historic displays.

A GEM FIND EVERY TIME

The gem mining operation guarantees a gem find every time, and you can keep what you find. You can see artisans working in cutting shops. And you can get your finds identified and cut by experts. Other activities include self-guided tours of the historic Bon Ami Mine. In addition, there is the Company Store, a walk-through display that shows a minia-



You can keep what you find at this family attraction.



Exhibits include an antique music museum, railroad display and minerals gallery.

ture-mining town as it would have looked from the 1920s to the 1950s—years when mines were in operation. The layout includes a post office and the mine boss' office.

EMERALD VILLAGE EXHIBITS

Displays in the village's Discovery Mill Building include a Blue Ridge Railroad exhibit. An audio-animatronics conductor tells about the Clinchfield Loops, a local railroad line that you can view in HO Scale.

Also housed in the building is an Antique Music Museum, which features numerous player pianos, crank-type music boxes and other musical instruments. Folks who like vintage farm items can look at the Homestead Display. The village's Gallery of Minerals includes an ultraviolet (black light) display where minerals glow in the dark.

The Miner's Daughter's Attic (named after a ghost, they say) houses collectibles, antiques and "general junk." Children like the North Carolina Wildlife Display. Exhibits also include a collection of mining lamps, dynamite plungers and other mining memorabilia.

Mine tours cost \$5, with discounts for students and seniors. Buckets start at \$6 for children. Adult buckets start at \$10. You also can purchase mining buckets that go up to \$1,000 depending on gemstones. Group rates are available.

Emerald Village
McKinney Mine Road
Little Switzerland, NC 28749

(828) 765-6463
www.emeraldvillage.com

3 TWEETSIE RAILROAD

Watauga County

Mention the name “Tweetsie” to North Carolinians and it conjures up different memories. For children, it can mean visiting the Wild West, helping the U.S. Marshal fight off would-be train robbers and devouring funnel cakes. For their more practical parents, it can signal an affordable, all-day attraction in the cool Blue Ridge Mountains. And for old-timers, the name “Tweetsie” stirs up a distant train whistle and a hankering for corn dogs.

Located between Blowing Rock and Boone, Tweetsie Railroad continues to draw crowds interested in old-fashioned entertainment. Some shows may not be performed every day. Inquire ahead. Vintage-style attractions at North Carolina’s oldest theme park include:

Wild West Train Adventure: Ride on Tweetsie, a train pulled by an authentic coal-fired steam locomotive, and see costumed skits by enthusiastic actors and actresses during surprise train stops.

The Tweetsie Palace Saloon Show: A variety show that includes Tweetsie can-can girls and Diamond Lil. In between live shows, guests can watch classic westerns.

The Traditions Music Show: Including live bluegrass music and the Tweetsie Cloggers.

Professor Peppercorn’s Amazing Medicine Show: Professor Phineas T. Peppercorn demonstrates his inventions and peddles his miraculous elixirs and snake oil atop Miner’s Mountain.

Tweetsie also holds special events such as its Riders of the Sky concerts, Purina Incredible Dog Team performances and Halloween Ghost Train. One especially popular event is its “Day Out With Thomas,” scheduled this year from June 2 through June 11. Children and grownups take a 25-minute ride with Thomas the Tank Engine, hear engaging stories and sport temporary tattoos.

The park operates two vintage steam locomotives: The #12 “Tweetsie” and the #190 “Yukon Queen.” The train makes a three-mile chugging loop through the mountains, not far from the end of an original rail line station in Boone.

Country fair rides include a carousel, Ferris Wheel and Tilt-A-Whirl. You can discover yesteryear at the Antique Photo Parlor and The General Store, which sells pink cowboy hats, Indian tomahawks and pistol cap guns. In the park’s steam repair shop workers maintain equipment and restore locomotives for other parks.

Tweetsie’s history dates back to 1866, the year the East Tennessee & Western

North Carolina Railroad Company gained permission to construct a railroad. At the outset, the ET&WNC line (which mountain humorists dubbed the “Eat Taters & Wear No Clothes” Railroad) was to operate from Johnson City, Tenn., to the iron mines just over the state line at Cranberry, N.C.

In 1916 rail service was extended to Boone.

The name “Tweetsie” was given by mountain dwellers who became accustomed to the shrill “tweet, tweet” whistles that echoed through the hills. In the summer of 1957, Tweetsie Railroad as an attraction was born.

Opening day is May 5. The park plans to be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at first, and then seven days a week from May 26 through August 27 before returning to the weekend schedule from September 1 through October 29. Daily admission is \$27 for adults and \$19 for children ages 3–12. Ages 2 and under are free. Season passes are available now for the 2006 season.



Tweetsie offers country fair and train rides.



The park operates two vintage steam locomotives.

Tweetsie Railroad
300 Tweetsie Railroad Lane
Blowing Rock, NC 28605

(800) 526-5740 or
(828) 264-9061
www.Tweetsie.com

4 VALDESE

Burke County

Blessed with a number of historical and recreational attractions, Valdese stands today as an inspiring symbol of the hard work and religious faith of its settlers. This unusual town of about 4,500, located near the Catawba River between Morganton and Hickory, was settled in 1893 by the Waldenses, immigrants from Northern Italy.

The Waldenses were pre-Reformation Christians persecuted for centuries by Italian and French armies and the official church. The tiny religious sect was forced to take refuge in the rugged Italian valleys. They remained secluded in the Cottian Alps until they received their religious freedom by the Edict of 1848. With their new peace, their population swelled until their Alpine farms could not support them. They began establishing colonies in other parts of Europe, South America and locations in the U.S., including North Carolina, New York City, Chicago, Missouri, Texas and Utah. The North Carolina Valdese colony became the largest Waldensian colony in the world outside of Italy.

TRAIL OF FAITH

One way to learn about the Waldenses' journey is to take Valdese's "Trail of Faith." This 15-station walking tour chronicles significant events and includes replicas of homes, churches and industries of the Italian Waldenses. The tour begins and ends at the Welcome Center and includes:

The School of the Barbas. Ministers called "barbas" studied and transcribed the Bible to their own language, a dialect called "Patois."

Church of the Cave. The cave, featuring a low, narrow entrance, served as a safe place for the Waldenses to worship God.

The Temple at Ciabas. Like many of the early temples, it was built without a bell tower because the Waldenses were for-



The outdoor drama "From This Day Forward" tells the immigrants' story.

bidden from calling people to gather for worship.

The Tron House. This tiny frame house was one of the first homes built in the summer of 1893, when the Waldenses settled Valdese. Pierre and Louise Tron, with their children, were among the 29 brave souls who first settled Valdese. Their job was to prepare for the arrival of nearly 200 other colonists about six months later.

ARTS AND MORE

An annual outdoor drama, "From This Day Forward," chronicles the Waldenese struggle with humor and insight. It is usually held in July and August. The Waldensian Museum features several rooms and thousands of items that date back to the earliest immigrants. The interior has been arranged for displays, including photographs, clothing, crafts, home and church furnishings, farm implements, carpentry tools, wine-making apparatus and toys. Walden Ian Heritage Wines, a working winery, preserves the winemaking tradition. At the Valdese Heritage Arts Center local artisans display their work, including baskets, woodcrafts, carvings and glassworks.

During the summer, Valdese comes alive on Fridays with a Farmer's Market across from Town Hall. When the market closes the music begins, with family-oriented Friday night concerts that showcase bluegrass, gospel and country musicians from the region.



Mural depicts old-style town of Valdese.

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www.exploreasheville.com

Avery/Banner Elk
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www.balconyoftheblueridge.com

Beech Mountain Chamber
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www.beechmtn.com

Black Mountain
(800) 669-2301
www.exploreblackmountain.com

Blowing Rock
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469-mile scenic highway
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Lillington Area
(910) 893-3751
www.lillington.org

Lumberton Visitors Bureau
(800) 359-6971/(910) 739-9999
www.lumberton-nc.com

Montgomery County
(910) 572-4300
www.montgomery-county.com

Morrisville
(919) 380-9026
www.morrisvillenc.com

Pembroke
(910) 521-9758

Person County Tourism
(336) 597-2689
www.visitroxboronc.com

**Pinehurst, Southern Pines
and Aberdeen Area CVB**
(800) 346-5362/(910) 692-3330
www.homeofgolf.com

Pittsboro-Siler CVB
(800) 316-3829
www.visitpittsboro.com

Raeford-Hoke
(910) 875-5929
www.hoke-raeford.com

Red Springs
(910) 843-5441

**Richmond County Chamber,
Rockingham**
(800) 858-1688/(910) 895-9058
www.richmondcountychamber.com

Rolesville Town Hall
(919) 556-3506
www.ci.rolesville.nc.us

Roxboro Area Chamber
(336) 599-8333
www.roxboronc.com

Saint Pauls.
(910) 865-4179

Sandhills Area Chamber
(910) 692-3926
www.sandhillsonline.com

Sanford Area Chamber
(919) 775-7341
www.sanford-nc.com

Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber
(919) 934-9166
www.smithfieldselma.com

Greater Spring Lake Chamber
(910) 497-8821
www.springlakenc.org

**Vance County Tourism Department
(Henderson)**
(866) 438-4565/(252) 438-2222
www.kerrlake-nc.com

Wake Forest Area
(919) 556-1519
www.wakeforestchamber.org

Warren County EDC
(252) 257-2657
www.warren-chamber.org

Wendell
(919) 365-6318
www.wendellchamber.com

Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project
(704) 422-3215
www.lakesproject.org

Zebulon
(919) 269-6320
www.zebulonchamber.org

SOUTHERN COAST

Bald Head Island Information Center
(800) 234-2441
www.baldheadisland.com

Beulaville
(910) 298-4647

Brunswick County, Shallotte
(800) 426-6644/(910) 754-6644
www.brunswickcountychamber.org

Brunswick Islands, Shallotte
(800) 795-7263
www.ncbrunswick.com

Cape Fear Coast CVB
(Wilmington, Carolina Beach,
Kure Beach, Wrightsville Beach)
(866) 266-9690/(910) 341-4030
www.gocapefearcoast.com

Columbus County Tourism
(800) 845-8419/(910) 640-2818
www.discovercolumbus.org

Coast Host
Information on attractions and
accommodations
www.coasthost-nc.com

Duplin County Marketing
(800) 755-1755/(910) 296-2181
www.duplintourism.org

Elizabethtown-White Lake
(910) 862-4368
www.elizabethtownwhitelake.com
www.bladeninfo.org

Fair Bluff
(910) 649-7202

Faison
(910) 267-2721

Greater Chadbourn
(910) 654-3445

**Greater Goldsboro
Travel & Tourism**
(919) 734-2245/(866) 440-2245
www.greatergoldsboro.com

Greater Hampstead Chamber
(910) 270-9642/(800) 833-2483
www.hampsteadchamber.com

Greater Jacksonville-Onslow
(910) 347-3141
www.jacksonvilleonline.org
www.onslowcountytourism.com

Greater Topsail Area
(800) 626-2780
www.topsailcoc.com

Greater Whiteville
(800) 538-2449/(910) 642-3171

Kenansville Area
(910) 296-2180

Kenly Chamber
(919) 284-5510
www.kenlynorthcarolina.com

Kinston CVB
(800) 869-0032
www.visitkinston.com

Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber
(252) 527-1131
www.commercekinstonlc.com

LaGrange
(252) 527-1131

Mt. Olive Area Chamber
(919) 658-3113
www.moachamber.com
www.ncpicklefest.org

Nash County Visitors Bureau
(800) 849-6825
www.RockyMountTravel.com

NC Ferries
(800) BY-FERRY
www.ncferry.org

Onslow County Tourism
(800) 932-2144
www.onslowcountytourism.com

Pender County

(Burgaw)
(910) 259-9817
www.visitpender.com

Pleasure Island (Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Fort Fisher)

(800) 222-4757/(910) 341-4030
www.gocapefearcoast.com
www.carolinabeachgetaway.com
www.explorekurebeach.com

Rose Hill

(910) 289-2721

Southeastern Welcome Center

(I-95 South, Rowland)
(910) 754-2505

Southport Visitor Center, Southport

(910) 457-7927
www.cityofsouthport.com

Southport-Oak Island

(800) 457-6964/(910) 457-6964
www.southport-oakisland.com

Tabor City

(910) 653-2031

Wallace

(910) 285-4044

Warsaw

(910) 293-7814

Wayne County Chamber

(919) 734-2241
www.waynecountychamber.com

Wilson Visitors Bureau

(252) 243-8440/(800) 497-7398
www.wilson-nc.com

Wrightsville Beach Visitors Center

(866) 266-9690/(910) 341-4030
www.visitwrightsville.com

NORTHERN COAST**Ahoskie Chamber**

(252) 332-2042

Aycock Brown Welcome Center,

Kitty Hawk
(252) 261-4644
www.outerbanks.org

Belhaven Community Chamber

(252) 943-3770
www.belhavenchamber.com

Chowan County Tourism, Edenton

(800) 775-0111/(252) 482-3400
www.www.visitedenton.com

Coast Host

Information on attractions and accommodation.
www.coasthost-nc.com

Corolla/Currituck Chamber

(252) 453-9497/(877) CURRITUCK
www.currituckchamber.org

Crystal Coast Tourism Authority

(800) 786-6962/(252) 726-8148
www.crystalcoastnc.org

Dare County

(252) 475-5000
www.darenc.com

Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center, Camden County

(252) 771-8333
www.DismalSwamp.com

Duck

(252) 255-1234
www.townofduck.com

Eastern NC Chamber

(919) 237-5151

Elizabeth City Area CVB

(252) 335-5330
www.discoverec.org

Farmville Chamber

(252) 753-4670

Gates County Manager

(252) 357-1240

Greater Tyrrell County Chamber

(252) 796-1996

Greenville/Pitt County CVB

(800) 537-5564
www.visitgreenvillenc.com

Havelock

(252) 447-1101
www.havelockchamber.net

Halifax County Tourism

(800) 522-4282
www.visithalifax.com

Historic Albemarle Tour

(800) 734-1117
www.historicncenc.com

Historic Bath Visitor Center

(252) 923-3971
www.bath.nchistoricsites.org

Hyde County Chamber

(252) 926-9171/(888) 493-3826
www.hydecounty.org

Kill Devil Hills

(252) 449-5300
www.kdhnc.com

Kitty Hawk

(252) 261-3552
www.townofkittyhawk.org

Lake Gaston Chamber and Visitors Center

(252) 586-5711/(866) 730-5711
www.lakegastonchamber.com

Manteo

(252) 473-2133
www.townofmanteo.com

Martin County Chamber

(252) 792-4131
www.martincountync.com

Martin County Travel & Tourism

(800) 776-8566
www.visitmartincounty.com

Murfreesboro Historical Association

(252) 398-5922

NC Ferries

(800) BY-FERRY
www.ncferry.org

NC Welcome Center

(I-95 North).
(252) 537-9836

NC Welcome Center

(I-85 North).
(252) 456-3236

Nags Head

(252) 441-5508
www.townofnagshead.net

New Bern/Craven County Convention and Visitor Center

(800) 437-5767
www.visitnewbern.com

Ocracoke NPS Visitor Center

(252) 928-4531

Outer Banks Chamber

(252) 441-8144
www.outerbankschamber.com

Outer Banks Welcome Center on Roanoke Island

(252) 473-2138/(877) OBX-4FUN
www.outerbanks.org

Pamlico County Visitor Center

(252) 745-3008
www.pamlicochamber.com
www.pamlicodirectory.com

Perquimans County Visitors Center

(252) 426-5657
www.perquimans.com

Roanoke Valley Chamber

(800) 522-4282
www.rvchamber.com

Rocky Mount

(252) 972-1151
www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us

Scotland Neck

(252) 826-3152
www.townofscotlandneck.com

Southern Shores

(252) 261-2394
www.southernshores-nc.gov

Swansboro

(910) 326-1174
www.tourswansboro.com

Tarboro-Edgecombe Chamber

(252) 823-7241
www.tarboro-nc.com

Tyrrell County Visitors Center

(252) 796-0723
www.visittyrrellcounty.com

Washington County Tourism

(252) 793-3248
www.washingtoncountync.com

Washington/Beaufort County Visitor Information

(800) 999-3857
www.originalwashington.com

Windsor/Bertie County Chamber

(252) 794-4277
www.windsor-bertie.com