

# rock your classroom

## Art & History

- Immerse yourself in the wonder of **Biltmore**, America's largest privately owned home. Offerings specifically designed with student groups in mind include an escorted tour of Biltmore House and an interactive one-hour program at River Bend Farm at Antler Hill Village. Lunch is available onsite at one of Biltmore's restaurants.
- Compliment your Biltmore visit with a stop at nearby **Smith-McDowell House Museum**, Asheville's first mansion and oldest surviving structure and home to many of Asheville most influential residents.
- Take a self-guided tour through **Asheville Art Museum**, featuring a large collection of 20th and 21st century American art and a large variety of rotating exhibits.
- Venture into the River Arts District for an interactive art project at **The Village Potters**. Their "Get Your Hands Dirty" workshop teaches participants how to make Appalachian style pottery using age-old tools and techniques.

## Environmental Science

- Sign up for a guided visit at **The North Carolina Arboretum** where K-8 students can partake in programs like "Amazing Arthropods," "Exploring Ecology," and "Tree Math." Academic programs blend the benefits of outdoor education and STEM education through interactive experiences within the 434 acre campus.
- Enjoy a stop at **Asheville Museum of Science** in downtown Asheville with state-of-art programs and exhibits that focus primarily on weather and earth sciences. Their cutting edge technologies help to intrigue and inspire science and nature lovers alike.
- Travel to the **Pisgah National Forest** to explore the never-ending world of forestry and natural history at America's first forestry school, the Cradle of Forestry. At the Forest Discovery Center, specially designed programs addressing science, social studies, forestry and living history are available and correlate to N.C. state curriculum standards and U.S. Forest Service guidelines.
- Visit the **Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education**, operated by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. The Center includes a wildlife garden, an award winning film, exhibits and the NC WILD store. Also located on-site is the state's largest trout hatchery where visitors can feed brook, brown and rainbow trout.
- Say hello to black bears, river otters, red pandas, cougars and more at the **WNC Nature Center**. This local wildlife center offers guided and self-guided tours as well as STEAM programs for grades levels K-12.

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## Adventure & Teambuilding

- Get into the great outdoors and see Asheville from a whole new perspective – by treetop! Zip-lining, teambuilding, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, and kayaking are just some of the many options available at **Adventure Center of Asheville** and their sister company, **Wildwater**. Boxed lunches available.
- Explore the parameters with a visit to **Chimney Rock State Park**, known for its spectacular 75-mile views, numerous hiking trails, a 404-foot waterfall, and Nature Center. The staff botanists and ornithologist provide programs studying the natural wonders found along the park's trails. Lunch is available at the nearby Old Rock Café.
- Just a mile from Chimney Rock State Park is **Lake Lure** and its 27 miles of shoreline. Voted one of America's top 10 most beautiful man-made lakes by National Geographic, explore Lake Lure's history and beauty in the easy comfort of a guided boat tour and see a variety of local wildlife.
- Experience the southern Appalachians with a guided hike from **Blue Ridge Hiking Company**, founded by National Geographic's "Adventurer of the Year" Jennifer Pharr Davis.

## Just for Fun

- Enjoy a night at the ballpark with the **Asheville Tourists** minor league baseball team. Check the schedule to see if your visit coincides with one of the many special events hosted throughout the season. Concessions are available onsite.
- Shop in style at **Asheville Outlets**, featuring over 75 name brand retailers, several local goods shops, and expansive Dillard's Clearance Center. A food court and Starbucks are available onsite.
- Experience the world of virtual reality with an afternoon at **Better Than Unicorns**. VR headsets allow participants to work through teambuilding challenges together in a digital fantasy world!
- Bust out the board games (and belly laughs) with a casual and fun visit to **Well Played Café**, a gathering space that houses over 600 board games for all ages and skill levels.
- Go old-school entertainment at **Asheville Retrocade**. Over 5000 video games, pinball, billards, skeeball, foosball, and the best in retro music are available all day with unlimited play for only \$10/person.