



HISTORY & CRAFTS

It's 2022, which means Boone celebrates its 150th birthday this year. Fun events abound with the birthday, including the brand new [Boonerang Festival](#) on the weekend of June 17-18, which welcomes visitors old and new to rediscover all there is to love about Boone. The vibrant and exciting community pays homage to its rich heritage throughout the area, from the music to the crafts to the beautiful and diverse landscape.

When in Boone, visitors can always find their niche, whether it's driving the [Blue Ridge Parkway](#) via the famous [Linn Cove Viaduct](#) or hiking to waterfalls along one of the many trails. This year, [Grandfather Mountain](#) will open its brand new Conservation Campus. Visitors can experience the Wilson Center for Nature Discovery, featuring all-new state-of-the-art museum exhibits, as well as outdoor learning spaces, an amphitheater, a botanical garden, and more.

In 2022, the [Moses Cone Memorial Park](#) restoration of Flat Top Manor is complete, and with the reopening, the Parkway Craft Center will resume operation. Visitors can find the finest quality Appalachian Mountain hand-made crafts by Southern Highland Craft Guild members with craft demonstrations on the porch seasonally. If you want to explore some of the craft offerings throughout Boone, check out the Blue Ridge Craft Trails [Itinerary](#) for Watauga County.

From guitar makers like Chris Capozzoli of Capozzoli Guitar Company, influenced by Boone's own Doc Watson, renowned bluegrass musician, to local chocolate maker Devorah Chocolate crafting small batch bean-to-bar chocolate, this quaint town is bursting with creativity. Find Devorah and a vast range of diverse and interesting local artisans at the [Watauga County Farmers Market](#) from spring to fall and the [Boone Winter Farmers Market](#) during the winter months, both centrally located in Boone. Boone's painters, quilters, potters, and other artisans share craft traditions long known and treasured in and around the mountains of Boone.



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