

N.C. DANIEL BOONE HERITAGE TRAIL SITES IN WATAUGA COUNTY

1 • Boone Trail Highway Marker, Registration No. 26 – Blowing Rock

This pyramid-shaped marker stands next to the 1888 Blowing Rock Museum. It is made of local stone and masonry with a Boone Highway tablet and a cast metal bear above. The tablet is the image taken from Alonzo Chappel's 1861 illustration of Boone and his hunting dog. The Bear sculpture is a recast from the original that is in private possession. The nearby Yonahlossee Road (Hwy. 221 to Linville) is named for the Cherokee word for Bear.

1094 Main St., Blowing Rock, N.C.

GPS coordinates: 36.132890, -81.678330

2 • Boone Trail Highway Marker, Registration No. 10 – Sugar Grove

This marker along Old Hwy. 421 in Sugar Grove is located in front of the Western Watauga Community Center. Included is a bronze tablet commemorating the Buffalo Trail in addition to the tablet depicting Alonzo Chappel's illustration of D. Boone. Follow the Buffalo Trail/Old Hwy. 421 north to Zionville Baptist Church (organized in 1836), where a cemetery monument stands to Revolutionary War Veteran, William Landrine Eggers (d. 1837). Eggers was one of the earliest European settlers in the Boone area, having migrated from the Jersey Settlement of North Carolina. He fought in the Battle of Monmouth.

1081 Old Hwy. 421, Sugar Grove, N.C.

GPS coordinates: 36.266463, -81.783688

3 • Daniel Boone With Hunting Dogs Statue

The statue by sculptor Sherry Edwards marks the approximate former location of a herders' cabin Daniel used while exploring and hunting in the area. His neighbor, Benjamin Howard, had a slave and herder, Burrell, who in 1845 reported to Thomas Isbell that he showed Boone the route to the cabin. Just behind Newland Hall overlooking this spot is a giant, white oak tree estimated by arborists to have sprouted there as early as 1719.

Appalachian State Duck Pond, Rivers Street, Boone, N.C.

GPS coordinates: 36.214254, -81.682715

4 • Daniel Boone Cabin Monument

This monument in Rivers Park is a reconstruction of the same style originally built in 1912 by Boone's first mayor, William L. Bryan, a first cousin, twice-removed, of Rebecca Bryan Boone. The monument, incorporating stones from the chimney of Howard's cabin, formerly stood opposite the Appalachian State Duck Pond and was reconstructed at the current site in 2005. Follow a wooded trail uphill to find "Baby," the largest maple tree in the state of North Carolina, marked with a fence surround.

Rivers Park, 101 Clay House Dr., Boone, N.C.

GPS coordinates: 36.217911, -81.686580

5 • D.A.R. Marker at Watauga County Courthouse

This D.A.R. marker is a cast iron plaque attached to a stone wall on a stair landing beside the current Watauga County courthouse. The inscription reads, "Daniel Boone's Trail from North Carolina to Kentucky, 1769, marked by the N.C. Daughters of the American Revolution."

842 W. King St., Boone, N.C.

GPS coordinates: 36.220150, -81.686630

6 • Meat Camp and Elk Knob State Park

Ten miles north of Boone, enjoy hiking, ranger programs, and primitive camping sites at Elk Knob State Park. This is the location of the headwaters of the North Fork of the New River. Enjoy the scenery through the Meat Camp community. Historians say Meat Camp was the location of a hunting cabin used by Daniel Boone and other longhunters. From Elk Knob's summit, take in the views of three states, including the peaks of Mount Rogers (Va.), the Iron Mountains of Va. and Tenn., and Mt. Mitchell in N.C. Here, Daniel Boone may have passed over the ridge to Shouns Crossroads.

5564 Meat Camp Rd, Todd, N.C.

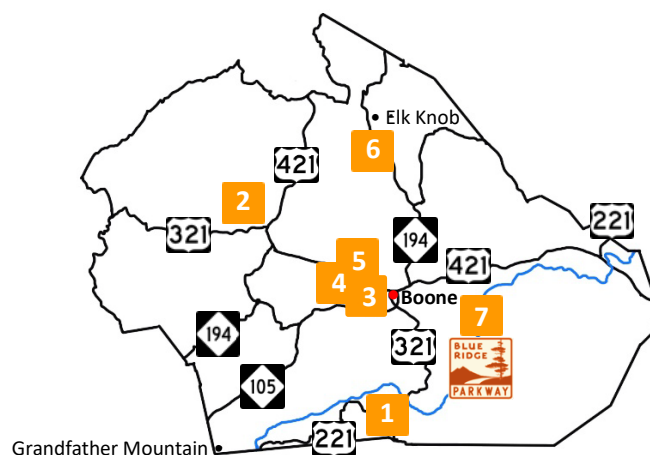
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7 • Boone's Trace, Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 285.1

At this Parkway overlook by the headwaters of Sandpit Branch was a D.A.R. cast iron plaque attached to a boulder. It was stolen twice, most recently in 1997. The Blue Ridge Parkway sign reads, "Boone's Trace | Local tradition places this location on this route used by Daniel Boone on his westward treks. | Elev. Here: 3262." From his home in what is now Ferguson, N.C., Daniel reached this spot by tracing Elk Creek to its headwaters. Sandpit then flows into confluence with Laurel Branch, Days Creek, and Goshen Creek to form the East Fork of the New River, two and a half miles east of its confluence with the Middle Fork and Winklers Creek to form the South Fork of the New River.

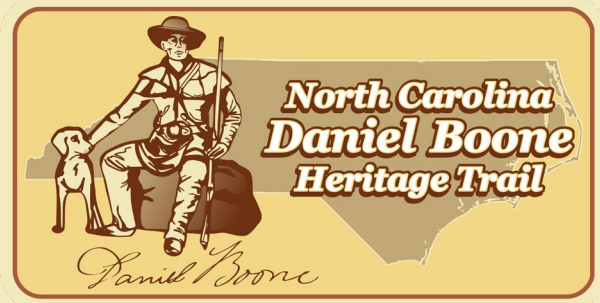
Blue Ridge Parkway, Milepost 285.1

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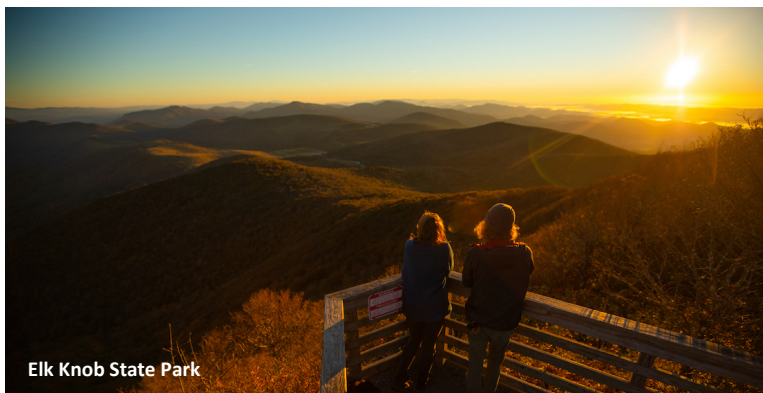
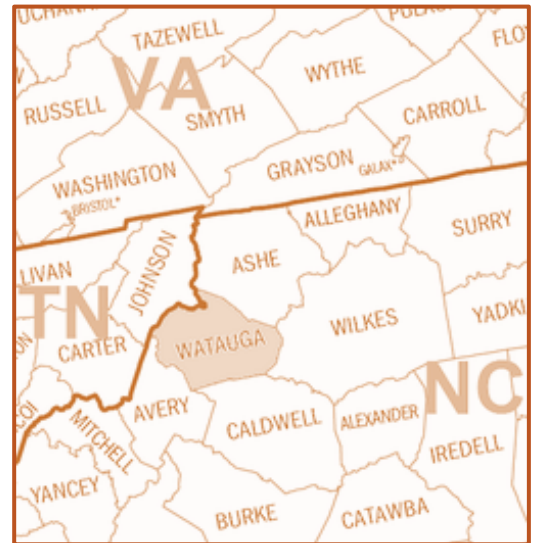
STAND WHERE HE STOOD

Half-Day Itineraries by County



WATAUGA COUNTY

When Daniel Boone lived in North Carolina (1752-1773), N.C. lands were still wild, a frontier which spanned all the way to the Mississippi River. The Boones migrated from Pennsylvania and settled on the Yadkin River in 1752. In 1764, Daniel and Rebecca Bryan Boone left for a new home at the foot of the Blue Ridge escarpment in today's Wilkes County. Daniel's neighbors, such as Benjamin Howard, grazed their cattle in the high meadows of what became Watauga County. With the help of Benjamin Howard's shepherd and slave, Burrell, Daniel explored the surrounding mountains, eventually blazing a trail to Kentucky.



Elk Knob State Park



Hickory Ridge Living History Museum



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The statue, *Daniel Boone with His Dogs*, stands along Rivers Street, beside the Appalachian State University duck pond. Street parking is permitted.

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