

A North Carolina Pet Getaway in Lake Lure and the Blue Ridge Foothills

Explore our quaint downtowns and enjoy the friendly faces and wagging tails that will welcome you to Lake Lure and the Blue Ridge Foothills. The following are some must-see, dog-friendly stops for a trip with your pup that you don't want to miss.

Stay:

4 Paws Kingdom Campground
The 1927 Lake Lure Inn & Spa

Pine Gables Cabins

Eat:

Bee Happy Eats & Sweets
Serendipity Snowballs
Barley's Pizzeria and Taproom
Riverwatch Grill
Main Street Coffee & Ice Cream
Hickory Nut Gorge Brewery
Lake House Diner

Copper Penny Grill
Larkin's on the Lake
GreenHill Store
Point of View
Medina's Village Bistro
Larkin's on the Lake

Tours and Trails:

Cherry Bounce Trail Driving Tour
Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park
Chimney Rock State Park

Purple Martin Greenway
Historic Downtown Walking Tour
Rocky Broad Riverwalk

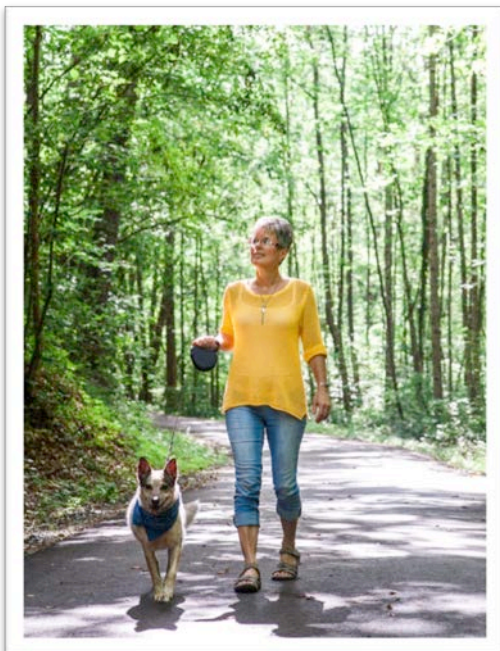
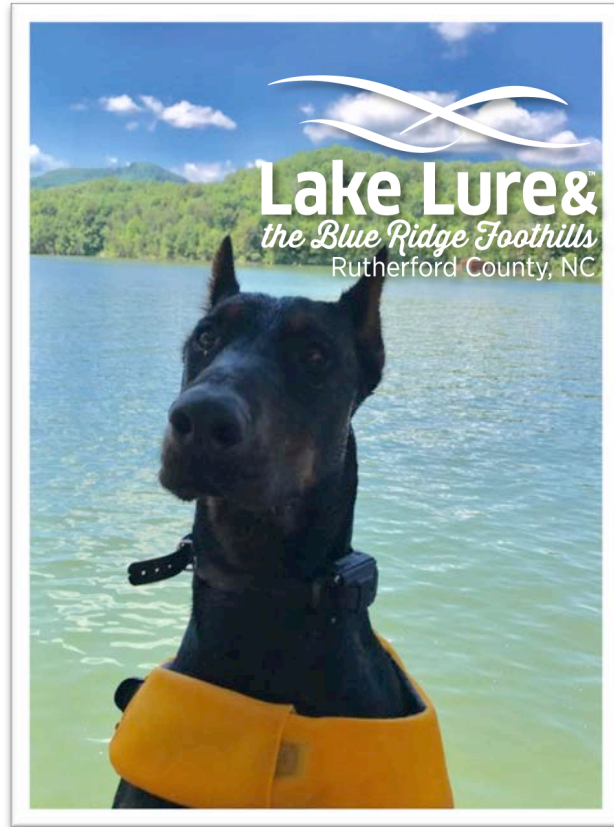
Buffalo Creek Park
Lake Lure Flowering Bridge

Don't Miss:

Rutherford Pet Supply
Lake Lure Adventure Company

Bubba O'Leary's General Store
Paws and Purrs Barkery

Morse Park Meadows
Mirror Mirror Boutique



DAY 1: ARRIVAL

Get settled in and become acquainted with your new canine getaway. **4 Paws Kingdom Campground and Dog Retreat** offers RV rentals, RV sites, and cabin rentals. It is a campground dedicated to your fur babies and centrally located to many attractions. After check in, take a leisurely stroll down the **Purple Martin Greenway** in Rutherfordton, a newly-built walking trail surrounded by forest in the middle of our growing small town, or see some historic sites on the **Downtown Historic Walking Tour**. While downtown, stop in at **Paws and Purrs Barkery** for adorable dog attire and homemade organic dog treats! For dinner, head to Spindale to **Barley's Taproom and Pizzeria** for delicious pizzas, sandwiches and locally-crafted beers. The outdoor seating on Main Street will be perfect for your furry friend. If visiting us on the weekend, you can usually catch a local band playing after dinner at many local restaurants including **Barley's** or **Foothills Café** in nearby Forest City.



DAY 2: Chimney Rock

Begin day two of your trip with breakfast at **Medina's Village Bistro** in Chimney Rock Village – a local favorite. Try their "World Famous Cinnamon Roll" for a breakfast treat and ask about their special dog menu! After finishing breakfast, gear up for fun at **Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park**. They have plenty of trails to hike with your four-legged companion. Try the **Hickory Nut Falls Trail**, which is not too strenuous and ends with a waterfall to play in – perfect for you and your dog. Hiking builds an appetite, so after your fun in **Chimney Rock State Park**, head on down to **Riverwatch Grill**. Sit out on the patio and relax by the Rocky Broad River. After lunch, exit off the back-deck stairs for a walk down the **Rocky Broad Riverwalk**. Your pampered pooch will enjoy getting to splash around and play in the cool river. While in the neighborhood, stroll through **Chimney Rock Village** to check out all the eclectic shops. Make a special stop in **Bubba O'Leary's General Store** – dogs of all types are welcome! End your day with a rewarding craft brew at **Hickory Nut Gorge Brewery** and dinner with your hungry hound. Obviously, the beer is for humans only, but the views are for both of you! With four decks right at the edge of the Rocky Broad River, the brewery is perfect for you and your furry friend to enjoy the outdoors.



DAY 3: Lake Lure

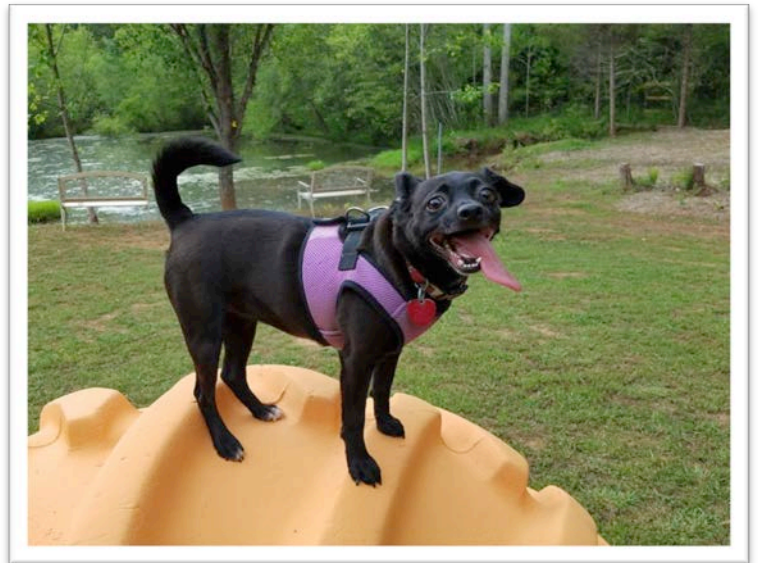
We hope you're not tired of sightseeing with your pampered pet quite yet! We have lots of adventures planned for you at the lake today. Grab a cup of coffee or a tasty treat from **GreenHill Store** as you head up to Lake Lure. It's a great place to fuel up the car and your belly with a quick biscuit before a fun-filled day. For the adventurous pup, take them to **Lake Lure Adventure Company**. You can rent a canoe or paddle boat, and your pet can doggy-paddle around the cove or accompany you on your raft. We

recommend that all humans and dogs wear a life vest. Is your pup a more low-key adventurer? We have just the thing. The **Lake Lure Flowering Bridge** is not only beautiful, but also relaxing. Take a stroll, and literally stop and smell the flowers. Afterwards, bring a picnic lunch or grab lunch to go from **Lake House Diner** and sit under a shaded picnic table in **Morse Park Meadows**. Then, enjoy a walk around **Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park** or **Buffalo Creek Park** in Lake Lure. **Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park** is best for pooches who prefer a leisurely stroll in beautiful wooded area. With a looped natural trail approximately three miles long, it's so peaceful and quiet that you'll forget that you are in close proximity to shops and restaurants by the lake. Alternately, **Buffalo Creek Park** is for dogs (and owners) who want a challenging hike with rewarding views. Located inside Rumbling Bald Resort, the 10-mile trail is open to any adventurous person and pup. For dinner, sit outside at **Point of View Restaurant** for even more scenic views, and amazing dishes like Trout Amandine or Prime Rib, while you and your pooch both rest from a long, adventurous day.

DAY 4: Check Out

Don't forget to take a dip in the pond or play in the agility park at **4 Paws Kingdom** before you leave. It is a puppy preferred campground for a reason! After check out, explore another of our historic small towns, Forest City. Home of the **Forest City Owls** and a one-million Christmas lights, treat your pup to a walk around and browse inside shops like **Mirror Mirror Boutique** and **Forest City Pets**. Stop for lunch at **Copper Penny Grill**, located right across the street from Forest City Pets. The outdoor seating makes it perfect for you and your pooch to enjoy the food and the beautiful weather. After your doggy lunch date, stop by **Serendipity Snowballs** for a perfect summer treat. Want a puppy snowball? Ask and you shall receive!

On your way out of town, put the windows down and let your dog(s) hang their head out as you drive the **Cherry Bounce Trail**. This backroads tour is an old moonshine route taken by those in search of Amos Owens' famous Cherry Bounce drink made from the sweet cherries of Golden Valley. Depending on when you arrive to our area, the tour can take anywhere from an hour and a half to several hours if you get lost in the nostalgia found along the way. Your dog will be all tuckered out and ready for a nap while you travel back home. We hope everyone – both humans and canines - *have the time of your life* in Western North Carolina's Blue Ridge Foothills!



Quick Reference Guide for Top Stops

For a complete list of lodging, restaurants, shops and things to do, go to www.VisitNCSmallTowns.com.

Stay:

4 Paws Kingdom Campground

335 Lazy Creek Drive
Rutherfordton, NC 28139
828-287-7324

1927 Lake Lure Inn & Spa

2771 Memorial Highway
Lake Lure, NC 28746
828-625-2525

Pine Gables Cabins

Boys Camp Road
Lake Lure, NC 28746
PineGables@aol.com

Eat:

Barley's Pizzeria and Taproom

123 West Main Street
Spindale, NC 28160
828-288-8388

Bee Happy Eats and Sweets

213 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139
828-395-2444
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Copper Penny

146 East Main Street
Forest City, NC 28043
828-287-3853
Closed Sunday

GreenHill Store

2751 U.S. Hwy 64/74A
Rutherfordton, NC 28139
828-287-0571

Lake House Diner

2795 Memorial Hwy
Lake Lure, NC 28746
828-436-5555
Closed Monday & Tuesday

Hickory Nut Gorge Brewery

461 Main Street
Chimney Rock Village, NC 28720
828-436-7047

Larkin's on the Lake

1020 Memorial Highway
Lake Lure, NC 28746
828-625-4075

Main Street Coffee & Ice Cream

185 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139
828-288-4950

Medina's Village Bistro

430 Main Street
Chimney Rock, NC 28720
828-989-4529

Point of View Restaurant

454 Memorial Highway
Lake Lure, NC 28746
828-625-4380

Riverwatch Bar & Grill

379 Main Street
Chimney Rock Village, NC 28720
828-625-1030
Closed Wednesday

Serendipity Snowballs

375 S. Broadway Street
Forest City, NC 28043
828-287-3167

Shopping:

Paws and Purrs

212 North Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28129
828-288-9553
Closed Sunday and Monday

Rutherford Pet Supply

115 Reservation Dr
Spindale, NC 28160
828-395-2323

Bubba O'Leary's

384 Main Street
Chimney Rock Village, NC 28720
828-625-2479

Mirror Mirror Boutique

106 E. Main Street
Forest City, NC 28043
828-229-5600

Don't Miss:

Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park

431 Main Street
Chimney Rock Village, NC 28720
828-625-9611

Buffalo Creek Park

2191 Buffalo Creek Road
Lake Lure, NC 29746
828-625-9983

Dittmer-Watts Nature Trail Park

271 NC-9
Lake Lure, NC 28746
828-625-9983

Lake Lure Adventure Company

470 Memorial Hwy
Lake Lure, NC 28746
828-625-8066

Morse Park Meadows

2932 Memorial Highway
(Behind Welcome Center)
Lake Lure, NC 28746
828-287-6113

Purple Martin Greenway

Highway 221 South
Rutherfordton, NC 28139
828-287-3520