



# ADVENTUROUS

When it comes to travel there's nothing you love more than feeding your wanderlust with an adventure-filled adrenaline rush. Rutherford county can help you with that.

## WHERE TO STAY

### CABINS, COTTAGES, AND CAMPING

#### County-wide

For adventure-bound travelers the outdoors beckon, and sometimes navigating a hotel room with all your gear can be a daunting task. We can fix that! One quick search [here](#) you'll have more options for cabins, cottages, and vacation rentals than you could ever imagine. Looking for a spot a bit more rustic where you can gaze at the stars before climbing into your tent? Local camping and RV rentals can be found [here](#). Need a spot to kick back on a lakeside dock? How about a picturesque mountainside cabin or an amenity-filled campground with a view? All of these and more are available, and finding your perfect adventure resting spot only takes a click or two.

### HOTELS AND MOTELS

#### County-wide

Do you prefer your adventure with a side of hotel amenities? Rutherford county has you covered. One quick search [here](#) and you'll have hotel and motel options from the depths of Golden Valley to the towns of Lake Lure and Chimney Rock at your fingertips. From chain hotel options to picturesque local inns and riverside lodging, it's easy to find your ideal spot to chill after a day of exciting escapades.

## WHAT TO DO

### ROCK CLIMBING

#### Chimney Rock

If the sports of rock climbing, bouldering, and rappelling entice, **Chimney Rock State Park** is the place for you. The park allows rock climbing, rappelling, and bouldering on Eagle Rock and on the south face of Rumbling Bald Mountain. Climbing Eagle Rock requires the purchase of park access, but Rumbling Bald Mountain can be accessed without entrance to the park. All climbing, bouldering, and rappelling are at the climber's own risk, and a **permit is required**.

## ZIPLINING

### Lake Lure

Flying through the air with the greatest of ease? Yep. That's you! **Boulderline Zip** offers a number of package options from mini-ziplines for smaller adventurers, to exciting ridge-to-ridge lines, and spine-tingling night zip-lining complete with headlamps and glow paint. They even offer climbing walls and a giant hillside swing.

**Canopy Ridge Farm** is another thrill-seeking favorite. This Outdoor Adventure Park offers exhilarating zipline tours of Hickory Nut Gorge that range across 60 acres of the area's hardwood forests including their largest line Zipzilla. Prefer to get your thrills a little less sky level? They also have exciting UTV tours! Leave the beaten path behind as you drive or ride along in one of their Kawasaki UTVs over hills, across logs, and through diversely forested terrain.

Both companies strongly suggest reservations, so make sure to call or visit their websites for booking and waiver documentation before your arrival.

## HORSEBACK RIDING

### Lake Lure

If reveling in the beauty of nature atop a faithful steed sounds like your ideal form of excitement, we've got your perfect breed of adventure. **Riverside Riding Stables** offers 1-hour guided trail rides, 2-hour river rides that literally allow you to swim with your horse as you traverse incredibly scenic mountain trails, and even 3-day, 2-night pack trips full of riding, fishing, and camping adventures.

**Cedar Creek Stables** offers 1, 1.5, and 2-hour trail rides journeying across forests, thickets, creeks, and even mountain ridges on their Overlook Trail to experience some of the most spectacular views you've ever seen.

Both Cedar Creek and Riverside Stables require reservations for most outings, so be sure to check out their websites for rates and booking information.

## HIKING

### Golden Valley, Chimney Rock

If pushing yourself to the brink of exhaustion on a scenic and challenging hike is exactly what the doctor ordered, you're in luck. The **South Mountains Game Lands & State Park** offers 40 miles of mid to high difficulty trails that are perfect for seasoned runners, hikers, mountain bikers, or horseback riders. Pair that with the spectacular year-round views of Golden Valley and you've got one seriously beautiful adrenaline rush in the making.

Not to be missed, **Chimney Rock State Park** offers more than just rock climbing. Their challenging trails up stairways, across waterfalls, and atop the giant stone monolith are not for the faint of heart. For a serious adventure be sure to check out their **Skyline Trail**. It pushes your stamina wandering through ridgetop forests, across creek headwaters, and along the park's sheer cliffs.

Lake Lure, Chimney Rock and the Blue Ridge Foothills has a plethora of adventurous activities. One quick search [here](#) will provide information on the above specific options as well as many more.

## WHERE TO EAT

### DISCOVER YOUR YUM

#### County-wide

Regardless of your adventure style, there's nothing better than kicking back with some great food and beverage at the end of an incredible day. In Forest City, check out **The Shak**. With a laid back setting that includes food and drink specials, it's the perfect location to chill out and nosh. The **Moose & Goose Lounge** in Lake Lure is a relaxed atmosphere with incredible views and great menus or **Barley's Taproom & Pizzeria** in Spindale offers a combination of pizzas, calzones, sandwiches, and subs, and was rated one of the 'Best Taprooms in the South' by Southern Draught Magazine. **Amendment 21 Grill** in Rutherfordton is a great spot for exceptional food and drinks, or if you're looking for a place to grab a bite with spectacular views and fantastic brews, look no further than **Hickory Nut Gorge Craft Brewery**. Located in the Village of Chimney Rock along the banks of the Rocky Broad River, this local brewery and taproom is a must-stop for anyone looking to unwind after a long day of adventure in the great outdoors.

All area restaurants offer take-out options too if you'd rather enjoy your meal in the comfort of your cabin or campsite. Start your search [here](#) for the perfect meal on your perfect adventure filled getaway!

## ADVENTURE: FOOTHILLS STYLE!

From day trips to long weekends or even week-long journeys, there's no better place to feed your adventurous wanderlust than Rutherford county. So come on out! We can't wait to see you soon!

