



CANINE COMPATIBLE

For you, no travel experience is complete without your furry best friend by your side. From dog-friendly hikes to water-based frolics or relaxing with shared snacks and a great view, in Rutherford county, we've got the getaway options that'll get both your tails wagging!

WHERE TO STAY

4 PAWS KINGDOM & CAMPGROUND

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If you're searching for the ultimate faithful companion lodging option, look no further. In addition to amenity-full campsite options from cabins to camping and RV, 4 Paws also offers onsite dog parks, swimming ponds, an agility park, and doggie spa-style grooming stations all for man's best friend. There's no better place for a getaway with your furry buddy by your side.

CABIN & COTTAGE RENTALS

County-wide

For canine-compatible travelers, finding a hotel room that welcomes your four-legged companion can sometimes be a daunting task. We have a cure for that! One quick search on the [VisitNCSmallTowns](#) website and you'll have more options for cabins and cottage rentals than you can shake a stick at. Need a spot to frolic on a lakeside dock? How about a picturesque mountainside cabin or a cottage with a view? All of these and more are available, and finding you and your best friend's ideal chill spot only takes a click or two.

WHAT TO DO

HIKING, BIKING, AND WALKING TRAILS

County-wide

There is literally no shortage of trail options for every ability (and agility!) level in Rutherford county, and many trails offer both hiking and mountain biking options. Check out **Buffalo Creek Park** in Lake Lure. It's 1,527 acres of multiple trails for hikers and cyclists, is dog friendly, and its Weed Patch Mountain Trail links to **Chimney Rock State Park** at the incredible Eagle Rock.

Speaking of Chimney Rock, this state park boasts a myriad of walking and hiking trails that offer canine-friendly adventure seekers of every ability-level the chance to explore nature at its most breathtaking. If you're looking for a trail that's an easy walk, check out local favorites like the **Bearwallow Mountain Trail**, the **Purple Martin Greenway Trail**, or even the 13.5-mile **Thermal Belt Rail Trail** for those that prefer a combination of local towns and scenic beauty during their journey.

DOG PARKS & PONDS

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4 Paws Kingdom is an incredible place that is more than just a dog-friendly campground. They offer multiple enclosed dog parks, an agility park for skill training, a private pond perfect for dog paddling, and a doggie spa for the ultimate in canine pampering. Not staying at the Kingdom? Simply call ahead and book a time to enjoy just the amenities for the day!

TREATS AND TOYS

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Just in case you need a re-up on treats, forgot a favorite chew, or even if you just want to make sure that your fur baby is dressed their very best, be sure to visit **Paws & Purrs**. This little locally-owned shop has an incredible variety of toys, blankets, collars, harnesses, and leashes, and even gourmet treats and stylish outdoor wear just to ensure your favorite furry friend looks great while enjoying your joint vacay.

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



WHERE TO MUNCH

CHOMP-WORTHY CHOW

County-wide

When you're traveling, canine-friendly dining options with incredible food and views aren't always the easiest to find. That's not the case in Rutherford county! **Medina's Village Bistro** sits on Main Street along the Rocky Broad in Chimney Rock Village, is one of the highest-rated restaurants in the area, and always welcomes furry family members on their covered patio.

They offer dine-in or carryout breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, and even have a special menu just for four-legged friends! The **Tiki Bar & Grill at Geneva Riverside** in Lake Lure welcomes canine companions to hang out and enjoy their island-style menu on their riverside patio with their human companions, and **Hickory Nut Gorge Craft Brewery** in Chimney Rock is a perfect place to kick back and enjoy a spectacular panoramic view with munchies and a locally crafted brew all with your furry best friend by your side. If wine is more your taste of choice than beer, definitely visit **Burntshirt Vineyards Tasting Room and Vineyards** in Chimney Rock. Their patio is always open to furry family members and their southern-style bistro menu and wine flight options are truly sublime.

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

TAIL-WAGGING DELIGHTS: FOOTHILLS STYLE!

From day trips to long weekends or even week-long journeys, there's no better place to grab some Q.T. with your favorite four-legged companion than Rutherford county. So grab their favorite kong and come on out! We can't wait to see you soon!!

