



FAMILY-FRIENDLY

In your world, if it's not fun for the whole family, it's not fun at all! We agree. Here in Rutherford county, we've got traveling family-style down to a science.

WHERE TO STAY

RUMBLING BALD RESORT

Lake Lure

Rumbling Bald Resort is one of those rare finds that offers a variety of lodging options to fit any family style and budget. They even have a number of packages that come with amenities such as canoe or kayak rentals, rounds of mini-golf, scenic lake cruises, spa services, and resort gift cards included in addition to your lodging.

THE ESMERALDA INN

Chimney Rock

No matter whether it's rooms in the lodge or cabins along the gorge, this historically charming inn is definitely a family favorite. Located in the village of Chimney Rock, you'll be a stone's throw away from the Rocky Broad River and Chimney Rock State Park, and only minutes from all of Lake Lure's activity options. Packages and specials are available so be sure to check out all the options.

YOGI BEAR'S JELLYSTONE PARK & CAMP RESORT

Golden Valley

Tucked away at the base of the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains, and conveniently located between Asheville and Charlotte, Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™ Camp-Resort is a perfect family getaway destination! The picturesque 600+ acres features accommodations including luxury cabins and lodges with all the comforts of home, full hook-up RV sites, glamping tents with lake views, and premium tent sites. Visitors will spend the day enjoying activities and amenities such as canoeing, kayaking, fishing, an interactive water playground with water slides, a huge swimming pool, hiking trails, sports courts, laser tag, arts & crafts, a jumping pillow and jump pad, 18-hole mini golf course and playgrounds!

One quick search [here](#) will provide information on the above specific options as well as many more options for resorts, B&Bs, cabins, cottages, and camping than you could ever imagine. Need a relaxing spot with a lakeside dock? How about a picturesque mountainside cabin or even a family-friendly campground with amenities and a view? All of these and more are available and finding your family's perfect spot only takes a click or two.

WHAT TO DO

CHIMNEY ROCK STATE PARK

Chimney Rock

Chimney Rock State Park is more than just a natural giant rock monolith. The park's variety of trails, each with its own spectacular views are some of the area's most incredible nature-filled inspirations for young and old alike. Hike along the magical **Hickory Nut Falls Trail** to the base of a 404-foot natural waterfall. Wander along the **Great Woodland Adventure Trail** and learn about the region's many animal friends at their discovery stations along the way, then explore the **Animal Discovery Den** full of local 'wildlife ambassadors'. Before beginning any of the park's hiking journeys, make sure to grab a **TRACK** brochure. It's designed for kids and highlights family-friendly points of interest along each of the hiking trails, plus allows them to register and log their hikes on the park's website to earn prizes.

WATER FUN

Lake Lure, Chimney Rock Village

If your family loves water activities, then you'll find fantastic aquatic options in Lake Lure and Chimney Rock Village. Always wanted to learn to waterski? How about wake surf, wakeboard, tube, or kneeboard? The pros at **Lake Lure Adventure Company** offer lessons in all that and more including boat, kayak, and paddleboard rentals. They're a one-stop-shop for every form of water-bound fun for kids of all ages! Is simply cruising the lake while enjoying the sights more your crew's style? Make sure to contact **Lake Lure Tours**. They offer guided pontoon boat tours, box lunch cruises, and even dinner cruises around the lake daily. Maybe you and the kids just want to splash through a cool, clear river. Be sure to check out the **Rocky Broad Riverwalk** in Chimney Rock Village. It's an ¼ mile natural walkway located behind the village shops that's safe for even the youngest of kids to enjoy with adult supervision.

ZIPLINING

Lake Lure

If you've ever wanted to revel in the beauty of Hickory Nut Gorge from a bird's eye view, then ziplining is sure to thrill. **Boulderline Zip** has 6 incredible zip lines and even 4 mini-zip lines for the small fry in your group. Packages can include everything from their zip lines, climbing tower, and giant hillside swing, to Night Flights for those who want the eerie excitement of ziplining at night with headlamps and glow paint.

Canopy Ridge Farms offers guided zip line tours across 60 acres of forests, gorges, hillsides, and water that are perfect for thrill-seekers of all ages. Their Outdoor Adventure Park additionally features UTV tours for those that prefer to fly closer to ground level. Both groups are located in Lake Lure, so no matter which experience you choose it's sure to make the fun level of your family vacation soar to new heights!

GEM MINING

Chimney Rock Village

Experience the fun and excitement of mining for gems at **Chimney Rock Gemstone Mine!** Located along the banks of the Rocky Broad River in historic Chimney Rock Village, it's a fun and educational experience for the whole family. Their friendly and knowledgeable staff will assist you every step of the way; from discovering to identifying your gemstone finds. All equipment is provided and there is no experience necessary! They even guarantee a gem mine find with every bucket so everyone can feel the thrill of prospecting for gems!

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

WHERE TO EAT

FAMILY FOOD DELIGHTS

County-wide

There is not a shortage of family-friendly dining options here, all of which blow the standard 'chicken fingers and fries' out of the water! Places like the **Esmerelda Inn** have incredible bison sliders, and everyone will love their 3 Little Pigs sandwich made with Hickory Nut Gap sausage. The Lake Lure **LaStrada restaurant's** combination of hearty Italian options - like pizza and lasagna - and traditional American fare such as burgers and steaks are sure to please even the pickiest of eaters. The **Riverwatch Bar & Grill** in Chimney Rock Village offers a great kid-friendly menu with some of the region's best burgers and onion rings, complete with an incredibly scenic view. The **Shake Shop** in Spindale holds the claim to 'Rutherford County's Oldest Eatery', and their truly incredible cheeseburger specials and (of course) crazy thick and delicious shakes prove why it's consistently a local favorite. A truly fantastic family-friendly restaurant option is **Larkin 's on the Lake**. Its views are amazing, its menu is casually delicious, and their 'Hubba Bubba Brownie ' is the ultimate craving for any sweet tooth.

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

FAMILY MEMORIES: FOOTHILLS STYLE!

From day trips to long weekends or even week-long journeys, there's no better place to get away with the fam than Rutherford county's activity-filled foothills. Get ready for some incredible family memories - we can't wait to see you soon!

