

# Scenic Driving Tour



## Cherry Bounce Trail Tour 46.6 TOTAL MILES

Follow this old moonshine trail and discover history, tall tales and adventure in our quaint downtowns and along our scenic drives.

**Start at the Rutherford County Courthouse: 229 N. Main Street Rutherfordton, NC**

- » **Head North on 221 toward Marion. Take the first ramp onto Mountain St. and turn RIGHT onto U.S. Hwy 64E**
- » **Turn LEFT onto Rock Rd. Then RIGHT onto Old Gilbertown Road.**
- » **Turn LEFT onto U.S. Hwy 64E to Morganton > Go 14.7 miles**
- » **Turn LEFT onto U.S. Hwy 226S > Go 7.4 miles**  
POINTS OF INTEREST: Defiant Whisky on Red Bud Lane (turn RIGHT onto Golden Valley Church Rd. and stay straight on Luckadoo Mountain Rd. NEED UPDATED DIRECTIONS)
- » **Turn RIGHT onto Bostic Sunshine Highway**
- » **Turn LEFT onto Duncan's Creek Rd. which turns into Hollis Rd. > Go 8.4 miles**
- » **Turn RIGHT onto Salem Church Rd. > Go 4.8 miles**  
POINTS OF INTEREST: Washburn General Store (immediately on your left at stop sign)
- » **Turn LEFT onto Bostic Sunshine Highway > Go 4.5 miles**  
POINTS OF INTEREST: Bostic Lincoln Center
- » **Turn RIGHT onto U.S. Hwy 74-B toward Forest City**  
POINTS OF INTEREST IN FOREST CITY: Smith's Drugs The Fountain, Puzzle Creek, Twisted Pear, Bennett Classics Auto Museum, Bannfield Pottery, McNair Field
- » **Continue on U.S. Hwy 74-B to Spindale**  
POINTS OF INTEREST IN SPINDALE: Spindazzle, BSharp Music, Restaurant Row
- » **Continue on U.S. Hwy 74-B to Rutherfordton. Turn RIGHT onto Main Street (U.S. Hwy 221-A N)**  
POINTS OF INTEREST: KidSenses Museum, Hill's Hardware & General Store, Bechtler House, Visual Arts Center

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## Country Roads Driving Tour 15-32 MILES DEPENDING ON FINAL ROUTE

If you're visiting us from **Tryon International Equestrian Center**, take our long, scenic back roads to reach our quaint shops, downtowns and abundant activities.

Start at the Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC): 4066 Pea Ridge Rd, Mill Spring, NC

- » Turn LEFT onto Pea Ridge Road
- » Turn RIGHT onto U.S. Hwy 74E
- » Take exit 173 and take LEFT onto Union Road
- » Go 2.3 miles and turn LEFT onto Pleasant Hill Road (SR 1149)
- » Continue straight at the stop sign and Pleasant Hill Road becomes Pleasant Hill Church Road for 4.6 miles
- » At the next stop sign and turn LEFT onto Maple Creek Road (SR 1178)
- » Go about 4.9 miles to the stop sign and turn LEFT onto U.S. 64/74A West to head toward Lake Lure (See Lakeview Driving Tour) or turn RIGHT onto U.S. 64/74A East to go to Rutherfordton (See Cherry Bounce Trail or Gold Fever Tours for more to explore)

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## Gold Fever Tour 22.9 TOTAL MILES

There's gold in them there Foothills...see if you can find it on this fun and exciting tour that tells the tale of the NC Gold Rush and provides you with a chance to find some of your own.

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### 1. The Bechtler House

130 W. 6th St., Rutherfordton, NC 28139

- » From Main Street turn LEFT onto 6th Street  
Bechtler House is on the right

*POINTS OF INTEREST DOWNTOWN: KidSenses Museum, Cherry Bounce Trail*

### 2. The Bechtler Historic Mint Park

342 Gilboa Church Rd., Rutherfordton, NC 28139

- » Turn LEFT/EAST back onto 6th St.  
Then LEFT/NORTH at stop sign onto  
Main St. (US Hwy 221 N) > Go 2.7 miles
- » Turn RIGHT onto Gilboa Church Rd. > Go .4 miles  
Bechtler Historic Mint Park is on the right

### 3. Thermal City Gold Mine

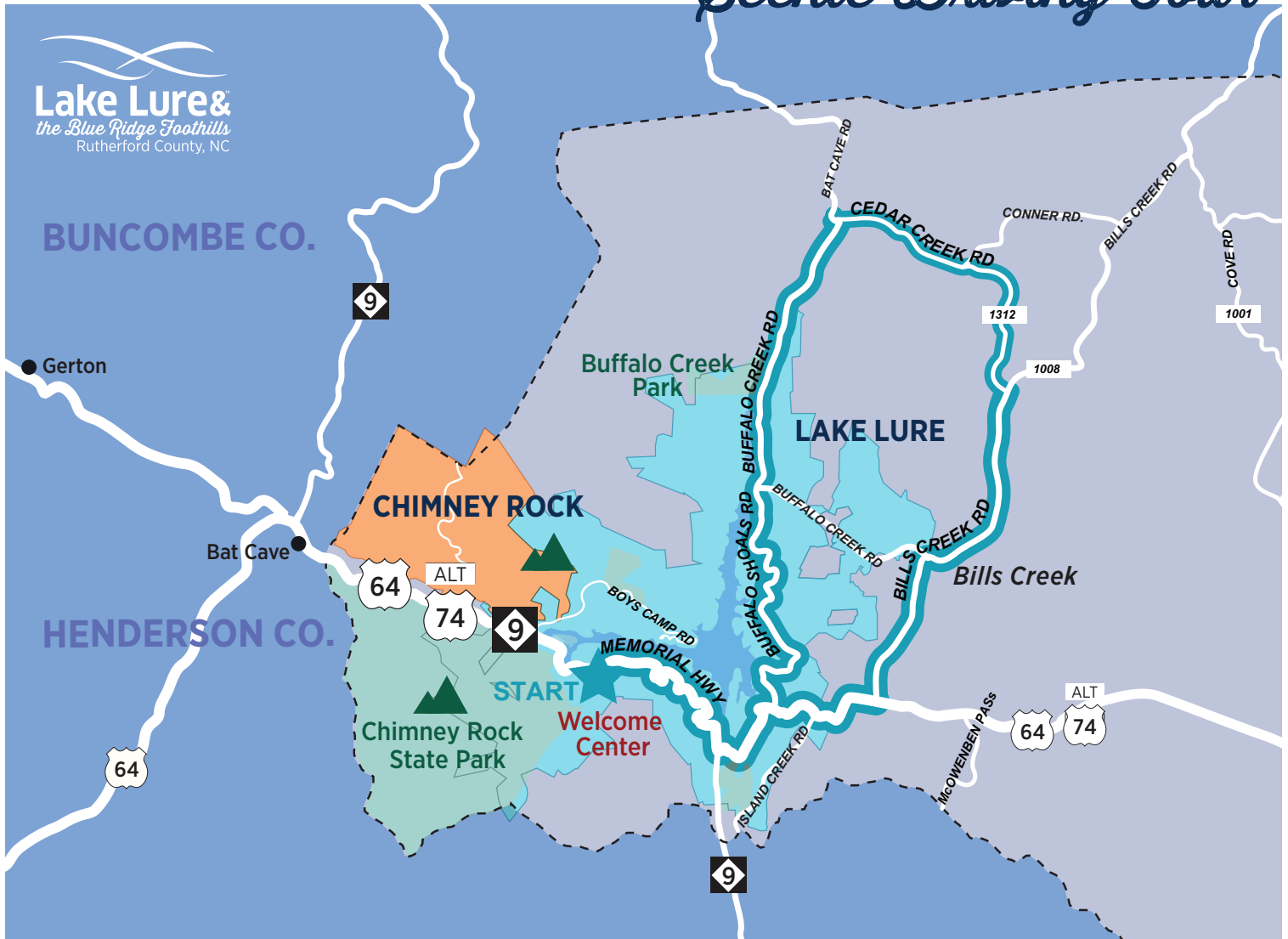
5240 US Hwy 221, Union Mills, NC 28167

- » Turn LEFT back onto Gilboa Church Rd.  
Then RIGHT at stop sign onto US Hwy 221 N  
> Go 8 miles
- » Turn RIGHT into Thermal City Gold Mine

## Do you have gold fever?

Learn more about North Carolina's gold history online at [www.VisitNCgold.com](http://www.VisitNCgold.com)

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## Lakeview Driving Tour 27.9 TOTAL MILES

This tour will take you around the backside of the lake to Rumbling Bald Resort and offers not only natural vistas but a peek at some amazing lake homes.

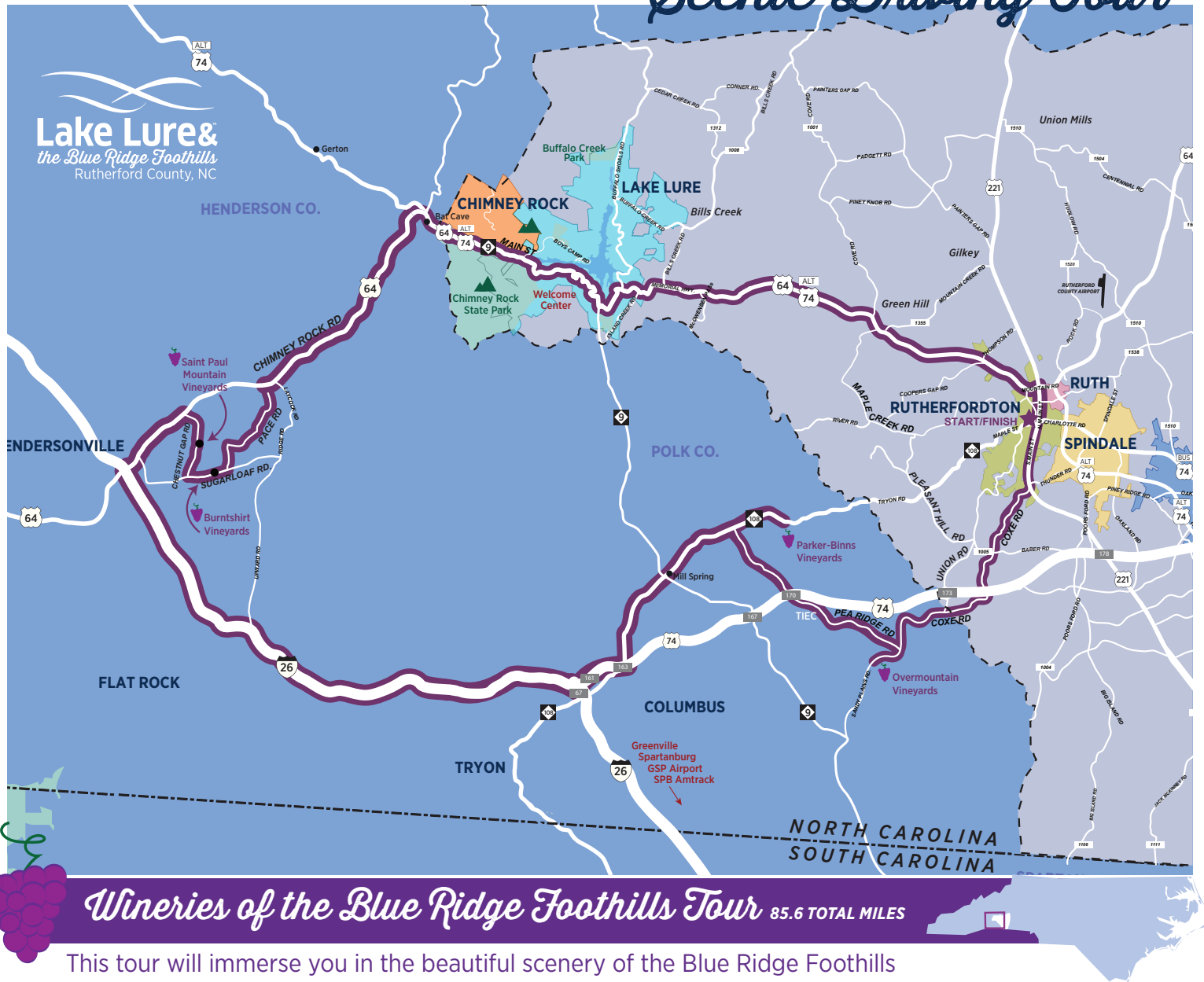
**Start at the Welcome Center in Lake Lure: 2932 Memorial Hwy, Lake Lure, NC**

*POINTS OF INTEREST: Welcome Center, Lake Lure Tours, Lake Lure Flowering Bridge*

- » Turn **LEFT** onto Memorial Highway (U.S. Hwys 64/74A/9) > Go 4.8 miles  
*POINTS OF INTEREST: Lake Lure Flowering Bridge*
- » Turn **LEFT** onto Buffalo Shoals Road > Go 4.5 miles  
*POINTS OF INTEREST: Lake Lure Dam*
- » Turn **LEFT** onto Buffalo Creek Road
- » Take an immediate **LEFT** into Rumbling Bald Resort (pit stop) and ask the guard at the gate for directions to Lakeview Restaurant, Legends Bar & Grill or the Ice Cream Cabana.  
*POINTS OF INTEREST: Bald Mountain Golf Course, Lake Lure*
- » Turn **LEFT** out of Rumbling Bald Resort onto Buffalo Creek Road > Go 4 miles
- » Turn **RIGHT** on Cedar Creek Road > Go 4 miles  
*POINTS OF INTEREST: The pond at Cedar Creek Stables and Vandelee Farms*
- » Turn **LEFT** into Cedar Creek Stables (pit stop)
- » Turn **LEFT** onto Cedar Creek Road leaving the stables > Go 1.7 miles
- » Turn **RIGHT** at the stop sign onto Bills Creek Road > Go 6 miles
- » Turn **RIGHT** onto U.S. 64/74A/Memorial Highway to complete the loop back to the Welcome Center > Go 6.9 miles

# Scenic Driving Tour

**Lake Lure &  
the Blue Ridge Foothills**  
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## Wineries of the Blue Ridge Foothills Tour 85.6 TOTAL MILES

This tour will immerse you in the beautiful scenery of the Blue Ridge Foothills while you enjoy some of the best wine in Western North Carolina.

**Start at the Welcome Center in Lake Lure: 2932 Memorial Hwy, Lake Lure, NC**

**POINTS OF INTEREST:** Rutherford County Welcome Center, Lake Lure Tours, Lake Lure Flowering Bridge

### 1. To Overmountain Vineyards

2014 Sandy Plains Rd., Tryon, NC 28782

- » Turn **RIGHT** onto Main Street (U.S. Hwy 221-A South) > **Go 2.0 miles** **POINTS OF INTEREST:** KidSenses Museum, Bechtler House, Hill's Hardware & General Store
- » Turn **RIGHT** onto Coxe Rd. > **Go 7.3 miles**  
Coxe Rd. turns into Sandy Plains Rd. Continue 2.3 miles  
**POINTS OF INTEREST:** Cleghorn Plantation and Golf Course
- » Destination is on the **LEFT**

### 2. To Parker-Binns Vineyard

7382 E. NC 108 Hwy, Mill Spring, NC 28756

- » Turn **RIGHT** back onto Sandy Plains Rd > **Go 2.3 miles**
- » Turn **LEFT** onto Pea Ridge Rd. > **Go 2.3 miles**  
**POINTS OF INTEREST:** Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC)
- » Turn **RIGHT** onto NC-108E > **Go 0.2 miles**
- » Destination is on the **RIGHT**

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### 3. To Saint Paul Mountain Vineyards

588 Chestnut Gap Rd., Hendersonville, NC 28792

- » Turn LEFT onto NC-108W > Go 6.9 miles
- » Turn RIGHT onto US-74W then merge onto I-26W > Go 7.3 miles
- » Take Exit 49A, US-64 E/Chimney Rock Rd. in Hendersonville > Go 2.7 miles
- » Turn RIGHT onto Chestnut Gap Rd.
- » Destination is on the LEFT

### 4. To Burntshirt Vineyards

2695 Sugarloaf Rd., Hendersonville, NC 28792

- » Turn RIGHT on Chestnut Gap Rd. > Go 1.1 miles
- » Turn LEFT onto Sugarloaf Rd. > Go 0.9 miles
- » Destination is on the LEFT

### 5. Lake Tour Back to Rutherfordton

- » Turn LEFT on Sugarloaf Rd. > Go 0.4 miles

- » Turn LEFT onto Pace Rd. > Go 3.1 miles

- » Turn RIGHT onto US-64E > Go 31.8 miles

POINTS OF INTEREST: Chimney Rock Village, Chimney Rock State Park, Lake Lure Flowering Bridge, Lake Lure Tours/Beach

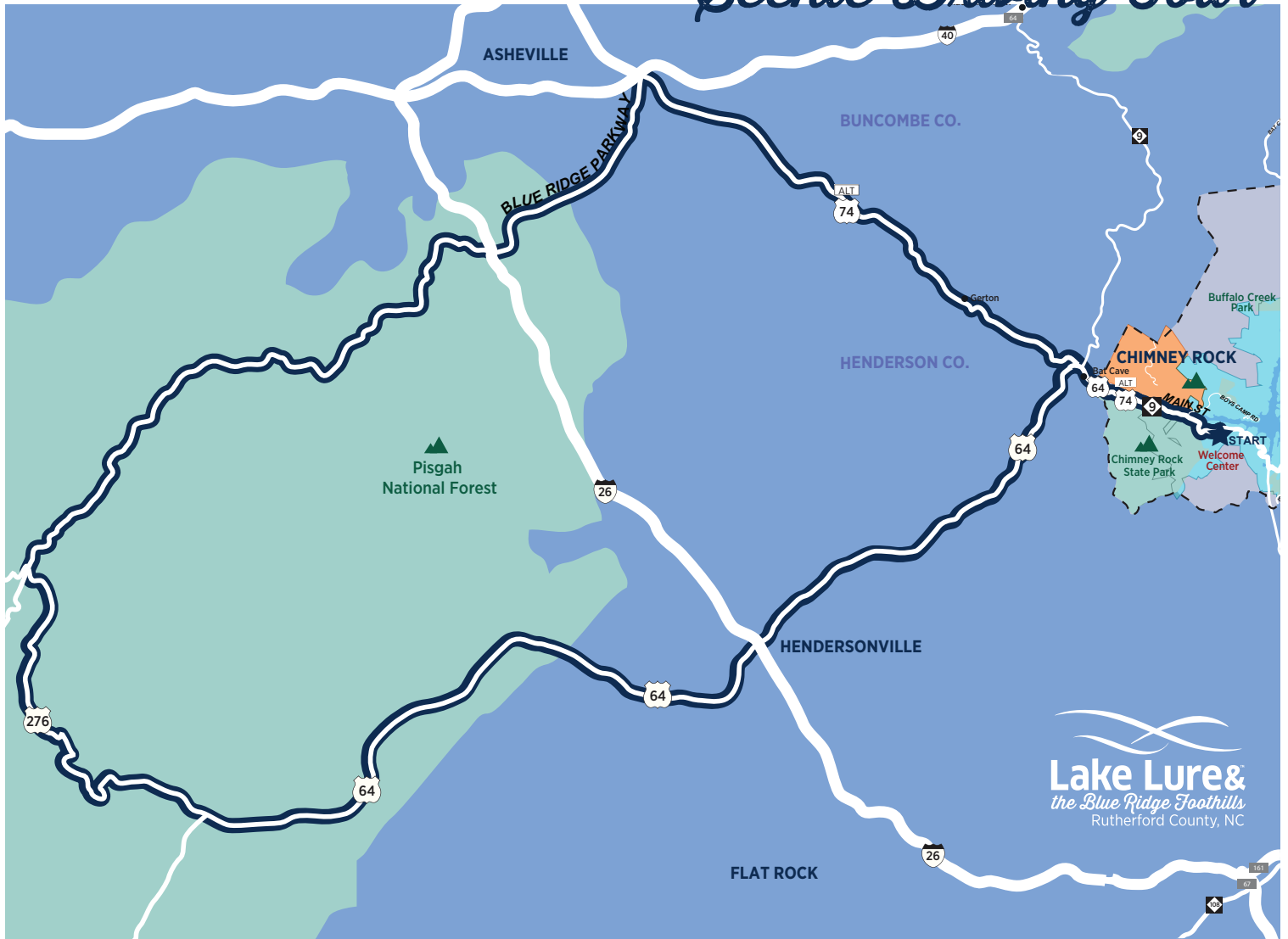
- » Turn RIGHT onto US-221 S/N Main. St, Rutherfordton

- » Destination is on the RIGHT

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## Blue Ridge Parkway & Waterfall Tour 98.3 TOTAL MILES

The Blue Ridge Parkway Tour is an all-day trip and takes you through three counties. The higher elevations offer spectacular distant views of the splendor of the mountains.

Start at the Welcome Center in Lake Lure: 2932 Memorial Hwy, Lake Lure, NC

- » Turn **RIGHT** onto Memorial Highway (U.S. Hwy 74A West) toward Chimney Rock Village

*POINTS OF INTEREST: Chimney Rock State Park*

- » Turn **RIGHT** onto the Blue Ridge Parkway entrance
- » Turn **RIGHT** at the stop sign onto the Blue Ridge Parkway

- » After Mile Marker #411, take **EXIT** for U.S. Hwy 276S
- » Stay **STRAIGHT** at the first stop light outside of Pisgah National Forest to get onto U.S. Hwy 64E
- » Turn **RIGHT** onto Memorial Highway (U.S. Hwys 9/64/74A) to complete the loop back to the Welcome Center