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2018

Featured Events

Check event websites for times and locations. Information is subject to change.



Flat Rock Playhouse Mainstage presents: "A Flat Rock Playhouse Christmas"

An all-new Christmas production follows up last year's smash holiday hit. This original musical revue performed by your favorite Flat Rock Playhouse singers and dancers is filled with holiday cheer. Celebrate the holidays Vagabonds style!

Flat Rock Playhouse Downtown presents: "Junie B. in Jingle Bells Batman Smells"

Junie B. Jones, First-Grader, is super-excited about the Holiday Sing-Along and Secret Santa gift exchange at her school. Too bad tattletale May keeps ruining all of Junie B.'s fun. So when Junie B. draws May's name for Secret Santa, she comes up with the perfect plan... Will the Christmas spirit of peace and goodwill interfere before she can give you-know-who what she deserves? A hilarious and endearing holiday tale.



Downtown Street Lighting & Santa's Arrival

The City of Hendersonville and downtown merchants switch on their holiday displays as the crowd counts down to Santa's arrival.

The evening features entertainment, a sing-along, hot chocolate and a visit from Santa Claus at the Historic Courthouse on Main Street.



Hendersonville Christmas Parade

A traditional hometown Christmas parade travels along Main Street from Five Points to Caswell Street.

Sponsored by the Hendersonville Merchants & Business Association.

Cookie Caper & Holiday Tour of Historic Inns

The Cookie Caper and Holiday Tour of Historic Inns is a self-guided tour of an array of exquisite historic inns, and the "cookie caper" part of the tour is the delicious Christmas treat waiting for visitors at each stop.



Greenery Markets

Decorate your home with fresh NC greenery this holiday season. Visit one of the many greenery markets in the Hendersonville area to pick the perfect Christmas tree, wreath or garland.

Iceless Skating Rink & Christmas Wonderland

Enjoy an iceless skating rink on Main Street this holiday season. Fun for the whole family, with skating, curling lanes, outdoor games, visits with Santa, hayrides, s'mores, lights and more. At the Visitor Center, 201 South



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 27

Holiday Decorating Made Easy

Demonstrations and simple hints for holiday wreath, table and mantel decorating. Cider served. – Four Seasons Christmas & Garden – 225 North Main – 1-2 PM – (828) 697-2232 - **FREE**

November 3

18th Annual Juried Art and Craft Festival

The 18th Annual Juried Art and Craft Festival features over 50 talented artists and craftspeople showcasing their specialties including wood carvings, pottery, handmade jewelry, fabric art, holiday decor, photography and much more. Lunch provided by Dandelion Catering (available for purchase). First United Methodist Church – 204 Sixth Avenue West – 9 AM-3 PM – (828) 545-9203 – fumchvnc.org – **FREE**

November 3 & 4

Gifts of Hope Holiday Fair

Shop for unique items from around the globe from Ten Thousand Villages, a fair-trade retailer of gifts, home decor, jewelry and more! Baked goods and homemade soups available for purchase. St. James Episcopal Church – 766 N. Main St. – Nov. 3, 10 AM-4 PM / Nov. 4, 10 AM-3 PM – (828) 693-7458 – stjamesepiscopal.episcopalwnc.org – **FREE**

November 8

AutumnFest

Flat Rock Farmers Market and Crafts Fair – free admission and parking. Season's at Highland Lake – 86 Lily Pad Lane – 3-6 PM – (828) 696-9094 – HLResort.com - **FREE**

November 10 & 11

Women's Guild Christmas Fair

Arts & crafts made by Women's Guild members – jewelry, gift wrapping, elves' workshop for children, gently used Christmas decor items, baked goods, gifts and goodies – St. Francis Room at Immaculate Conception Church - 208 7th Ave West – Sat. 10 AM-7 PM / Sun. 8 AM-3 PM – mickeymell@bellsouth.net - **FREE**

November 16-18

'Tis the Season Holiday Fair

Holiday fair at the Davis Event Center features artists, crafters, gifts, gourmet holiday food and NC wines for that perfect gift – WNC Agricultural Center – 765 Boylston Hwy, Fletcher, NC - Fri. & Sat. 10 AM-6 PM, Sun. 11 AM-5 PM – wncholidayfair.net – \$ for adults; children under 12 **FREE**

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Note: please visit sponsors' websites or call ahead for information before making travel plans. FREE = no charge \$ = charge for admission, materials, food & drink, etc.

November 16-December 31

Winter Lights

Walk through an outdoor holiday light show in the Arboretum's nationally known gardens. Event includes children's program and craft, festive food and beverages, live music and more – The North Carolina Arboretum, 100 Frederick Olmsted Way, Asheville – 6-10 PM nightly - (828) 665-2492 – ncwinterlights.com - \$ (advance ticket sales only)

November 17 – December 24

Christmas at Lyda Farms

WNC-grown holiday greenery – trees, wreaths, garlands, swag / hot chocolate, coffee and hot apple cider / s'mores making on weekends / gift baskets, jams, jellies, honey and more. Lyda Farms, 3465 Chimney Rock Rd – open daily 11 AM–7 PM – (828) 685-3459 – lydafarms.com - \$

November 19-December 29

Christmas Picture Display

Bring the whole family and your camera to use the annual Christmas display as the backdrop to your Christmas photos! Open to the public – Carolina Ace Hardware – 911 Greenville Hwy. – Mon-Sat 8 AM–7 PM / Sun. 10 AM–5 PM – (828) 697-2237 – carolinaace.com - FREE

November 22

5K Turkey Trot

Annual 5K Turkey Trot – earn your holiday calories with a casual 5K on Thanksgiving morning. Race begins at 8:30 AM on 5th Ave in front of Hendersonville City Hall – 145 5th Avenue East – for more information call (828) 233-3204 - \$

November 23

Downtown Holiday Street Lighting

Kick off the season with songs, hot drinks, delicious treats and shopping. Join in the countdown as Santa arrives to light up Main Street. Free visits with Santa and carriage rides. Historic Courthouse on Main Street – 100 North Main Street – lights on at dusk – (828) 694-1619 – downtownhendersonville.org - FREE

Downtown Merchant Decoration Contest

Merchants all over downtown Hendersonville vie for the honor of best holiday window displays and lighting; more than 60 participants last year! The lights go on with the holiday street lighting, and winners will be selected on December 14. Bring the family for a downtown stroll and enjoy all the beautiful displays. - FREE

Christmas Music at Mike's on Main

Christmas favorites sung by Blissing, an a capella trio. Mike's on Main – 303 North Main – 6-7 PM – (828) 685-2257 - FREE

November 23-December 22

Hot Mulled Cider at Mast General Store

Warm up your holidays with a cup of free hot mulled cider as you shop at Mast General Store. Mast is open until 8 PM every Friday and Saturday, November 23–December 22 – 527 N. Main Street – (828) 696-1883 - cider served 11 AM–5 PM - MastGeneralStore.com - FREE

November 24

Christmas at Connemara

A day of musicians, storytellers, crafts, sing-alongs, hot cider and cookies. The historic home will be decorated in the simple style of the Sandburgs, with poinsettias and a traditionally decorated Christmas tree on display throughout December until January 6, 2019 – 81 Carl Sandburg Lane, Flat Rock -10 AM–1 PM - (828) 693-4178 - nps.gov/carl/index.htm - FREE

November 29-December 22

Flat Rock Playhouse Christmas – All New!

In 2017 the Playhouse broke box office records with "A Flat Rock Playhouse Christmas." This year join them for a brand-new version of this holiday tradition. On the Flat Rock Playhouse Mainstage – 2661 Greenville Highway – shows Wed. and Thurs. at 2 PM and 7:30 PM / Fri. at 8PM / Sat. at 2 PM & 8 PM / Sun. at 2 PM – (828) 693-0731 – flatrockplayhouse.org - \$

November 30

Four Seasons Hospice 28th Annual

Tree of Lights & Luminaries

Join us for hot cider, homemade cookies and heartwarming music as we remember departed loved ones through the Tree of Lights and Luminary Memorial Ceremony. The Tree of Lights will remain on display at the Hospice Home Store (215 N. Main) through the holidays – ceremony at First Citizens Plaza – corner of 6th and Main – 5 PM – (828) 513-2440 - FREE

November 30 & December 1

Bullington Gardens Holiday Sale & Open House

Shop a wide selection of holiday crafts made by the Bullington elves along with amaryllis, poinsettias, wreaths and holiday greenery. Bullington Gardens – 95 Upper Red Oak Trail – 9 AM–4 PM – (828) 698-6104 – bullingtongardens.org – FREE admission

November 30, December 1, 2, 7-9 & 14-16

Nuncrackers: The Nonsense Christmas Musical

It's the annual Christmas program at Mount St. Helen's. Our favorite nuns are treating everyone to an original ballet based on the "Nutcracker." But the star has an accident and the show will have to go on without the ballet until the Reverend Mother can figure out what to do. Find out what happens at this hilarious holiday production from Hendersonville Community Theatre – 229 S. Washington St. – Fri. and Sat. 7:30 PM / Sun. 2 PM – (828) 692-1082 hendersonvilletheatre.org - \$

December 1

Hendersonville Christmas Parade: The Magic of Christmas

Community-wide event featuring churches, civic organizations and fire trucks – Main Street Hendersonville, 8th Avenue to Caswell Street – 10 AM–noon – (828) 692-4179 - FREE

Cookies and Mining

Free cookies. Mention "Home for the Holidays" and get a \$2.00 gem mining discount – Pisgah Forest Gem Mine – 507 North Main St. – 10 AM–2 PM – (828) 367-8330 - pisgahforestgemmining.com - \$

Free Picture With Santa

Take pictures with Santa in Carolina Ace's festive Christmas display – Carolina Ace Hardware – 911 Greenville Hwy. – noon–2 PM – (828) 697-2237 – carolinaace.com – FREE

December 1

13th Annual Gingerbread Cookie Contest

Bakers of every age are encouraged to create their best gingerbread man or woman, boy or girl! We are looking for the most artistic creations the entrants can cook up. They must be 100% edible and the deadline for entries is November 24. Four categories: "Traditional," "Unusual," "Teamwork" and "Bakers under 13". Winners on display from December 1 through Christmas – for information contact Narnia Studios – 315 N. Main Street – (828) 697-6393 – narniastudios.com – FREE

December 1 & 2

Land O'Sky Garden Club Christmas Bazaar

Sale of handmade garden-related and fresh Christmas items, including pine cone wreaths, garlands, greens, ornaments, baked goods & more. J & D Produce – 221 S. Church St. – Sat. 9 AM–5:30 PM / Sun. 11 AM–4:30 PM – (828) 692-7593 - FREE

December 1 & 8

Santa on the Chimney

Make your list and bring it to Santa and Mrs. Claus; see Santa climb down the Chimney, enjoy live holiday music, hot cocoa, cookies and kids' activities, meet Park animal educators and more. Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park – 431 Main St., Chimney Rock – 11 AM–2 PM – (828) 625-9611 – chimneyrockpark.com – FREE with park admission

December 1, 7-8, 14-15 & 21-22

Carolers

Hear local church and community group singers perform beloved Christmas carols on weekend evenings in December. Times vary – look for singers on the Historic Courthouse Plaza and the Downtown Hendersonville stage at 424 North Main Street – Friday and Saturday evenings - FREE

December 2

Hendersonville Community Band Holiday Concert

Blue Ridge Community College Conference Hall - 49 East Campus Dr., Flat Rock – 3:00-4:30PM – hcbmusic.com - \$10 adults / students FREE

Free Pet Picture With Santa

Bring your furry friend to see Santa – free picture with any donation to the Blue Ridge Humane Society. Carolina Ace Hardware – 911 Greenville Hwy. – noon–2 PM – (828) 697-2237 – carolinaace.com – FREE with donation

December 2 & 9

Santa at Mast General Store

Bring the kids to meet Santa Claus and take your own photos with the jolly old elf at Mast General Store on two Sunday afternoons – 527 N. Main Street – (828) 696-1883 – Santa will be there 2:30-5:30 PM – MastGeneralStore.com – FREE

December 6-9 & 13-16

Junie B. in Jingle Bells Batman Smells

When Junie B. draws her rival's name for Secret Santa, she comes up with the perfect plan to teach her a lesson! Will the Christmas spirit win out? Flat Rock Playhouse Downtown – 125 S. Main Street – shows Thurs. and Fri. 7 PM / Sat. 11 AM and 3 PM / Sun. 3 PM. - (828) 693-0731 – flatrockplayhouse.org - \$

December 7

Olde Fashioned Christmas

Shops along historic Main Street stay open late for holiday shopping, entertainment and celebration; caroling, lights, treats and other holiday festivities – Main Street – 5-8 PM – (828) 697-2232 - FREE

Ye Olde Fashioned Christmas at the Heritage Museum

Visit the Heritage Museum for refreshments, hot cider and Christmas music by the Hendersonville High School Bearcat Brass, and shop for Christmas ornaments and local historical items in the museum store. Historic Courthouse Rotunda – 5-8 PM – (828) 694-1619 – hendersoncountymuseum.com – FREE

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December 8

Christmas Fun at the Farm

Family-friendly event – visits with Santa, wagon rides, house tours, cookies and cider, holiday crafts. Historic Johnson Farm – 3346 Haywood Road – 2-6 PM – (828) 891-6585 – historicjohnsonfarm.org - \$ (under 5 FREE)

Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra

"Holidays at the Movies"

Enjoy music from memorable movies that make your holiday season complete: It's A Wonderful Life, White Christmas, Home Alone, The Polar Express and more, plus the zaniest 'Twas the Night Before Christmas you've ever heard! Blue Ridge Community College Conference Center/Concert Hall – 49 East Campus Dr., Flat Rock – two performances at 3 PM and 7:30 PM – (828) 697-5884 – hendersonvillesymphony.org - \$

December 9

Cookie Caper & Historic Inn Tour

Self-guided tour of historic inns around Hendersonville; cookies, other refreshments and holiday decorations at each stop – 1-4 PM – (828) 697-3010 – hendersonvillehpc.org - \$

December 10 & 11

Winter Fables with Bright Star Theatre

A heartwarming show that features some of winter's most well known tales. Join the ant, grasshopper, lion and more in this seasonal adventure for young audiences. December 10 at the Main Library – Henderson County Public Library – Kaplan Auditorium, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM / December 11 at the Etowah Library, Etowah, NC 3:30-4:30 PM – (828) 697-4725 – hendersoncountync.gov/library - FREE

December 13

12th Annual Tannenbaum Tea

Ten or more downtown merchants create specials that begin with the letter "T" and serve Tea and Treats to all customers. For information contact Narnia Studios – 315 North Main St. – 10 AM-6 PM – (828) 697-6393 – narniastudios.com – FREE

December 14

Downtown Merchant Decoration Contest Judging

Judges will stroll through downtown in search of the most creative and beautiful window and store decorations. Prizes and certificates to the winners – go to visithendersonvillenc.org after the judging to view the results! 6-8 PM

December 15

Christmas Craft Show

Henderson County Crafters Association - 30 local juried artisans offering a variety of handmade items – National Guard Armory – 2025 Spartanburg Hwy – 9 AM-3 PM – (828) 674-5157 – HendersonCountyCrafters.org – FREE

December 18 – January 1

Iceless Skating Rink

Experience iceless skating at the Visitor Center. A new larger rink and an improved surface this year make for faster and easier gliding. Two curling lanes also available! Skates included in the price of admission. Play a variety of free games while waiting for your turn on the ice. S'more kits available for purchase. Fundraiser for the Henderson County America in Bloom Program. Hendersonville Visitor Center – 201 South Main St. – Regular hours: 11am-7pm / Christmas Eve 11am-3pm / Christmas Day – Closed / New Year's Eve – 11am-3pm / New Year's Day from 11am-7pm – (828) 768-4413 – hendersoncountyinbloom.com – Adults \$8, Children \$5 for ages 10 & under, group rates available for 12 or more

December 21-23

Santa Claus at the Visitor Center

Bring the kids to see Santa and make your own photos with him on a special holiday backdrop. Hendersonville Visitor Center Stage – 201 South Main St – 2-6 PM each day – (828) 693-9708 – visithendersonvillenc.org - FREE

Main Street Holiday Hayrides

Take the family on a tractor-drawn wagon ride through festively decorated Main Street – 6-9 PM – passengers board at the Hendersonville Visitor Center – 201 S. Main Street - visithendersonvillenc.org - FREE

December 26-31

Winter Break Family Fun

Winter is the perfect time for exploring the Park. Leafless trees make for more places to enjoy the views and picture taking. Chimney Rock celebrates this winter break by offering our popular Family Animal Encounters for this one week. Come hear what our Animal Educators would be doing if they were still living on the wilder side during these chillier months ahead. Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park – 431 Main St, Chimney Rock – 2 PM – (800) 277-9611 - chimneyrockpark.com/event/winter-break-family-fun-2 FREE with Park admission

December 29

Naturalist Niche: Winter Tree ID

Chimney Rock Park is known for its amazing views, but some of the most incredible aspects of this area are often overlooked. Local naturalist Clint Calhoun has spent decades researching and studying what makes the ecology of Chimney Rock State Park and Hickory Nut Gorge so unique. Join him for this moderate hike to learn so much more about what makes our area so special - Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park – 431 Main St, Chimney Rock – 10:30 AM–12:30 PM – (800) 277-9611 - chimneyrockpark.com/event/naturalist-niche-winter-tree-id-2 – \$23 per adult; \$8 per pass holder. Advance registration required. Price includes Park admission. \$

December 31

New Year's Eve Apple Rise

3rd Annual New Year's Eve celebration at the Historic Courthouse includes family celebration at 6 PM featuring a Greenwich Mean Time countdown to midnight London time at 7 PM; Apple Rise ceremonies start at 11 PM – noisemakers, glow sticks and hot beverages will be given out while supplies last – DJ plays top hits of 2018 as you celebrate the New Year – warming stations, cornhole and giant jenga games – Historic Courthouse Plaza – 6 PM-7 PM/11 PM – midnight – (828) 697-4884 – hcprd.com - FREE

Etowah Valley New Year's Eve Party

Celebrate the New Year's arrival at Etowah Valley. One-hour cocktail hour (beer and wine) with appetizers, followed by dinner, party favors, live entertainment, and a midnight toast. Full service bar available. Couples package pricing; adjacent accommodations may be added for additional fee – Etowah Valley Golf & Resort – 470 Brickyard Rd – call for more information and reservations (828) 891-7022 – etowahvalley.com – \$

Holiday Dining at Highland Lake Inn & Resort

Reservations required for all special holiday buffets/dinners – Season's at Highland Lake – 86 Lily Pad Lane – (828) 696-9094 – HLResort.com - \$

Thanksgiving Day Buffet	November 22 - 10:30 AM – 7 PM
Holiday Brunch Buffet	December 9 - 10:30 AM – 2 PM
Holiday Wine Dinner	December 13 - 6:30 PM
<i>(Food and wine pairings, descriptions of each wine from our wine expert and a chance to visit with the Chef after dinner. An evening of fabulous food, wine and fun.)</i>	
Christmas Eve Buffet	December 24 - 5PM – 8 PM
Christmas Day Buffet	December 25 – 11 AM – 5 PM
New Year's Eve Dinner	December 31 – 5-9 PM (Four-course dinner with glass of champagne)
New Year's Day Buffet	January 1 -11 AM – 2:30 PM