



High Country Music Trails Group Tour

Immerse yourself in Appalachian Mountain culture through traditional mountain music and dance

MUSIC MUSEUMS & DRAMAS

Horn in the West, Boone: Premiering in 1952, Horn in the West is considered one of three legacy outdoor dramas in American Traditional Ballads of the period - 18th 19th century roots. (2 hrs) (Seasonal June-August at 7:30 pm) www.horninthewest.com

Wilkes Heritage Museum, Wilkesboro: Tour the Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame located in a restored 1902 courthouse. Learn about the history of Blue Ridge Music, the genres in the region and famous musicians. Also tour the Tom Dooley exhibits and learn the story behind the ballad made famous by the Kingston Trio! (1.5 hrs) (Year Round: Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm) www.wilkesheritagemuseum.com

Tom Dooley, A Wilkes County Legend, Wilkesboro: A drama about an 1868 love triangle that inspired the famous song by The Kingston Trio. (2 hrs) (July only: Thursday-Sunday, 8:30pm) www.wilkesplaymakers.com

MUSIC & DINING

Blue Ridge Dinner Theater, Glendale Springs: Watch performances from local bands such as Dixie Dawn, or a top notch impersonator of Roy Orbison, while enjoying an all-you-can-eat buffet featuring classic country cooking. (3 hrs) (Year Round: Check website for performance schedule, 5pm) www.blueridgedinnertheater.com

Woodlands Barbeque, Blowing Rock: Serving North Carolina barbeque since 1977, this local hangout also hosts live music every night at 6:15pm (1.5 hrs) www.woodlandsbbq.com

GROUP-FRIENDLY FREE MUSIC VENUES

Crossnore Jam, Crossnore: Live jam sessions are held during the summer months at the Town Meeting House. Bring an instrument if you would like to join in! (1st & 3rd Friday of Summer Months at 7:30pm) www.crossnorenc.com

The Orchard at Altapass, Spruce Pine: Live bands perform at this historic apple orchard on the Blue Ridge Parkway. (May-September: Wednesday-Sunday, 3pm) altapassfoundation.org

MUSIC EVENTS

Late April **Merlefest, Wilkesboro:** One of the largest American-roots-based festivals www.merlefest.org

Late June **Singing on the Mountain, Grandfather Mountain:** 90 years and still going, an all-day gospel singing, church bazaar & dinner at the base of the mountain. www.grandfather.com

Mid-July **MusicFest 'n Sugar Grove:** Features Bluegrass & roots musicians www.covecreek.net

Mid-July **Alleghany Fiddlers Convention, Sparta:** The best in traditional music in competition www.alleghanyfiddlersconvention.com