



## High Country Heritage One Day Group Tour Ideas

*Immerse yourself in the rich Appalachian Mountain culture*

### **Wilkesboro “The Moonshine Capital”:**

**Wilkes Heritage Museum:** Visit the museum located in the historic 1902 former courthouse of Wilkes County. Here you can learn about the roots of stock car racing by viewing moonshine stills found in the hollar’s and modified moonshine runner cars. After touring the museum, visit the Old Jail where Tom Dooley spent his final hours and the historic Cleveland Log Home. [Wilkeshheritagemuseum.com](http://Wilkeshheritagemuseum.com) (2.5 hrs)

**Copper Barrel Distillery:** A visit to Wilkesboro, the “Moonshine Capital of the World,” is not complete without a visit to a local moonshine distillery. Take a tour of the distillery to learn how moonshine is made and take part in a tasting. You can even buy a jar to take home! [Copperbarrel.com](http://Copperbarrel.com) (1 hr)

### **West Jefferson “Railroad History”:**

**The Hotel Tavern:** Enjoy a casual meal in this former hotel built in 1915 to serve the Virginia Creeper train. View photos of West Jefferson from the bygone train industry era and then walk about town to see where the former train depot and other businesses were once located. (1.5 hrs)

**Museum of Ashe County History:** Housed in the former courthouse built in 1904, this museum has a large detailed model of the Virginia Creeper railroad and the small mountain towns that it served. You can walk away with great knowledge of how the railroad and logging industry effected the people of the Appalachian mountains. (1 hr)

### **Boone & Blowing Rock “Appalachian Heritage”:**

**Hickory Ridge Homestead, Boone:** At the Hickory Ridge Living History Museum you can learn what life was like in the 1700s as our country was formed and expanded. You can tour cabins and talk with reenactors about every day life. (1 hr)

**The Appalachian Heritage Museum at Mystery Hill, Boone:** View memories of life in the 19th century. Authentic antiques are seen throughout. From sewing machines and household furnishings, to books, ledgers and personal belongings, the museum reflects the lifestyle of our Appalachian ancestors. You can also view a large arrowhead collection and other native American artifacts. (1 hr)

### **The Original Mast General Store**

Nestled in a secluded mountain valley, you’ll discover a place Charles Kuralt called "...a destination." Mast General has outfitted the Appalachian region since 1883 with traditional mercantile goods, comfortable clothing, rugged footwear and quality outdoor gear for all mountain seasons. Warm up by our potbellied stove, mail a letter at our antique post office, and enjoy a 5 cent cup of coffee. (1 hr)

**Dan’l Boone Inn, Boone:** For over 50 years, Dan'l Boone Inn has been serving Boone and the high country delicious homecooked meals, just like you remember at grandma’s house. (2 hrs)

**Chestnut Grill- Greenpark Inn, Blowing Rock:** The Green Park Inn was opened in 1891 and back then, and for many years, the hotel contained the only United States Post Office for the entire area. Annie Oakley, Marilyn Monroe and many other icons of bygone eras have stayed here. The Inn is now the second oldest hotel in North Carolina. Visit the Chestnut Grille for a casual dinner. (1.5 hrs)

**Moses Cone Manor:** Tour the grand manor home of Moses Cone, known as the “Denim King.” Historic tours of the home are now available and provided by the park service (call ahead to schedule a tour). After your tour, visit the Parkway Craft Center housed downstairs that features the best of craftsman from nine states and take in the views of Blowing Rock from the front porch. (1.5 hrs)

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