

Annual Events

Here at the First Peak of the Blue Ridge, we're delighted to offer you lots of ways to have a good time. You'll enjoy yourself at local festivals, equestrian events, music and theater performances, holiday celebrations and other special events. Below are just a few of our annual events—visit our on-line events calendar for all the details, www.discoverfirstpeak.com.

- Mar-Nov** Tryon International Equestrian Center horse shows
- Apr** Block House Steeplechase – Green Creek
Spring Arts & Flowers Festival – Tryon
- May** GRO Fest Concert – Green Creek
Saluda Arts Festival
- June** PolkFresh Farm Tour
- July** Columbus Fabulous Fourth Festival
Coon Dog Day Festival - Saluda
- Sep** Art Trek Foothills Open Studios Tour
- Oct** Tryon International Film Festival
Tour de Leaves Bicycle Tour – Mill Spring

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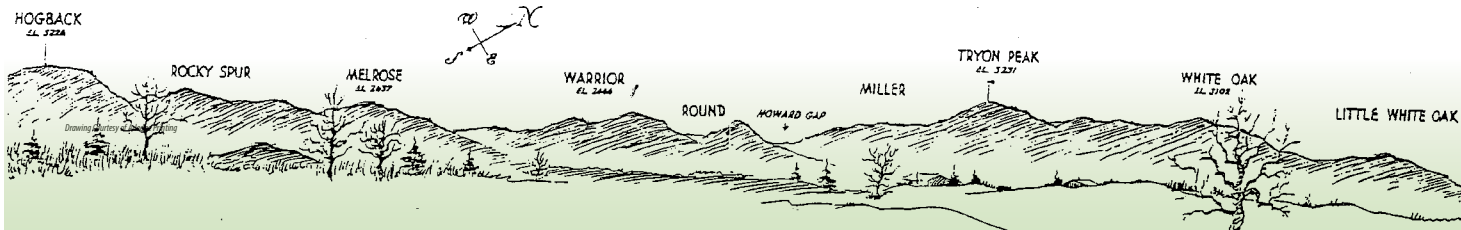
Driving Distances

Asheville, NC – 45 miles	Columbia, SC – 120 miles	 Use your smart phone as a tour guide with our mobile site.
Atlanta, GA – 200 miles	Greenville, SC – 45 miles	
Charleston, SC – 230 miles	Jacksonville, FL – 400 miles	
Charlotte, NC – 90 miles		



First Peak Visitor Center

20 E. Mills St., PO Box 308, Columbus, NC 28722
800-440-7848 | 828-894-2324 | www.discoverfirstpeak.com



We Provide The Playlist. You Control the Volume.

We'll help you find all the best stuff.

We're the local experts – call, click or stop by our Visitor Center and we'll help you build your playlist. You'll learn about local events, food, music, waterfalls, wineries, shops and galleries. Adventure lovers will discover hiking, zip lining and river expeditions. Serenity seekers will delight in nature preserves, scenic drives and peaceful evenings. Historic Saluda, Tryon, Columbus and the surrounding areas welcome you.

Zip and Sip Through the First Peak

Here's a suggestion – go zip lining and then tour our wineries. Start in Saluda with the steepest, fastest zip line canopy tour in the United States. The Gorge Zipline launches visitors on a 3.5-hour tour with tree-based platforms and a hands-free automatic braking system for a worry-free adrenaline rush. Then, take time to chill as you enjoy the different flavors of our five nearby wineries.

Our Small Towns Will Satisfy Your Senses

We've got a wide selection of shops and restaurants throughout the area to pique your interest and keep you coming back. Stroll our three small towns for great options, whether you want a quick bite or a farm-to-table meal. Discover unique gifts, clothing and original artwork as you browse our shops and galleries. Pick up our restaurant guide or view your options online.

Our interactive map will help you discover new adventures or reveal all the great things to enjoy where you are right now. www.discoverfirstpeak.com



The World Will Be Watching

More than 80 years of Tryon Horse Country's local equestrian tradition helped pave the way for the FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018. Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC) at Tryon Resort hosts this 14-day major international championship event in September 2018, showcasing eight core equestrian disciplines. www.tryon2018.com.

The 1,400-acre development features spring, summer and fall sanctioned horse shows plus a variety of restaurants, shops, lodging and local events including the family-friendly 'Saturday Night Lights' festivals.



Lodging

Visit our web site for more details and photos of properties, plus an interactive map of the First Peak – www.discoverfirstpeak.com.



Lodging Amenity Legend

- Pets Considered
 - Internet/Wi-Fi
 - Private Bathrooms
 - Fireplace
 - Hot Tub/Jetted Tub
 - Non-Smoking Options
 - Restaurant
 - Alcohol Served/Sold
 - Weddings/Meetings
 - Handicap Accessible
- All information subject to change*

We offer a variety of lodging, including inviting inns/B&Bs, cozy cabins and modern vacation homes.



Inns, Bed & Breakfasts

1906 Pine Crest Inn & Restaurant

Historic inn, fine dining & wine. 32 rooms, suites & cottages on 10 acres.

85 Pine Crest Ln., Tryon 28782

800-633-3001 • www.pinecrestinn.com

Adawehi Bed & Breakfast

2 immaculate B&B rooms on private 3rd floor. Forests, gardens, trails.

134 Adawehi Ln., Columbus 28722

828-894-5260 • www.adawehi.com

Blue Firefly Inn

4BR w private baths. Wrap porch, fire pit, nutritious breakfast provided.

91 Greenville St., Saluda 28773

828-808-4248 • www.bluefireflyinn.com

Butterfly Creek Inn

5 BR/suites, creek, waterfall, epicurean delights. 780 Smith Dairy Rd., Columbus 28722

828-894-6393 • www.butterflycreekinntryon.com

Charles Street Garden Suite

In-town garden setting. Sitting & dining areas, galley kitchen.

PO Box 337, Saluda 28773

828-749-5846 • www.charlesstreetgarden.com

GreenLife Inn at Mimosa

Several BR with private baths, King/Queen/Double. 65 Mimosa Inn Dr., Tryon 28782

440-708-3293 • www.greenlifestays.com

Hallelujah Diet Health Retreat

B&B and a 2-BR cottage. Offering nutrition, juicing & vegan classes.

1850 Coopers Gap Rd., Mill Spring 28756

828-625-2025

www.halifestylecenters.com/locations/lake-lure-nc

Marilyn's Historic Melrose Inn

Remodeled historic inn. 8 themed rooms. 2 blocks to downtown.

55 Melrose Ave., Tryon 28782

828-859-0234 • www.melrose-inn.com

The Oaks Bed & Breakfast

Classic 1895 Victorian. 4 BR + 2 suites. Walk to town. 339 Greenville St., Saluda 28773

800-893-6091 • www.theoaksbedandbreakfast.com

Orchard Inn & Newman's Restaurant

Mountain retreat atop 12 peaceful acres w/fine dining, 9 rooms & 5 cottages.

100 Orchard Inn Ln., Saluda 28773

800-581-3800 • www.orchardinn.com

Hotels & Motels

Days Inn

58 remodeled rooms w/new linens, fridge, microwave, outdoor pool.

626 W. Mills St., Columbus 28722

800-329-7466 • www.daysinn.com

Saluda Mountain Lodge

25 clean, comfortable guestrooms w/spectacular view, reasonable rates.

I-26-Exit 59, Saluda 28773

828-749-4951 • www.saludamountainlodge.com

Stable House Inn at

Tryon International Equestrian Center

50-room motel features fresh, modern rooms with 2 queen beds and 4 Handicapped accessible rooms with 1 queen bed.

25 International Blvd., Mill Spring, NC 28756

828-863-1015 • www.tryon.com/lodging

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Vacation Rentals—Cabins, Cottages & Homes

A Tryon Country Retreat

New 2BR/1.5BA getaway, nestled on private 18 acre horse farm. Master loft w full bath ensuite.

83 Moore Rd., Tryon 28782

828-863-2785 • 828-447-6696

www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/p4730256

Anita's Cabin

Log cabin, 1900 sq ft 2BR/2BA. Covered front porch with swing, fenced back yard, pet friendly.

125 Hickory Tree Ln., Tryon 28782.

843-568-3974 • www.vrbo.com/884700

Apalacha

4 acres w/ Mountain view, 2 BR/2 bath, modern kitchen, sunroom, library.

225 Baker St., Tryon 28782

970-926-5513 • www.vrbo.com/235945

Bear Creek Lodge

One 1BR & one 2BR efficiency cabins on scenic Hwy 176.

P.O. Box 246, Saluda 28773

828-749-9647 • www.saludacabins.com

Bear Creek Mountain Home

4BR/3.5BA, Sleeps 10. New private retreat nestled in the woods.

1052 Bear Creek Ln., Saluda 28773

828-859-7653

www.tryonrealestate.com/category/rentals

Blackberry Cabin

Great mtn views, 25 acres. 2BR/2BA, loft, kitchen, porch, fire pit.

1640 Green River Cove Rd., Saluda, 28773

704-400-8095 • www.vrbo.com/77388

Blackberry Cottage

Historic 2BR/1BA home, sleeps 4-6, porch, kitchen, cable, DVD.

632 Sub Station Rd., Saluda 28773

828-749-1933 • www.vrbo.com/323407

Breezy View

3BR/3BA with 2 paddocks for horses, fire pit & grill on patio, 5 minutes from Equestrian center show grounds.

45 Lake Sandy Plains Rd., Tryon 28782

864-316-1173 • www.airbnb.com/rooms/17380044

Bronze Ridge Cottage

1BR/1BA Cottage situated on 160-acre conservancy, offering a beautiful trail system for walking your dog or riding your horse.

Includes 5-stall barn with paddocks and run-ins.

625 Bronze Ridge Dr., Tryon 28782

828-894-8473 • www.vrbo.com/341709

Buttercup Cottage

2BR/1BA, sleeps 4+, sleeper sofa. Full kitchen, large deck w/grill.

612 Ransom Rd., Saluda 28773

828-749-9538 • www.saludabuttercupcottage.com

Chestnut Manor

Enjoy a massage chair or play the piano in beautifully adorned 3BR/2.5BA, 3 minute walk to downtown Tryon.

205 Chestnut St., Tryon 28782

828-817-2164 • www.airbnb.com/rooms/9629082

Cottage at Pirates Cove

On 53-acre estate. Queen + full sleep sofa, full kitchen.

101 Oleson Dr., Columbus 28722

631-223-6866 • www.gotchaback.net/piratescove

Cottage of Dark Corner

2BR/1BA cottage, large porch, private spa. Mtn views, waterfall.

255 Robin Ln., Saluda 28773

828-749-3580

www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/p305564

Cozy Chestnut Cottage

Cute & comfortable little cottage on wooded lot, 1BR+ Sofa pull out. Only 3 minutes to downtown Tryon.
197 Chestnut St., Tryon 28782
828-817-2164 • www.airbnb.com/rooms/12153712
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Creekside Cabin

5BR/3BA log. River access, 8 acres. Sleeps 12-14, HDTV, fire pit.
164 Front Ridge Cir., Green River Highlands, Rutherfordton 28139
941-371-1891 • www.stayatthecabin.com
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Cross Creek Bed, Barn & Breakfast

2 King 1-Twin, plus 2BR cottage. Custom meal prep & horse stalls available.
1906 Landrum Rd., Columbus 28722
828-863-2119 • www.crosscreekbbb.com
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Dance Hall Cottage

3BR Former dance hall, renovated with reclaimed materials & antiques. 4 minutes to TIEC.
15 Big Level Rd., Mill Spring 28756
864-497-5626 • www.vrbo.com/698483
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Deer Valley Cabin

3BR/2BA, sleeps 6, screened porch.
205 Valley Dr., Green River Highlands, Rutherfordton 28139
941-371-1891 • www.stayatthecabin.com
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EZ Living

Tastefully decorated mountain house, 3BR/2BA with large porch, short walk to downtown.
122 Homewood Dr., Saluda 28773
843-722-7613 • www.airbnb.com/rooms/21216527
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End of the Road

6 cabins, each 396 sq ft on private wooded lots, 2BR/1 bath with screened porches & fire pits. 2 cabins have hot tubs. Near Lake Lure.
444 Delind Dr., Mill Spring 28756
828-817-2208 • www.endoftheroadnc.com
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Escape at Frost Mountain

4BR on 8-acre estate. Screened porch. Overlooks mtns & Piedmont.
Frost Rd. in Saluda 28773
877-749-9181 • www.saludarealty.net/the-escape.php
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Foxrunner Cabin

2BR/2BA log cabin in Lake Adger with stunning views from deck, screened porch and hot tub.
61 N. Boundary Rd., Mill Spring 28756
864-270-5776 • www.foxrunnercabin.com
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Friday House

Located at Bright's Creek Golf Course with rural mountain views. 3BR/3BA, sleeps 8. Inside & out fireplaces, screened porch, walk to a nearby waterfall.
110 Chestertown Dr., Mill Spring 28756
828-817-1041
www.cielore.com/property/friday-house
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GORGEous Views

3BR/3BA Mtn paradise all 3 levels offer views of Green River Gorge.
441 Glen Echo Cir., Saluda 28773
864-497-5626 • www.vrbo.com/582088
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Green Creek Cabins

3 small 1BR/1BA upscale cabins located on 30 acres in Blue Ridge Mtn Foothills. Parking for horse trailers available on site.
1367 Sandy Plains Rd., Tryon 28782
864-230-4626 • www.greencreekcabins.com
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Green River Gorge House

4BR/2BA sleeps 12. On banks of Green River with riverfront access, screened porch with rockers & swings, fire pit & kids playground.
2507 Green River Cove Rd., Saluda 28773
970-274-8763 • www.greenrivergorgehouse.com
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Green River Log Cabin

Log cabin 3BR/2BA, sleeps 8. Covered wrap around porch on wooded lot with river access.
476 Front Ridge Cir., Green River Highlands, Rutherfordton 28139
305-798-3937 • www.grlogcabin.com
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Hawks View

4BR/3.5BA, Sleeps 12. Luxury log & stone mtn retreat, a sanctuary on top of the world.
1616 White Oak Dr., Columbus 28722
864-497-5626 • www.vrbo.com/694062
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Hilltop House

4BR/3.5BA home, 2 master suites, sleeps 10. Sits on 13 private acres in the heart of all equestrian activities. Stone crafted fireplace.
116 Fallen Tree Ln., Mill Spring 28756
843-568-3974
www.chuckstark.com/rental/116-fallen-tree-lane
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Horse Feathers

Guest house offers 3BR/2BA with fenced yard in Hunt Country.
15 Blockhouse Rd., Tryon 28782
828-859-7653
www.tryonrealestate.net/rental-listings
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Hummingbird Retreat

Overlooks beautiful hummingbird gardens, 5 minute walk to downtown Tryon. 3BR/2BA with spacious living room, adjoining study/sleeping den.
60 Doubleday Rd., Tryon 28782
888-829-7076 • www.vrbo.com/1157763
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Hunter's Haven

Cozy 2BR/1BA cottage on large lot, large open kitchen. 10 miles to Equestrian Center.
4020 Polk County Line Rd., Rutherfordton 28139
919-412-5827 • www.airbnb.com/rooms/7345967
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Hunting Country Cabin

European cabin sleeps 2+, loft, 7 acres, kitchen, porch.
5970 Hunting Country Rd., Tryon 28782
828-471-7829
www.huntingcountrycabinrental.com
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Indigo Ridge Cabin

Eco-friendly cabin sleeps 4. Enjoy greenhouse patio. Pet friendly.
201 Good Earth Ln., Tryon 28782
828-863-4230 • www.airbnb.com/rooms/21105353
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Lakefront Melody

3BR log cabin on Lake Adger. King + 2 Doubles on private dock. Use of canoe + 3 kayaks.
Lake Adger Parkway in Mill Spring, 28756
828-625-9800
www.carolinapropertiesnc.com/37555
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Lavender Hill Farm

On 5 acres at the end of a quiet country lane.
3BR/2BA cottage, pet friendly.
226 John Smith Rd., Columbus 28722
843-568-3974
www.chuckstark.com/rental/pennwood-too
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Little House at the Grey Fox

Tin roof quaint home, 2BR/2 Shower baths on serene property one mile from TIEC. Multiple hiking trails, lots of wildlife, White Oak Creek runs along property.
2011 Moore Rd., Tryon 28782
864-415-9198 • www.airbnb.com/rooms/18961487
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Living the Dream on Green River

Relax in 1200 sq ft with screened porch in this 2BR/2BA + loft. Pet Friendly.
2906 Green River Cove Rd., Saluda 28773
828-749-3121 • www.firstpeaknc.com
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Living Water Retreats

Enjoy sunsets from the covered deck of this 3BR/1.5BA. Spacious open LR/Kitchen/Dining. Walk property pastures with cows and baby goats!
55 Living Waters Ln., Mill Spring 28756
828-817-2011 • www.livingwaterlane.com/retreat
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Lodge at Rock Springs

Two story, 5BR situated on 190 forested acres including 3 ponds, private creek & forest hiking trails. 4 bedroom suites, Jacuzzi & hot tub, gym & antique bowling alley in game room.
267 Rock Springs Rd., Mill Spring 28756
805-637-4583 • www.vrbo.com/884713
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Magnolia Cottage

Cottage within walking distance of downtown, with step-free access to home's entrance. One bed, one sofa bed.
55 Laurel Ave., Tryon 28782
828-894-5207 • www.airbnb.com/rooms/16143184
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Modern Mountain Escape

This 4600 sq ft home is handicapped accessible and can accommodate large groups. 5BR/5.5BA offers 2 laundry areas, an office, 5 screened porches & sleeps up to 14 people.
1130 Bent Oak Dr., Columbus 28722
828-817-1068 • www.vrbo.com/751426
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Mostly Hall

Circa 1912 home, 4BR/3.5BA sleeps 7. Beautiful landscaping & outdoor spaces. Within walking distance to downtown.
66 Fox Trot Ln., Tryon 28782
828-817-4343 • www.vrbo.com/721811
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Mountain Escape at Bright's Creek

Large mtn resort home, outdoor pool & outdoor kitchen.
336 Chestertown Rd., Mill Spring 28756
828-625-9800 • www.carolinaproperties.com
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Mt. Vernonberg

Spacious 6 bedroom, 3 full baths, 2 half bath, sleeps 11. Historic home located in charming downtown Saluda. Fenced yard, pool table, covered porch & deck overlooks community garden.
240 Poplar St., Saluda 28773
803-279-1646 • www.vrbo.com/753423
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Paradise Cozy Cabins

2 rustic themed cabins, each 1BR w/ Queen sofa in LR. Enviro safe & pet friendly.
7505 Hwy 108 E., Mill Spring 28756
828-447-3370 • www.paradisecozycabins.com
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Pennwood Farms

3,000 sq ft Barn Apartment, 3BR/2BA sleeps up to 9, sits on equestrian working farm. Master suite has clawfoot tub, fitness room, steam shower & deck overlooking farm.
226 John Smith Rd., Columbus 28722
843-568-3974
www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/p872926vb
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Pine Shadows Chalet

3BR/2BA, sleeps 6-7. A-frame on 3 acres, mtn view, huge deck.
23 Pine Shadows Ln., Columbus 28722
904-434-5519 • www.vrbo.com/297623
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Piney Mountain Cabin

Custom-built, mtn top cabin, 2BR + loft. Spectacular views.
35 Volley Way, Saluda 28773
843-817-0535 • www.RentTheCarolinas.com
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Piney Overlook

Amazing 360° Mountain views from deck of this 2BR/2BA log cabin on 4.5 wooded acres.
75 Wesley Ln., Saluda 28773
843-817-0535
www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/3994581
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Red Rooster House

Ground level apartment 1BR with private entrance & courtyard located in the heart of Historic downtown Saluda.
46 Church St., Saluda 28773
337-739-9850 • www.airbnb.com/rooms/12634338
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Regalo Farm

1BR garage apt w/Queen sofa, private entrance.
476 Preservation Trail, Columbus 28722
704-491-0699 • www.regalofarm.weebly.com
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Renvyle Cottage

3BR/3BA log cabin tucked away on large, peaceful wooded lot, a moment's walk from downtown. Fire pit and porches with rocking chairs.
571 Wilderness Rd., Tryon 28782
877-818-1014
www.evolvevacationrentals.com.ID#364210
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Restin Quarters

3BR/3BA, Fully stocked kitchen, Fireplace, wrap porch, W&D, kitchenette in lower level.
108 Elliot Ln., Rutherfordton 28139
828-817-1041
www.cielore.com/property/restin-quarters
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Riders Rest

3BR/2.5BA log cabin in natural setting, with 2 covered porches. Jetted tub, game room, paved roads & natural surroundings great for biking.
Lake Lure 28746
888-640-7927 • www.airbnb.com/rooms/19199044
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Ridge View Cabin

Modern 2BR/1BA log home on 2 acres, river access, long rentals ok.
960 Front Ridge Cir., Green River Highlands, Rutherfordton 28139
941-371-1891 • www.stayatthecabin.com
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River Wilderness

2BR/2BA, Log cabin on 2 acres. Deck with grill and fire pit. In Green River Highlands, community park nearby.
119 Ethan Dr., Tryon 28782
828-817-1041
www.cielore.com/property/river-wilderness.com
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Riverdance Cabin

Log cabin overlooks river & park. 2 Master suites.
480 Rivercrest Pkwy., Green River Highlands, Rutherfordton 28139
354-638-2981 • www.foothillscabinsrentalsnc.com
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Rockhouse Vineyards

Located on a 200-acre farm with working vineyard and beautiful sunset mountain views. 2BR/1BA idyllic stone cottage features covered stone porch.
1525 Turner Rd., Tryon 28782
704-488-5031 • www.vrbo.com/683468
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Rosewood Chalet

4BR. Kitchen, deck, picnic table.
2840 Landrum Rd., Columbus 28722
941-371-1333 or 941-685-9039
www.rosewoodchalet.weebly.com
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Rosie's Farm

3BR/3.5BA family home, sleeps 10. Located on 75-acre farm within walking distance of Tryon Riding & Hunt Club.
315 Floyd Blackwell Rd., Lake Lure 28746
828-625-9119
www.bookings.pinnaclesir.com/Unit/Details/134289
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Saluda Loft

3BR/3BA Urban bungalow loft in a 1920s fully renovated downtown bldg. Pool table.
Saluda 28773
888-699-2987 • www.yondernc.com
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Saluda Mountain Home

Beautiful mtn top home sleeps 6. Wood floors, screened porch.
689 Thompson Rd., Saluda 28773
843-795-2508 • www.saludamountainhome.com
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Sandy Cut Cabins

3 cabins w/Jacuzzis. Quiet mtn setting. Hiking, fishing & swimming nearby.
P.O. Box 386, Saluda 28773
828-595-1603 • www.sandycutcabins.com
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Shelton's Way

Near lake, sleeps 8, master suite, porch, deck, grill.
755 Highland View Ln., Mill Spring 28756
828-625-9800 • www.carolinaproperties.com
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Small Town Urban Cottage

Modern spacious 2BR/2.5BA cottage steps to the center of downtown Tryon.
131 New Market Rd., Tryon 28782
828-859-2763 • www.airbnb.com/rooms/13100791
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South Cove Cottage

2BR/2BA Sleeps 6. On Lake Adger w/private dock in natural, private setting.
885 S. Cove Rd., Mill Spring 28756
864-497-5626 • www.vrbo.com/645058
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Southern Comfort Getaway

In Brights Creek, spacious 4BR/3BA with direct view of equestrian center from the kitchen porch.
120 Glen Ct., Columbus 28722
828-817-1068 • www.vrbo.com/800098
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Stone Meadow Farm

Cozy, over the garage, queen bedroom on Stone Meadow Farm, minutes from all the equestrian facilities.
119 Green Meadows Ln., Columbus 28722
864-57-7432 • www.airbnb.com/rooms/21112563
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Tally Ho Cottage

Super Cute 2BR/1BA cottage on 1 1/2 acres. Pet & Horse friendly with Fenced turn out adjacent to small barn.
932 Solen Williams Rd., Tryon 28782
843-568-3974 • www.vrbo.com/886132
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Tree Blew Inn Cottage

Mountain cottage, modern comforts. 3BR/3BA. Screened porches. Walk to town.
On Smith Hill, Saluda 28773
828-692-3585 • www.treeblewinncc.com
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Tryon Chalet & Cabins

4BR/3BA Chalet on private wooded lot, plus New 1BR/1BA log cabin offering pastoral views from covered porches, located on the Imagine Farm Equus in Green Creek.
10653 S NC Hwy 9, Columbus 28722
510-506-9266 • www.thetryonchalet.com
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Tryon Mountain House

Mtn & lake views. 3BR, 2.5BA, open family area, deck, kayaks.
On Melrose Mtn in Tryon 28782
800-447-1304 • www.tryonrealestate.com/rentals
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Tryon Rentals

Four country cottages, 3BR/2BA & covered front porches. Located approx 1 mile of Tryon Int'l Equestrian Center.
1865 Moore Rd., Mill Spring, NC
828-372-0200 • www.tryon-rentals.com
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Tryon Resort at Tryon International Equestrian Center

1, 3 & 5BR Cabins and RV slots. Walk to Equestrian Center barns & arenas.
25 International Blvd., Mill Spring 28765
828-863-1015
www.tryon.com/page/lodging-online-booking
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Victoria Lea Cottage

Well-appointed 2BR/1BA cottage, only a 7-minute walk to the heart of downtown Historic Tryon.
211 Pine Crest Ln., Tryon 28782
828-817-1387 • www.vrbo.com/1014985
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Windsong Wonder

3BR/2BA sleeps 9. Treehouse feel with enchanting views. Sunroom.
599 Windsong Ln., Saluda 28773
864-497-5626 • www.vrbo.com/469334
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Woodlane House

4BR/2BA, with separate office, weekly rental. Pleasant, quiet, close to town.
757 Highway 108 East, Columbus 28722
828-436-2101 x2300 • www.woodlanehouse.com
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Campgrounds

Orchard Lake Campground & Cabins

Wooded sites, full RV hook-ups, 3 A frame cabins that sleep 6. Children welcome. Lakes for fishing & swimming.
460 Orchard Lake Rd, Saluda 28773
828-749-3901 • www.orchardlakecampground.com
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Silver Creek Campground


Wooded sites, full RV hook-ups, rustic camp cabins, pool, fishing ponds & mini golf.
3111 Silver Creek Rd., Mill Spring 28756
800-510-1603 • www.campingfriend.com
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Wilderness Cove Campground


Wooded sites w/water & electric, camping cabins, river, tubing.
3772 Green River Cove, Saluda 28773
828-749-9100
www.wildernesscovecampground.com

Explore the Area...

Explore the Area Legend

 Locate listings by their map coordinates (A1-C3).

 Family Friendly

 NC Birding Trail

* Keep dogs on a leash & clean up after them.



Nearby Western N.C. Attractions

- Biltmore Estate, Asheville
- Blue Ridge Heritage Trail
- Blue Ridge Parkway
- Carl Sandburg Home, NHS, Flat Rock
- Cedar Creek Stables & Riverside Riding Stables, Lake Lure
- Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park
- Flat Rock Playhouse
- KidSenses Museum in Rutherfordton & Hands On! A Child's Gallery in Hendersonville
- Lake Lure



Cycling

The First Peak has caught the eye of cycling events like Tour de Leaves, Gran Fondo Hincapie, Tryon Difficile Ultra Cross and CycleNC. These events and our roads offer great cycling for all levels—beginner, intermediate and league levels. See our most popular routes in yellow on this map and call for guidance. 800-440-7848.

View over 500 routes within 20 miles of Columbus, NC at www.ridewithgps.com/routes



Family Friendly Fun

Whether you're big or small, the First Peak is a great place to enjoy family time together. Let us help you create a plan with something for everyone. Look for this icon to discover playful and adventurous spots for family fun.

Attractions & Recreation

- 1 B3 The Bradley Nature Preserve at Alexander's Ford** 
160-acre preserve along the Green River – trails through fields and forests, 1/2 mile ADA trail. Site of Revolutionary War encampment. Dogs allowed*. 800-440-7848 • www.discoverfirstpeak.com
- 2 B1 Bright's Creek Resort** 
Equestrian trail rides and lessons, BMW Excursion, Fazio golf course and 4,700 acres of trails, streams and waterfalls to hike and explore. 2222 Palmer Rd., Mill Spring 28756 • 828-694-4500 • www.brightscreek.com
- 3 C2 Foothills Equestrian Nature Center (FENCE)**  
390-acres. Hiking trails, boardwalk, picnic area. Equestrian events, bird walks, family events. Book lodge for gatherings. 3381 Hunting Country Rd., Tryon 28782 • 828-859-9021 • www.fence.org
- 4 B3 Gibson Park and Pool** 
Public swimming pool (seasonal hours and fee), playground and picnic area. 236 Park St., Columbus 28722 • 828-894-2646 • www.polknc.org/pool.php
- 5 B1 The Gorge Zipline Canopy Tour** 
A 3-hour canopy tour featuring 11 zip lines, sky-bridge & 3 rappels in tree-based platforms making it the steepest & fastest in the U.S. Ages 10 & up, 70–250 pounds. 166 Honey Bee Dr., Saluda 28773 • 828-749-2500 • www.thegorgezipline.com
- 6 B1 Green River Cove Recreation Area**  
The Green River offers a scenic drive and access for fishing, tubing, kayaking, canoeing, picnicking & hiking. Green River Cove Rd., Saluda 28773 • 800-440-7848 • www.discoverfirstpeak.com
- 7 B3 Green River Plantation/NC Civil War Trail Marker**
Restored 42-room, 1804 mansion, on National Historic Register. Civil War history. Tours by appt. Book events & weddings. 6333 Coxe Rd., Rutherfordton 28139 • 828-286-1461 • www.greenriverplantation.wordpress.com
- 8 C1 Harmon Field** 
50-acre park on the Pacolet River. Wading, playground, tennis courts, walking track, sports fields & horse rings. Reserve event cabin & picnic shelter. Dogs allowed*. Harmon Field Rd., Tryon 28782 • 828-859-6655 • www.exploretryon.com
- 9 B2 Historic Mill Spring School/Ag Development Ctr.** 
Tour 1920s school with farm store, artist studios, meeting space & auditorium, on Overmountain Victory Trail motor route. 156 School Rd., Mill Spring 28756 • 828-894-8028 • www.polkcountyfarms.org

10 B3 House of Flags Museum and Veteran's Park 🧑🧑🧑

A unique historical collection of over 300 U.S., military, state, & international flags. Guided & self-guided tours. Tue & Thur 10am-1pm, Sat 10am-4pm. Veteran's Park is next door.
33 Gibson St., Columbus 28722 • 828-894-5640 • www.houseofflags.org

11 B2 Lake Adger Boating and Fishing 🧑🧑🧑

Private lake with public boat ramp: pontoons 80HP, all others 60HP. Great fishing for muskie, etc.
Lake Adger Rd., Mill Spring 28756 • www.lakeadger.com

12 B1 McCreery Park 🧑🧑🧑

Picnic pavilion & gazebo (can reserve), playground. Dogs allowed.*
Main St., Saluda 28773 • 828-749-2581 • www.saluda.com

13 C1 Nina Simone Plaza 🧑🧑🧑

Nina Simone, born in Tryon in 1933, was a world-renowned musician. She is honored with a sculpture of her seated at her piano.
54 N. Trade St., Tryon 28782 • 800-440-7848 • www.ninasimoneproject.org

14 C1 Pacolet River Scenic Byway/Hwy. 176 🧑🧑🧑

A 10-mile scenic drive from Tryon to Saluda along the Pacolet River. Pass historic sites, waterfalls & beautiful vistas along the "Saluda Grade," a famous railroad incline.
Hwy. 176. 800-440-7848 • www.discoverfirstpeak.com

15 C1 Pearson's Falls 🧑🧑🧑 🐦

Easy 1/4-mile hike to 90-ft. waterfall, wildflowers, birding. Open daily, call for hours. Closed in January. No pets. Small fee.
2720 Pearson Falls Rd., Saluda 28773 • 828-749-3031 • www.pearsonfalls.org

16 B3 Polk County Courthouse/NC Civil War Trail Marker

Built in 1859 using handmade bricks. On National Historic Register. Restored, still in active use. Stoneman's Raid passed here during Civil War.
Courthouse St., Columbus 28722 • 800-440-7848 • www.discoverfirstpeak.com

17 B3 Polk County Historical Association Museum 🧑🧑🧑

Polk County's story told through themed displays, historic artifacts, and photographs. Info for genealogical research. Tu & Th 10am-1pm, Sat 10am-4pm.
60 Walker St., Lower Level, Columbus 28722 • 828-894-3351 • www.discoverfirstpeak.com

18 C1 Rogers Park 🧑🧑🧑

200-seat amphitheater for concerts and events. May be reserved. Small creek and short trails meander through the park. Dogs allowed.*
West Howard St., Tryon 28782 • 828-859-6655 • www.discoverfirstpeak.com

19 B1 Saluda Gem Mining 🧑🧑🧑

Mining for minerals, rubies, emeralds, garnets and more on the covered deck of a historic 1920s wooden caboose.
105 E. Main St., Saluda 28773 • 828-691-9723 • www.saluda.com

20 B2 Shunkawauken Falls/Sunset Rock Scenic Drive 🧑🧑🧑

Winding road makes a loop: pass 150-foot, drive-by waterfall on White Oak Mountain Rd. Can pull over on left past falls. Continue .7 miles to Sunset Rock overlook & down Skyuka Mtn Rd.
Columbus 28722 • 800-440-7848 • www.discoverfirstpeak.com

21 C1 Tryon Arts and Crafts School 🧑🧑🧑

Arts & crafts school with large Heritage Gallery and Gift Shop. Weekend workshops plus classes and visiting artists.
373 Harmon Field Rd., Tryon 28782 • 828-859-8323 • www.tryonartsandcrafts.org

22 C1 Tryon Fine Arts Center & Amphitheater 🧑🧑🧑

Renovated 335-seat theater promoting the visual and performing arts—including concerts, dance, theater and art exhibits, plus outdoor seasonal events.
34 Melrose Ave., Tryon 28782. 828-859-8322 • www.tryonarts.org

23 C1 Tryon Historical Museum 🧑🧑🧑

The story of Tryon is told through exhibits including Tryon's early days, its equestrian roots and the arts. Th-Sat 11am-4pm.
26 Maple St, Tryon 28782, USA • 828-859-0123 • www.tryonhistoricalmuseum.org

24 B3 Tryon International Equestrian Center 🧑🧑🧑

Premier equestrian center welcomes spectators to watch free horse shows, dining, shopping and frequent community events.
25 International Blvd., Mill Spring 28756 • 828-863-1000 • www.tryon.com

25 C1 Tryon Painters and Sculptors

A fine arts organization that hosts exhibits, performances, classes, and lectures.
78 N. Trade St., Tryon 28782 • 828-859-0141 • www.tryonpaintersandsculptors.com

26 C1 Upstairs Artspace

Non-profit contemporary art gallery exhibiting 2D and 3D art and craft by leading artists of the Southeast.
49 S Trade St, Tryon 28782 • 828-859-2828 • www.upstairsartspace.com

Looking Glass Creamery 🧑🧑🧑

Looking Glass Creamery will open in 2018. www.lookingglasscreamery.com



Wineries

1 C2 Green Creek Winery

Wine tours and tastings, plus wine ice cream and other wine-inspired foods/treats. Enjoy mountain/vineyard views. Book events & weddings. Open Fri-Sun. Tour bus friendly, call first.
413 Gilbert Rd., Columbus 28722 • 828-863-2182 • www.greencreekwinery.us

2 B3 Mountain Brook Vineyards

7-acre vineyard featuring 100% hand-harvested NC-grown grapes including Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Tours & barrel tastings; Picnics. Open Fri-Sun 1-6pm or by appt.
731 Phillips Dairy Rd., Tryon 28782 • 828-817-4376 • www.mountainbrookvineyards.com

3 B3 Overmountain Vineyards & Winery

Tour 17-acre vineyard. Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Manseng, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot & Merlot vineyard on a family owned farm—part of the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail. Open year-round Wed-Th & Sun 12-6pm, Fri-Sat 12-7pm.
2014 Sandy Plains Rd., Tryon 28782 • 828-863-0523 • www.overmountainvineyards.com

4 B2 Parker-Binns Vineyard

Tour 11-acre vineyard featuring Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Muscat, Merlot, Petit Manseng and more in the tasting room amid 40 acres of lush countryside. Open Th-Sun 12-6pm.
7382 E. NC 108 Hwy., Mill Spring 28756 • 828-894-0154 • www.parker-binnsvineyard.com

5 C3 Russian Chapel Hills Winery

Estate vineyard featuring a Russian chapel in the 17th century style. Grapes grown on-site producing Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot, Rose and imported Karma wines. Available for events. Open Th-Sun 12-6pm.
2662 Green Creek Dr., Columbus 28722 • 828-863-0541 • www.russianchapelhill.com



River Outfitters


- 7 B1 Green River Adventures Guided Whitewater Trips & Waterfall Rappelling** 
828-749-2800 • www.greenriveradventures.com
- 8 B1 Green River Cove Tubing** 
828-749-3781 • www.greenrivercove tubing.com
- 9 B2 Silver Creek Tubing** 
800-510-1603 • www.campingfriend.com/silvercreekcampground/
- 10 B1 Wilderness Cove Tubing** 
828-749-9100 • www.nctubing.com

Hiking/Biking Trails

Call 800-440-7848 for detailed information about trails. Four of our trails are certified as part of the NC Birding Trail system. Look for this bird icon  next to the description.

EASY


Trails at **1** Alexander's Ford, **3** FENCE , **15** Pearson's Falls 

1 B1 Lazy Girl Loop and Bradley Nature Preserve 
1-mile walking trail plus 9-acre nature park. Trailhead at Esseola Dr. and Substation Rd. (near Autumn Care Nursing Center)
Saluda, 28773 • 800-440-7848 • www.discoverfirstpeak.com

2 C1 Vaughn Creek Greenway 
A 3/4-mile trail along Vaughn Creek offering many beautiful cascades and woodland views.
884 New Market Rd., Tryon 28782 • www.exploretryon.com

3 C1 Woodland Park 
Hiking trails lead through 10 acres of unspoiled forest.
Chestnut St., Tryon 28782 • 800-440-7848 • www.discoverfirstpeak.com

MODERATE OR STRENUOUS

4 B1 Green River Game Lands 
9 trails vary in difficulty and scenery. Rugged hiking through the N.C. Wildlife Game Lands. Stop in Saluda for a trail map. Dogs allowed*.
Green River Cove Rd., Saluda 28773 • 800-440-7848 • www.discoverfirstpeak.com

5 C1 Norman Wilder Forest 
2-3 mile wooded hike on steep slopes. Rock face with gentle waterfall. Dogs allowed*.
Park at trailhead on Hwy 176 or Tau Rock Vineyard Rd., Tryon 28782 • 800-440-7848
www.discoverfirstpeak.com

6 B1 Poinsett Passage
A 6.6-mile section of the Palmetto Trail. Dogs allowed*.
Trailhead at side entrance to Orchard Lake Campground, Fork Creek Rd., Saluda 28773 • 800-440-7848
www.palmettoconservation.org

Golf Courses

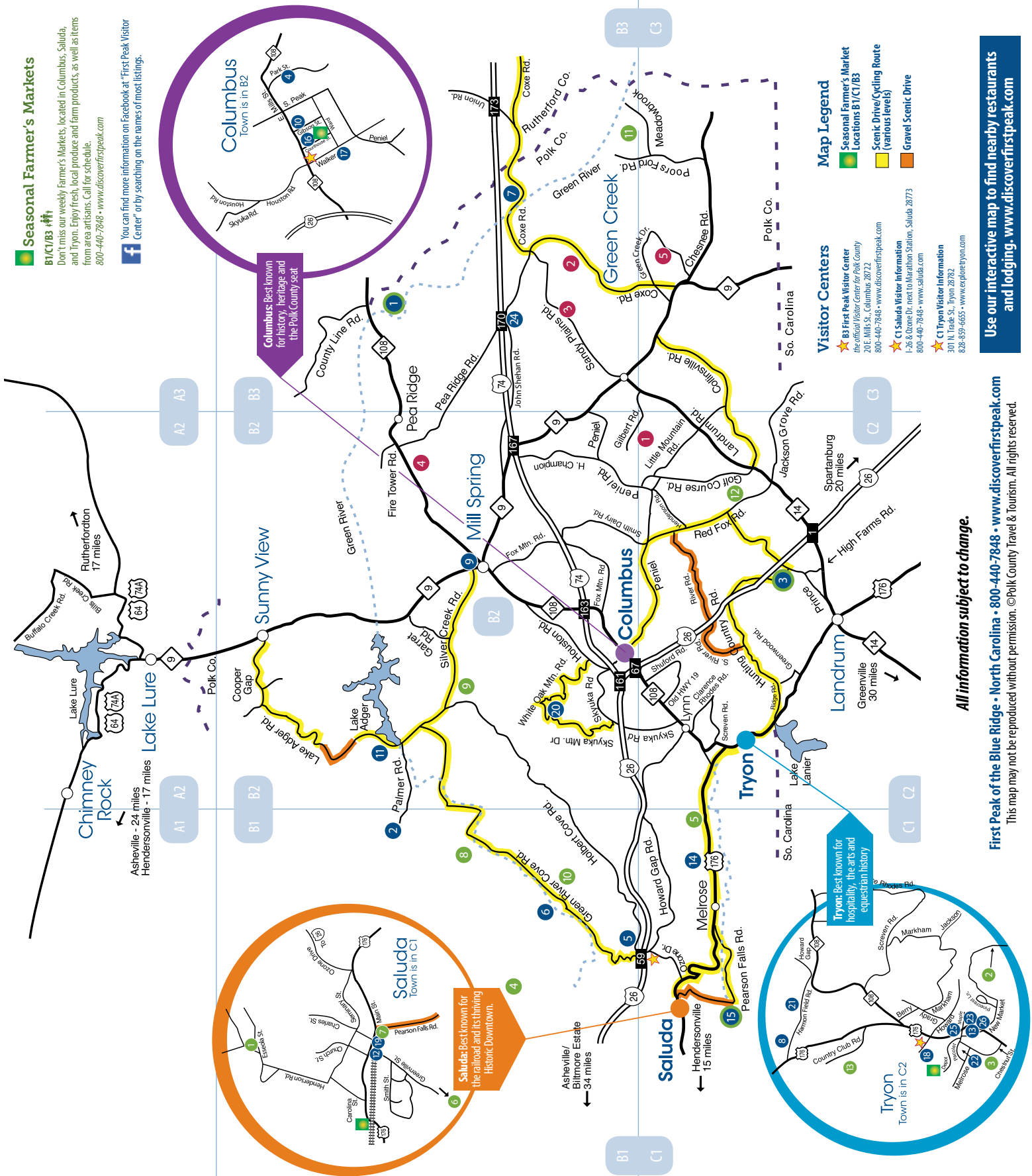
- 11 B3 Meadowbrook Golf Course** • 828-863-2690 • www.meadowbrookgolfclub.com
- 12 C2 Red Fox Country Club** • 828-894-8251 • www.discoverfirstpeak.com
- 13 C1 Tryon Country Club** • 828-859-9561 • www.tryoncountryclub.com

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Seasonal Farmer's Markets

B1/C1/B3
 Don't miss our weekly Farmer's Markets, located in Columbus, Saluda, and Tryon. Enjoy fresh, local produce and farm products, as well as items from area artisans. Call for schedule. 800-440-7848 • www.discoverfirstpeak.com

You can find more information on Facebook at "First Peak Visitor Center" or by searching on the names of most listings.



Saluda
 Town is in C1

Saluda: Best known for the railroad and its thriving Historic Downtown.

Columbus
 Town is in B2

Columbus: Best known for history, heritage and the Polk County seat

Tryon
 Town is in C2

Tryon: Best known for hospitality, the arts and equestrian history

- Map Legend**
- Seasonal Farmer's Market Locations B1/C1/B3
 - Scenic Drive/Cycling Route (various levels)
 - Gravel Scenic Drive

- Visitor Centers**
- B3 First Peak Visitor Center**
 the official Visitor Center for Polk County
 20 E. Mills St., Columbus 28722
 800-440-7848 • www.discoverfirstpeak.com
 - C1 Saluda Visitor Information**
 I-26 & Ozone Dr. next to Marathon Station, Saluda 28773
 800-440-7848 • www.saluda.com
 - C1 Tryon Visitor Information**
 301 N. Trade St., Tryon 28782
 828-859-4655 • www.exploretryon.com

Use our interactive map to find nearby restaurants and lodging. www.discoverfirstpeak.com

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