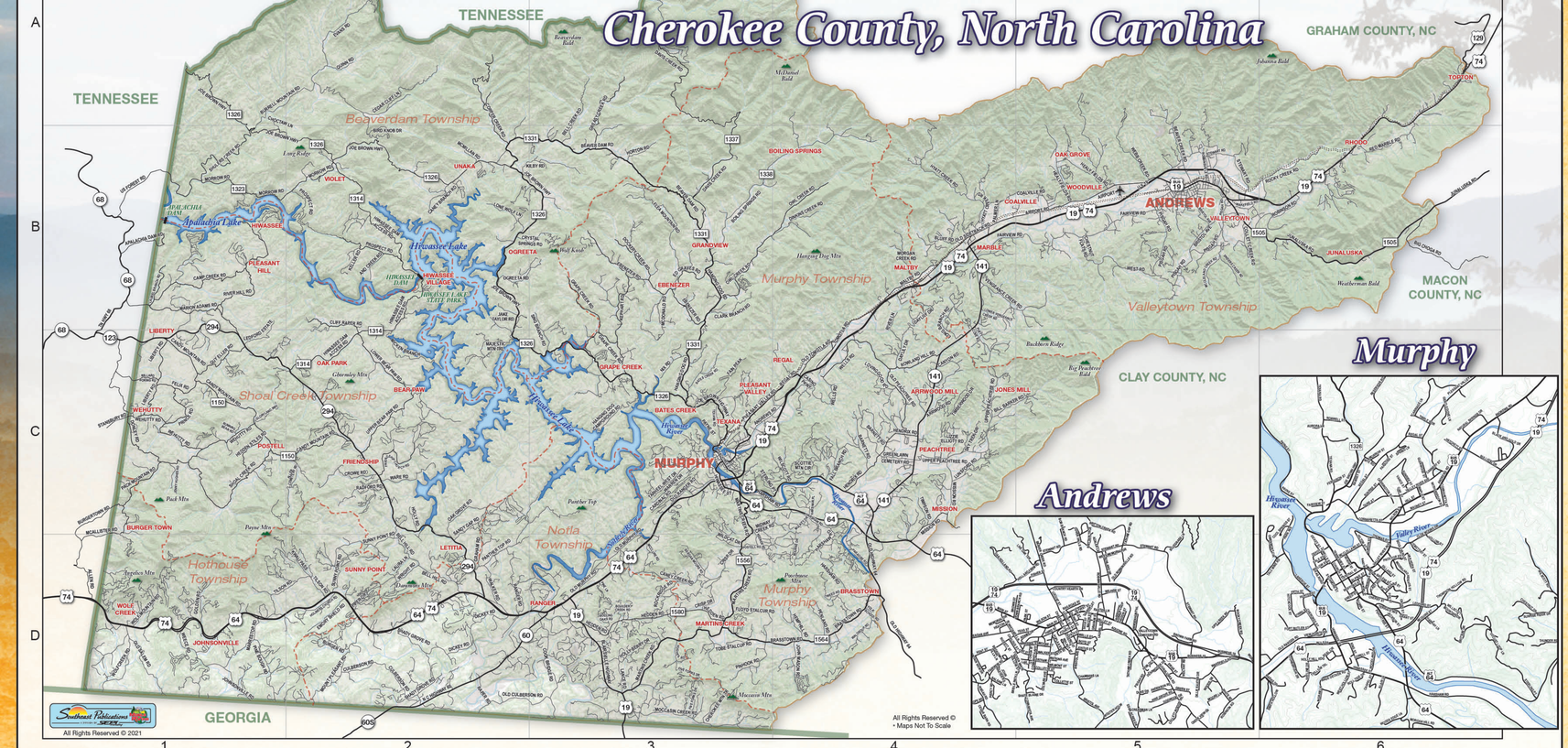
Cherokee County, North Carolina



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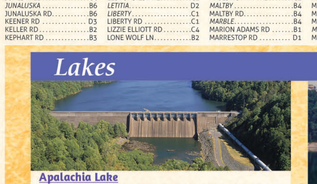
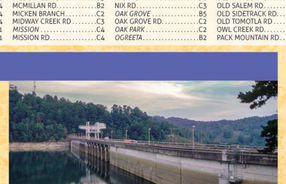


Apalachia Lake

Apalachia Lake is a small, deep, cool-water reservoir nestled in the western North Carolina mountains. The reservoir in its entirety is located solely within Cherokee County. The dam was designed and built to generate hydroelectric energy during World War II. Adjacent to the Nantahala National Forest, the reservoir has very little private shoreline development and NO commercial recreation facilities. Apalachia is one of the most pristine lakes of unparalleled beauty offering fishing, canoeing, hiking and primitive camping recreation areas. Because of the remote location, relatively few anglers use the reservoir. Sport fish include smallmouth bass, spotted bass, largemouth bass, redbreast sunfish and white bass.

Did you know???

- *Construction of the Apalachia Dam began in 1941 and took 2 years to complete. The dam is 150 feet high and stretches 1,308 feet across the Hiwassee River.*
- *Apalachia is a relatively small reservoir with 31 miles of shoreline and about 1,070 acres of water surface.*
- *Apalachia is a run-of-river reservoir, meaning that water is passed through the reservoir without being stored long-term.*
- *A public boat ramp is located below the Hiwassee Lake Dam at the TVA Powerhouse. Fishing the shoreline is also accessed at this same location.*



Hiwassee Lake

Hiwassee Lake is located on the Hiwassee River, stretching 22 miles through western North Carolina. Surrounded by the Nantahala and Cherokee National Forests, it is upstream from Lake Apalachia. With three marinas and numerous public access points, including Hanging Dog Recreation Area, Hiwassee Lake is easy to enjoy. Its location makes it an exceptionally beautiful location for camping, served as a rich habitat for deer, wild turkey and other wild animals. The flow of water in this reservoir comes from deep below the surface and can be refreshingly cool even on the warmest summer day.

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- *North Shoal Creek, Leatherwood and Kennedy are small falls in our area but be careful because they all are near or on private property.*

Rivers

Rivers in and near Cherokee County include the Hiwassee, Valley, Nottley, Ocoee and Nantahala. The Hiwassee River is approximately 147 miles long. Its headwaters are in North Georgia but it flows through Cherokee County turning westward to Tennessee, eventually emptying into the Tennessee River. The Valley River begins as a pair of springs from within the Snowbird Mountains and flows southwest into the Hiwassee River. The town of Murphy is situated at the confluence of the Hiwassee and Valley Rivers. The rivers are a popular source of outdoor adventure, including white water rafting, kayaking, canoeing and fishing.

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Community Parks

Murphy River Walk - Murphy, NC

Murphy River Walk is a wonderful 1 mile greenway that follows the Hiwassee River and Valley River which meet and surround the historic town center of Murphy NC, NEW 2018! - an exciting new addition to lengthen the River Walk.

Along the walkway there are picnic areas with BBQ grills, a fishing pier that protrudes out over the river, as well as swings that are placed under the shaded trees that allow sway back and forth while enjoying the wildlife and soothing sounds of the river.

Konehete Park - Murphy, NC

Presently the facility includes a riverwalk, baseball fields, soccer field, tennis courts, zero entry pool featuring a removable dome and gym complex. In addition there is a playground and picnic area. A large lighting system allows a variety of night activities and sports.

Disc Golf Course - Andrews, NC

Heritage Park Disc Golf Course lies in the heart of the Andrews Valley, nestled between the Valley River Mountains to the south and the Snowbird Mountains to the north. The Valley River runs along several of the holes creating a challenging, yet beautiful atmosphere.

The 18-hole course is open to the public and is free to all. The first hole starts just behind the skateboard park in the Andrews Recreation Park located on Main Street.

Hall Park - Andrews, NC

Hall Memorial Park is a cooperative effort of many organizations working together. Hall Memorial Park is located in downtown Andrews near the railroad depot. The park and gazebo play host to many activities throughout the year.

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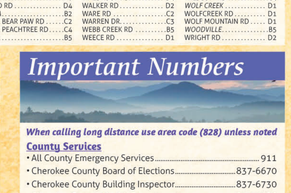

When calling long distance use area code (828) unless noted

County Services

• All County Emergency Services	911
• Cherokee County Board of Elections	837-6670
• Cherokee County Building Inspector	837-6730
• Cherokee County Health Department	837-7486
• Cherokee County Sheriff's Department	837-2589
• Cherokee County Social Services	837-7455

Town of Murphy

City Hall	837-2510
Fire Department	837-2212
Police Department	837-2214

Town of Andrews

City Clerk	321-5111
Fire Department	321-4200
Police Department	321-4224
Town Manager	321-3113

United States Post Offices

Andrews	321-4208
Brasstown	837-5046
Culberson	644-5131
Marble	837-5604
Murphy	837-6214
Topton	321-5301

Hospitals

Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital
Medical Center.....837-8161
Murphy Urgent Care ...837-4712
King's Quick Care.....321-8035

Events

Some scheduled events for 2021 may be affected by COVID-19. Call to confirm.

June 2021

Every Thursday in June 7pm
- *Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce Farm and Crafts Local Savor video series*

Thurs, June 3rd
- *Murphy's Chophouse Wine Dinner Date 7pm-9pm*

Wed, June 4th-5th
- *Inspire Dance Recital at The Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*

Sat, June 5th
- *Atlanta Rhythm Section and Orleans at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee 7pm-10pm*
- *Sail On Tribute- The Beach Boys band at Peacock Performing Arts Center, Hayesville*

Tues, June 15th-18th and 22nd-25th, 29th- July 2nd
- *Summer Youth Camp at The Art Center in Blue Ridge, GA*

Fri, June 18th
- *Mark Lowry at the Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*

July 2021

Thurs, July 1st
- *Zach Williams at The Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*

Sat, July 3rd
- *Town of Murphy Fireworks and Red, White & Brew Festival*
- *Mark Wills at Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*
- *Arts in Residence 3rd Quarter: Dennis Hicks at The Art Center in Blue Ridge, GA*

Sun, July 4th
- *Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds Fireworks show 9:45pm-10:30pm, Hiwassee*
- *Vintage Vivens Band 6pm at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiwassee, GA*

Fri, July 9th
- *Into The Woods at The Smoky Mountain Center of Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*
- *Arts in Residence 3rd Quarter: Dennis Hicks at The Art Center in Blue Ridge, GA*

Sun, July 11th
- *Legacy Motown Review Band at The Peacock Performing Arts Center in Hayesville, NC*
- *Into The Woods at the Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*

Fri, July 16th
- *Into The Woods at the Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*

Sat, July 17th
- *Songwriters Showcase, Admission: at the Peacock Performing Arts Center in Hayesville, NC*
- *Into The Woods at The Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*

Fri, July 23rd
- *The Malpass Brothers at The Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*

July 24th- August 28th
- *Exhibit: Photography National Juried Show at The Art Center in Blue Ridge, GA*
- *Exhibit: Off The Wall (3D exhibit) at The Art Center in Blue Ridge, GA*

August 2021

Fri, August 6th
- *Travis Ledyd: A Tribute to the King at The Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*

Fri, Aug. 13th
- *Georgia Mountain Fair 10am-8pm*
- *Aug 13th through 21st*
- *Balsam Range at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds 2pm, Hiwassee*
- *Wyatt Espolin at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds 4pm, Hiwassee*
- *Departure; The Journey tribute band at The Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*

Aug. 12th-14th
- *Jekyll & Hyde, Gothic Musical at Peacock Performing Arts, Hayesville*

Sat, Aug. 14th
- *Georgia Mountain Fair Parade 11am-12pm : Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Andrew Chastain Band 2-4pm at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Larry, Steve and Rudy The Cattlin Brothers at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Songwriters Showcase at The Peacock Performing Arts Center, Hayesville*

Sun, August 15th
- *Chris Rumfelt at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *The Primitives at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *The Inspirations at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Jordan Feliz at The Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*

Mon, August 16th
- *Ronnie McDowell at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Highridge Band at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Miss Georgia Mountain Fair Pageant at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Tuesday, August 17th
- *T. Graham Brown at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Country River Band at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Wed, August 18th
- *Tommy Townsend at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *The John Conlee Show at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Thurs, August 19th
- *Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Terry Baucom's Dukes of Drive Band at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Kentucky Just Us Band at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Jekyll & Hyde, Gothic Musical at Peacock Performing Arts Center, Hayesville (19th-21st)*

Fri, August 20th
- *Million Dollar Reunion Band at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *The Georgia Mountain Fairground Band at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

August 27th-28th
- *The Return and The Invaders band at the Peacock Performing Arts Center in Hayesville, NC*

September 2021

Sat, September 4th
- *Exhibit Contemporary Southern and Folk Art at the Art Center in Blue Ridge, GA*
- *Gene Watson, Janie Fricke and Marty Haggard at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Grains of Sand Band: Summer Beach Music at The Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*

Wed, September 8th
- *Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic at Mountain Harbour Golf Club (Rain date 9/14/2021)*

Thurs, September 9th
- *Plain Air International Paint-Out at the Art Center in Blue Ridge, GA*

Sat, September 11th
- *Songwriters Showcase at Peacock Performing Arts Center, Hayesville*
- *Toby Mac At The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

September 14th
- *Exhibit: Plain Air International Paint Out at The Art Center in Blue Ridge, GA*

Thurs, September 16th
- *Landfest In The Mountains and on the Lake at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Jeff Allen Comedy: The America I Grew Up in Tour at The Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*

Fri, September 17th
- *Craig Morgan at The Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts in Franklin, NC*

Sat, September 18th
- *Landfest- The Malpass Brothers at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

September 25th
- *Artist in Residence 4th quarter: Judy Holland*

October 2021

Fri, October 1st
- *The NE Georgia Mustang Club's 48th annual Mustang car show at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Sat, October 2nd
- *Georgia State Clogging Festival at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Fri, October 8th-10th
- *Last Round up of the Guacamole Queens at Peacock Performing Arts Center in Hayesville, NC*

Fri, October 8th
- *Georgia Mountain Fall Festival at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *The Georgia Mountain Fair Band at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *The Bellamy Brothers at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Oct. 7th-9th
- *Holmes and Watson- Thriller/Mystery at the Peacock Performing Arts Center in Hayesville NC*

Sat, October 9th
- *Tracy Lawrence at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *United Way Golf Tournament at Mountain Harbour Golf Club*

Sun, October 10th
- *Georgia at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *The Isaacs at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Mon, October 11th
- *Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *The Grains of Sand Band at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Tues, October 12th
- *Highroad Band at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *TG Sheppard at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Wed, October 13th
- *Last Saints at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Pam Tillis at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Thurs, October 14th
- *Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner*
- *Lindsay Beth Harper at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*
- *Lee Greenwood at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Fri, October 15th
- *Mango Strange at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

October 15th-17th
- *Last Round Up of the Guacamole Queen at the Peacock Performing Arts Center, Hayesville*

Fri, October 16th
- *Exhibit SAAC Autumn Member Show at the Art Center in Blue Ridge, GA*
- *Ronnie Milsap and Mark Wills at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Sat, October 23rd
- *Songwriters Showcase at the Peacock Performing Arts Center in Hayesville, NC*
- *Appalachian Brew, Stew and Que Festival at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Sat, October 31st
- *Vintage Vivens at Peacock Performing Arts Center in Hayesville, NC*

November 2021

November 6th
- *Songwriters Showcase at The Peacock Performing Arts Center in Hayesville, NC*

November 20th
- *Who Dunit? Fun-drainer, Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association*
- *Exhibit: Holiday Show and Sale/SAAC Miniatures*
- *Mac Arnold and Plate Full O' Blues at Peacock Performing Art Center, Hayesville*

Thurs, November 25th
- *Mountain County Christmas in Lights at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

November 27th
- *Winter book signing (Blue Ridge poets and writers)*

December 2021

December 4th
- *Downtown Murphy Christmas Parade and Event*
- *The Linda Ronstadt Experience at Peacock Performing Arts Center in Hayesville, NC*

December 24th & 25th
- *Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce offices are closed. Visit us at CherokeeCountyChamber.com*

Fri, December 31st
- *New Year's Fireworks at The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiwassee*

Recurring Events

The MAC has many art classes offered weekly.

Murphy Art Walk
- **1st Friday, April – December**

Murphy Farmer's Market at L & N Depot
- **Every Saturday in April 9:00 am to 1:00 pm through October**

Contact us for other area events or go to our calendar at www.CherokeeCountyChamber.com

Historic Finds

John C. Campbell Folk School - Brasstown, NC

A treasured resource for traditional music, dance, crafts and folk lore, the campus has many historic buildings, beautiful trails and a rich art community focused on creative and fun learning experiences.

Cherokee County County Courthouse - Murphy, NC

The courthouse was built of locally quarried stone from the nearby community of Marble, NC. It is a uniquely regal blue marble gem located in the historic downtown Murphy.

Cherokee County Historical Museum:

The Cherokee County Historical Museum in Murphy, North Carolina displays the rich history of Native American and pioneer settlers in the far western corner of the state. The museum is housed in a historic Carnegie Library building in downtown Murphy.

John Franklin Cobb House - Bellview, NC (US19/129)

The John Franklin Cobb House, or Cobb Plantation, near the North Carolina-Georgia line in southern Cherokee County was built as a log cabin in 1863, making it one of the few surviving pre-Civil War structures in Cherokee County. Since the Boat Launch the logs have been covered with weatherboarding. Numerous rooms have also been added to the cabin since the 1870s in a rather haphazard manner. The house remained in the Cobb family until 1977. John Franklin Cobb (1837-1911) was a farmer and local magistrate, with an estate of 150-200 mostly wooded acres. He married Sarah Widonja (1837-1921) in 1863, shortly after his discharge from the Confederate service. They had six children born between 1863 and 1880. Among their grandchildren was Tyrus Raymond Cobb (1886-1961). As a teenager Ty Cobb often spent summers with his grandparents who unlike his parents encouraged him to play baseball. Though his parents lived in Georgia and he himself was known as the "Georgia Peach," Ty Cobb gained his earliest baseball experience on the playing fields of Murphy and Andrews in Cherokee County, North Carolina.

Robert Lafayette Cooper House - Murphy, NC

The Robert Lafayette Cooper House is a historic house located at 109 Campbell Street. The two story wood frame house was built 1889-91, and is one of the finest Queen Anne Victorian houses in Cherokee County . The house was built by Robert Lafayette Cooper, a successful local lawyer, as a wedding present for his wife.

Franklin Pierce Cooper House - Andrews, NC

The 2-1/2 story brick Queen Anne Victorian was built in 1900 and is a remnant of Andrews' industrial heritage. The house was built by Franklin Pierce Cover, owner of a local tannery. The handsome Queen Anne style brick structure is one of the largest historic residences remaining. A small frame tenant house or servant house, built on a saddleing plan and dating from the period of the main house construction, survives on the property. A wash house originally associated with the main house is now on the adjacent property.

First Baptist Church - Andrews, NC

The former First Baptist Church, now referred to as the Valleytown Cultural Arts Center, is a historic Baptist church building at 101 Chestnut Street in Andrews. The Classical Revival brick structure was built in 1923 for a congregation founded in 1902. It was their second building on the site. It was used by the congregation until c.1987.

Harshaw Chapel and Cemetery - Murphy, NC

Located at Church and Central Streets, Harshaw Chapel is a small vernacular Greek Revival brick church built during the 1860s for the first Methodist congregation in Murphy. The church building was donated by James Harshaw, a prominent early settler in the county. The site of the church and surrounding cemetery had been donated by Harshaw in 1844, land he had purchased six years previously in the Indian land sales. The small church was replaced by the congregation in the 1920s, and its subsequent survival is remarkable in that it has remained little use since. It is the oldest church building in Cherokee County, and is the oldest structure surviving relatively intact in Murphy. Harshaw Chapel is also the sole surviving example of mid-nineteenth century brick architecture in the county. The church is surrounded by a cemetery, containing the graves of many locally prominent citizens and a collection of notable Victorian grave markers.

Walker's Inn - Andrews, NC

Built in 1840, the original log structure contained two rooms on the ground floor and two rooms above with a separate kitchen at the rear of the house. By 1864 the house had been expanded to its present state. Wrought iron door hinges, antique door latches, ceiling beams and bubble glass windowpanes are few of the unique and original features of this historic inn. The Walker Inn is an original stagecoach stop between Asheville and Murphy located south of Andrews on SR 1505 off SR 1393 and NC 19.

Outdoor Recreation

Cherokee County is a center for outdoor recreation because of our location. Cherokee County is located within Nantahala National Forest with the Chattahoochee National Forest and Great Smoky Mountain National Park close by.

Biking/Hiking

Our public lands offer more than 245 miles of bike trails. In addition, forest roads are also open for mountain biking, unless otherwise signed. The Ramsey Bluff Bike Trail System is located at the Hanging Dog Campground area, and offers under-utilized adventure in mountain biking, hiking, and cross-country running. The eight mile labyrinth of trails is actually a group of connected loops, allowing an interesting variety of combinations for repeat visitors to explore. The trail difficulty ranges from easy to moderate, and range from 1600 to 1900' in elevation. The trail system has two good access points with parking: the Upper Parking area above the Boat Launch, and Iceberg Hill on Ramsey Bluff Road. Restrooms are near the Boat Launch trailhead.

Piney Knob Trail System, 22.3 miles of recreational hiking and mountain biking trails on the 700+ acre Murphy Watershed property is off of Piney Knob Hill Road. All trails are dirt single-track trails and built in accordance with International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) standards.

Camping

Cherokee County offers a plethora of camping options. Whether its tenting under the stars or tucked away in a luxury RV with all the amenities, this is the perfect camping destination. Carriage Hills Farm Equine Camping, Murphy! Peace Valley KOA, Persimmon Creek Campground, Valley River RV Resort, and WagonMaster Adventure Ranch provide quality camping options.

Hunting

Many game animals, including white-tailed deer, black bear, wild turkey, ruffed grouse and gray squirrel, thrive in the forest. The Forest Service provides a variety of hunting opportunities, including accessible hunting in the following areas. Where there are fields adjacent to or a short distance from the road: Perry Gap Road; Deep Gap Road; Fires Creek Road; Nelson Ridge Road; Turn Gap Road; Beech Creek Road; Panther Top Road; Powerline Cove Road; Copper Creek Road; and Davis Creek Road. Parking is available in wide areas along the roads.

Fishing

Our public lands are a haven for fishing. Cold water, mountain streams are prime habitat for brown, rainbow and native brook trout. All national forest streams are "wild trout waters," unless classified and posted otherwise. With several trout streams, Cherokee County has become a popular place for fly fishing. Trout fishing season lasts from April – February, which makes it a great activity for almost any time of the year. For the angler looking for spotted bass, striped bass, hybrids, walleye, crappie, catfish, bluegill, large or smallmouth bass lake Hiwassee, Lake Cherokee, or Apalachia Lake offer these varieties. If you need gear, visit Shook's Marina, Duke's Hideaway or Mountain View Marina to rent a boat or utilize a guide service like Big ol' Fish Guide Service or Apalachia Lake Tours.

Whitewater Sports

With two world class rivers within a few miles of Cherokee County, rafting, canoeing or kayaking is a great family activity. The Ocoee River - just across the border in Tennessee with class III to IV rapids - played host to the 1996 Summer Olympics and boasts a number of professional rafting companies. For a slightly slower pace try the Nantahala River to the north of Cherokee County. This class II and III river is family friendly with self-guided rafts and kayaks available for rent. Of course the Nottely River, the Hiwassee River and Valley River along with many lesser tributaries are available for canoeing, boating or tubing. If you need equipment or prefer a guide, try using Carolina Outfitters, Rolling Thunder River Company Nantahala Outdoor Center or Carolina Ocoee.

Welcome to Cherokee County, NC

Cherokee County is geographically the most southwestern county in all of North Carolina. It encompasses the communities of Andrews, Brasstown and Murphy.

Visitors and residents alike agree that the natural beauty of the mountains, lakes, rivers and abundant wildlife are some of the best things about Cherokee County. These natural features lend this area to a variety of outdoor activities like hiking, mountain biking, and whitewater rafting, to name a few.

Cherokee County is bordered by both Tennessee and Georgia, making it only a two hour drive from several cities: Chattanooga, TN; Knoxville, TN; Atlanta, GA; and Asheville, NC. The location makes it the perfect driveable getaway offering a quiet escape with a naturally picturesque backdrop.

The friendly faces of Cherokee County make it one of the most friendly places to live and visit. Many visitors have chosen to relocate to our area because of the generous and heart-warming spirit lived daily by our residents.

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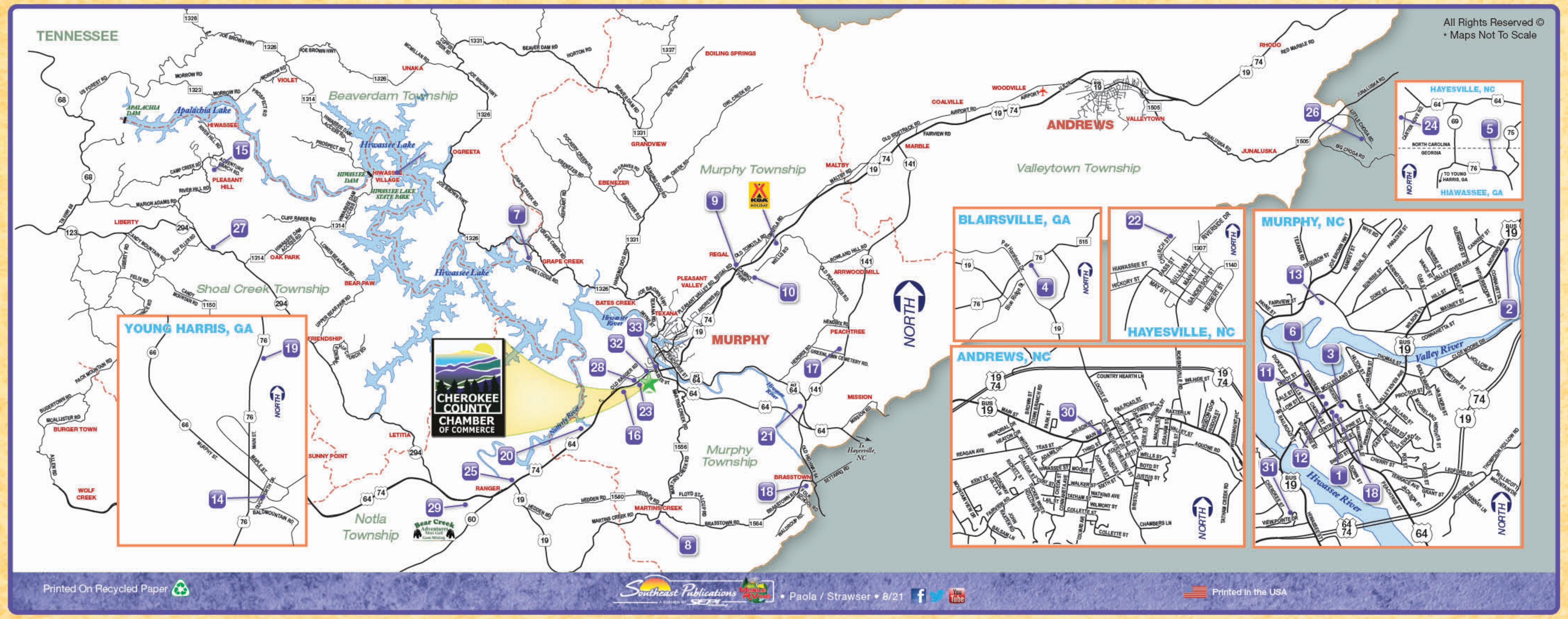

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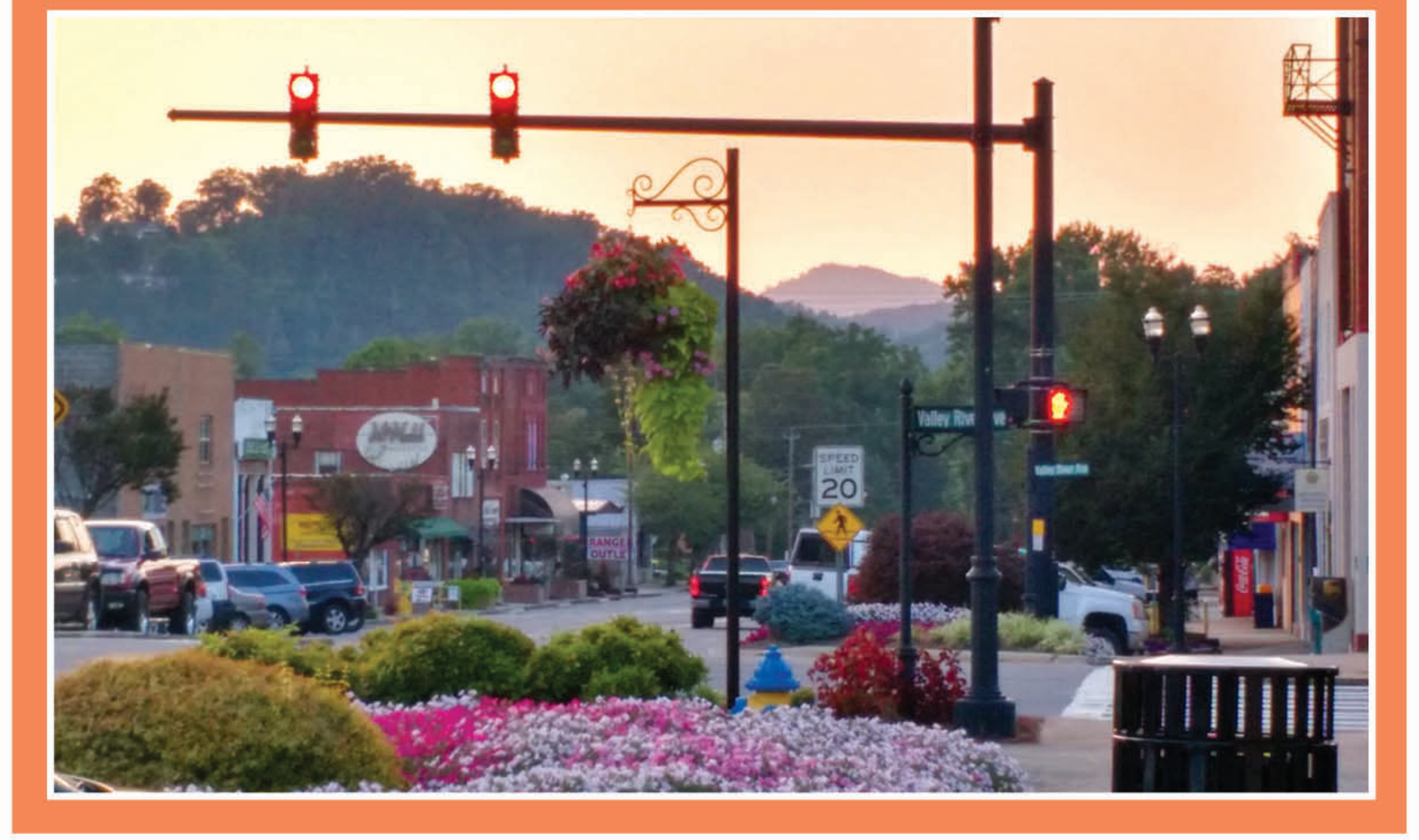

Murphy, North Carolina

Overview

Murphy is a town in and the county seat of Cherokee County, North Carolina, United States. It is situated at the confluence of the Hiwassee and Valley rivers. It is the westernmost county seat in the state of North Carolina, approximately 360 miles (580 km) from the state capital in Raleigh. The population of Murphy was 1,627 at the 2010 census.

History

The site of Murphy, along the Hiwassee River, was known to the Cherokee as Tlanusi-yi (the Leech Place), because of a legend about a giant leech named Tlanusi that lived in the river there.

The Trading Path (later called the "Unicoi Turnpike") passed by the future site of Murphy, connecting the Cherokee lands east of the mountains with the "Overhill Towns" of Tennessee.

The town was first called by the name of "Huntington" in the 1820s through the 1830s, when the first post office, operated by Col. Archibald Russell Spence Hunter, was established. He was also the first white settler to build a frame house in the Cherokee Territory, later Cherokee County.

In 1836, during the Cherokee removal known as the Trail of Tears, the United States army built Fort Butler in what is today Murphy. Fort Butler acted as the main collection point for Cherokee east of the mountains. From Fort Butler the Cherokee were taken over the mountains on the Unicoi Turnpike to the main internment camps at Fort Cass (today Charleston, Tennessee). Today the Unicoi Turnpike is known as the Joe Brown Highway. Fort Butler is no longer a structure, but the site can be visited with historical markers to read. The Cherokee County Historical Museum located in Murphy provides information about the Trail of Tears.

Cherokee County was formed in 1839 from a portion of Macon County, but Murphy wasn't incorporated as the county seat until 1851.

Murphy was once the terminus of the two train lines. The Mineral Bluff, GA spur line (L&N Railroad) came out of North GA and the Murphy Branch (Southern Railroad) came from Asheville. The L&N line was removed in the mid-1980s. The tracks for the Murphy Branch remain but are inoperable. It has been idle since the mid-1990s when the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad discontinued service between Murphy and Andrews. The L&N Depot remains as a community center just southwest of downtown Murphy. Murphy was the home of the once well-known crafts manufacturer Margaret Studios, which operated a nationwide chain of gift stores for its woodcraft products and housewares, such as lazy Susans and gift trays.

Folklorist John Jacob Niles based his well-known Christmas song "I Wonder as I Wander" on a phrase he heard in a song sung by the young daughter of a group of traveling evangelists in downtown Murphy on July 16, 1933.

Architect James Baldwin designed the Cherokee County Courthouse, located in downtown Murphy, in a Beaux-Arts style. Built in 1927, it is faced with locally sourced blue marble and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places along with the Robert Lafayette Cooper House and Harshaw Chapel and Cemetery.

Fast Facts

Elevation

- The Western Carolina Regional Airport (formerly known as the Andrews-Murphy Airport) is listed at 1,699 feet.
- The county's highest elevation is at 5,149 feet. (Where Cherokee and Clay counties meet near Tusquitee Bald at Fires Creek.)
- The county's lowest elevation is listed as 1,170 feet. (Where Apalachia Lake crosses into Tennessee.)

County Land

The 466-square-mile county encompasses 300,100 acres, with 92.363 of that U.S. Forest Service land.

The acreage of the county encompasses 8,700 acres of lake, 38,887 acres of farm land and 6,000 acres Indian land.

Average Climate & Rainfall

•Summer: Highs 85 - Lows 60s
•Winter: Highs 50s - Lows 20s
•Rainfall: 6 in

Taxes

- Sales tax rate: 7%
- County property taxes: 52 cents per $100 evaluation
- Personal tax: listing of cars, trucks, motorcycles, RVs and boat trailers for tax purposes is done when a tag is purchased through the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. Untagged vehicles, campers, boats and boat motors, and mobile homes must be listed in January of each year with the Cherokee County Tax Office.
- North Carolina does have a state income tax.