

“On Your Own” Possibilities for Tuesday afternoon – November 12

We realize that not everyone may be interested in going on a group excursion. You might want to explore some of these options either on your own or with a small group of people. Transportation will not be arranged for this, but there will be opportunities to coordinate with folks who are interested/have their own transportation while at Lake Junaluska. Sign-ups will be available in the Hospitality Tent. Of course, these are just a few of our suggestions, the possibilities are endless.

Explore Asheville – Asheville is the largest city in Western North Carolina. Filled with natural wonders and architectural treasures, you'll soon come to understand the allure of Asheville.

<https://www.exploreasheville.com/>

<https://www.romanticasheville.com/>

Great Smoky Mountains National Park preserves a rich cultural tapestry of Southern Appalachian history. The mountains have had a long human history spanning thousands of years-from the prehistoric Paleo Indians to early European settlement in the 1800s to loggers and Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees in the 20th century. The park strives to protect the historic structures, landscapes, and artifacts that tell the varied stories of people who once called these mountains home.

<https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/nearbyattractions.htm>

Clingman's Dome – At 6,643 feet, Clingmans Dome is Great Smoky Mountains National Park's highest point. It is the highest point in Tennessee, and the second highest point east of the Mississippi.

<https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/clingmansdome.htm>

Blue Ridge Parkway – The Blue Ridge Parkway is a ribbon of road that weaves through the region's vibrant living traditions. From Cherokee life and agricultural history to Southern Appalachian crafts and music, the Parkway's 469 miles through Virginia and North Carolina offer many ways to explore rich traditions. It is considered America's favorite drive.

<https://www.blueridgeparkway.org/plan-your-parkway-trip/>

<https://www.nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/index.htm>

Visit Cherokee Indian Reservation -Each place you visit in Cherokee pulses with the stories and significance of a people whose roots run deep and whose ancient wisdom is fascinating to uncover. Nestled in the lush landscapes of Western North Carolina, Cherokee invites you to smell the wood smoke and open your ears. If you listen closely, maybe you can hear the chanting of the little Nunnehi people of the mountain peaks.

<http://visitcherokeenc.com/#home/1>

The Folk Art Center is home to the Southern Highland Craft Guild. The center showcases the finest in traditional and contemporary crafts of the Southern Appalachians. In addition to an Eastern National bookstore and Blue Ridge Parkway information desk, the center houses three galleries, a library and the Guild's oldest craft shop.

<https://www.southernhighlandguild.org/folk-art-center>

Waterfalls near Asheville – Just beyond the South Carolina/North Carolina border lies the “Land of the waterfalls. Follow the map and see how many you can find.

<https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/north-carolina/nc-waterfalls-road-trip/> (involves short hikes)

<https://www.romanticasheville.com/waterfalls.htm> (involves short hikes)

<https://www.exploreasheville.com/stories/post/6-drive-by-waterfalls-a-windshield-tour-for-all-to-enjoy>

Thomas Wolfe House - Wolfe’s colorful portrayal of his family, his hometown of “Altamont” Asheville, North Carolina, and “Dixieland” the Old Kentucky Home boardinghouse, earned the Victorian period house a place as one of American literature’s most famous landmarks.

<http://wolfememorial.com/>

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<https://www.nps.gov/carl/index.htm>

Visit Brevard, NC – Brevard/Transylvania...No longer a secret.

Mountains, Waterfalls, and Winding Roads...Over the past few years Brevard has received plenty of national press. And we mean the FABULOUS kind of national press! A quick list includes National Geographic’s Top 50 of the World’s Last Great Places; Bike Magazine’s destination for the “Bible of Bike Tests” issue; Outside Magazine’s Best Places to Raise Outdoor Kids; Sierra Club’s “Clearest Blue Skies” in the US; Budget Travel’s “Coolest Small Towns” in America and Native Eyewear’s Locals-Only Project winner!

<http://brevardnc.com/>

Visit Maggie Valley - Situated in North Carolina’s stunning Great Smoky Mountains, Maggie Valley is known for its unrivaled location and friendly, small-town character. When you visit Maggie Valley, you’re sure to discover the meaning of Southern hospitality wherever you go and whatever you do. It boasts a rich mountain history and has everything you need, from unique shops and restaurants to great places to stay, no matter the season

<https://maggievalley.org/>

Visit Black Mountain - Nestled deep in the Blue Ridge Mountains, 15 miles East of Asheville, NC, you will find a special town called Black Mountain. With a population of 7,500, it has been ranked “*One of the 50 Safest Towns in North Carolina*” as well as the “*Best Small Town in Western North Carolina*.” Boasting spectacular mountain views, it was recently voted by Trip Advisor as one of the “Prettiest Small Towns in America to Vacation. Black Mountain is nationally recognized for arts, crafts, furniture, and music. It is currently home to over 200 businesses, including restaurants, bed and breakfasts, specialty shops, four breweries, and a recently announced large manufacturing operation. Because of its hospitality to visitors and businesses alike, it has been designated as a “Entrepreneurial Friendly Community.”

<https://www.exploreblackmountain.com/>