



Adventure and Attractions

Blue Ridge Parkway Communities and North Cove:

Located in the north area are a couple of must stop destinations. First, check out our unique and scenic disc golf course, the North Cove Leisure Club & Birdies, a full-service restaurant and bar. Play a round at one of their two courses situated along the North Fork of the Catawba River.



The next stop is neighboring Linville Caverns, North Carolina's only public show caverns. Continuing north, consider a stop at Banks Creek Barn, a restaurant featuring local beer, cider, and wine on a property with a pond, waterfall, and trout fishing.

Make your way to Linville Falls Winery, nestled among a dreamy mountain vineyard. Enjoy a glass of wine on the patio while listening to the live music. While you're in the area, you can't miss the stunning Blue Ridge Parkway section between Linville Falls and Crabtree Falls which includes the picturesque town of Little Switzerland.

Marion, Old Fort, Lake James:

Discover six of our fifteen stops in Marion, NC. Park your car and spend some time tasting your way through this fun section of town. In Old Fort, enjoy a vibrant community and small town charm with a glass of locally crafted beer or wine. Spend a few hours by Lake James and stop by Mica Town Brewing or Fonta Flora Brewery.



Stay With Us

When you visit McDowell County, you will find amazing scenery and cozy accommodations. From iconic lodging properties, B&Bs, inns, and mountainside vacation rentals to your favorite national hotel brands, Destination McDowell has what you are searching for. Find them by visiting us online or call to request a free guide and brochure.

Events

We look forward to welcoming you to our year round activities and one-of-a-kind events. Celebrate spring in McDowell County with events like the Hellbender 100-Miler ultra marathon or the Pioneer Day Festival. Take in the summer vibes with the Trails and Trains festival, try the local fare at the Livermush Festival, or find the elusive creature at the WNC Bigfoot Festival. Vibrant leaves and seasonally inspired beers & spirits usher in our fall season and the annual Mountain Glory Festival. The holiday season is sure to warm you up with cozy shopping and festive holiday cheer at the Appalachian Potters Market. Ring in the New Year with Main Street celebrations in Marion, NC. Find additional festivals, fun activities and events on our website event calendar.



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MARION • OLD FORT • LAKE JAMES
LITTLE SWITZERLAND • LINVILLE FALLS

HIGH SPIRITS TRAIL



CRAFT BEER • DISTILLERIES • WINERIES
VINEYARDS • TAP ROOMS • MEAD
CRAFTED LOCALLY



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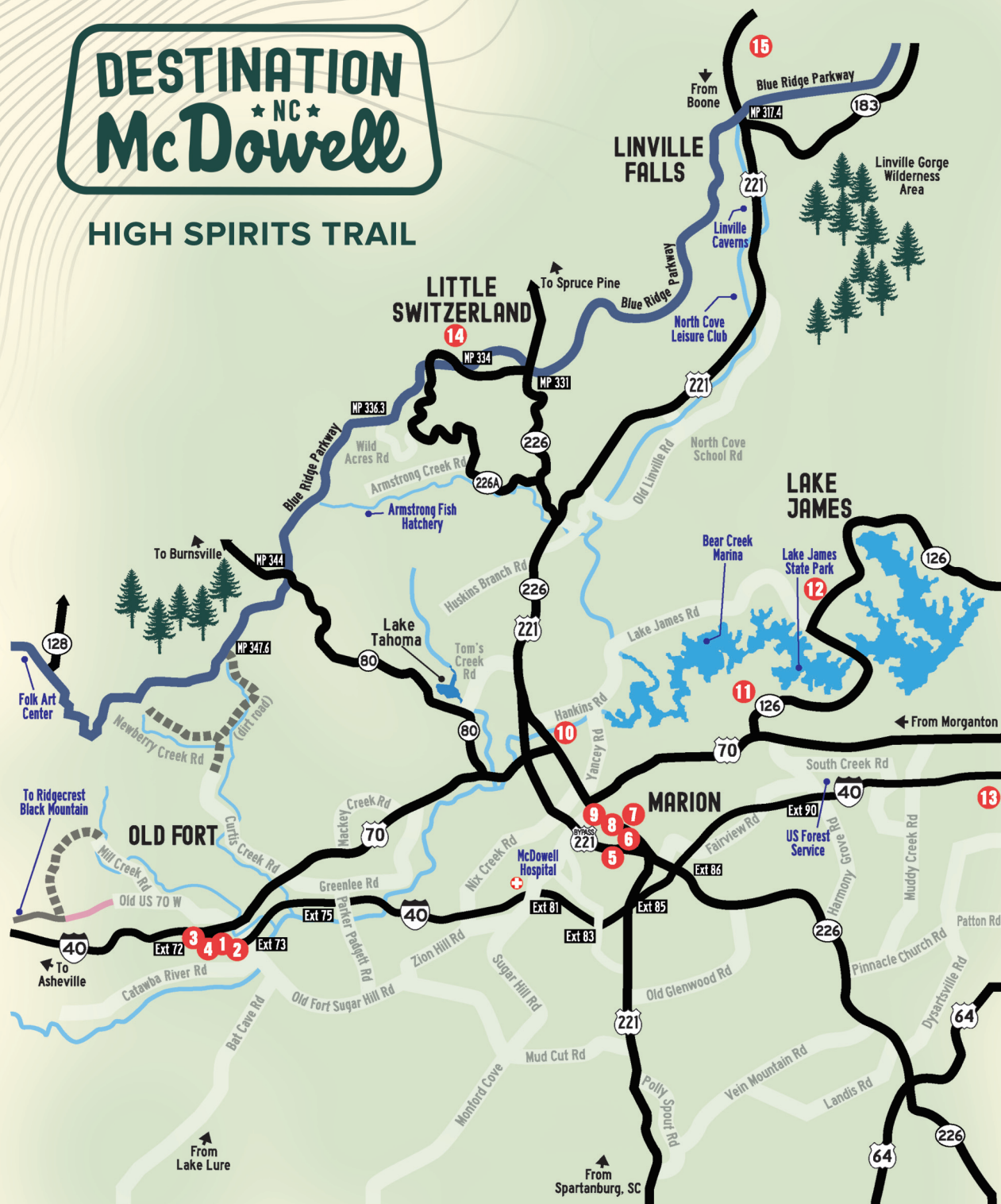
Handcrafted SPIRITS and More

Destination McDowell's High Spirits Trail features 15 uniquely crafted tasting experiences. Each stop is locally-owned by a brewer, vintner or distiller using regional and local ingredients supporting and showcasing our agricultural community. Pick up more local goodness to enjoy with your beverages, like specialty cheeses, crackers and honey. Along the trail, you'll find charming downtowns in Marion and Old Fort, opportunities for outdoor adventure on hiking and biking trails, detours on the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the beauty of Lake James.



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HIGH SPIRITS TRAIL



Please Drive Responsibly

- 1 Hillman Beer**
78 Catawba Ave. | Old Fort, NC
828-668-6372
- 2 Whaley Farm Brewery**
173 Catawba Ave. | Old Fort, NC
828-668-6352
- 3 Euda Wine**
164 Commerce St. | Old Fort, NC
828-317-2113
- 4 Modern Alchemist**
78a Catawba Ave. | Old Fort, NC
www.modernalchemist.com
- 5 Keepers Cut Meadery**
175 W. Henderson St.
Marion, NC
828-527-6326
- 6 Taylors Brewing Company**
125 W. Henderson St.
Marion, NC
828-559-0778
- 7 Marion Wines**
20 South Main St. | Marion, NC
www.marionwines.com
- 8 Refinery 13 Taproom**
13 N. Main St. | Marion, NC
828-559-0027
- 9 Mica Town Brewing Company**
25 Brown Drive | Marion, NC
828-559-8300
- 10 Copper Creek Distillery**
2550 US-221 Business
Marion, NC
- 11 Mica Town Brewing Nebo**
311 NC 126 | Nebo, NC
828-527-0963
- 12 Fonta Flora Brewery Whipporwhill**
6751 NC 126 | Nebo, NC
828-475-7501
- 13 Silver Fork Winery**
5000 Patton Rd. | Morganton, NC
828-391-8783
- 14 Little Switzerland Orchard, Cidery, Winery & Brewery**
539 Blue Ridge Gem Mine Rd.
Spruce Pine, NC
828-337-4354
- 15 Linville Falls Winery**
9557 Linville Falls Hwy.
Newland, NC
828-765-1400