GORGES AND GRAND VIEWS

EXPLORE THE WILD SIDE OF MCDOWELL COUNTY

1. **Little Switzerland**
   destinationmcdowell.com/little-switzerland
2. **Museum of NC Minerals**
   79 Parkway Maintenance Road, Spruce Pine, NC
3. **Gem Mountain Gemstone Mine**
   13780 NC-226, Spruce Pine, NC
4. **The Orchard at Altapass**
   1025 Orchard Road, Spruce Pine, NC
5. **Duggers Creek Falls**
   Linville Falls Road, Newland, NC
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Check hours for seasonal and historic attractions before setting out.



Driving Directions

- Start in Little Switzerland and head north on the Blue Ridge Parkway.
- Stop at the Museum of North Carolina Minerals at Milepost 331.
- Take US 226 to Gem Mountain, then return to the Parkway.
- Continue on the Blue Ridge Parkway to the Orchard at Altapass (Milepost 328.3)
- Continue north on the Blue Ridge Parkway to Linville Falls Road at Milepost 316.4.
- Explore the Linville Falls area, then return south on the Blue Ridge Parkway to Little Switzerland.

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