



2025 BMTA Annual Meeting & Hike Fest

NonHiking Activities

October 30 – November 2, 2025

Bryson City, North Carolina

Watch your email and BMTA's Website for updates!

[Shop Bryson City, NC!](#)

Explore the shops of downtown Bryson City, NC. It's an easy strollable town with local bookstores, arts and crafts galleries with working artisans, bike shops, fly fishing shops, family friendly museums, an aquarium, two breweries and brew pubs and a wide variety of restaurants.

[Bryson City Visitors Center](#)

Located in the 1908 Court House, it is a great place to start your visit. This also is the gift shop for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

[The Heritage Museum in the Courthouse – Free](#)

Upstairs in the 1908 Courthouse.

[Fly Fishing Museum](#)

17 Island Street, Bryson City NC

Through exhibits and videos visitors will learn about the evolution of rods and reels, basic knots, fly fishing types of gear, types of gamefish, regional fishing waters as well as the history of fly fishing in western North Carolina.

[Smoky Mountains Train Museum](#)

Bryson City NC

A collection of 7,000 Lionel engines, cars, and accessories, impressive operating layouts, and a toy gift shop. Ticket cost varies by age.

[Native American Craft Shop](#)

Hwy 441 N & 1847 Tsalil Blvd. Cherokee NC

The shop features pottery, baskets, jewelry, beadwork, wood and stone carvings.

[Smokemont Riding Stables](#)

(828) 497-2373

Beautiful trails with wooded forests, mountain streams and waterfalls located within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Cherokee NC

[Oconaluftee Indian Village – Take an Immersive Journey](#)

Cherokee, NC

This provides an interactive journey through Cherokee Lifestyle and is highly recommended. Explore historical buildings, witness captivating shows such as "Time of War," and be enchanted by traditional Cherokee dancing. Takes 1-2 hours.

[Darnell Farms](#)

Has wonderfully tasty seasonal/local produce. It's a great spot to sit and relax at a picnic table or on rockers by the river and especially for their Dream Whips. They're known for their Dram Whips, wings, teeter-totters and a fleet of tricycles for young children.

[Appalachian Rivers Aquarium](#)

Located near the Fly Fishing Museum, it has all the local types of trout, other local fish as well as the endangered hellbenders on display in their aquariums.