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Experience & Recreation

Just a leisurely drive outside of downtown Lenoir, visitors can experience Fort Defiance, homestead of its founder, General William Lenoir.

Whether recreational novices or avid anglers—all can enjoy Wilson Creek, a 23.3 mile mountain stream added to the National Wild and Scenic River System in 2000. Much of Wilson Creek lies within the Pisgah National Forest. The stream starts atop 5,920-foot high Grandfather Mountain, just 100 yards above the Blue Ridge Parkway. Twenty miles later, the headwaters rush through the Blue Ridge Mountains into a 200-foot deep gorge of granite bedrock.

Other must-see nature stops include Historic Happy Valley and Pisgah National Forest. Camping, kayaking, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, and off-road driving provide escape for the outdoor enthusiast.

Visit Lenoir/Caldwell County for nature at its best.



Annual Events

January

Colonial Twelfth Night Celebration

February

Black History Month Celebration

March

Caldwell Traditional Musicians Showcase

April

Kite Flying Festival
Foothills Brews & Music Festival

May (May through October)

Lenoir Cruise-In

June

Friday After Five

July

NC Blackberry Festival
4th of July Celebration

August

Annual Harambee Festival

September

Bridge to Bridge Incredible Challenge
Sculpture Celebration
Happy Valley Fiddlers' Convention

October

Art Around Caldwell
Ghost Tours

November

Light Up Lenoir, Hudson & Granite Falls

December

Holiday Parades

Enjoy it all in **LENOIR** **WHERE** the High Country **BEGINS**



Experience the rush of streams carved by nature at the Wilson's Creek Wilderness Area. Tap your toes to music in our historic downtown. Sense the power of sculpture on every corner. Lenoir, NC — Sculpted by Nature. Crafted by Man.

For a current listing of activities and events in Lenoir and Caldwell County, visit explorecaledwell.com or contact the Caldwell Visitor Information Center at 828.726.0616.



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Downtown Lenoir

Enjoy the charm of the past while connecting with the world courtesy of the free WI-FI in Historic Downtown Lenoir. If you're a festival lover or a person just in search of a place to catch your breath and enjoy your surroundings, Lenoir is the spot for you. Shoppers will find a thriving downtown filled with a variety of stores including a wine shop, distillery, book store, coffee house, bike shop, ice cream shop, yarn and quilting shops and gift boutiques. After shopping, enjoy one of our unique dining experiences. Savory soups, deli sandwiches, pizza and pasta are just a few of the taste treats. There is something for everyone in Historic Downtown Lenoir.

Music, art, and festivals add to the excitement in Lenoir. Visitors can experience Tucker's Gallery, an outdoor sculpture gallery, or drop by the Caldwell Arts Council's main gallery featuring monthly exhibits. Classic car enthusiasts enjoy Cruise-In events. Downtown is a gathering place for musicians representing a variety of genres, and everyone enjoys music at summertime Alive After Five events.

