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PLACES FOR FAMILY FUN NEAR MURPHY

CABIN COUNTRY SERIES

Things for Families to Do in Murphy, NC

The Cabin Guest Guide for Kids and Parents

Mini golf, gem mining, bowling, animals, trails and a river walk. Rainy day picks and day trips too.

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How to use this guide

BOTTOM LINE **You have two mini golf courses, a gem mine and a bowling alley within a short drive of the cabin.**

This guide sorts family activities by the kind of day you have. Hours change by season, so call before you go.

Pick a plan

RAINY DAY INDOORS

Bowling, museum and a movie

UltraStar bowling and arcade, the county museum, or a film at the Henn Theatre.

HALF DAY PLAY

Mini golf and gem mining

Play a round, sift for gems, then get ice cream.

FULL DAY EXPLORE

Animals, trails and downtown

Meet alpacas, walk the River Walk, then eat downtown.



Call ahead. Several of these places run by appointment or by season. Check hours, prices and any age or height rules before you drive.

Hours and prices were not listed for most places. We list only what each source states.

MINI GOLF &
Play

Mini golf, gem mining and bowling

Two mini golf courses sit near the cabin. Both add a way to dig for treasure.

Bear Creek Adventures Mini Golf & Gem Mine

7289 US HWY 64 WEST, MURPHY

MINI GOLF 18 holes of mini golf with mountain views.

GEM MINING Kids sift for gemstones, fossils, shark teeth and arrowheads at a covered sluice.

TREATS The site sells ice cream.

CALL 828-516-1581

WagonMaster Adventure Ranch

359 ADVENTURE RANCH ROAD, MURPHY

PLAY Mini golf, gold panning and gem mining, a bounce castle, wagon rides, nature trails and picnic areas. Free badminton and horseshoes.

HOURS Mid-February to mid-November. Wednesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Hours vary by season.

COST The park charges no admission. Activities carry their own prices.

NOTE The ranch also has a skeet and pistol range and a paintball target gallery. Ask staff what suits your kids' ages.

UltraStar Multi-tainment Center

777 CASINO DRIVE, MURPHY

INSIDE 12 bowling lanes, a redemption arcade with prizes, billiards and a full-service restaurant under one roof.

WHERE It sits next to Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino and Hotel.

CALL 828-422-7777

Sources: Peace Valley KOA local attractions, VisitNC, The One Feather and Murphy Real Estate Company. Hours and prices change.

OUTDOORS &
Animals

Trails, water and farm animals
Easy outings that work for little legs.

Murphy River Walk DOWNTOWN MURPHY

WHAT An easy walk along the Valley River and the Hiwassee River, through woods and wetlands. It runs from Konehete Park to the old L&N Depot. The town lists it as about 3 to 4 miles.

PADDLE Canoe and kayak put-ins sit at Payne Street and Hiwassee Street.

Two Crows Alpaca Farm 1495 BOILING SPRINGS ROAD, MURPHY

WHAT Meet the herd and learn how the farm raises alpacas. There is a farm store too.

COST Tours are free, and donations are welcome.

BOOK By appointment only. Call 828-837-1678.

Ye Olde Goat Farm 702 HUGHES ROAD, MURPHY

WHAT A small family farm where visitors can pet goats. Call 828-837-0345 to schedule.

Fires Creek Recreation Area 1767 FIRES CREEK WILDLIFE ROAD, HAYESVILLE

WHAT Picnic spots, trails and creek play. A 0.7 mile loop leads from the Leatherwood Falls Picnic Area to Leatherwood Falls.

Hiwassee Dam and Hiwassee Lake ABOUT 30 MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN

DAM A TVA dam on the Hiwassee River, built in the late 1930s. It sits at 267 Blue Eagle Circle.

LAKE Swimming, kayaking, boating and fishing along a long shoreline.

Sources: Town of Murphy, Murphy Real Estate Company, Two Crows Alpaca Farm, 828 Vibes, Peace Valley KOA.

DOWNTOWN

Murphy

Rainy day and treat stops

Short stops downtown that fit an afternoon.

Cherokee County Historical Museum 87 PEACHTREE STREET

HOURS Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from May through October. Closed Sunday.

COST $5 for adults. $2 for children and students ages 7 to 17.

KIDS WILL LIKE A log cabin replica, a soapstone turtle outside and more than 700 dolls.

Henn Theatre DOWNTOWN MURPHY

WHAT A historic downtown theatre that shows current films.

Murphy Art Center 33 VALLEY RIVER AVENUE

WHAT Local art galleries and classes. A children's art club meets over the summer.

Mimo's Ice Cream & Twisted Treats DOWNTOWN MURPHY

WHAT An ice cream and sweets stop on the downtown map.

Murphy Farmers Market SEASONAL SATURDAYS

WHAT Listed on the downtown map as a seasonal Saturday market. Check dates before you go.

Sources: Town of Murphy, downtown Murphy map (2025), Murphy Real Estate Company.

FARTHER
Out

Worth the drive
Day trips of an hour or more. Check the distance on your map first.

Fields of the Wood
10000 NC HIGHWAY 294, MURPHY

WHAT A 200-acre religious park known for a 300-foot-wide Ten Commandments display on a mountainside. Entry is free and donations are welcome.

HOURS Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday noon to 3 p.m. Call 828-494-7855.

John C. Campbell Folk School
ONE FOLK SCHOOL ROAD, BRASSTOWN

WHAT A 300-acre campus with walking trails, free Friday night concerts and community dances.

Nantahala Outdoor Center
13077 US 19 WEST, BRYSON CITY

WHAT Ziplining, river rafting and other outdoor activities for all ages. Call 828-785-5082.

Great Smoky Mountains Railroad
45 MITCHELL STREET, BRYSON CITY

WHAT Scenic train rides from Bryson City. Check current fares and kids' offers.

Mercier Orchards
8660 BLUE RIDGE DRIVE, BLUE RIDGE, GA

WHAT U-pick, a bakery and cafe, a market and ponds for picnics. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Sources: Murphy Real Estate Company, Peace Valley KOA. Some details on those pages are older. Confirm before you go.

Sources and credit

Verify the details you plan to rely on. Hours, prices and businesses change.

Murphy Real Estate Company, 15 summer adventures for kids
Peace Valley KOA, local area attractions
VisitNC, WagonMaster Adventure Ranch
The One Feather, UltraStar Multi-tainment Center
Two Crows Alpaca Farm
828 Vibes, Murphy NC visitor guide
Town of Murphy, county historical museum page
Town of Murphy, Murphy Riverwalk
Downtown Murphy map, 2025

Looking for a getaway home in the mountains?

BOTTOM LINE **Count the beds. Then count the miles.**

A getaway works when the house fits how you will use it. Start with what you need from the home.

What to list

- How many people need a bed.
- Parking and a flat place to unload.
- Distance to town and to the places in this guide.
- Year-round road access.

Where we can help

- **Blue Ridge, GA.** Toccoa River and Lake Blue Ridge.
- **Ellijay, GA.** Cartecay, Ellijay and Coosawattee rivers.
- **Rising Fawn, GA.** Near Cloudland Canyon, closer to Chattanooga.
- **Murphy, NC.** A vetted local agent, introduced by us.

Stay first.

- Fabulous Frog is Joal's cabin in Murphy. Book a stay and try the area before you buy.
- See it at creativityteam.org/vacation-rentals.

Tell us what the house needs to do.

We will build the search around it.

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