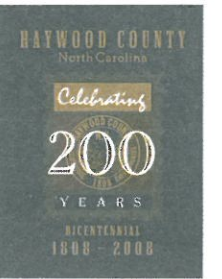




Maggie Valley Driving Tour



1. Soco Gap

Most western point of US 19, a gateway into Maggie Valley
Historic gathering place for the Cherokee Chief and four other Indian nations in 1812

Entrance to Blue Ridge Parkway

2. Water Rock Knob

Toward Cherokee

3. The Masonic Marker at Black Camp Gap

Just off the Blue Ridge Parkway

4. Soco Lookout and Gift Shop

Touted as "the most photographed view, built in 1949

5. Peachtree United Methodist Church

Built 1926, as one room school.

Was used as a Missionary Baptist Church and Methodist Episcopal Church in 1954
Continues today as the Peachtree Methodist Church and features the Keith Dale Mehaffey Fellowship Hall addition in 1969 as a tribute to a Vietnam casualty, Keith Dale Mehaffey, a U.S. Marine who died in combat at age 21.

6. Victory Baptist Church

Frank Mehaffey Road

The congregation built the brick church in 1954, moving from Peachtree to the site donated by Ben Moody, a descendant of pioneer families, Fie, Sutton and others.

7. Ghost Town in the Sky

A Western theme park of entertainment built in 1960 by R.B. Coburn, with stockholders from the area. Dan Carpenter, of a pioneer family, sold the mountain cattle pasture known as Buck Mountain, and Frank Setzer sold his farm for the ticket office and parking lot.

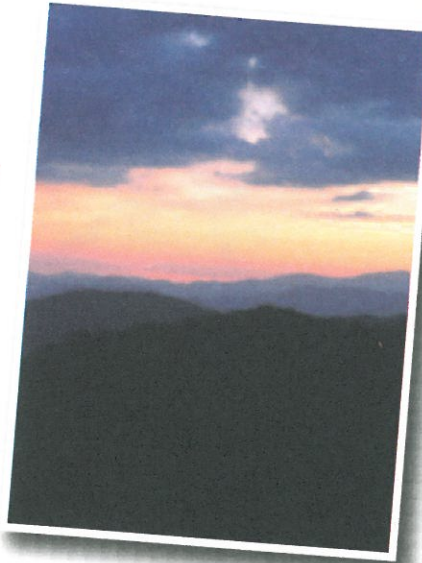
8. Cataloochee Ranch at Fie Top

Originally a pioneer homestead of the Fies and Moodys.

1931-1935, a working potato farm of Verlin and Hattie Campbell.

1935-2008, the Tom Alexander family developed a dude ranch, trail rides, pack trips and in 1962, the Cataloochee Ski Slopes.

This massive acreage joins the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (for more history, read Mountain Fever, by Tom Alexander).



9. St. Margaret's Catholic Church

Built in 1968 by William Michael Murphy of Detroit and Maggie Valley. Father Murphy entered St. Meinrads Seminary at age 78 and became a priest after the church was completed. The building is modeled after the St. Margaret's Chapel at the Castle in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Father Murphy named the chapel St. Margaret's to honor his mother, Margaret "Maggie" as was lovingly called by her sisters.

10. Maggie's Homestead

The home place of Maggie Setzer for whom the Valley was named in 1904. This is located on the grounds of Mountain Joy Cottages in Setzer Cove. The homeplace was preserved by Tom and Velma Setzer, a brother of Maggie Setzer Pylant.

11. Henry Cemetery

A community burial ground established by the pioneer family of the Henry's who had an original land grant in Maggie Valley (now surrounded by a housing development).

12. Maggie United Methodist Church

"Mother Church of the Community" originally called Henry's Chapel, was a Northern Methodist Episcopal Church of the Holston Conference in East Tennessee. The Olivet Baptist Church worshipped there until 1926, when the congregation established.

13. First Baptist Church of Maggie Valley

Originally was a frame structure built by the Plott Brothers and was called Olivet.

14. Maggie Valley Town Hall

(nee Maggie School) Built in 1930

WPA funds – Frank Mehaffey hauled rocks for \$20 a sled load

Cost of \$8,000 for 4 classrooms and an auditorium.

An addition was made in 1954 and became consolidated in the Jonathan Valley Elementary School.

15. Maggie Valley Pavillion

Built in 1995 by volunteer labor as a community picnic area and outdoor arena. Names of builders listed inside and first public restrooms provided.

The Maggie Civic Association organizes Bingo on Thursday evenings on a seasonal basis. Usually open to the public by request.

16. Campbell Creek Historic Homes

- a) 1835 Amos Plott Cabin – Johnson Branch Road
- b) 1904 Verlin Campbell/Eldridge Caldwell House – Caldwell Road
- c) 1906 David Crockett Campbell/Avera House – Campbell Creek Road
- d) 1910 Robert Gustafur Adolphes Campbell/Beaver House – Old Campbell Estate Road
- e) 1871 Wilbuarn A. Campbell/Bart Campbell – Old Campbell Estate Road

17. Rich Cove

Driving entrance to Ghost Town

Four of the highest mountains in Haywood in the vista

18. Evans Cove

Burial site of Revolutionary soldier, Captain John Henry, about 3/4 mile up in the cove. The Lowe Cemetery is also nearby.

19. Ketner Cove

Site of the Lewis farm and Ketner families

Location of Raymond and Shirley Fairchild's "Opry House" with reknown banjo and bluegrass music.

20. The Stompin' Grounds

Home of the Clogging Capital of the U.S.

Site of television series "Fire on the Mountain"

National Clogging Competition

Home of Burton Edwards, producer of Mountain Legacy, a video demonstrating local dance and music.

21. The Reuben Moody Place

Original homestead of Reuben Moody and family

Eight consecutive generations have lived on this land.

The current house was built around 1910 and is located behind J. Arthur's Restaurant.

Kirk's Raiders entered the house on a Civil War Raid but valuables had been buried on Reuben Branch and livestock moved to the mountain.

The level land was site of a switching Railroad Station as per right of way deeds in possession of Carrol Dixon.

Mrs. Jack Campbell was forced as a widow in 1925 to sell off parcels of the homestead to pay the taxes.

22. Smoky Falls Lodge

Was built in 1949 as the Mount Valley Lodge by the Medord family. It has since expanded and been remodeled. The portion of the rock masonry is the original building.

23. Plott Post Office

Located in the former home of Herbert and Nannie Plott which was built in 1880.

The masonry wall in front was laid by Alex Carpenter, a Civil War veteran.

The Plott post office closed then the Maggie post office was established in 1904.

This is located on Moody Farm Road. Herbert was a breeder of the Plott hound, the NC State dog.

24. The Homestead of Felix Walker on the hill near Sanford's

Felix Walker, the first WNC Congressman, resided from 1806-1826. Walker was a Revolutionary soldier, a land speculator, and coined the word "Buncombe". He was married to Isabella Henry, sister of Captain John Henry.

Walker was a friend of Abraham Enloe, with

Kentucky connections. Possible Abraham Lincoln was born in his cabin or given shelter there.

The Turner Cemetery is above Sanford's. Leatherwood slaves are buried there as well as Plotts, Moodys and other pioneer families.

25. The Moody Farm

Now Maggie Valley Country Club – was a thriving tourist home in 1930. The original steps and stone walls remain.

The "poor farm" was operated by the Moodys until 1910 when it moved to Bethel and became the County home. A pauper's field exists above the original farm.

26. Camp Hemlock and Camp Dellwood

Located east of Summit Drive. These two summer camps for boys and girls were active from 1946- 1950's in the era before air conditioning became standard in the Southeast. The temperate climate and outdoor experiences were enjoyed by children whose parents could afford the tuition.

The new Maggie Valley Police Department Building and Maintenance Shed are on this property.

27. Ferguson's Dairy

No longer in operation. Was the source of bottled milk for Maggie School from 1930's until 1950's. Later the Ferguson milk was sold to a larger distributor.

28. The Village of Dellwood

At the junction of US 19 and 276. The village had a post office, a Methodist Church and a Baptist Church, a sawmill, a cemetery, Burgin's Dairy and a garage with a service station.

Road improvements, motel development and social changes have diminished the village concept.

The Dellwood Elementary School merged with Junaluska and the building became the Dellwood Methodist Church who merged with Maggie Methodist. Now the building remains as a mission, the Latino Community Center, serving the WNC United Methodist Church Conference.



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