

Welcome To The Holiday Highlands . . . Blowing Rock, Boone, Linville

VISITOR

We Hope the Pictures and Stories in These Pages Will Intrigue . . . and That You Will Find Helpful Information About Services and Attractions That Will Make Your Visit a Most Enjoyable One.

September Is Good Travel Month In N.C.

By MIRIAM RABB (State Travel Editor) September's tangy blend of Summer and Autumn in North Carolina's Variety Vacationland is enhanced this year with new opportunities for scenic motor travel through Eastern America's highest mountains and the first National seashore.

PARKWAY—As Autumn foliage begins at mile-high altitudes, a new section of the Blue Ridge Parkway to Waterrock Knob, soaring 6,292 feet above sea level, is being opened near the new link-up of the Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park west of Asheville. Over 180 miles of the Parkway are available for Autumn travel in North Carolina this year.

SEASHORE DRIVE—A loop trip along almost 100 miles of oceanfront on the Outer Banks islands will be made possible by automobile ferry service scheduled to begin September 7 between Atlantic, eastern terminus of U. S. 70, and Ocracoke Island in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The new privately operated ferry is the final link in the chain of bridges and free State ferries which now make Nags Head, Kitty Hawk, and Hatteras and Ocracoke Island accessible from the mainland.

FISHING AND HUNTING—Pier and offshore fishing are prime along the entire North Carolina coast in September, and the Autumn run of channel bass begins in weather mild enough for surf and sun bathing. Six salt water fishing contests continue. State-wide, fresh water fishing is excellent, with the mountain trout season extending through September in many areas of Western North Carolina. Hunting seasons open September 5 on marsh hens and September 12 on doves.

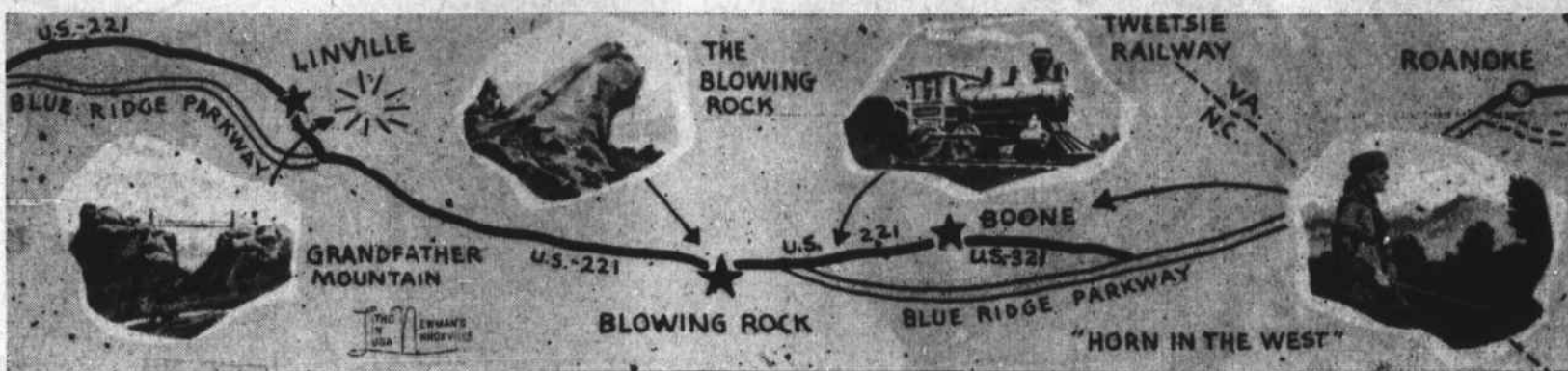
EVENTS—Apple harvest in the Blue Ridge will be celebrated September 1-7 with the 13th annual North Carolina Apple Festival at Hendersonville. A Carolina Sailing Club regatta at Kerr Reservoir is September 12-13. One of the South's largest horse shows, the four-day North Carolina Championship which draws exhibitors from more than 20 states, opens September 30 at the State Fair Arena in Raleigh. The outdoor dramas "The Lost Colony" at Manteo and "Unto These Hills" at Cherokee play nightly except Mondays through September 6.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Allen Watters, son of Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Waters of Gay Mountain, Blowing Rock and Vero Beach, Fla., celebrated his thirteenth birthday last Friday. Many friends of the Gay Mountain area joined Allen for ice cream, cake and Cokes. All enjoyed games and horseback riding. In the evening, all adjourned to the Sunrise Inn for dinner and an evening of fun and interest at Fincke-Sobel Auction.

PUPPY LOVE

Los Angeles—Mrs. Mary Lieblich, 49, was awarded custody of the family dachshund at a divorce hearing recently. But her salesman husband, Ernest, 45, was granted visitation rights.



COME BACK IN OCTOBER—October's spectacular foliage display was rapidly approaching its peak on the slopes of the Blue Ridge when Hugh Morton snapped this picture last year. Atop Grandfather Mountain, highest of the Blue Ridge peaks, October's sightseers will get a bird's eye view of 50 miles of red and golden foothills. The fall color season in Holiday Highlands is expected to run all through October.

Area Geology Is Described

Linville—The geology of Western North Carolina is described in a new pamphlet published by Grandfather Mountain and written by Dr. Jasper Stuckey.

Dr. Stuckey lists where specimens of semi-precious and some precious minerals can be found and where principal veins of ore are located in the western area of North Carolina.

The North Carolina counties of Alleghany, Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Haywood, Jackson, Madison, Mitchell, Watauga and Yancey are covered in the geologic report.

The pamphlet is available without cost and may be obtained by writing directly to Grandfather Mountain, Linville, N. C.

The development of the Blue Ridge Range is explained by Dr. Stuckey as being laid down in sediment form during the Precambrian era—or as much as 800,000,000 years ago. The rock formation later underwent a tremendous upheaval and the largest mountain in the range, Grandfather, was formed.

Trout Fishing Is Nearing End

Trout fishing will be ended by law on August 31, except in Middle Fork and Watauga River. In these streams fishing will be allowed through September.

STAYING AT NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cochran of West Palm Beach, Fla., are spending a few weeks at their new summer home on Gay Mountain, Blowing Rock.

Visitors Are Being Urged To Return For Gay Colors Of Fall

By JOE MINOR Plan now to "Come back in exciting October." This advice may well be heeded by visitors to Holiday Highlands, because, no matter what attracted them here in the first place, the autumn color sea-

son offers some of the most beautiful scenes of Nature's wonders of all seasons.

Probably more poets have tried to capture in verse the beauty of autumn than any other season of the year. Spring offers much in its awakening, summer offers much in its lushness, and winter is beautiful in its sheer bleakness—but in autumn one can see the real beauty of Nature's handiwork in the colors that bedeck the mountains.

It may seem early to be planning a trip back to the mountains in October, but in order to insure that such a jaunt may be possible, every effort should be made now to get back to the highlands then—because it is in October the colors are at their peak.

If Mother Nature follows her schedule of past years, she will

have already started "painting" when October begins. As the days progress, so will the colors, and before mid-month, the whole Holiday Highlands will be a mass of color that will last through the month.

If you can, plan now to spend some time with us; if you can't get away very long, come and stay as long as you can.

If you have time you can plan your trip so you can get in a football game at Appalachian State Teachers College; or you can get in a game of golf at one of the fine courses in the Scenic Triangle—Linville, Blowing Rock, Boone area; or you can get in another picnic. Whatever you want to do, don't disappoint us and miss the Colorama planned by Nature.

Take our advice: Plan now to come back in October.

Vanderbilt Lands Taken By Parkway

Brevard, N. C., Aug. 20—Last holdings of the Vanderbilt estate in Pisgah National Forest has been acquired by the Blue Ridge Parkway, according to maps filed with Register of Deeds Paul Whitmore here Monday.

The 500-odd acre tract was known as the Vanderbilt lodge property and is on the crest of the Piskah Ledge, near foot of Mt. Pisgah. Several buildings that have been kept in excellent state of repair go with the property.

The Blue Ridge Parkway from Cats Head, or Elk Pasture, will now be able to stay on the crest of the ridge at the Vanderbilt property and continue on to Wagon Road gap.

Other lands from Cat's Head to Wagon road are in Pisgah National Forest boundary and there will be no right of way trouble on these properties.

Contracts to be let from Sandy Flats on the West Asheville road on a five-mile link toward Cats head this fall. It is expected that the entire 23 miles of the Parkway from French Broad river to Wagon Road will be completed within three years or less.

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