

# The Apple of North Carolina's Eye

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## Harvest Season in NC Apple Country

Hendersonville is located in the largest apple producing county in North Carolina. Visitors flock to our orchards from August through October to pick apples, drink fresh cider and enjoy baked goods and apple cider doughnuts. With 20 orchards dotting the Crest of the Blue Ridge Orchard Trail, Hendersonville is the perfect pick each fall.



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## New Winery has Unparalleled Views

The state's newest winery, Point Lookout Vineyards, offers sweeping views of the Blue Ridge Mountains from an elevation of nearly 3,000 ft. on Point Lookout Mountain. The centerpiece of the winery is a 4,000-square-foot open-air pavilion that serves as both a tasting room and event space. The Pavilion is crafted from hand-hewn cedar

logs from British Columbia and includes an additional tasting room, kitchen and dressing suites. The winery offers a selection of 10 dry and semi-sweet wines crafted from such grapes as Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Riesling.

[www.PointLookoutVineyards.com](http://www.PointLookoutVineyards.com)

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## 50 Years for Carl Sandburg Home in NPS

Fifty years ago this October, the home of the late poet Carl Sandburg became an official part of the National Park Service. The historic estate, named Connemara by its original owner, was where Sandburg spent his last two decades. He wrote a third of his life's works there and won his second Pulitzer while living there. The home is open every day but Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. It houses more than 10,000 books and manuscripts. Also popular are the estate's goats, descendants of Lilian Sandburg's herd of world champion dairy goats.



[www.NPS.gov/carl](http://www.NPS.gov/carl)

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## Home for the Holidays in Hendersonville

Yuletide treasures abound during Hendersonville's Home for the Holidays celebration from early Nov. through New Year's Day. The celebration features recurring activities like ice skating, curling, carriage rides, a holiday musical revue at the main location of the famed Flat Rock Playhouse, plus a holiday play for families at the Playhouse's Main Street location. Individual events include a downtown street lighting, holiday tour of historic inns, parade, Christmas greenery market, and more.

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## Zip Through Fall Splendor at The Gorge

Combine leaf looking and thrill seeking this fall at The Gorge Zipline. The Gorge descends 1,100 feet into the scenic Green River Gorge between Henderson and Polk counties and bills itself as the steepest and fastest zipline in the country. Its 11 sections of ziplines total more than 6,500 feet. Average excursion time is from 2.5 to 3 hours.



[www.TheGorgeZipline.com](http://www.TheGorgeZipline.com)

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## Town Emerges as a Hard Cider Capital

Hendersonville, a long-time leader in apple production, now leads the way in hard cider. The mountain town is home to three cideries, Bold Rock, Appalachian Ridge and Flat Rock Ciderworks. Bold Rock has a state-of-the-art tasting room and production facility in Mills River, while Appalachian Ridge operates out of a refurbished 1940's barn in the midst of an apple orchard. Flat Rock Ciderworks was the first to open in Hendersonville in 2014 and has a tasting room on Main Street.

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## Enjoy Latin America Culture at Fiesta Hendersonville

Experience the sights, sounds, pageantry, costumes and talent of Latin America in downtown Hendersonville during the annual Fiesta Hendersonville on Sept. 23. More than 20 countries will be represented with food, music, art and culture. The stage of the Hendersonville Visitors Center features live music and dance performances, with a variety of food vendors, including Mexican, Dominican and Venezuelan.



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