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Top-Notch Artists Call Toe River Valley Home

The Toe River Valley is known for its diverse collection of artists. Many come to practice at Penland School of Crafts and once they experience the Blue Ridge Mountains, choose to stay. The collection of glass blowers is particularly impressive, with some of the finest talent in the Southeast. The Toe River Arts Council represents artists throughout Yancey and Mitchell counties. Twice a year, in June and December, the organization hosts a studio tour with approximately 100 participating artists.

www.ToeRiverArts.org

Homeplace Beer Co. Creates Social Hub

Owner John Silver, a Yancey County native, opened the county's first brewery in downtown Burnsville in summer 2017. Silver is a brewery veteran, with experience at Oskar Blues, Pisgah Brewing, Catawba Brewing and French Broad Brewing. He specializes in sessionable beers that showcase local ingredients. **The first No Place Like Homeplace Beer Fest will take place Saturday, Sept. 29.**

www.HomeplaceBeer.com



Mountain Chef Bistro Elevates Dining Scene

Mountain Chef Bistro opened this past spring on Main Street in downtown Burnsville and has consistently packed its 45-seat dining room. Chef Bill Konyok, a French-trained chef, worked in restaurants and catering in Florida and Nashville, but a search for relaxation outside of work brought him to peaceful Burnsville. Menu standouts include the chicken and waffles, shrimp and smoked Gouda grits, and Chef Bill's homemade desserts, specifically the Key lime pie.

Buck House Inn Exudes Calm & Charm

About 20 minutes west of downtown Burnsville, The Buck House Inn sits on Bald Mountain Creek. The flowing creek sets the pace for this relaxing retreat. Innkeepers Sam and Debbie Stebbins have preserved original features of the 1904 home, such as chestnut wood walls and ceilings, while incorporating modern amenities, such as luxurious linens and remodeled bathrooms. The inn is surrounded by 750 conserved acres of forest, where guests hike, ride horses or go on guided ATV trail rides.

www.NorthCarolina-Mountain-Vacation.com



Observatory Houses State's Largest Public Telescope

The depths of the night sky feel a little closer for Yancey County residents and visitors with the opening of Bare Dark Sky Observatory in 2017. The observatory, located at Mayland Community College's Earth to Sky Park in Burnsville, houses the largest telescope in the state for public access. The custom-built telescope has a mirror that measures 34 inches in diameter, or 0.86 meter. The telescope allows users to see the jet stream, Saturn's rings and distant stars and constellations during community viewing nights. The park received a designation from the International Dark-Sky Association for its stewardship of the natural night sky.

www.Mayland.edu/Observatory

Albert's Lodge is Haven for Visiting Cyclists

Scenic mountain roads and low population density make Yancey County and the surrounding area an ideal cycling destination. Albert's Lodge serves as home base for visiting cyclists. Located at the base of Mount Mitchell in the Toe River Valley, the lodge offers comfortable accommodations and decks with sweeping mountain views. Owner Van Roldan operates Solstice Cycles, a full-service on-site cycle shop. The Burnsville Metric kicks off riding season each April.

www.Alberts-Burnsville.com



Mount Mitchell: Highest Peak on the East Coast

Mount Mitchell, located in southern Yancey County, is the highest peak east of the Rockies. At 6,684 feet in elevation, the flora and fauna have more in common with New England and Canada than the Southeast. Known for record-setting snowfalls and chilly summer temps, Mount Mitchell allows visitors to feel worlds apart. Its surrounding trails, such as the Black Mountain Crest Trail, are rugged, bucket-list treks for hiking enthusiasts.

www.NCStateParks.gov/Mount-Mitchell-State-Park