

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Connect with nature, your family, yourself

Whether you're a test-yourself triathlete or a relaxation-junkie pontoon boat fan, Rutherford County is your outdoor center. Our air and scenery will get you up and out for fun.



CLIMB

Looking to test your self or learn something new? Go **rock climbing and rappelling with Fox Mountain Guides and Climbing School**. At Chimney Rock State Park, Fox Mountain Guides offers lessons for beginners and experienced climbers.

www.FoxMountainGuides.com



GOLF

Rutherford County has eight golf courses and two miniature golf locations. For golf with an English accent, visit **Cleghorn Plantation Golf & Country Club** in Rutherfordton. Cleghorn Plantation dates back to 1752 when King Charles II of Britain granted 2,000 acres to William Cleghorn. Today, it offers memberships and public passes, too. *Golf Digest* listed Cleghorn as one of its “Best Places to Play.” www.cleghornplantation.com

At Rumbling Bald Resort in Lake Lure, you’ll find two championship courses. **The Bald Mountain Golf Course** was made famous by the golf scene in “Dirty Dancing.” Both resort courses feature bentgrass greens and Bermuda fairways. The Bald Mountain course rating is 70.9 and the slope rating is 128.

Rumbling Bald Resort’s Apple Valley Golf Course, designed by Dan Maples in 1986, offers 18 holes that are slightly longer than Bald Mountain and stretch 6,756 yards from the longest of the four tees. The tree-lined fairways are more forgiving and allow for more “grip-it and rip-it” action. The course rating is 73.2 and the Slope Rating is 140. www.rumblingbald.com



MOUNTAIN BIKE | CYCLE

Bring your bike and discover the power of YOU. With major cycling events and triathlons here, cycling and biking are beloved by the locals and the visitors.

The new **Buffalo Creek Park Mountain Biking Trail** is part of a 200-acre park and opened in Spring 2014. Seven miles of professionally built mountain biking and hiking trails include picnic areas along Buffalo Creek. Mountain bike rentals are available at Rumbling Bald Resort; call 828-694-3005.

www.townoflakelure.com/buffalo-creek-park.php

The **Thermal Belt Rail Trail in Rutherfordton & Spindale** provides an eight-mile ride in one direction. Portions of the trail have recently been upgraded to paved surfaces. ncrailtrails.org/trails/thermal-belt



GET ON THE WATER – Serious Lake Fun Starts Here

You'll need a permit to put your own boat in the water. Take it easy and rent from one of these providers below (no permit needed for that)...or take it even *easier*, and book one of our skipper-guided pontoon boat tours or dinner cruises. Local permitting, rules and guidelines: <http://www.townoflakelure.com/boat-permit-info-page.php>

Here are the places you can rent equipment, book tours and play on the water.

Washburn Marina – 2930 Memorial Highway, Lake Lure

www.townoflakelure.com/washburn-marina.php

<http://lakelure.com/activities/>

828-625-1373 (in the off season, please call to confirm what is open)

This marina beside Morse Park is also the home for Lake Lure Tours, which provides the popular guided pontoon boat tours; The 1927 Lake Lure Inn & Spa also books services for their guests through this marina. The tours run daily May through October. Call for hours in March and November; closed in winter.

Provides: Boat slip rentals; public boat launch ramp (open year-round); Lake Lure Tours; motorized pontoon boat rental; hydro-bike, kayak, paddle boat, stand up paddleboard rentals; sells gasoline and oil.



Lake Lure Adventure Company at 470 Memorial Hwy, Lake Lure

<http://lakelureadventurecompany.com>

828-625-8066

The certified ski and wakeboard instructors offer professional instruction for first-timers and more experienced skiers/riders. You can book your ski, wakeboard or tubing trip with them, and they'll drive.

Provides: Water ski instruction, trips; wakeboarding trips, instruction; pontoon and fishing boat rentals; kayak and stand up paddleboard rentals.



Rumbling Bald Resort at 112 Mountains Blvd, Lake Lure

www.rumblingbald.com/amenities/lake-and-water-activities

828-694-3000

Guests staying at Rumbling Bald Resort can rent boats and take advantage of the resort's swimming beach and boat rentals. The public can come to the resort and dine overlooking the lake at the Lakeview Restaurant, or go on a Lake Lure Dinner Cruise.

Provides to resort guests: Pontoon, kayak, canoe, pedal boats and stand up paddleboard rentals; swimming/pool areas and private beach, Kids Adventure Camp (day camp).