



# Benton MacKaye Trail Association

## 2022 Annual Meeting & Hike Fest

### Non Hiking Activities

#### **ROBBINSVILLE/FONTANA DAM**

##### **Fontana Village**

Head east on NC-28 S toward Welch Road. Continue straight onto Fontana Dam Road. Turn left.  
Destination will be on your left.

##### **Fontana Lake Tours**

Fee Charged. Reservations suggested (828) 498-2129. Lake Tours depart from Fontana Marina Daily at 2 and 4 PM to see one of the deepest lakes in the country.

##### **Wehrloom Honey**

Head east on NC-28 S toward Welch Road. Turn right onto NC -143 W/Sweetwater Road. Turn right onto Rodney Orr Bypass. Continue onto US-129 N/Tapoco Road. Turn left onto Willie Colvin Road.  
257 Willie Colvin Road, Robbinsville, NC 28771

##### **Visit Cheoah, Fontana, and/or Santeetlah Dam**

Explore the incredible history of the hydroelectric dam system in Graham County and how it has contributed to the growth of the region as well as its historic role in past war efforts. For more detailed information, stop in at the Graham County Visitors Center in Robbinsville.

##### **Hunting Boy Wood Crafts**

Beautiful works of wood carver and chainsaw artist Billy Welch. Inspired by his Cherokee roots, the beautiful wood of Appalachia and nature.  
2793 Massey Branch Road, Robbinsville, NC 28711

##### **Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center**

Wide variety of traditional and contemporary art and craft: paintings, pottery, weaving, wood, glass, photographs, jewelry and more. (828) 470-3364  
121 Schoolhouse Road, Robbinsville, NC 28771

##### **Junk N' Style**

Handmade NC bark displays, unique gift shop featuring fantastic local artisans. Handmade lotions from essential oils, wood slice decor. Please call ahead for hours. (828) 479-4779  
3690 Fontana Road, Fontana Dam

#### **BRYSON CITY**

*From Fontana Village to Bryson City is 32 miles,  
approximately 45 minutes*

##### **Gallery Zella**

Specializes in exclusive collections of nature inspired artwork by over 25 local artists as well as three internationally renowned artists. Items celebrate the Great Smoky Mountains. Closed on Sunday. (828) 488-3638  
166 Everett Street, Bryson City, NC

##### **Great Smoky Mountains Railroad**

##### **Tuckasegee River Excursion**

Excursion \$56.-\$113—Make reservations online.

Relaxing ride thru quiet countryside on your way to small town life in Western North Carolina.

This steam-powered excursion depart Bryson City for a four-hour excursion, traveling 32 miles round-trip to Dillsboro and back to Bryson City Depot. Pass by famous movie set of The Fugitive starring Harrison Ford. 1 hour 20 minute layover in Dillsboro.

##### **Great Smoky Mountain Trains Museum**

Collection of 7,000 Lionel engines, cars and accessories, impressive operating layout. Scroll down to see museum information. Tickets are \$9.00 or complimentary admission with any train ticket purchase.

Bryson City, NC

***If you're out and about,  
Restaurants Highly Recommended for Lunch***

**Tapoco Tavern** at Tapoco Lodge

**Wildwood Grill** at Fontana Village

**Willow Tree Restaurant** in Robbinsville, NC

*GPS directions are fairly reliable. Cell phone service is spotty to non-existent.*

*Weather in early November can be lovely, or snow. Be prepared for temperature and weather changes.*

*Gas is available at the Fontana Pitstop Service Station, but pricy. No other local gas available for several miles.*