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ARE MOUNTAIN MADE



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Where in the world is Galax?! Located in the Southwestern part of Virginia, Galax is near the Virginia-North Carolina border. It sits 30 minutes Northwest of Mt. Airy, NC and about an hour and 45 minutes Southwest of Roanoke, VA. Galax was built along the Chestnut Creek, and is positioned in between Carroll and Grayson Counties.

Stop by our
Visitor Center

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Monday - Friday: 10am - 5pm
Saturday: 10am - 4pm (Seasonal)

ABOUT GALAX

Ever wonder how Galax got its name? In the early 1900s, locals would collect and export the Galax urceolata (a native plant that grows in shaded areas in the Blue Ridge Mountains) to surrounding cities as a source of income. Being such a hardy and beautiful plant, it made a great ornamental addition for florists to use in displays and Christmas decorations. A railroad official, seeing the many carts full of Galax urceolata at the time, suggested the town to be renamed “Galax”. The suggestion spread as far as the Virginia General Assembly, and the name “Galax, Virginia” was officially chartered in 1906.

Galax urceolata



WHERE TO STAY



AIR BNB

Choose from top-rated vacation rentals to unique stays, all in a city that boasts relaxation and friendly accommodation. Mountain views, cozy cabins, and country homes are all within reach at a local air b-n-b.



CABINS

Experience the perfect blend of city convenience and mountain tranquility. A cabin in Galax gives you the best of both worlds! Find your perfect retreat and scan the QR code to book your stay today.

Chestnut Creek Cabins

Phone: 276-233-4652
1000 Revere Road,
Galax, VA 24333

Fiddlers Roost Cabins

Phone: 276-236-1212
485 Fishers Peak Road,
Galax, VA 24333

New River Trail Cabins

Phone: 276-236-4022
307 Stockyard Road,
Galax, VA 24333



RV PARKS/ CAMPING

Cliffview Campground

Phone: 1-800-933-7275
1271 Creekview Drive,
Galax, VA 24333

Coolbreeze Campground & Village

Phone: 276-236-0300
2330 Edmonds Road,
Galax, VA 24333

Deer Creek Motorcoach Resort

Phone: 828-371-4848
2524 Edmonds Road,
Galax, VA 24333

Old Cranks Campground

Phone: 276-728-6798
407 S. Railroad Avenue,
Galax, VA 24333



HOTELS/MOTELS

Hampton Inn

Phone: 276-238-4605
205 Cranberry Road,
Galax, VA 24333

Knights Inn Motel

Phone: 276-236-5117
312 W. Stuart Drive,
Galax, VA 24333

Visitors Inn

Phone: 276-236-5127
303 N. Main Street,
Galax, VA 24333



DOWNTOWN EXCITEMENT

EXPLORE downtown Galax, a charming blend of rich Appalachian heritage, vibrant arts, and small town warmth, perfect for visitors seeking an authentic experience. Stroll along Main Street where you'll find a variety of locally-owned shops, galleries, and cozy cafes. In addition to brick and mortar locations, Galax has a beautiful Farmers Market that offers a welcoming space for farmers, artisans, and visitors to connect over handmade goods and locally grown produce.

Music is also an integral part of the city's heritage, and the historic Rex Theater is at the heart of our entertainment traditions. New talent is booked just about every weekend, and free movies are shown on Wednesday nights. Additionally, events like group bike rides, festivals, and parades contribute largely to the year round excitement in downtown Galax. Whether you favor art, shopping, music or outdoor recreation, Galax invites everyone to explore and enjoy!



- ✓ **SHOPS**
- ✓ **RESTAURANTS**
- ✓ **MUSIC**
- ✓ **OUTDOOR REC**

DISCOVER



Take a peak at the map on the right to find unique places to visit while you enjoy your stay in Galax, VA. Use the Map Legend to find exactly what interests you and stop in for a visit!

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|----------------|----------------|
| Art | Service |
| Shopping | Visitor Center |
| Food/Drink | Gas |
| Music | Outdoor |
| Farmers Market | Parking |



FARMERS MARKET

SEASONAL EVENTS

MAY

- Kid's Planting Workshop
- Artisan Mother's Day Market

JUNE

- National Dairy Month
- Kickoff Summer Event

JULY

- Healthy Kids Bucks
- 4-H Kids Craft

AUGUST

- Salsa Making Day
- Healthy Kids Bucks

SEPTEMBER

- Pepper Day
- Apple Cider Festival

OCTOBER

- Pumpkin Day
- Kids Halloween
- Costume Contest



Open from April-October, the Galax Farmers Market showcases the bounty of the region. A variety of vendors offer everything from ripe fruits and vegetables, to homemade jams and artisanal baked goods. The market not only promotes healthy eating, but also helps make healthy foods accessible through SNAP and the Healthy Kids Bucks program. Equally, the Farmers Market is a destination for children's activities, hosting fun events all throughout the season. Residents and visitors alike seeking authentic, locally sourced products and community can find it here!

206 N. Main Street,
Galax, VA 24333

Phone: 276-233-5951

Email:
farmersmarket
@galaxva.com

Thursday: 3-7pm
Saturday: 9-1pm



Keep an eye out for regular updates, and photos posted on the Galax Farmers Market's Social Media Channels. Check them out below!



@FarmersMarketGalaxVa



/GalaxFarmersMarket



CITY GALLERY

The City Gallery is an artisan's co-operative, showcasing pieces from member and guest artists from Southwestern Virginia and Northwestern North Carolina. Working to connect people with original and custom fine arts and crafts since 2005, the City Gallery is a unique place to shop for one-of-a-kind art pieces.

207 S. Main Street,
Galax, VA 24333

Phone:
276-236-8338



ART SCENE



TAKE A CLASS

CCSA offers weekend workshops for local, regional, and national markets, and evening and daytime classes for those within an easy driving distance.

100 N. Main Street,
Galax, VA 24333

Phone: 276-236-3500
Email: info@chestnutcreekarts.org

Tuesday - Friday: 10am - 6pm
Saturday: 11am - 3pm



CCSA

Chestnut Creek School for the Arts

All are welcome, from beginner to master artist, or musician to the curious observer. CCSA offers a creative learning environment that is both stimulating and peaceful, giving students the resources they need and the time to create new work and learn new skills.

By providing an environment conducive to learning, CCSA aids in breaking economical barriers, preserving cultural heritage, and boosting confidence. All skill levels are welcome to explore the many different faces of Appalachia in the form of art, traditional music, and craftsmanship with a hands-on learning experience from CCSA.

Check out our **virtual art tour** showcasing different works of art around Galax. Discover your favorite design, and the history behind it!



Galax, VA LOVE Sign

MUST SEE MUSEUMS



JEFF MATTHEWS MUSEUM

A visit to the Jeff Matthews Memorial Museum is a rewarding experience for adults, families and children of all ages. You will discover many treasures showcasing the rich history of Galax on display. Transport back in time to an 1834 historic cabin, and see Victorian fashions dating back to the 1800s. Hiding around the corner you can also find 10,000+ Native American artifacts, a fascinating collection of African items, and one of the largest Kodiak bears on display anywhere in the world!

606 W. Stuart Drive,
Galax, VA 24333

Phone: 276-236-7874
Email:
info@jeffmatthews
museum.org

Wednesday - Saturday:
11am - 4pm

OLD CRANKS CAR MUSEUM

A visit to Old Cranks Motorcar Museum is like taking a trip back in time. You'll see examples of some of the earliest automobiles such as the 1906 Orient, the 1917 Detroit Electric and the 1919 Stanley Steamer. As you progress through the museum, vintage clothing and memorabilia of the time period also accompany the vehicles on display. In addition to vehicles, the museum features Shaft Driven Bicycles, Hit & Miss Engines, Gas Pumps, License Plates, and Showcases full of Auto Memorabilia. With a continually expanding collection, you are sure to see something new every time you visit!

Phone: 276-236-5114

407 Railroad Avenue,
Galax, VA 24333

Saturday: 12pm - 4pm

Sunday: 1pm - 4pm



MATTHEWS LIVING HISTORY FARM

Matthews Living History Farm Museum is a 21-acre working farm, circa 1900. The activities demonstrated at the farm represent common practices in Grayson County around 1900. Key survival skills required for self-sufficiency in that era have become today's art forms, and consequently the focus of this museum's preservation goals. Explore many of the dying arts of the region including; gardening, blacksmithing, wood carving, food preservation, quilting and even chair caning!

476 White Pine Road,
Galax, VA 24333

Phone: 276-773-3080
Email:
matthewsfarm
@gmail.com

Open April - November





DANNELLY PARK

Dannelly Park shares access to the New River Trail and Chestnut Creek. Visitors can enjoy fishing and canoeing in the tranquil waters, making it an ideal spot for both relaxation and adventure. With picnic areas and campsites available, Dannelly State Park is perfect for families and outdoor enthusiasts looking to immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the region.

1159 Creekview Drive,
Galax, VA 24333

Open daily, dawn
to dusk



GALAX GOLF COURSE

Set on a stunning 65-acre facility in the Blue Ridge Mountains, our 9-hole course offers a fun, challenging experience for all skill levels. With 20 gas-powered golf carts and spacious banquet room facilities, it's the perfect spot for golf, relaxation, and special gatherings.



107 Country Club Lane,
Galax, VA 24333

Hours vary
per season

NEW RIVER TRAIL

The New River Trail in Galax, Virginia, is a scenic and serene pathway that stretches over 57 miles. This multi-use trail follows the historic route of the Norfolk and Western Railway, providing a unique blend of natural beauty and historical significance.

The trail features numerous access points, picnic areas, pet friendly trails and campgrounds, making it an ideal destination for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. Visitors can expect a comfortable, and accessible walking experience that is perfect for all fitness levels.

212 E. Stuart Drive,
Galax, VA 24333

Open daily, dawn
to dusk



OUTDOOR RECREATION



BIKE

Matthew's State Forest, boasts a network of trails where you will encounter a diverse landscape of dense woodlands, open meadows, and serene streams. Nine miles of biking trails will leave you feeling refreshed and connected with nature.

FISH

If you're into fishing, take your boat to one of Galax's two public boat ramps: Delps Beach or Riverside Drive. If you have a day to explore the New River, start at the northern riverside and make your way down to Delps Beach.

WATCH

The Virginia Bird and Wildlife Trail (VBWT) is an organized network of outdoor sites highlighting the best places to see birds and wildlife in the Commonwealth. Galax is part of 2 loops - Mountain Music and the Blue Ridge Highlands.





THE CROOKED ROAD

The Crooked Road was designated as Virginia's Heritage Music Trail by the Virginia Assembly in 2004. This 333 mile long driving trail connects 10 major venues and over 50 affiliate venues that preserve and promote traditional Appalachian Old Time and Bluegrass music.

Galax, VA is home to the 6th, 7th, and 8th major venues along the Crooked Road trail, affirming it's stance as one of the largest contributors to Appalachian musical heritage.

1 Heartwood Circle,
Abingdon, VA 24210
Phone: 276-492-2400.
ext. 2409

Email:
info@thecrooked
road.org



THE REX THEATER

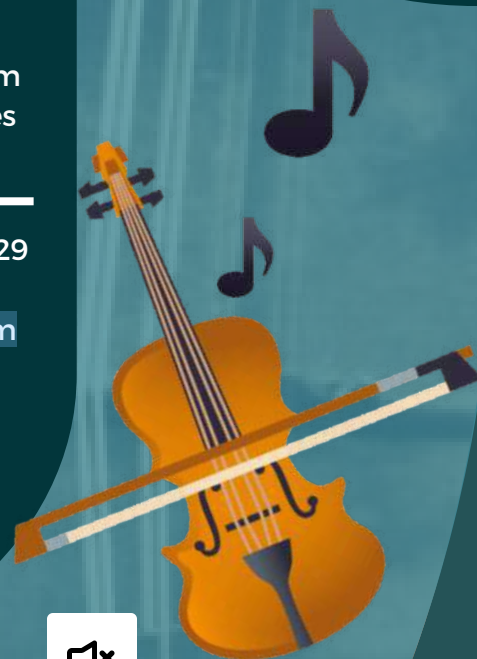
In 1940, the town of Galax opened it's very own theater. In it's early years, it served only as a movie theater, showing evening and matinee movies. Over time, it adapted to serve community needs as a musical venue, showcasing the mountain music talent known to originate from the area. Today, the Rex remains a dual purpose venue, providing a space for the community to gather and share its musical roots, and as a host to some of Old-Time and Bluegrass' most famous artists!

General Rex Schedule:

Wednesday: Free movie 6:30pm-8:30pm

Thursday - Saturday: Live performances
7pm-9pm

113 E. Grayson Street, Phone: 276-236-0329
Galax, VA 24333 Email:
info@visitgalax.com



MOUNTAIN MUSIC

Galax, Virginia, is a renowned hub of musical tradition, celebrated for its deep roots in Appalachian culture and heritage. Known as the "World Capital of Old-Time Music," this charming town captures the essence of Americana through its rich tapestry of Bluegrass, Folk, and Traditional sounds. Fiddle inspired music and it's rich history can be found threaded all throughout the city!



BLUE RIDGE MUSIC CENTER

The Blue Ridge Music Center preserves, interprets, and presents the evolving musical traditions of the Blue Ridge Mountains, highlighting the influence of American Roots music on all kinds of music.

Each spring, summer, and fall, the Music Center welcomes thousands of visitors who enjoy some of the region's finest traditional music, including Bluegrass, Old-Time, Folk, Americana, Country Blues, and Gospel. Guests are invited to delight in performances, exhibits, and additional experiences.



700 Foothills Road,
Galax, VA 24333

Phone: 276-236-5309
Email:
info@blueridgemusiccenter.org

Open daily
10am - 5pm
May - October

COMPETITIVE EVENTS



OVER 80
years of tradition!



OLD FIDDLER'S CONVENTION

Anyone who's been to the Old Fiddler's Convention in years past knows it's all about music, mud, and making memories! Held annually since 1935, the Old Fiddler's Convention is a celebrated gathering of musicians and fans of Old-Time and Bluegrass music in the heart of Galax, Virginia. Known as the world's oldest and largest fiddler's convention, this multi-day event draws participants from around the globe to compete, share, and enjoy traditional Appalachian music. Featuring lively competitions in fiddle, banjo, guitar,

and other instruments, along with dance performances and jam sessions, the convention offers a vibrant, immersive experience in mountain music culture. The event not only highlights musical skill but also fosters a sense of community and heritage, making it a must-visit for anyone interested in authentic Appalachian traditions. The Galax Old Fiddler's Convention stands as a timeless celebration of Appalachian music and community, where history and harmony come alive in the heart of Virginia!



SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN

Thousands of people go hog wild for a taste of authentic barbecue and a chance to see a professional cooking competition up close at Smoke on the Mountain in Galax, VA. This competition, held every fourth weekend in July, is Virginia's official state barbecue championship. Teams from all over the country vie for the championship prize. Winning in Galax also earns the champs a spot in the "The Memphis BBQ Network" World

Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest. The MBN teams compete for the grand champion prize; a coveted hand-made banjo, and runners-up get fiddle trophies. The instruments reflect Galax's long heritage of traditional music, and Smoke on the Mountain has earned its own spot in BBQ tradition! Live music, crafters, vendors, children's activities and other attractions are also a part of this event for those who are spectating.



ANNUAL EVENTS



SPRING

MAY

- Memories on Main Car Show
- Dannelly Park 10K Run
- Plant a Sunflower Day



SUMMER

JUNE

- Jeep Jam
- Hillbilly Dayz

JULY

- July 4th Parade
- Fireman's Carnival
- Championship Rodeo
- Smoke on the Mountain

AUGUST

- Old Fiddler's Convention



FALL

SEPTEMBER

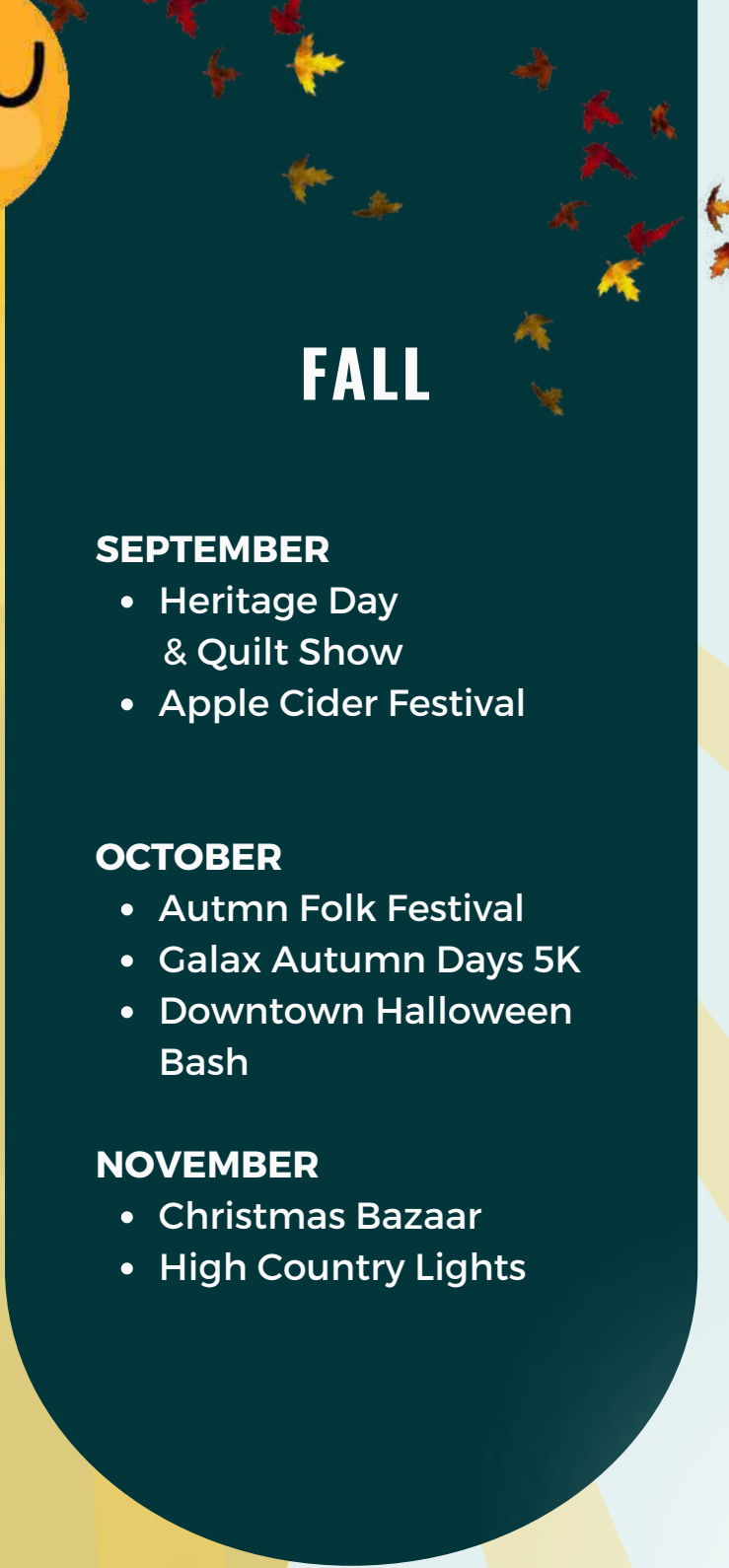
- Heritage Day & Quilt Show
- Apple Cider Festival

OCTOBER

- Autumn Folk Festival
- Galax Autumn Days 5K
- Downtown Halloween Bash

NOVEMBER

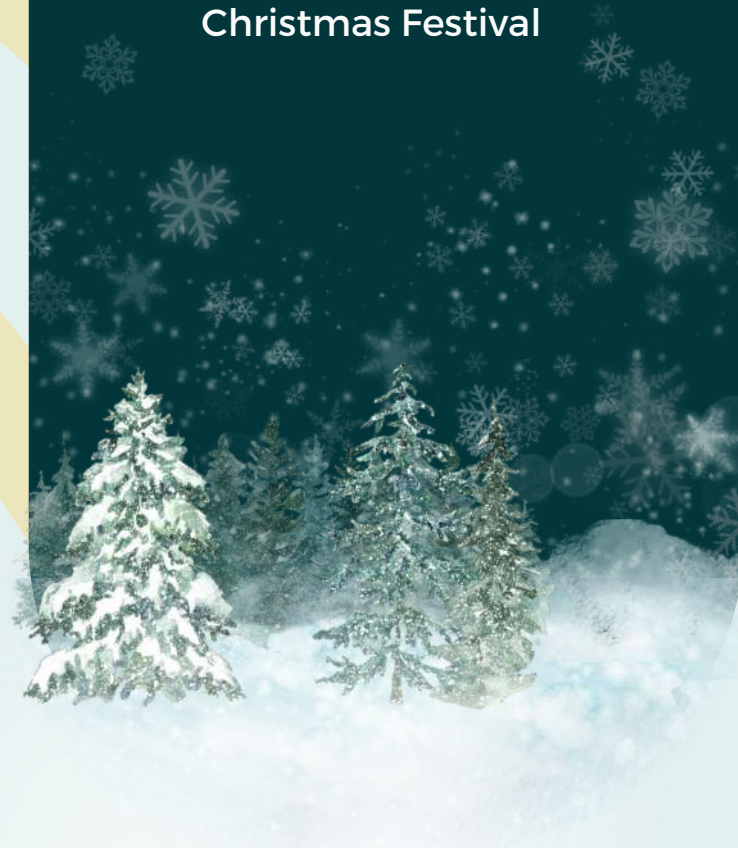
- Christmas Bazaar
- High Country Lights



WINTER

DECEMBER

- Christmas Tree Lighting & Parade
- Old Time Appalachian Christmas Festival



PLAN YOUR VISIT

Things I want to do in Galax, Va

- ☒ Find somewhere good to eat
- ☒ Talk to a local
- ☒ Hike a nature trail
- ☒ Make something
- ☒ Sight see
- ☒ Watch a live performance
- ☒ Star-gaze

Read on to discover what a day in Galax is like! Tap below for help planning out this sample schedule.



8 AM Start your day off with a satisfying breakfast at a local cafe'. Next, enjoy a refreshing walk or bike ride on the New River Trail, and be sure to take in all the native plants and wildlife along the way.

11 AM Grab a cup of coffee at one of our coffee shops, then take a walk over to Barr's Fiddle shop to discover the history behind the music that Galax is known for!

12 PM Re-fuel at one of downtown's charming restaurants. Following lunch, take a stroll down Main Street and stop in a boutique to find something nice for yourself or a loved one. While strolling, remember to stop in the Visitor Center to say hello and receive a FREE guitar pick!

2 PM Attend an art class at CCSA, where you can expand on your art skills, or learn something new in a fun, stress-free environment. Visit the CCSA lobby and admire local artists' work and perhaps take a special piece home!

5 PM Kick off your evening with a wine tasting and then enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Afterward, capture the charming ambiance of Main Street and snap photos in front of one-of-a-kind artwork that's hiding around town.

7 PM Head over to the Rex Theater to catch a live show. Arrive early to snap some photos of the beautiful marquee and the vibrant downtown atmosphere before the show begins!

9 PM After a busy day exploring downtown, head back to your room for a peaceful evening of stargazing and listening to the sounds of nature.

Fun is mountain made in Galax, VA!

SEE YOU SOON!



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