

## **Activities in the area surrounding the Hyman Cabin**

- **My favorite:** Porch-Sitting at the Hyman cabin and enjoying the mountain views; this is the #1 reason I built this cabin.
- The entire region around Lake Lure and Chimney Rock is known as the Hickory Nut Gorge. The Broad River and Lake Lure are in a low-lying area surrounded by mountains, forming the Hickory Nut Gorge.
- **Nearest towns:** (directions to each are in your Welcome Packet)
  - Lake Lure and Chimney Rock are located on the west of the lake, and the cabin is located at the north end of the lake. It is not far from the cabin “as the crow flies,” but the road to Lake Lure winds around the lake so drive time to town is about 30-35 minutes.
  - Black Mountain and Old Fort are both located north of the cabin on I-40, and they both offer some fabulous quaint mountain stores, shops and locally owned family restaurants. A shopping excursion to Black Mountain, and lunch at The Veranda Café, is one of our favorite things to do.
  - Asheville and Hendersonville is west of the Lake Lure area. Asheville is the nearest large city, and it has everything that most cities offer. Asheville also has the Biltmore House, the largest private residence in the country. It is open for tours on a daily basis. A day trip to Asheville or the Biltmore House is very popular, and it will not disappoint.
  - Rutherfordton is a nearby town, located about 25 minutes east of the cabin on Hwy 64/74A toward Charlotte (east). Forest City and Spindale are neighboring towns to Rutherfordton. There are numerous restaurants in Rutherfordton, plus a Lowes Home Improvements, Wal-Mart and several grocery stores. The main hospital for the Lake Lure area is located in Rutherfordton.
- **Grocery stores** – The best grocery store in the area is a large Ingle’s superstore on Hwy 9 near the lake. From the cabin, take Bill’s Creek Rd toward Lake Lure. Go to the end of Bill’s Creek Rd and turn right

on Memorial Highway (Hwy 74A/64) toward Lake Lure. Go several miles around the south edge of the lake, and then turn left on Hwy 9 toward South Carolina. The Ingles is about ¼ mile on the right on Hwy 9. This store has a huge fresh vegetable and produce section, a fabulous bakery, deli and an excellent butcher shop. Ingle's has everything!

- **General stores** – There are many small old-fashioned country stores around the area that have limited grocery items, but are quaint and fairly common in the mountains. A popular place is Dalton's General Store on Bills Creek Road and Bills Creek Hardware, just about 3 miles from the bottom of our mountain on Bills Creek Rd heading toward the town of Lake Lure. My favorite general stores is Bubba's General Store in Chimney Rock, and the General Store in Black Mtn.
- **Mountain Golf:** Bald Mountain Golf Course or Apple Valley Golf course– Bald Mountain is located within the Rumbling Bald resort and Apple Valley is located on Buffalo Creed Rd. Both are fabulous mountain courses, and each course is open to the public, which means you can play there anytime. Tee times are strongly recommended. The courses are affiliated, so you can make tee times for either course by calling 1-800-419-3854 or (828) 694-3000.
- **Horseback Riding at Cedar Creek Stables** – This facility is located very near the Hyman cabin, just at the bottom of the mountain on Cedar Creek Rd. They offer guided rides ranging from 1 to 2 hours, plus pony rides and gem mining. The phone number is 828-625-2811, or visit: [www.cedarcreekstables.com](http://www.cedarcreekstables.com).
- **Stream and lake fishing** – The Broad River runs through Chimney Rock and Lake Lure, and then continues east toward Rutherfordton. There are many popular fly-fishing areas along the river, and of course, the lake fishing is outstanding on Lake Lure. There are also several trout farms in the area, but you have to keep and pay for what you catch at a trout farm. Stream and lake fishing is very popular. I think the best Lake Lure and local stream fishing guide is Rob McComas, and I would recommend Rob if you need a guide who knows every inch of the lake better than anyone, and especially the best fishing spots on the lake. Rob can be reached at (828) 674-5041. Rob provides the boat and he will also provide the equipment, if

needed. Here are some fly-fishing guides: One Fly Outfitters: [www.oneflyoutfitters.com](http://www.oneflyoutfitters.com), phone 828-669-6939; and Granddaddy's Fly-Fishing: [www.granddaddyflyfishing.com](http://www.granddaddyflyfishing.com).

- **Hiking** –There are many hiking trails throughout the area. The best marked hiking trails are at Chimney Rock State Park, and there is a fee to get in the park (see below). The Donald Ross Nature Trail Park offers free trails open to the public. It is located across the street from the Ingles Food Store.
- **Chimney Rock Park** – This is now a state park, after being privately owned for over 100 years. Chimney Rock has spectacular views, an unbelievable waterfall and fabulous hiking trails. It does cost about \$14 per adult and \$6 per child for entrance to the park (children under 6 are free). This was the filming site for much of the movie “Last of the Mohicans.” Visit their site at: [www.chimneyrockpark.com](http://www.chimneyrockpark.com).
- **Tubing on the Broad River** – This fun **summer** activity is very popular in the Lake Lure area. The tubing company provides the tubes and instruction. They pick you up about 3 miles down the river in 2-3 hours, and then bring you back to your car. You can make reservations by calling River Creek Tubing at 828-287-3915.
- **Water activities** – One of our favorite things to do is to rent a pontoon boat and cruise the lake. We take a cooler with a picnic, stop the boat in the middle of the lake and do some swimming, and have a great time with groups up to about 10 people. You can rent a pontoon boat or ski boat, go on a guided fishing trip, or you can take a tour of the lake. To rent a boat, I recommend Lake Lure Adventure Company at 828-625-8066, or visit [www.lakelureadventurecompany.com](http://www.lakelureadventurecompany.com). To take a lake tour, call Lake Lure Tours at 828-625-1373, or visit: [www.lakelure.com](http://www.lakelure.com).
- **Zip-Line** – There 2 places to do zip-line fun, climbing walls, tubing and kayaking: Canopy Ridge Farm 828-625-4500 [www.canopyridgefarm.com](http://www.canopyridgefarm.com), and Boulderline Adventure Programs 828-625-4913 [www.boulderline.com](http://www.boulderline.com).

- **Shopping Excursions** – There are some great shopping destinations, but here are the obvious nearby choices: Chimney Rock, Lake Lure, Black Mountain, Old Fort, Marion, Hendersonville, and of course, Asheville. One of our favorite half-day excursions is Black Mountain, where we walk around and visit the downtown shops in this quaint historic town, then have lunch at a fabulous locally owned restaurant called The Veranda (which I highly recommend), and then always stop in at the General Store. When we want an all-day shopping excursion, we go to Asheville. You can wear yourself out just in the downtown area alone. This is a wonderful shopping destination.
- **Biltmore House, Gardens and Winery** – This is about a 50-60 minute drive from the cabin, due to the fact that you have to drive through the mountains to get there, but it's well worth the drive and the cost. The tour of this house is fantastic. It costs \$42 for everyone over 16 years old and children under 16 are free. (Rates may have changed since this printing.) The Biltmore House is the largest private residence in the country, and this tour will blow you away, both inside and out of the house. The Gardens and Grounds are unbelievable, even if that sort of thing is “not your cup of tea”, and you will love it. Once you pay to get on the site and see the house, it also includes access to the Biltmore Winery. A tour of the winery is always fun, especially if you enjoy that precious adult grape beverage. You can visit the Biltmore site at: [www.biltmore.com](http://www.biltmore.com).
- **Spa's** – The Allure Spa at the Lake Lure Inn & Spa is open to the public, and they also have one of the nicest restaurants in the area. Their toll free phone number is 888-434-4970 and the website is: <http://www.lakelure.com/>. The Spa at Rumbling Bald Resort is also open to the public, and their phone number is 828-694-3017.
- **Restaurants** – One of our favorites: Larkin's on the Lake, located on Memorial Highway (Hwy74A/64) at the intersection of Hwy 9. There is a separate list of local restaurants in your Welcome Packet.
- **Brochures** – Feel free to browse through the brochures that we have at the cabin for many mountain area activities. Please return the brochures to the basket when finished viewing. Thank you!