

# Things To Do Outside of Area (1 - 2 hours away) *and definitely worth the drive*



## Grandfather Mountain

(800) 468-7325

2050 Blowing Rock Highway

Linville, NC 28646

<http://www.grandfather.com/>

About 1.5 hours from Lake Lure

Besides being a mile above sea level, Grandfather Mountain boasts wildlife habitats with bears you can feed (special bear snacks you buy there), eagles, otters, and more; deer continue to graze as you drive by; mile-high swinging bridge with breathtaking views; Forrest Gump Drive (where some of the running of the popular movie was filmed); art museum, and more.



## DuPont State Recreational Forest

(828) 877-6527

1400 Staton Road

Cedar Mountain, NC 28718-0300

<http://www.historichendersonville.org/dupont-hunger-games-shots.pdf>

About 1.25 hours from Lake Lure

Waterfalls abound in this 10,000-acre forest, south of Asheville in Transylvania and Henderson counties. If you are a fan of *The Hunger Games* (by Suzanne Collins) trilogy or movie, you will definitely want to make the trip to the DuPont State Recreational Forest (DSRF), where a few of the movie scenes were shot. The scenes comprise only a few minutes of the entire movie, but they are significant scenes. It is here that Katniss is chased by fireballs in the 74th Hunger Games and cools the burn in the water. It is also here that she discovers a camouflaged Peeta hiding in the water and leaves.

For details click the link above. If you plan on visiting the park, please call for directions as GPS is not always accurate. There is no fee to enter the park.

Hunger Games Fan Tours are being offered by the park. For more information or to register online go to [www.hungergamesfantours.com](http://www.hungergamesfantours.com). If you have questions about the fan tours, please call Leigh Trapp at 949-610-5570 or Tammy Hopkins 828-553-7117. *"May the odds be ever in your favor!"*

While other scenes from *The Hunger Games* were filmed in North Carolina, such as District 12 filming in Hildebran, the area is closed to the public.

## Pisgah National Forest

Visitor Center: (828) 884-4734

Pisgah District Office: (828) 877-3350, (828) 257-4203

1001 Pisgah Hwy.

Pisgah Forest, NC 28768

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/nfsnc/recarea/?recid=48114>

### About 1.25 hours from Lake Lure

The Pisgah National Forest is a land of mile-high peaks, cascading waterfalls, and heavily forested slopes. The forest is more than 490,000 acres and spreads over 12 western North Carolina counties. It is broken into four districts. The Pisgah District of the National Forest has a number of outstanding features and points of interest and is the most popular, receiving over five million visitors a year. Over 156,000 acres in size, it encompasses parts of Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania counties. There are over 275 miles of trails for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking.

For fans of *The Hunger Games* trilogy and movie, pre-game scenes between Katniss and Gale were shot here.

## Sliding Rock

(828) 877-3265

Hwy. 276 (near Pisgah Forest)

Brevard, NC 28712

[http://www.ncwaterfalls.com/sliding\\_rock1.htm](http://www.ncwaterfalls.com/sliding_rock1.htm)

### About 1.25 hours from Lake Lure

Sliding Rock is a 60' natural rock slide with a 6-7 foot deep pool at the base - perfect for you folks looking for a waterfall to slide down. The slide is a Forest Service recreation area with lifeguards and staff on duty from Memorial Day week end through Labor Day. There is a fee of \$1 per person to access the area. Parking is somewhat limited, so go early if you can. It will be crowded on a summer weekend. I think kids have to be a certain size to slide alone, but can sit on the lap of an adult. There are bathrooms open during the season.



## Linville Caverns

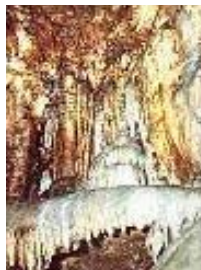
(828) 756-4171

19929 US 221 North

Marion, NC 28752

<http://www.linvillecaverns.com/>

### About 1.25 hours from Lake Lure



Located at the southern gateway to western NC's High Country region, Linville Caverns is an ideal destination for visitors of all ages. The beauty of our mountains is echoed within Humpback Mountain and visitors are invited to explore the splendor and wonders nature created "inside a mountain".

## Mystery Hill

(828) 263-0507

129 Mystery Hill Lane

Blowing Rock, NC 28615

<http://www.mysteryhill-nc.com/joomla/index.php>

**About 2 hours from Lake Lure**

No matter what the reason, they come back time and time again, to Mystery Hill in Blowing Rock; bringing relatives and friends to experience the mystery of our "crooked house." During their visit people remember the remarkable defiance of gravity, where you can see a ball roll uphill, and where folks are pulled from an upright position to an uncanny standing angle of nearly 45°. This strange phenomenon has been amusing and puzzling visitors to Mystery Hill for generations. Since there are a variety of things to see and do, (including the Appalachian Heritage Museum and Native American Artifacts Museum) no one leaves disappointed.

