



In One Place, the Best of the Mountains

## About the Park

Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park is located in Chimney Rock Village near Lake Lure in the NC mountains. Just 25 miles southeast of Asheville, NC, the Park is nestled in Hickory Nut Gorge between the towns of Lake Lure and Bat Cave. The Park welcomes leashed and vaccinated pets.

Privately owned by the Morse family for more than 100 years, Chimney Rock was acquired by the state of North Carolina in 2007 to become part of the greater Chimney Rock State Park. Currently, the 1,000-acre Chimney Rock is one of only two areas of the state park open to the public.

Chimney Rock, the 535-million-year-old monolith for which the Park is named, is considered one of the most iconic sites in North Carolina. From its top, you'll soak in the 75-mile panoramic views of Hickory Nut Gorge and Lake Lure.

The Park features mountain hiking trails for all ages and abilities:

- An alternative to the elevator, the upgraded Outcroppings trail, known as the "Ultimate Stairmaster," climbs 26 stories of stairs to the Chimney with rewarding views along the way.
- The popular Hickory Nut Falls trail takes you out to the bottom of our 404-foot waterfall, the second highest of its kind east of the Mississippi River and featured in the movie *The Last of the Mohicans*.
- The Four Seasons trail heads out of the Meadows area through deciduous forest and connects with the Hickory Nut Falls trail.
- Designed for kids and kids-at-heart, the Great Woodland Adventure features 12 Discovery Stations with locally-made sculptures that entertain and educate guests on some of the animals that call Chimney Rock home.
- The Skyline trail takes you to the highest peak in the Park, Exclamation Point at 2,480 ft. Be sure to stop at the Opera Box and Devil's Head along the way.

If you're feeling adventurous, you can give rock climbing a try with our partners, Fox Mountain Guides. There's no equipment or experience necessary, just a bit of moxie. For the full experience, book a 2-hour, half-day or full-day clinic at Chimney Rock.

Our special events feature something for everyone. If you want to stay in the loop on all the fun at Chimney Rock, sign up for our eNewsletter.

The Park's sustainability efforts and partnerships with local farms, artists and small businesses are essential to our environmentally-friendly practices.





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# Film Locations

### Lights, Camera, Action!

"Filmmakers— like travelers and vacationers —have discovered the unmatched geographic diversity and climate that have made North Carolina the No. 3 film-making state in the country." – NC Division of Sports, Film and Tourism Development

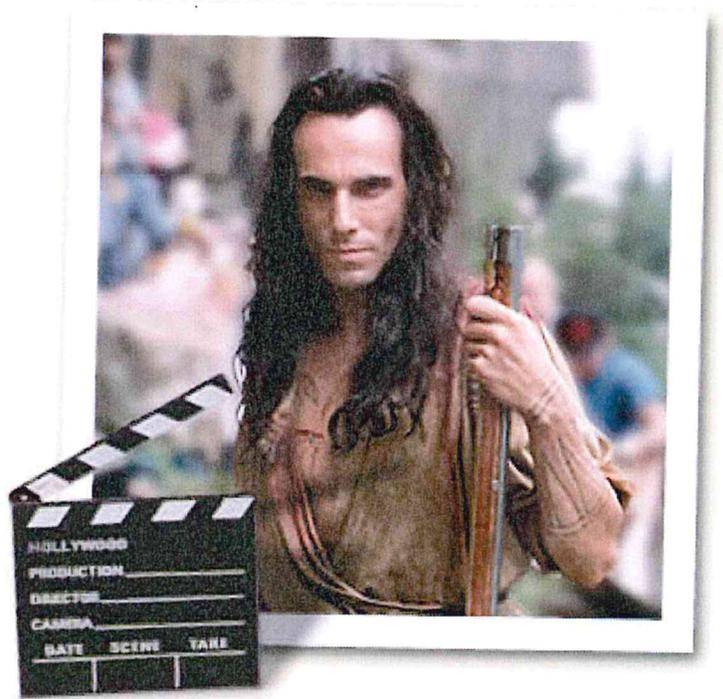
The rugged beauty of Chimney Rock has long attracted celebrities and dignitaries, writers and photographers from near and far. The Park's spectacular scenery caught Hollywood's eye, too. Scenes from a number of movies have been filmed in the Park, including ***The Last of the Mohicans***, ***Firestarter*** and ***A Breed Apart***.

***The Last of the Mohicans***, the 1992 epic romantic adventure starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Madeleine Stowe, features some of the Park's best assets. The last 17 minutes of the movie were filmed in the Park, including the climactic fight scene at the top of Hickory Nut Falls.

***Firestarter***, the 1984 thriller starring Drew Barrymore and George C. Scott, was based on the book written by Stephen King about a young girl's ability to start fires with telekinetic powers. The Park's front entrance gate and bridge were featured in the film.

***A Breed Apart***, the 1984 drama starring Kathleen Turner, Rutger Hauer and Powers Boothe, tells the story of a mysterious recluse who is dedicated to saving a pair of nesting eagles believed to be the last of a dying breed. Chimney Rock's wooded areas and trails were the perfect setting for the outdoor scenes of the movie. Exclamation Point was the site of the eagle's eyrie.

And just a mile down the road from the Park at Lake Lure, Baby (Jennifer Grey) and Johnny (Patrick Swayze) had the time of their lives while filming the 1987 romantic blockbuster ***Dirty Dancing***.



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## Fact Sheet

### Mission Statement

Gardner-Webb University, a private, Christian, Baptist-related university, provides outstanding undergraduate and graduate education that is strongly grounded in the liberal arts while offering opportunities to prepare for various professions. Fostering meaningful intellectual thought, critical analysis, and spiritual challenge within a diverse community of learning, Gardner-Webb is dedicated to higher education that integrates scholarship with Christian life. By embracing faith and intellectual freedom, balancing conviction with compassion, and inspiring a love of learning, service, and leadership. Gardner-Webb prepares its graduates to make significant contributions for God and humanity in an ever-changing global community.

**Location:** Gardner-Webb University, a private Christian University, is located 50 miles west of Charlotte in the Piedmont area of Western North Carolina. Main campus of 200 acres is located in Boiling Springs, NC.

**School Type:** Four-Year

**Students:** Over 4,300 students including the day program, graduate studies, and the GOAL program (Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners). 63% female, 37% male from 37 states and 21 foreign countries.

**Faculty:** 147 full-time, 79% with Ph.D. or equivalent. Faculty to student ration is 1:13. Average Class Size is 25.

**Curriculum:** A total of 5 professional schools, 2 academic schools, and 11 academic departments offer nearly 60 undergraduate and graduate major fields of study. Approximately 33% of students major in business field, 30% in social sciences, and 17% in nursing.

**Athletics:** NCAA Division I; member of the Big South Conference

**Religious Affiliation:** Baptist

**Number of Registered Organizations:** 43

**History Highlights:** Founded in 1905 as Boiling Springs High School; became Boiling Springs Junior College in 1928; renamed Gardner-Webb College in 1942 in honor of Governor O. Max Gardner and his wife Faye Webb Gardner-Webb; became a university in 1993; hosted 1996 U.S. Olympic Trials-Cycling; completed \$34 million capital campaign in 1998; reclassification to NCAA Division I athletics in 2000; added first doctoral program (Doctor of Ministry) in 2011. Gardner-Webb celebrated 100 years of educational service in 2005.

# Biltmore House & Gardens

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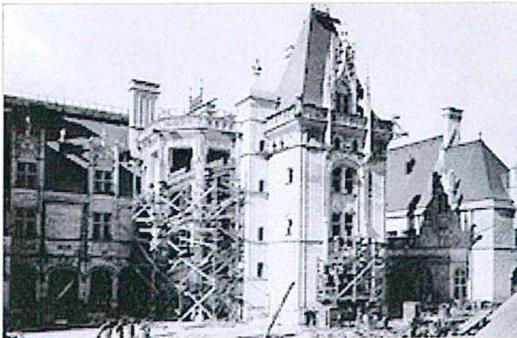
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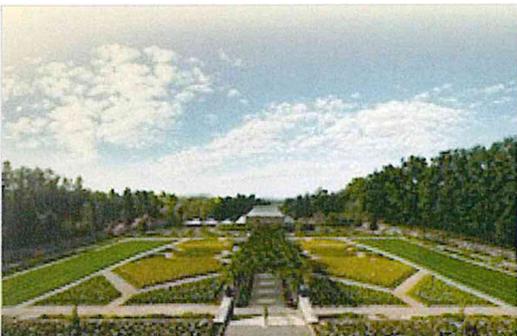
Completed in 1895, George Vanderbilt's 250-room chateau is as impressive today as it was more than a century ago. Biltmore House is truly a wonder of architecture and hospitality. As our guest, you're invited to enjoy a self-guided tour of the house, as well as the beautiful gardens and grounds surrounding it, designed by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted.



### Biltmore House



### Estate History



### Gardens & Grounds



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Site Map

National Forests in North Carolina

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Special Places

Recreation

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OHV Riding & Camping
Outdoor Learning
Picnicking
Scenic Driving
Water Activities
Other Activities

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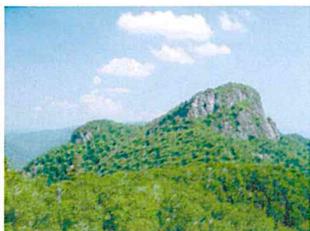
National Forests in North Carolina

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Pisgah National Forest



The Pisgah National Forest is a land of mile-high peaks, cascading waterfalls, and heavily forested slopes. Comprised of over 500,000 acres, the Pisgah is primarily a hardwood forest with whitewater rivers, waterfalls and hundreds of miles of trails.

now preserved at the Cradle of Forestry in America historic site, and boasts two of the first designated wilderness areas in the east. The Pisgah, Grandfather and Appalachian Ranger Districts are scattered along the eastern edge of the mountains of western North Carolina and offer visitors a variety of opportunities for outdoor recreation and enjoying the natural beauty of the mountains.

Camping and Day-use Information

Enjoy camping or a picnic at one of the many day-use areas. A list of camping and day-use areas in the Pisgah National Forest can be found here.

Recreation Maps

Nantahala & Pisgah National Forest Maps Be Safe

The national forests in North Carolina offer a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities. From the mountains to the sea, there are many exciting adventures awaiting your visit to these national forests. Please keep in mind that all outdoor recreational activities on the Croatan, Pisgah, Nantahala and Uwharrie national forests, including activities at recreation sites, have inherent risks due to the natural setting in which they occur.

Activities

- Bicycling SHOW
Camping & Cabins SHOW
Climbing SHOW
Fishing SHOW
Hiking SHOW
Horse Riding & Camping SHOW
Nature Viewing SHOW
OHV Riding & Camping SHOW
Outdoor Learning SHOW
Picnicking SHOW
Scenic Driving SHOW
Water Activities SHOW

Alerts & Warnings

- Prescribed Burn Planned in the Grandfather Ranger District
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Seasonal Road Closures Begin Jan. 5 on Tusquitee Ranger District
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Seasonal Road Closures Begin in Nantahala Ranger District
Seasonal Road Closures Begin Jan. 5 in Appalachian Ranger District

View All Forest Alerts ...

Quick Links

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Areas & Activities

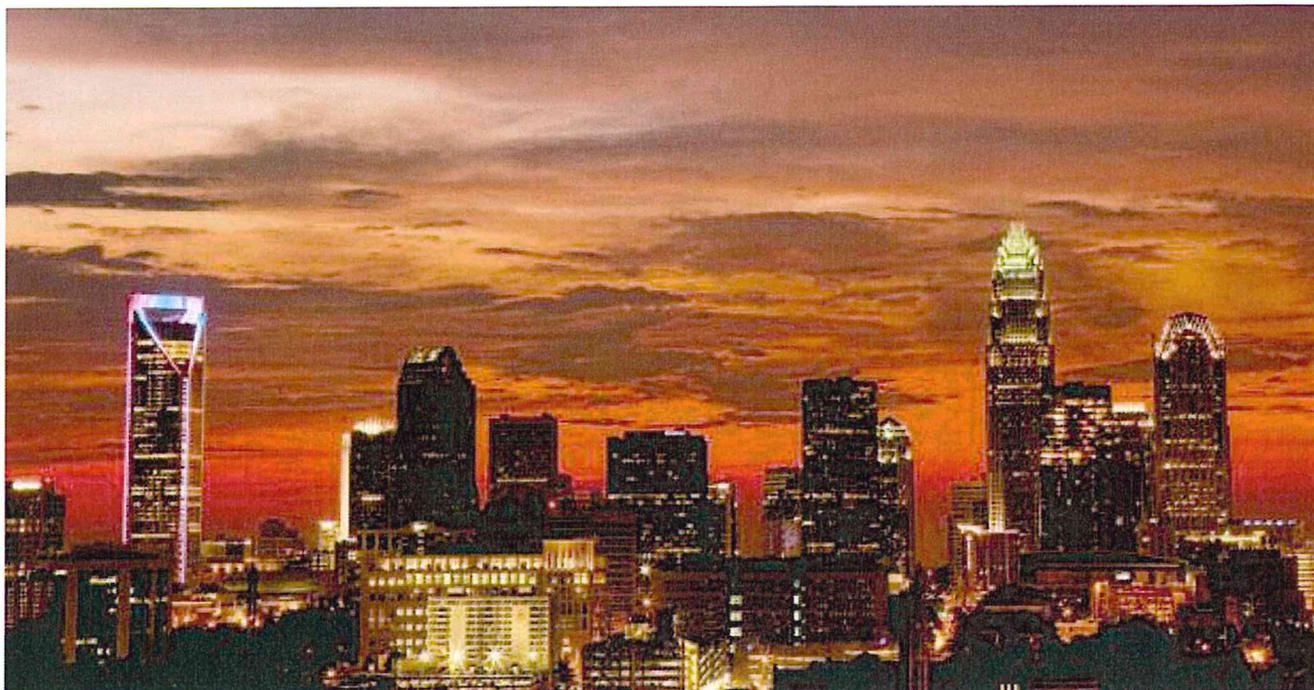
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Related Links

- Outdoor Safety
National Forests in North Carolina Non-motorized Trails Strategy

# Queen City Overview

## Get the basics about Charlotte, then start exploring!



Sunset behind the Charlotte skyline.

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The Charlotte, North Carolina region is composed of 16 counties, including four counties in South Carolina, with the city of Charlotte serving as the hub. Located in the heart of the Southeast, Charlotte lies within the southern Piedmont of North Carolina, along the state's border with South Carolina. Charlotte is the largest and most accessible city between Washington, D.C., and Dallas, Texas. Due to its mid-Atlantic location, getting to Charlotte is easy from anywhere in the country or the world, hence its nickname "the International Gateway to the South."

Nearly 60 percent of the country's population lives within a two-hour flight of Charlotte, North Carolina, and 6.9 million people live within a 100-mile radius. [Charlotte Douglas International Airport](#), the national hub of US Airways, is the 14th largest airport in the nation based on passenger totals, the 31st largest airport worldwide based on passenger totals and 8th in the nation for total operations, averaging 655 flights daily by 11 major airlines and 14 regional carriers. These flights provide non-stop service to 179 cities. More than 34 million passengers traveled through Charlotte Douglas International Airport in 2008.

Charlotte's highly efficient and growing interstate highway system offers drivers convenient access to the city. I-77 and I-85 connect Charlotte to cities in the Northeast, Southwest and Midwest. Convenient I-40, less than one hour north, provides an important east-west link with coast-to-coast access. In addition, easy access is available on U.S. routes 74, 29 and 21. There is excellent bus service in Charlotte. Greyhound and Trailways serve the area with more than 350 arrivals and departures weekly.



## The Great Smoky Mountains National Park

The Great Smoky Mountains and family friendly Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg are just around the corner from the Blue Ridge Parkway on the western end of North Carolina. Many visitors to this region enjoy both the Great Smoky Mountains Parkway and the Blue Ridge Parkway - taking their time to explore the rich culture, natural beauty, and fun-filled activities the area offers.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, located in the states of North Carolina and Tennessee, encompasses 800 square miles of which 95 percent are forested. The park is open year-round. Visitor centers at Sugarlands, Oconaluftee, and Cades Cove are open all year, except Christmas Day. There are no entrance fees, due to deed restrictions imposed when the Park was established.

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