

For the Kids...A One-Day Itinerary – From Bostic to the Blue Ridge

9:30 AM

Start your morning out at Washburn's General Store. Spend some time in an incredible and authentic working country store where your great-grandparents would feel at home. Churn jars, pottery, rocking chairs, wood cooking stoves, cast iron, straw hats, overalls, etc. Placed in the National Historical Register in February 2002.

Where: 2426 Bostic - Sunshine Hwy., Bostic, NC 28018

Open: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (CLOSED on Sunday & Wednesday)

Cost: Only what you buy

Contact: (828) 245-4129

10:30 AM

Next, show your kids what was once a childhood staple – but is now a rare find: A full-service pharmacy with an old-fashioned soda fountain and gift shop. Independently-owned since 1939, **the Fountain at Smith's Drugs of Forest City** remains a vibrant hub of activity on Main Street, Forest City.

Where: 130 E. Main Street, Forest City, NC 28043

Open: Monday-Saturday

Cost: Only what you buy

Contact: (828) 245-4591 or www.smithdrugs.com

11:30 AM

Before lunch, head over to **KidSenses Children's InterACTIVE Museum.** KidSenses is dedicated to interactive learning, enhancing education with hands-on fun. Expose your children to a wide array of experiences in the areas of the arts, science, technology, culture and history. The Museum seeks to instill in children a greater understanding of themselves and their world.

Where: 172 N. Main Street, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Open: Tues. – Thurs. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fri. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; see website for special events & camps

Cost: General Admission \$5

Contact: (828) 286-2120 or www.kidsenses.com

3:00 PM

After a couple hours at KidSenses and lunch in either Rutherfordton or Lake Lure, head on over to the grand finale of your day: **Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park.** If you know anything about Chimney Rock State Park, you know Chimney Rock – the epic, ancient bit of granite that stands majestically over some of the most beautiful terrain you'll find. But what draws folks back is everything else they find. Like trail options perfect for families or a little time alone. Rock climbing for beginners to the most advanced. Special events and activities for all.

Where: 431 Main Street, Chimney Rock, NC 28720

Open: Daily all year (weather permitting, except Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day)

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Daylight savings time 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Call or check online for winter hours.

Cost: Adults \$14, Youth (6-15) \$6, Children 5 & Under FREE

Contact: (800) 277-9611 or (828) 625-9611 or www.chimneyrockpark.com

5:30 PM

End your day...and decide to return for a second outing to check out the farm museum, classic auto museum, hiking trails, gem mining and more that you just couldn't fit into one day!