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PISGAH COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

BIKE FARMS, STRIP-MALL SUSHI AND LATE-NIGHT COOKIE DELIVERY

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Having given an overview of the trails and riding hotspots in western North Carolina, our Photobook wouldn't be complete without highlighting some non-riding amenities that will help any visitor further enjoy their experience in Pisgah country. From bike shops to post-shred beers to bike-friendly accommodations, below are some establishments we recommend. Just like the trails, however, western North Carolina is packed with plenty of other impressive spots to visit, so we encourage you to do some exploring on your own. You won't regret it.

BOONE

The northernmost mountain bike hub in the Pisgah area and home to Appalachian State University, the 18,000-person population of Boone is a blend of college students, families and outdoor-enthusiasts. Blow a tire at Rocky Knob Bike Park? **Magic Cycles** (www.magiccycles.com) is just one of a number of high-quality bike shops in town that offer sales and full services. Looking for a delicious post-ride beer, or a place to get further involved in the community? Besides offering a huge variety of beer, **Appalachian Mountain Brewery** (www.appalachianmountainbrewery.com) also hosts local music, donates to local charities and environmental projects, and organizes entertainment and sustainability events, just a few ways they uphold their motto of "sustainability, community and philanthropy." They even have a food truck, Farm 2 Flame, which locally sources almost all their ingredients.

If you want to follow that evening beer and bike ride with some sweets, **Appalachia Cookie Co.** (www.appcookieco.com) is possibly one of the more unique bakeries we've ever heard of, offering a late-night cookie delivery service, freshly baked and straight to your door—you can even order cold milk. From Rocky Knob to Magic Cycles to AMB to Appalachian Cookie Co., Boone makes sure you'll never have to miss a ride, go thirsty or end your long day of activities without a treat.

BREVARD

Self-proclaimed as "Cycling Capital of the South" and located at one of the main entrances to the Pisgah National Forest, it's no surprise Brevard is equipped to handle adventure-seeking mountain bikers. To set yourself up for the ideal Pisgah experience, staying at **The Bike Farm** (www.bikefarmpisgah.com) is undoubtedly the best choice you'll make. Located a short drive from town, the Bike Farm offers everything a visiting rider could hope for: glamping in fully furnished pole tents, tent camp sites, electricity, hot water, guiding, trail information, bike rentals, shuttles and direct trail access, to name just a few.

On your drive into the Pisgah, make sure to stop at **The Hub Bike Shop and Pisgah Tavern** (www.thehubpisgah.com). Whether you're about to begin your ride or just finishing, the Hub and Tavern offer full bike sales and services, as well as a full range of local and house-brewed beers. The town trails can also be reached directly from The Hub, perfect for both half-day and full day rides.

Despite its unlikely location in a nearby strip mall, **Sora Sushi** (www.sorasushinc.com) cooks up some of the best food in town and is a standard dinner spot for locals. From the Bike Farm to bike services to post-ride beers and eats, the tiny town of Brevard packs a mighty punch.

New Belgium's Asheville brewery, slated to open spring of 2016, is built along the French Broad River, on the site of a former stockyard. Besides reusing materials from the original structure and cleaning up pollutants left from the livestock market, the brewery will also be bike-friendly and designed to be as sustainable as possible, including green roofs, solar panels and LEED certification, to name but a few of their efforts.



HENDERSONVILLE

The 150-year-old buildings lining Hendersonville's downtown will keep any history nut busy for a day; if they also ride bikes, the 70-year-old cabin at **Oskar Blue's REEB Ranch**—combined with the trails leading directly into DuPont State Forest—will keep them busy for a whole trip. The REEB Ranch, located a short drive from Hendersonville, includes a perfectly built bike park, a historic barn apartment, and numerous campsites, meaning you can start your ride from the breakfast table and finish at the Ranch's waterfall swimming hole.

As for surviving the DuPont and Green River Game Lands' infamously punishing tech, **Sycamore Cycles** (www.sycamorecycles.com)—which also has a location in Brevard—is more than capable to heal any mechanical abuse DuPont and Green River may throw your way.

One of the newest and most impressive establishments in the area, however, is just north of town: **Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.'s** (www.sierranevada.com) East Coast headquarters. Opened in March of 2015, it sits at the end of an imposing drive with a taproom almost entirely bedecked in gleaming copper, and the brewery itself is massive, offering regular tours for interested beer lovers. That is, after a few beers and plates of their word class Southern-specific fare, of course.

ASHEVILLE

Asheville is historically known as the mountain town of the South, and in recent years has become one of its trendiest—a bit of West Coast flair and Southern charm, mixed with a young crowd from the University of North Carolina at Asheville. It is also home to celebrated breweries like **Wicked Weed Brewing** (www.wickedweedbrewing.com), and **New Belgium Brewery** (www.newbelgium.com) will be opening their East Coast headquarters in spring of 2016. The music scene is vibrant, with venues like **The Orange Peel** (www.theorangepeel.net) hosting both locally and regionally renowned artists.

As prolific as its beer and music is Asheville's culinary scene. One restaurant in particular is the **White Duck Taco Shop** (www.whiteducktacoshop.com). While the actual building is small and low-key, the White Duck is insanely popular, and for good reason. Its fare is delicious, cheap and quick, and combined with a massive deck is a great place to for fuel up after a long ride—or cure a hangover after a night of beer tasting and music.

For bikers looking for some indulgence, the **Bunn House** (www.bunnhouse.com) is a boutique hotel, only a short walk from the heart of Asheville's downtown. Beside its luxurious hospitality and historic allure—the Bunn House was built in 1905—it's the perfect complement to a cheap, delicious taco or an award-winning microbrew. ▲