

# BRYSON CITY

North  Carolina

**Welcome to Bryson City, NC!** North Carolina's friendly small town known for outdoor fun! Below is a schedule of activities for you while you are in town. If you have any questions regarding any of these listings, just visit the Cycle NC Rider Services area and speak with a CNC representative or a Bryson City representative. Have a great weekend!

## What to see and do in and around Bryson City....

### Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ **Swain County Farmers Market (9am – 1pm):** If you are in town early enough, stop by Island Street in Bryson City for a variety of locally made and locally grown products such as fruits, vegetables, honey, eggs, plants, baked goods, jewelry, pottery, baskets, gourds, soaps, herbal medicines, knitted items and much more. As always, we encourage you to "Buy Local!"



- ❖ **Cycle NC Campsites at Swain County Recreation Facility opens for set up** – At 3:00pm, you may begin setting up your camping area on the upper ball fields at the Recreation Park. Indoor camping will also be available and located across the street from the Park entrance at the Swain County Indoor Recreation Facility. Parking will be available at the Swain County Recreation Park. Local volunteers will be onsite to help make your arrival and setup seamless.
- ❖ **Cycle NC Mountain Ride Check-in** - Open from 5pm to 7pm at the Swain County Recreation Park (30 Recreation Park Dr, Bryson City, NC 28713). If you cannot get to Check-in before it closes at 7pm, you may set up camp at the upper level ball fields. You must check in at 7:00am Saturday morning at Rider Services.
- ❖ **Bryson City Local Welcome Tent and Expo:** Located next to the CNC Rider Services at Swain County Recreation Park, the welcome tent will provide participants with local information, area maps, restaurant information, weekend activities and local discounts. Stop by and see what the Bryson City areas has to offer, both on and off the bike. Other local vendors will include Bryson City Outdoors, Wild Water Nantahala, Bryson City Bicycles, Allyson Gernandt (jewelry), Backwoods Bakery, Maple Springs Confections (lemonade and sweets) and Sleepy Hollow Gourds/Uncle Bunky's Tees!
- ❖ **Wild Water Nantahala – Looking for an adventure?** Head out to Wild Water Nantahala for zip line canopy tours, whitewater rafting and Jeep tours. Wild Water is offering Cycle NC Participants 30% off all activities using code **CycleNC**. Valid for all online and phone reservations. Call 866-319-8870 or visit their website at [www.wildwaterrafting.com](http://www.wildwaterrafting.com).

❖ **Cherokee Bonfire and Storytelling (7pm – 9pm in Cherokee, NC):**

Imagine you're gathered around a roaring bonfire, the occasional spark shooting high into the night sky, as a strong but gentle voice begins a story you've never heard. As the drama builds, you're nearly breathless, your own heartbeat matching the occasional beat of the hand drum the storyteller uses. Drawing from a rich oral tradition dating back millennia, the Cherokee Bonfire series runs throughout the tourism season, and is an enchanting way to interact with the rich details of the Cherokee people and their stories. Get your room



reserved in Cherokee, grab a blanket and someone close to you, and enjoy a cultural experience only Cherokee can offer. The Bonfire stories crackles from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at Oconaluftee Islands Park in Cherokee, NC. For more info, visit <http://visitcherokeenc.com/events/detail/cherokee-bonfire/>.

❖ **Time to ride some trails at Tsali Recreation Area!** If you brought your mountain bike and you plan to ride the Tsali Mountain Bike trails, then you're in for a treat. On Saturday, the Left and Right Loops are the two trails available for bikers. Both are rated intermediate and are about 12.5 miles each. Trails are well marked and have **'you are here'** maps at every intersection. Visit Bryson City Bicycle for more details.

- **Left Loop** (ride it clockwise) is without a doubt the most scenic trail in the Tsali system. Wind your way around the edge of Fontana Lake enjoying the flowing topography punctuated with steeper climbs and speedy descents. You won't want to miss Cliff Overlook Trail that provides you with sweeping views across the lake into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Return to the parking lot via County Line Rd., a three mile stretch of double track that is predominantly downhill.

- **Right Loop** (ride it counterclockwise) provides smooth flowing trails and a few rockier sections of ups and downs. This trail offers two shorter options, a 5 mile and an 8 mile loop, as well as the full 12.5 mile route which includes the Windy Gap Overlook - a great place to take pictures of you and your bike with the backdrop of Fontana Lake and the National Park.



❖ **Bryson City Bicycles!** Didn't bring your mountain bike or you don't have one to bring? Bryson City Bicycles has the answer for you. This local bike shop is offering Cycle NC participants half off the rental fee. Just show your wrist band, grab a bike and hit the trails. Bryson City Bicycles will have extended hours for the event weekend to support riders with repairs, upgrades, gear, gifts, rentals and info. Weekend Hours: Friday 10 – 7 // Saturday 9 – 6 // Sunday 10 - 4. For more info about bike rentals, visit <https://shop.brysoncitybicycles.com> or call 828-488-1988.

❖ **Cycle NC Welcome Event at The Warehouse by Nantahala Brewing from 6pm – 8pm:**

Once you've checked in and set up your campsite, head down to **The Warehouse at Nantahala Brewing** for some great conversation, mouthwatering craft brews and to meet some of the Cycle NC Staff. All participants will receive a free Nantahala Brewing Pint glass compliments of Nantahala Brewing Company. You must be present to receive the free gift.





❖ **Entertainment Around Town:**

- **Nantahala Brewery and Tap Room**
  - **Lineup:** [Shane Meade & the Sound](#)
  - **Time:** 8:00pm to 11:00pm
  - **Style of Music:** Soul-infused, folk rock, with a splash of jazz and mountain funk!

## Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ **Rise and shine everyone! Time for your morning coffee!** La Dolce Vita, a Farm to Table roaster and bakery, will be onsite at the Swain County Recreation Park to offer their in-house roasted coffee and home-made muffins and other hand-held breakfast delights. Make sure you stop by their set-up for some great coffee and light breakfast options. Cash only. Visit their website at <https://www.dolcebryson.com/> for more info.
- ❖ **Cycle NC Rider Services, Check-in & Onsite Registration** - Open from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm at the Swain County Recreation Park near the upper baseball fields (30 Recreation Park Dr, Bryson City, NC 28713). Just look for the Start/Finish Arch!
- ❖ **Cycle NC Routes Open** – All routes open at **7:30 am**. All routes begin and end at the Swain County Recreation Park camping area. All routes and rest stops will close at 4:30pm.
- ❖ **Bryson City Welcome Tent:** Located at the Cycle NC Rider Services, the Bryson City welcome tent will provide participants with local information, area maps, restaurant information and menus, weekend activities and local discounts. Stop by and say hello!
- ❖ **Wine Tasting anyone?** The **Wild Fern & Cottage Craftsman** will be offering a Wine Tastings from noon until 6pm. A selection of featured wines will be offered to give you a taste of some of the finest wines. These two unique shops share a storefront at 15 Everett St. and specialize in beautiful handmade arts, crafts, jewelry, gift items, wine, cheese and more. Stop in and enjoy the hospitality and a delightful wine tasting in a beautiful setting in downtown Bryson City at the corner of Everett and Main. 828-736-1605
- ❖ **Cycle NC Evening Activities/Entertainment:**
  - **CNC Mountain Ride Social (included in registration)**
    - The Cycle NC Mountain Ride Social where all registered participants eat FREE, will be located off site at the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad Depot. Shuttles will be provided from the Recreation Park for those that don't want to drive. If you plan to drive, the address for the Train Depot is **226 Everett St, Bryson City, NC 28713**.
    - Dinner at the Cycle NC Social will be served from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and it will feature a pulled pork BBQ slider, BBQ ribs, a chicken drumstick, baked beans and cole slaw. Assorted drinks will be provided as well as apple and peach cobbler for desert.
  - **Entertainment:** Live music at the Depot will be provided by the band, Frank Lee and Friends. Frank Lee and Friends have been presenting hard driving, old time string band music for more than 20 years. Their repertoire includes music that was first recorded in the late 1920's and early 1930's, and spans from Mississippi to West Virginia. The Freight Hoppers entertain crowds with hard driving old time music with an emotional, raw excitement that keeps one foot planted in the past and the other in the present.





- **Innovation Brewing** out of Sylva, NC will be onsite during the CNC Social to provide you with some of their finest brews. You'll have the choice between a Blonde Ale and an IPA. You can't go wrong with either one!

- **Tunes on the Tuck (7:00pm – 9:00pm – Bryson City, NC):**

Once you've had your fill at the Cycle NC Social, make your way over to Riverfront Park for an evening of great local music. This free concert is situated on the banks of the Tuckasegee River from 7-9 pm and features local and regional performers playing everything from old-time country to bluegrass, Celtic, beach music, rock and roll, mountain music and more.



There's a large, grassy lawn for music-lovers with a covered pavilion for the entertainers. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. It's a great opportunity to be entertained by the local sounds while enjoying the evening in beautiful downtown Bryson City.

- **Nantahala Brewery and Tap Room**

- **Lineup:** [The Get Right Band](#)
- **Time:** 8:00pm to 11:00pm
- **Style of Music:** Fun mix of rock and reggae!



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## Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ **Rise and shine everyone! Looking for your morning Cup O' Joe? Mountain Perks Espresso Bar and Café** (located across the street from the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad Depot) will be opening early at 7am to offer fresh coffee, bagels, quiche and other breakfast items. Head downtown and grab a cup before heading out for the day. They also have a great lunch menu.
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❖ **Cycle NC Trains and Chains Option** – Bike loading for the Cycle NC Trains and Chains route option begins at 6:45am. Boarding will begin and 7:30am and departure to Dillsboro will be at 8:00am sharp! A boxed breakfast is provided if you are riding the train. There is a full snack and drink bar on the train should you need coffee or other types of drinks.



❖ **Cycle NC Routes Open** – All routes open at **8:00 am**. All routes begin and end at the Swain County Recreation Park. All routes and rest stops will close at 3:00pm.

**We hope you enjoy the 2017 Cycle NC Mountain Ride and we hope to see you at our Cycle NC "Mountains to Coast" bicycle tour from September 29 to October 7. The route will begin in Jefferson and end in Swansboro with overnight stops in Elkin, Oak Ridge, Chapel Hill, Knightdale, Wilson and Kinston.**

**As always, Cycle Safe!**

**WE LOVE YOUR PICTURES!! Don't forget to take plenty of pictures at camp, in town and out on the routes. Be sure to tag Cycle NC when posting to Instagram or your Facebook page. You never know, your pictures might end up in any of the Cycle NC brochures, handbooks or on the website. Or you can send us your photos to [cyclenc@ncsports.org](mailto:cyclenc@ncsports.org).**



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