

# BLOWING ROCK/BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY, NC

**Animal Safari**  
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**Trekking with the Trees**

Watauga County  
10/20 Km Manor House/Maze Trail YR817      Jan 1 – Dec 31  
Winston Wanderers

**START POINT:** Blowing Rock Market  
<http://www.blowingrockmarket.com>  
990 Main Street  
Blowing Rock, NC 28605      828-414-9322  
GPS N36° 08.11', W81° 40.67'

**HOURS:**      Sun-Thu 7am-9pm, Fri-Sat 7am-10pm  
call for holiday hours. Walk during daylight hours only

**ALT START POINT:** (with IVV Stamp)  
Holiday Inn Express, Boone  
1943 Blowing Rock Road (Hwy 321)  
Boone, NC 28607      828-264-1299

Drive a short distance to start point at Bass Lake

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**MANOR HOUSE TRAIL:** Rated 3B, Register at Blowing Rock Market and drive about 0.7 mile to walk start at Bass Lake parking area. Enjoy the walk as it circles Bass Lake and goes through the forest on Rhododendron lined, dirt and gravel surfaced carriage trails and visits the Manor House on the Moses Cone Flat Top Mountain Estate, now a national park nestled along the Blue Ridge Parkway. A large variety of hardwoods and conifers along

with Rhododendron, Mountain Laurel and other native flora assure a colorful and interesting walk throughout the year. The trail may be difficult for wheel chairs due to hills and is recommended for medium and large wheeled strollers. To continue on for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 20 km trail, return to Blowing Rock Market and continue with **THE MAZE TRAIL**: Rated 3B, Starts at Blowing Rock Market, Walk from town through the grounds of the renowned Chetola Resort and onto the carriage trails of the Moses Cone Estate. Walk features the aptly named Maze Trail, the estate's apple barn and Bass Lake. As with the Manor House trail, the variety of trees and flowering plants promises a visually pleasing walk throughout the year. **Pets are not allowed in the Chetola Resort grounds.**

The trail is not suitable for wheel chairs due to hills and a few steps; and is recommended for medium and large wheeled strollers

**HOW TO GET THERE:** **From the east** take US 421 to the Blue Ridge Parkway at Deep Gap and turn left onto parkway access ramp. From the north via US 221 turn left on US 421 for approximately 0.6 mi then turn right on the Blue Ridge Parkway access ramp. Turn right (south) on the parkway for approximately 18 miles to US 321/221 in Blowing Rock. Turn left on 321/221. At the second traffic light turn right on Bus 321/221/Main Street. At the next traffic light bear left on Main Street/Bus321 to the Blowing Rock Market on the right. (Option: Follow US 421/221 into Boone then left on SR105/ US 221 and left on US 321/221 into Blowing Rock.) **From the west** follow US 321 through Boone into Blowing Rock. From the south US 321 north (I-85 exit 17 in Gastonia; I-40 exit 123 in Hickory) to Blowing Rock and follow Bus 321/Main Street through town to the start point on the left just past Blowing Rock Park. **NOTE:** US 321 is under construction between Lenoir and Blowing Rock and is subject to delays or detour. Call the NCDOT Traveler Information Line at 511 for current status.