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Haunted Trail Opens Friday at Adventure Center

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In the wake of Hurricane Helene, The Adventure Center of Asheville aims to shift the emphasis to reconnection through recreation, if at least for only an evening, as it opens the Haunted Trail on Oct. 18.

"We recognize the profound impact that this disaster has had on the southeastern United States, our community, friends and families," said Sarah L. Dickson, spokeswoman for ACA. "We are very fortunate that our staff are safe. Our main location in Asheville has power, which we are also grateful for.

"As we come together to rebuild and heal, we invite our community to reconnect through outdoor recreation. Engaging in outdoor activities promotes well-being and we invite Asheville to that with with us."

Asheville's popular family haunt will be open Oct 18-20 and Oct. 24-27.

The 12th annual Haunted Trail is presented by Mellow Mushroom. This is the fifth year ACA has hosted the event.

The Trail is brought to life by Asheville Plays, and is ideal for Halloween lovers of all ages, however, kids age 3-12 is the suggested age range.

The trail is an outdoor theatrical experience where guests are immersed into a spooky night. Throughout 18 liveaction stations, magical lights and scary sounds bring Alien Landing, Creepy Circus and Haunted Pumpkin Patch to life.

For the littlest ghouls, the Sweet Peek Tour is a guided adventure full of fun without scares. The tour is presented at 6:30 p.m.

The Adventure Center will be open Wednesdays through Sundays throughout the fall.

Adventure Mountain ORV Tours is currently closed.

OPEN ADVENTURES

All aerial adventures, Asheville Treetops Adventure Park, KidZip, Asheville Skyline Zipline are \$25 per ticket through Nov. 1.

Kolo Bike Park passes are \$10 park pass with discounted youth bike rentals.

Fall youth day camps, ages 7-11, Oct. 21-25.

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Pisgah High football coach talks about why Canton needs football

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NC's Christmas tree industry — the second biggest in US — may be impacted by Helene

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North Carolina's live Christmas tree industry — the second largest in the country — was not spared flood damage from Tropical Storm Helene, but industry officials remain hopeful there will be no "significant effect on supply."

"It will take some time to fully assess the extent and implications of damage to Christmas tree farms affected by the hurricane, but our farmers have weathered the storm and are ready to persevere," the North Carolina Christmas Tree Association said in a statement.

"At this point, we are still gathering information from our farmers regarding the extent that their farms were impacted by the storm. The next step will be working together to create a plan for harvest and shipping as we prioritize the safety and welfare of our farmers, their families, and their workers."

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That state is warning farmers to be cautious when visiting their fields "since crossovers or bridges to enter fields may have been compromised during the storm."

It's estimated N.C. has 1,300 growers raising Fraser firs on around 40,000 acres, most in the mountains. The crop accounts for about 20% of "Real Christmas Trees" sold in the country, the North Carolina Christmas Tree Association reports.

State agricultural officials say farmers growing a variety of fruits and vegetables in western North Carolina are reporting "impacts to fields in all landscape positions." A field-by-field approach to assessing crops is being taken, officials said.

Henderson County's farms were among the hardest hit, particularly the apple crop, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture reports.

"Most of the crops are gone. We are going to have some livestock mortality, there is no question about that," North CarolinaAgriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler told Southeast Farm Press.

"In one case the river has changed course and is now going through the middle of a large bottomland up there so it's dangerous to even try to get to the fields."

Fate of a mare trapped as Helene floods hit Tennessee captures hearts on social media

Helene flooding left dog stuck for days in top of tree, TN rescuers say. 'A miracle'

Helene floods trapped people at work. Some vanished escaping their jobs, TN company says Copyright (c) 2024 The Charlotte Observer

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From 'Dirty Dancing' to 'Hunger Games,' movie sites in Western NC impacted by Helene

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Weeks after Hurricane Helene swept through the state as a tropical storm, several landmarks and attractions in Western North Carolina have been temporarily shut down, including some that were in the spotlight of blockbuster movies.

For decades, the Tar Heel state has been the backdrop for many action, comedy and drama television shows and movies. Of the many popular movies captured around North Carolina, here's which film sites around the mountain areas were impacted by the storm:

Biltmore Estate

Featured in: "The Swan" (1956), "Being There" (1979), "Last of the Mohicans" (1992), "Forrest Gump" (1994), "Richie Rich" (1994), "Hannibal" (2001), "A Biltmore Christmas" (2023)

Biltmore Estate, which stood as the home of the billionaire mogul in the 1979 Oscar-winning movie "Being There" and the world's richest comic book family in "Richie Rich," as well as as the primary set for one of Hallmark's newest holiday movies, is temporarily closed after Helene. The entrance to the home and other low-lying areas of the property did have some flooding, but Biltmore House, conservatory, winery, gardens, and hotels had little to no damage. The estate announced recently that it is reopening on Nov. 2.

Original_movie_poster_for_Being_There.jpg

Chimney Rock State Park

Featured in: "Last of the Mohicans" (1992)

Chimney Rock State Park is one of the 13 state parks in western North Carolina temporarily closed while officials work on post-storm recovery. All state parks west of Interstate 77 remains closed until at least Oct. 31. Chimney Rock Stater Park in Rutherford county outside of south Asheville was featured in the ending of "Last of the Mohicans" during the waterfall, fight and bathing scenes, according to the Rutherford County tourism site.

13 state parks closed in Western NC after Hurricane Helene. Estimated reopening timeline

Dupont State Recreational Forest

Featured in: "The Hunger Games" (2012)

Dupont State Recreational Forest, which where Katniss' pond and the place where Peeta camouflaged himself in the movie based on the bestselling "Hunger Games" book series, has been closed since Sept. 30. According to the DSRF website, the park will be closed "for an extended period while public safety and emergency response are prioritized."

Hunger Games North Carolina "The Hunger Games" filmed in North Carolina in 2011.

Grandfather Mountain

Featured in: "Forrest Gump" (1994)

Grandfather Mountain is one of many spots featured in Forrest Gump's 3+ year run across America in the iconic 1994 film — with a marker for what's now known as "Forrest Gump Curve" between the Wilson Center for Nature Discovery and the Mile High Swinging Bridge. The private park at Grandfather Mountain reopened on Wednesday, Oct. 23. But the state park there remains closed.

Tweetsie Railroad theme park in Western NC to be closed longer than expected after Helene

Lake James

Featured in: "The Hunt for Red October" (1990)

Lake James, which was portrayed as Penobscot River in Maine in the film based on the thriller novel, is closed at this time. So is Lake James State Park, along with the other parks impacted by Helene. .

Lake Lure

Featured in: "Dirty Dancing" (1987)

Lake Lure, located in Rutherford County, was the backdrop for the famous lift scene in the classic 80s film, "Dirty Dancing." According to the town of Lake Lure website, a curfew is in place at the lake from 7:30 p.m.- 7:30 a.m. and officials and crews have been working to remove debris from the lake.

New movies and TV shows were filmed in NC in 2024. Here's how you can watch them

Moses H. Cone Memorial Park

Featured in: "The Green Mile" (1999)

If you've seen the 1999 drama starring Tom Hanks you might recognize Moses H. Cone Memorial Park as Paul Edgecomb's nursing home. As of Oct. 11, The Blue Ridge Parkway remains closed between mileposts 198.4 and 469, including Flat Top Manor at Milepost 294.

South Mountain State Park

Featured in: "Please Don't Destroy: The Treasure of Foggy Mountain" (2023)

"Saturday Night Live" comedy trio Please Don't Destroy filmed the comedy film in various spots across North Carolina to depict the fictitious "Foggy Mountain," including South Mountains State Park, Crowders Mountain State Park and Mount Mitchell State Park. All three state parks are among the parks with closures in effect until at least Oct. 31 due to Helene.

please dont destroy Martin Herlihy, Ben Marshall and John Higgins in "Please Don't Destroy: The Treasure of Foggy Mountain."

Local spots you may recognize in 'SNL' comedy trio's new movie filmed in North Carolina

ABiltmoreChristmas_1358_RT.jpg.jpgBethany Joy Lenz and Kristoffer Polaha in "A Biltmore Christmas" on the Hallmark Channel. The movie was filmed at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC, in January 2023.

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