



FALL FOLIAGE GETAWAY

BEST FOR: Solos, Couples, Friends & Family

STAY: 2 Nights | 3 Days

BEST ENJOYED: September - November

Discover Gaston County this autumn, where vibrant fall colors, outdoor adventures, and local flavors await. Our Fall Getaway Package offers the perfect mix of scenic trails, historic sites, family fun, and seasonal experiences.

FRIDAY:

Afternoon: Check in and unwind, then enjoy a relaxing walk or scenic drive to soak in the fall colors.

Evening: Dinner at a local eatery and explore seasonal events or fall-themed festivals happening nearby.

SATURDAY:

Morning: **Hike** Crowders Mountain State Park – choose the Pinnacle Trail for breathtaking fall vistas or an easier forest loop.

Late Morning: Visit Kings Mountain State Park & National Military Park – stroll the Battlefield Trail and explore longer trails amid historic sites.

Afternoon: Head to Whitewater Center for paddling, mountain biking, or zip-lining surrounded by autumn foliage.

Evening: Sip craft beverages along the Ridgeline Craft Beverage Trail, including local breweries, distilleries, and vineyards.

SUNDAY:

Morning: Visit Daniel Stowe Conservancy – wander gardens and trails, enjoy seasonal workshops, or family activities.

Late Morning: Choose your adventure: Schiele Museum – explore wildlife habitats, planetarium shows, and interactive exhibits.

Lineberger Maple Spring Farm – enjoy hayrides, pumpkin picking, and local farmers' market treats.

Afternoon: Wrap up your getaway with a scenic stroll or last-minute local shopping before heading home.

BOOK YOUR FALL FOLIAGE GETAWAY



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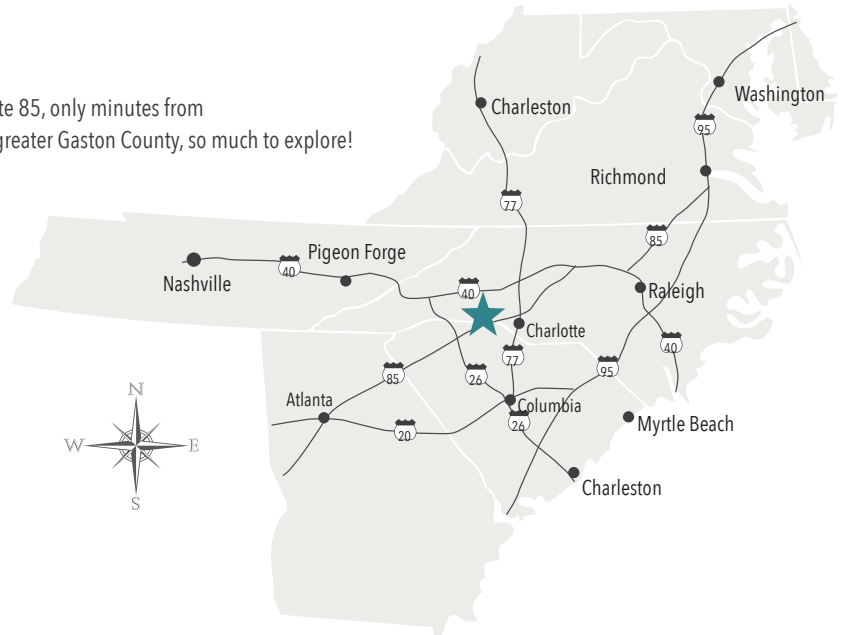
Gaston County offers the perfect mix of scenic beauty, small-town charm, and outdoor adventure. Wander along the Catawba River, explore colorful trails, or stroll through charming downtown streets — all while enjoying the warm, welcoming spirit of the locals. Whether you're after a relaxing escape or an action-packed weekend, Gaston County makes every visit feel effortless, memorable, and uniquely yours.

GETTING HERE

Conveniently located just west of Charlotte, NC, along Interstate 85, only minutes from Charlotte Douglas Airport and surrounded by scenic beauty – greater Gaston County, so much to explore!

Estimated Travel Times

Charlotte, NC	18 mins
Charleston, SC	3 hrs
Raleigh, NC	3 hrs
Charleston, WV	4 hrs
Pigeon Forge, TN	4 hrs
Myrtle Beach, SC	4 hrs
Atlanta, GA	4 hrs
Richmond, VA	5 hrs
Nashville, TN	6 hrs
Washington, DC	7 hrs



FALL WEATHER

Fall in Gaston County is crisp, colorful, and perfect for outdoor adventure. Daytime temperatures usually range from the mid-60s to low 70s°F (18–22°C), while evenings can drop into the 40s and 50s°F (5–15°C). Mornings often start cool and misty, so layering is key. Fall also brings occasional rain showers, so a light waterproof jacket or umbrella can come in handy. The vibrant fall foliage usually peaks from late October to early November, creating stunning landscapes everywhere you go.

Planning a fall getaway to Gaston County? Here's everything you need to know to make the most of your weekend. From what to pack to where to eat (and even what to do if it rains), we've got you covered.

INSIDER TIPS

- Peak leaf season is late October through early November – bring your camera!
- Weekends fill up quickly, so book your hotel early.
- Many outdoor spots are dog-friendly, so your furry friends can join in the fun.

WHAT TO BRING

- **Layers:** Cool mornings, warm afternoons, and chilly evenings mean packing a light jacket or sweater.
- **Hiking Shoes:** Trails are at their best with fall leaves – you'll want sturdy shoes for exploring.
- **Camera/Phone:** The views along the Catawba River and in our parks are postcard-worthy.
- **Reusable Water Bottle:** Stay hydrated while you're on the trails.

BOOK YOUR STAY

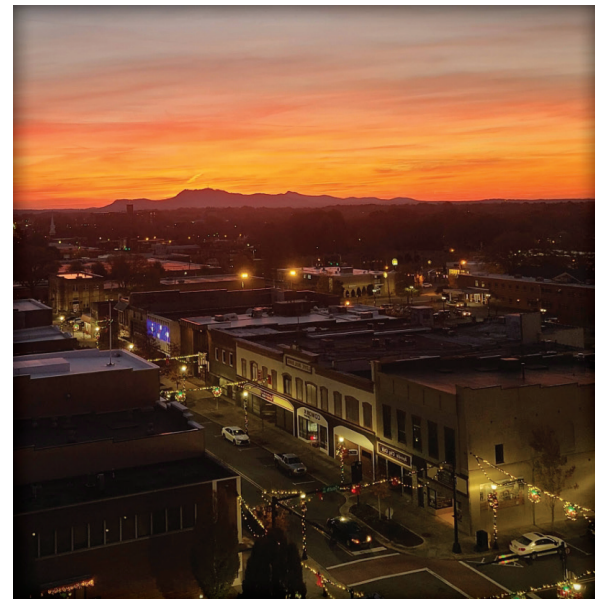
We offer a wide array of affordable accommodations conveniently located on I-85 and numerous unique places to stay, making for a fabulous getaway.

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Affordable Suites 1921 Bessemer City Rd.	14	•								
Courtyard by Marriott 1856 Remount Rd.	20	•	•						•	
Fairfield Inn Gastonia 1860 Remount Rd.	20	•	•	•	•			•	•	
Hilton Garden Inn Gastonia 444 Cox Rd.	21	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
WoodSpring Suites 1830 Wren Turnpike	17	•					•			
Best Western 360 Best Western Ct.	20	•	•		•		•			
Holiday Inn Express 1911 Broadcast St.	17	•	•	•	•		•	•		
Motel 6 1901 Broadcast St.	17	•					•			
The Esquire Hotel 168 West Main Ave.	17	•				•				
Comfort Suites Gastonia 1874 Remount Rd.	20	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	
Hampton by Hilton Gastonia 1859 Remount Rd.	20	•	•	•	•		•			•
Tru by Hilton New Hope Rd & Remount Rd.	20	•	•	•	•		•		•	•

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Home2 Suites by Hilton 871 Hawley Ave.	27	•	•	•	•				•	•
Hampton by Hilton Belmont 820 Cecilia Alexander Dr.	26	•	•	•	•		•			
Fairfield Inn Belmont 1 Caldwell Dr.	27	•	•	•	•				•	•
Holiday Inn Express & Suites 250 Beatty Dr.	27	•	•	•	•			•	•	





WEEKEND GETAWAYS

Adventure. Relaxation. Unforgettable Experiences.

Discover Gaston County, NC. From the breathtaking views at Crowders Mountain, rich history of the area, tranquil beauty of Daniel Stowe Botanical Conservancy, adventure awaits. Experience the thrill of whitewater rafting at the Whitewater Center and paddle along our scenic blueways. Then reminisce about your stay in our vibrant downtowns filled with shopping, unique dining, and entertainment. Book your summer getaway now!

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES



SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA

AVAILABLE: JUNE - AUGUST

Embark on a thrilling journey filled with excitement and exploration with our Summer Adventure Extravaganza.



CHRISTMAS VACATION

AVAILABLE: LATE NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Celebrate the magic of the holiday season with our festive Christmas Vacation including snowless sledding, ice skating and holiday lights.



SPRING BLOSSOM GETAWAY

AVAILABLE: MARCH - MAY

Celebrate the beauty of spring in Gaston County with blooming gardens, fresh trails, and crisp mountain air.



WINTER ESCAPE

AVAILABLE: DECEMBER - MID FEBRUARY

Dive into the enchantment of winter with beautiful landscapes and cozy retreats in our Winter Escape including snowless sledding, ice skating.

BOOK YOUR ADVENTURE TODAY!

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