



WINTER ESCAPE GETAWAY

BEST FOR: Couples, Friends & Family

STAY: 2 Nights | 3 Days

BEST ENJOYED: December - Mid February

Step into the enchanting world of winter with this winter escape weekend getaway to Gaston County. Discover a perfect blend of outdoor adventures, cultural exploration, and cozy moments amidst the backdrop of mild temperatures, limited snowfall, and crisp, refreshing air. Here's why Gaston County is your ideal destination for a winter vacation:

Sip Locally Crafted Beverages

[The Ridgeline Craft Beverage](#) Trail features breweries, distilleries, and wineries in Gaston, Lincoln, and Cleveland Counties. Each has a unique feel and culture, and experiencing together creates a great weekend getaway. COST: Varies, TIME: 1 hr - All Day

Ice Skating & Illuminated Winter Trail

Glide into the holiday spirit with ice skating in a picturesque setting for winter fun, then embark on a magical nighttime adventure on the lit-up canyon tour with a suspension bridge, outdoor rope courses, and a captivating atmosphere that transforms the [US National Whitewater Center](#) into a winter wonderland after dark. DAY PASS: \$79 TIME: 4 hrs 5000 Whitewater Center Pkwy., Charlotte, NC 28214

Explore a Museum

Spend a day exploring the [Schiele Museum of Natural History](#). fascinating exhibits on natural history, wildlife, and fossils. Don't miss the planetarium for an immersive journey through the stars! COST: Varies, TIME: 1 hr - All Day 1500 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28054

Winter Hikes

Winter is a fantastic time for hiking in Gaston County. The crisp air and open views from leafless trees create the perfect conditions for exploring trails. Visit [Crowders Mountain State Park](#) for panoramic summit views, or enjoy leisurely walks at [George Poston Park](#) and other local parks.

BOOK YOUR WINTER ESCAPE GETAWAY



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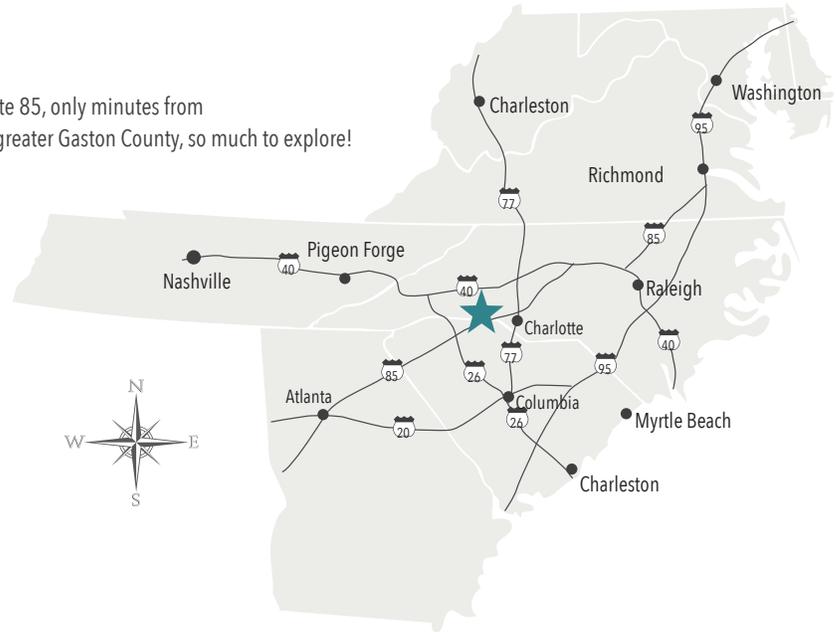
Gaston County offers the perfect mix of scenic beauty, small-town charm, and outdoor adventure. Wander along the Catawba River, explore colorful trails, or stroll through charming downtown streets — all while enjoying the warm, welcoming spirit of the locals. Whether you're after a relaxing escape or 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



WINTER WEATHER

Winter in Gaston County is crisp, quiet, and full of charm. Daytime temperatures typically range from the upper 40s to mid-50s°F (8–13°C), while evenings can dip into the 30s°F (0–4°C), so warm layers are essential. Mornings are often chilly and sometimes misty, making a cozy jacket or sweater a must. A light waterproof layer or umbrella can also be useful during the occasional rain or drizzle.

The county offers scenic winter landscapes, peaceful outdoor trails, and cozy spots to enjoy a warm drink or comfort food. Planning a winter 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 what to do, rain or shine.

INSIDER TIPS

Gaston County is full of winter charm – bring your camera! Weekends are quieter, making it the perfect time to enjoy peaceful walks and scenic spots. Many outdoor areas are dog-friendly, so your furry friends can join in the fun.

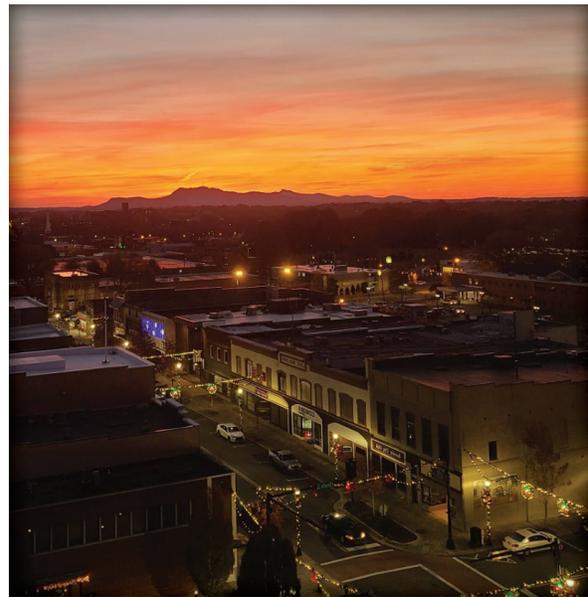
WHAT TO BRING

- **Layers:** Daytime can be mild, but evenings are chilly – a warm jacket and cozy sweater are essential.
- **Comfortable Shoes:** You'll be strolling through parks, trails, and scenic areas, so bring shoes ready for walking.
- **Camera/Phone:** Capture the beauty of Gaston County's winter landscapes and peaceful surroundings.
- **Thermos or Reusable Water Bottle:** Keep warm drinks or water handy while exploring outdoor areas.

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.

GoGastonNC.org/stay



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	Exit	Free Wi-Fi	Pool	Fitness Center	Breakfast	Bar/Lounge	Pet Friendly	Business Center	Meeting Space	Mobile Keys
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	•	•	•	•		•		•	•

BELMONT

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 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!

[GoGastonNC.org/trip-ideas](https://GastonNC.org/trip-ideas) >

