

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT:

LITTLE SWITZERLAND, N.C.

As you explore the Lake James region this fall, we recommend a stop in Little Switzerland. Just a 40-minute drive from Lake James, this quaint town is one of the highlights of the Blue Ridge Parkway. And, like its namesake, visitors get a true sense of peace by the area's surrounding mountains and gentle autumn breezes. Be sure to check out these highlights the next time you are in the area.



ORCHARD AT ALTAPASS

888-765-9531

This 100-year-old apple orchard is a staple along the Blue Ridge Parkway, and fall is a great time to visit. Explore the culture of the Appalachian Mountains through storytelling, orchard tours, music, art and more. Don't miss the orchard's daily featured events, as well as fantastic ice cream, fudge and other mountain treats.

SWITZERLAND CAFE

828-765-5289

When you've worked up an appetite, Switzerland Cafe welcomes you with its menu of homemade soups, salads, delectable sandwiches, and regional favorites, including mountain trout and barbecue dishes. If you don't save room for dessert, you may never forgive yourself.

EMERALD VILLAGE

828-765-6463

Try life as a prospector at Emerald Village. Take your family to mine in a fresh-water flume and explore the three mines on the property. Everyone who comes will leave with treasures in their pockets.

LINVILLE CAVERNS

800-419-0540

Another of the Blue Ridge Parkway's most beloved attractions – Linville Caverns – lies deep inside Humpback Mountain. Featuring still-growing stalactites and stalagmites and famous blind salmon, the 30-minute tour of Linville Caverns will interest young and old alike.

