



EXPLORE ELKIN



TRAILS

MAIN INFORMATION CENTERS

1 Heritage Arts & Trails Center

& Yadkin Valley Chamber of Commerce

257 Standard St., Elkin, 336-526-1111 • [YadkinValley.org](#)

Showers/restrooms, backpack storage, info, parking.

2 Town Hall • Police Station

226 North Bridge St., Elkin, 336-258-8900 • [ElkinNC.org](#)

Restrooms, parking, info.

3 Farmers Market Shelter

101 East Market St., Elkin, 336-258-8908 • [ElkinNC.org](#)

Saturday morning markets seasonal & year-round

events. Visit [ExploreElkin.com](#) for information.

PARKS AND RECREATION

4 Elkin Municipal Park

399 Hwy 268 West, Elkin, 336-258-8917 • [ElkinNC.org](#)

25-acre park with MST/OVT trailheads, MTB

tracks, lighted tennis courts, walking track,

swimming pool, playgrounds, shelters, bandshell,

and parking.

5 Crater Park

310 Standard St., Elkin, 336-258-8917 • [ElkinNC.org](#)

River access to the Yadkin River Paddle Trail, MST

Trail, playground, ballfields, lighted pickleball

courts, restrooms, and parking.

STATE PARKS

Stone Mountain

3042 Frank Parkway, Roaring Gap, NC 336-957-8185

Camping, hiking, rock climbing, welcome center,

restrooms, parking. [NCParks.gov](#) for information.

Pilot Mountain

1792 Pilot Knob Park Rd, Pinnacle, NC 336-325-2355

Known for Big Pinnacle views, hiking, biking,

equestrian trails, climbing, and camping.

[NCParks.gov](#) for information.

TRAIL HEADS

-- Mountains to Sea Trail (MST)



399 Hwy 268 West, Elkin, 336-258-8917

[ElkinValleyTrails.org](#) / [NCMST.org](#)

From Elkin to Stone Mountain State Park, this

Segment 6 trail offers a 3+ mile wheelchair-friendly

walking loop and 4+ miles of single-track MTB trails.

Beyond the park, the trail extends 15 miles

northwest to Stone Mountain. The MTB loop is also

hiker-friendly. The Overmountain Victory National

Historic Trail runs southwest from the park across

Market St. and along the Yadkin River (1.3 miles).

..... Alternate MST Access

Through Downtown Elkin

An in-town MST route leads through downtown

Elkin, connecting to Standard St. and the Heritage

Arts & Trails Center.

..... Overmountain Victory Trail

Trailheads nearby: Wilkesboro, W. Kerr Scott Dam, Elkin

864-936-3426 • [nps.gov/ovi](#)

This historic trail retraces the Overmountain Men's

Revolutionary War march to King's Mountain in

1780. Locally, it starts at the Surry Muster Field and

travels 1.5 miles off-road.

..... Elkin Creek Main Loop

399 Hwy 268 West, Elkin, 336-258-8917

[ElkinValleyTrails.org](#) / [MTBProject.com](#) - search 'Elkin'

A 2.9-mile hiker-friendly MTB trail, with connections

to the MST and Iron Falls for loops up to 7 miles.

--- Iron Falls Loop

399 Hwy 268 West, Elkin, 336-258-8917

[ElkinValleyTrails.org](#) / [MTBProject.com](#) - search 'Elkin'

A 1.2-mile hiker-friendly MTB loop that links to the

MST and other trails for 7+ miles.

..... Possum Shot

399 Hwy 268 West, Elkin, 336-258-8917

[ElkinValleyTrails.org](#) / [MTBProject.com](#) - search 'Elkin'

A 1.4-mile MTB trail with berms, bumps, rocks,

drops, and steep climbs. Best ridden

counterclockwise. Intermediate to advanced.

----- Carter Falls

667 Pleasant Ridge Rd., Elkin

A wide, easy trail with beautiful views and a

waterfall. Ample parking available.

--- Forest Bathing

235 Chatham Cottage Ln., State Road

A short trail accessed from the Grassy Creek Trail;

an easy hike along Grassy Creek and Klondike

Lake. Shinrin Yoku (forest-bathing) is the

Japanese custom of engulfin one's self in the

atmosphere of nature - disconnecting from

technology, distractions, and letting nature

rejuvenate your body, mind, and soul.

RIVER ACCESS



6 Crater Park Boat Access

The Yadkin River State Paddle Trail

310 Standard St., Elkin, 336-258-8917 • [ElkinNC.org](#)

Part of the 125-mile Yadkin Pee Dee River Paddle

Trail, this site features a gravel entrance,

seasonal bathrooms, parking, a floating dock,

and storage racks.

See Separate Brochure & Map

For List of All River Outfitters:

[ExploreElkin.com/OutdoorActivities](#)

For List of all Local River Accesses:

[YadkinRiverKeeper.org/Yadkin-River-Access](#)

FIND YOUR TRAIL



DIRECTIONS TO ELKIN

From I-77 - Exit 85, 83, 82

Once in Elkin, Head to the Yadkin Valley Heritage and Trails Visitor Center for all your trail town information needs - 257 Standard St, Elkin.

Main trails depart from Elkin Municipal Park - 399 Highway 268 West, Elkin.



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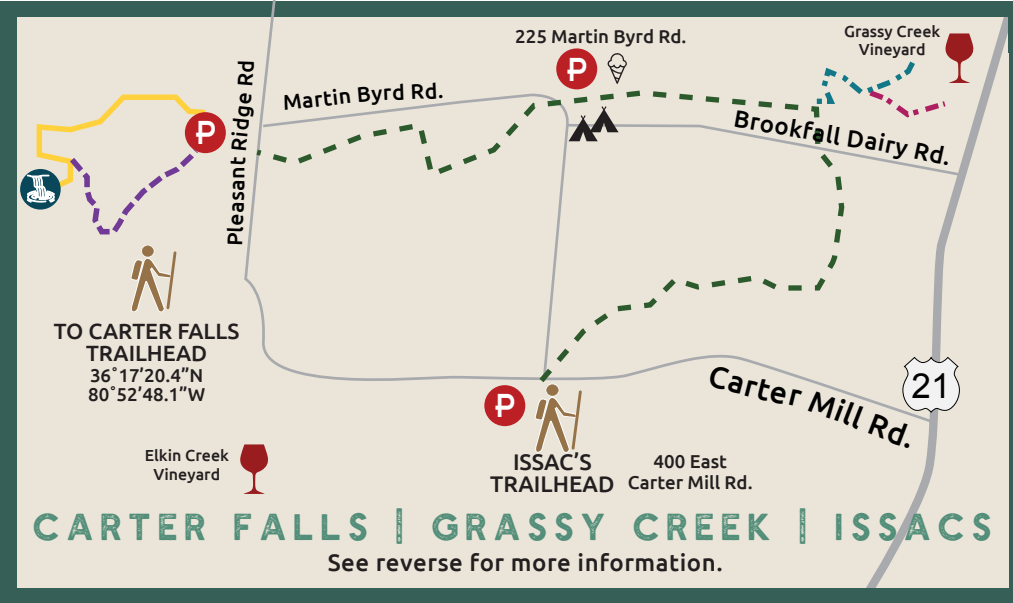
Camping



Primitive camping in Crater Park by the Yadkin River is allowed for through-hikers and paddlers only. Call ahead to the main Rec Desk at 336-258-8917. Full service camping available at Byrd's Branch Campground.

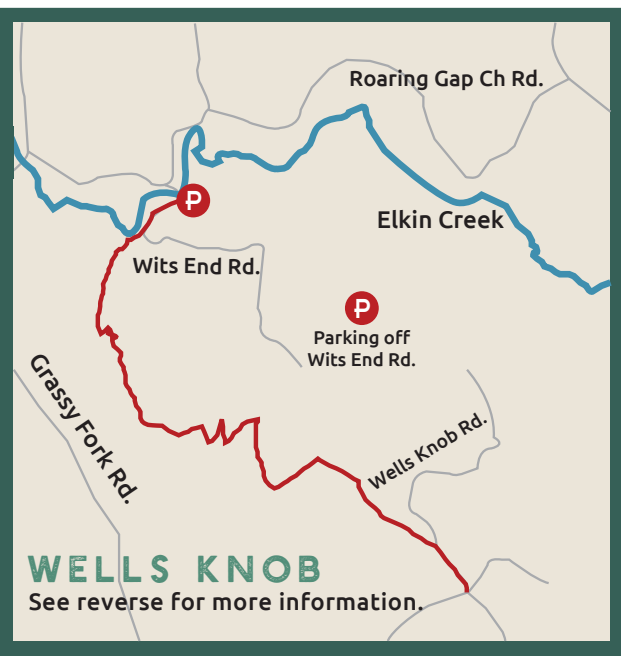
Fishing NCWildlife.org

Big Elkin Creek, in areas accessible from Elkin Municipal Park, are hatchery-supported, delayed-harvest trout waters.
Season: June - September



Carter Falls

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	Mountains to Sea Trail MountainsToSeaTrail.org
	Alternate MST Access
	Overmountain Victory Trail ovta.org
	Elkin Creek Main Loop MTB & Hike Trail
	Iron Falls Loop MTB & Hike Trail (1.2m)
	Bridge
	Railroad
	Birding Sites
	Primitive Camping
	Boat Access
	Waterfall/Dam
	Possum Shot MTB & Hike Trail (1.6m)
	Carter Falls
	Grassy Creek Trail & Forest Bathing Trail
	Wells Knob Trail
	Crooked Creek Trail (.4m)
	Trail Head
	Dog Park
	Parking
	Restrooms
	Shower
	Church



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