

# TRANSYLVANIA HERITAGE

## MUSEUM

### WATERFALL TOURS

*Experience the spectacular views and falls Transylvania County is famous for and support our Heritage Museum by going on a waterfall tour. Whether you're a tourist looking for our most popular falls, an avid outdoor enthusiast looking for what lies off the beaten path or anything between, we can customize a tour for you, your friends and/or family as well.*

#### *About Our Tours*

*Here are 3 different levels of tours that can be customized to fit your needs.*

*Basic tours involve a ride around Transylvania County; can even include the parkway, for a visit to several of our most common and easiest accessible waterfalls. Waterfalls on basic tours may range from roadside views (or a couple hundred yards walk) to ½ mile hikes and may last as long as 3-6 hours, going to anywhere from 3-8 waterfalls, depending on what the group or individual is in the mood for.*

*Adventure Tours include the largest variety of falls and hikes available. Adventure tours are for those who would like to spend more time on the trail, hiking 3-6 miles in 4-6 hours. On most Adventure tours you can see 3-5 waterfalls in a round trip hike or 3-7 falls by going on several short hikes at different locations in or near Transylvania County.*

*For those of you looking for a backcountry experience we offer extreme tours. Many of these falls have seen very few visitors. These tours require long and difficult hikes (parts are off trail) and may involve river wading and/or steep descents. Some may involve using a rope to reach the base of a waterfall, for a view of falls in the most remote settings.*

#### **About The Guide**

*William Murr is a Transylvania County resident who has experience in outdoor emergency care and has been to hundreds of different falls in and around the county. William has a comfortable, 4 wheel drive, suburban and can transport up to 6 passengers. William shares information about various plants, trees, wild flowers, and history about Transylvania County and its waterfalls. William is a cousin of the late Jim Bob Tinsley, the author of The Land of Waterfalls, a very informative book about Transylvania County's waterfalls and history. Painter, William's 75lb black lab, wears his own backpack and would like to tag along on tours if it's OK with the group.*

#### **Rates**

*Basic or Adventure tour for 1or2 people: \$150, or \$60 per person for 3, \$50 per person for 4-6, \$35 a person for 7 or more if own transportation is provided, or \$45 per person if we provide another guide and transportation. These rates are for persons age 14 and older. Children on a basic tour are free!*

*Extreme Tour for (18 years of age or older) 1 or 2 people \$200, or \$70 per person for 3-4, or \$60 per person for 5-6.*

*Lunches can be provided for \$6 per person and can be carried by the guide. Lunches are made by various volunteers of the Heritage Museum.*

*Bottled water, Gatorade, snacks, bug spray, suntan lotion and other necessities are included on all tours. Hiking sticks can be provided upon request. Everyone is required to sign a waiver. We usually meet at the Heritage Museum at 9am. Other times can be arranged or we can **pick you up**. There may be an additional charge depending on your location for pick up. You are allowed to get into the water at some locations if you want so bring a towel and any necessary clothes. We recommend a camera, comfortable pair of hiking boots, a backpack, creek wading shoes and rain gear for the more difficult hikes. If anyone is allergic to bees they need to provide their own epee pen, and or any other needs.*

#### **How to Register**

*Contact William at (828) 506-6218 or the museum at 828 884-2347, or stop in at 40 West Jordan Street in downtown Brevard, NC. Leave your name and number. William will return your call to arrange a tour. Tours are available year round and can be scheduled for a weekday, weekend, even some holidays. It's best to reserve a tour at least 2 weeks beforehand. If possible, we will do a last minute request. For more information about the Transylvania Heritage Museum go to <http://transylvaniaheritage.org>.*