

Ideas for dads

Your Father's Day guide:
Indoors and outdoors, artsy and more

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Wondering how to make this Father's Day a memorable one? The mountains of Western North Carolina offer many opportunities from outdoor adventures to nights on the town. We've gathered some great ideas that suit a variety of dads from the adventurous to the cultural.

Fine dining

Treat dad to a fresh seafood lunch at the newly opened Sadie's Seafood Pub or head next door for a steak dinner at Steak and Wine for a more upscale treat. 56 Patton Ave., Asheville, Steak and Wine: 505-3362; Sadie's: 505-3364

The great outdoors

Carolina Mountain Club Father's Day hike

For the adventurous dad, there is an all-day hike sponsored by Carolina Mountain Club. The group will camp at Cades Cove, Tenn., on June 20. On Father's Day, hikers will climb Gregory Ridge, through old-growth forest and virgin tulip trees, said Cindy McJunkin, a hike coordinator. "The plan is that the hike will coincide with the magnificent bloom of flame azaleas on the summit of Gregory Bald," she said. "The day will be challenging — hike 11.5 miles and climb 3,500 feet for panoramic views." Contact McJunkin at mcjfive@aol.com for details.

Asheville Drifters fly-fishing

"Time spent fishing is quality time that leaves the kind of impression one never forgets and to



PHOTO BY ERIN BRETHAUER

One possibility for a Father's Day outing is one of the many local golf courses.

actually spend that kind of time with your father is priceless," said Andrew Tashie, owner of Asheville Drifters, a year-round fly-fishing guide service. Asheville Drifters offers float and wade fishing trips for trophy trout and smallmouth bass. Their trips include transportation, all equipment, quality instruction, gourmet shore lunch and fly-fishing guides. Contact Asheville Drifters at 215-7379.

Pontoon boating

Rent a pontoon boat big enough for the entire family at Lake Lure. A 20-foot pontoon boat seats up to 10 people and can be rented for one hour, four hours or daily. Contact Lake Lure Tours, 2930 Memorial Highway, Lake Lure, 877-386-4255 for more information.

A day on the Links

There are many courses in the area; below is a sampling. Be sure to call ahead to book tee times.

Broadmoor Golf Links

101 French Broad Lane, Fletcher, 687-1500

Reems Creek Golf Club

36 Pink Fox Cove Road, Weaverville, 645-4393

Black Mountain Golf Club

17 Ross Drive, Black Mountain, 669-2710

Live music and libation

Asheville recently tied with Portland for Beer City USA. Bring dad to one of these establishments, which also offer live music on Sundays.

Jack of the Wood

Sunday nights offers Irish music starting at 5 p.m. at this downtown venue. After a day spent hiking with the kids, take dad for some pub grub and music. Open Sunday at 3 p.m. At 95 Patton Ave., Asheville, 252-5445.

Barley's Taproom

Recognized as "Best Taproom in the South" in Southern Draught Beer News, Barley's is also known for its child-friendly atmosphere. Come enjoy sourdough pizza, lasagna or sandwiches while listening to jazz by the band Pipeline on Father's Day. Barley's opens at noon Sundays; the jazz begins at 7:30 p.m. At 42 Biltmore Ave., Asheville, 255-0504.

A little culture

Flat Rock Playhouse presents "Man of La Mancha"

"This play-within-a-play, based on Cervantes' 'Don Quixote' is a poignant story of a man whose impossible dream takes over his mind and allows the world around him to [realize] that his dream is Everyman's dream, his tilting at windmills is Every-



PHOTO BY BILL SANDERS
Etched into the glass of the front entrance of the S&W building is the logo for the Steak and Wine restaurant, one of the many downtown restaurants to take Dad to on Father's Day.

man's great adventure," said Dale Bartlett, associate managing director of Flat Rock Playhouse. "For Father's Day, what better way is there to tell Dad you admire and respect him for helping his children forge the dreams that will guide them for a lifetime?" The playhouse is at 2661 Greenville Highway, Flat Rock. Call 693-0731.

Quality Forward annual Father's Day Garden Tour

The Father's Day Garden Tour is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 21 in Biltmore Forest. Meet in the cottage beside the Biltmore Forest Town Hall on Vanderbilt Road. Tickets are \$15 or two for \$25. Artists connected with Handmade in America have been invited to add their art to some of the gardens. All dads receive a boutonniere, and everyone receives a free plant and refreshments. Call 254-1776 or visit info@ashevillegreenworks.org.



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The sun sets over the Flat Rock Playhouse. "Man of La Mancha" is its Father's Day show.

Hand-picked gifts

Town Hardware and General Store

A tour here is an exercise in going back in time, where shopping was leisurely and friendly. Let Dad enjoy browsing old-timey tools, toys for the

young and young at heart, and other fun items. From corncob pipes to shaving soaps and brushes, Town Hardware is a relaxing place to while away the afternoon. 103 W. State St., Black Mountain, 669-7723.

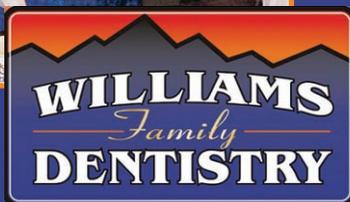
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