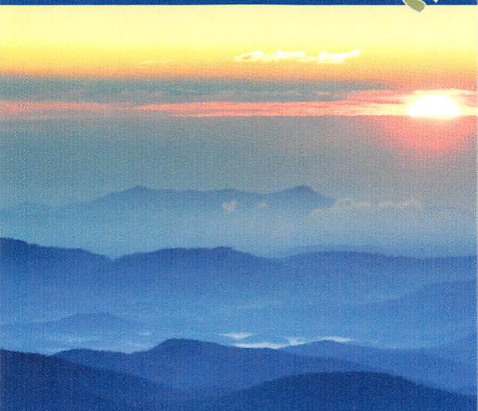


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The Blue Ridge National Heritage Area comprises the 25 westernmost counties in North Carolina, 11,000 square miles of exquisitely scenic mountains, valleys, rivers, and fertile fields. This region was designated by Congress in 2003 as a National Heritage Area because of its distinctive natural and cultural landscape and its significance in the history of America. Five heritage themes underpin the designation—natural, craft, music, Cherokee and agriculture. The BRNHA preserves, interprets and develops these themes for the enjoyment and benefit of residents and visitors, both now and in the future.

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