

This week at the First Peak

December 22-28, 2021 (Wed-Tue)

Here's a quick look at what's happening in the area over the next week. You'll find additional info & attractions at www.firstpeaknc.com. Message us on Facebook or give us a call during the day at 828-894-2324.

20 E. Mills St., Columbus, NC 28722

Welcome! Happy Holidays! Explore Historic Saluda, Tryon & Columbus - shop and eat local. Get out and enjoy our natural beauty and hiking. Please be prepared to follow each site's safety precautions. Relax, enjoy and stay safe!



The First Peak Visitor Center will be closed 12/23-26 🎇



Our foyer is always open 24/7 to pick up maps and information or visit our web site for all the info! We've updated our Restaurant Guide - the December/January version is lavender and lists the holiday hours and closings – pick one up or view it online.

Last Minute Local Gift Ideas

Found on their Facebook pages

Local Baked Goods and Food Gifts

Benny's Bread at All Good Things Bakery Looking Glass Creamery – through 24th 11-3 Martha's Amish Bakery – through 24th 7-2 Wildflour Bake Shop – through 23rd 8-3 Gift Certificates from local restaurants

Local Gifts and Gift Certificates

Adawehi Winter Extravaganza – through 23rd 10-6 Polk County History Museum – on 23rd 10-1 Tryon Antique Mall – through 24th 10-2 Tryon Arts and Crafts – through 23rd 9-5 Tryon Fine Arts Center ornaments at local shops

Reoccurring events

Pearson's Falls • Saluda • 10am-4pm daily, closed Christmas day & all of January. Take a break with a moderate ¼-mile walk to a 90-ft waterfall. 828-749-3031. 2748 Pearson Falls Rd, Saluda, NC. www.pearsonsfalls.org

Live Music and Winery Tours at Mountain Brook Vineyards • Green Creek • Tastings: Free, daily 12-6pm. **Winery tours:** Daily at 12, 2 & 4pm. Tickets required for guided tours. Christmas Eve 12-5, closed Christmas Day. **Music:** Free, Sun, 12/26 Seth and Sara at 2pm. 731 Phillips Dairy Rd, Tryon, NC. 828-817-4376. ww.mountainbrookvineyards.com



Shadrack's Christmas Light Show at Tryon International Equestrian Ctr • Mill Spring • Nightly until Jan 2, 6-10pm. Enjoy hundreds of thousands of lights animated to music from the comfort of your car. Purchase tickets online or at the gate, \$30 a car load, can upgrade. Event entrance is 3580 Pea Ridge Rd., Mill Spring, NC. 828-863-1000. www.tryon.com

Wine Tastings at Overmountain Vineyards • Green Creek • Thu-Sun, 12-5pm. Reservations required for all guests, must be 18 and up. Christmas Eve 12-5, closed Christmas Day. 2012 Sandy Plains Rd., Tryon, NC. 828-863-0523. www.overmountainvineyards.com

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Events, info and hours may change • Verify details and safety precautions directly with venue

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<u>Reoccurring events - cont'd</u>

Live Music at Parker-Binns Vineyard • Mill Spring • Free: 2pm, Sun, 12/26 Phil. Wine tastings Wed-Sun 12-5pm. Christmas Eve 12-5, closed Christmas Day. 2275 Whiteside Road, Mill Spring, NC. 828-894-0154. www.parkerbinnsvineyard.com

Historic Tryon Movie Theatre • Tryon • "Belfast" is showing Wed, Thu & Sat at 7pm and Thu & Sun at 3:30pm. Closed Christmas Eve. 45 South Trade St., Tryon, NC. 828-859-6811. Tickets sold at www.tryontheatre.com.

Polk County Holiday Lights Map • Around the Area • Free: nightly until Jan 2. Enjoy a self-guided driving tour of holiday lights around Polk County. Map and holiday music suggestions are available at www.polklibrary.org.

Winterfest Village at Tryon International Equestrian Ctr • Mill Spring • Wed & Thu, 12/22-23, 5-9pm. Enjoy Santa's North Pole Experience for the whole family plus a carousel, bounce house, and more. Advanced tickets available online, \$10/child & \$15/adult. 25 International Blvd., Mill Spring, NC. www.tryon.com

Wednesday, December 22 (more Wednesday events in reoccurring list)

Wine Tastings • Green Creek • Mountain Brook Vineyards 12-6pm plus tickets required for guided tours at 12, 2 & 4pm; Parker-Binns Vineyard 12-5pm, see venue info above.

Thursday, December 23 (more Thursday events in reoccurring list)

Trivia Night at Iron Key Brewing Company • Columbus • 7pm. Enjoy playing trivia at this repurposed historic prison turned brewery & restaurant.135 Locust St., Columbus, NC. 828-802-1045. www.ironkeybrewing.com

Live Music at The Purple Onion • Saluda • 8pm, Jimmy Landry. Reservations and tickets are required.

Purchase advance tickets online, \$10 each. 16 East Main St., Saluda, NC. 828-749-1179. www.purpleonionsaluda.com

Winterfest Village at Tryon International Equestrian Ctr • Mill Spring • See above.

<u>Friday, December 24</u> (more Friday events in reoccurring list)

Wine Tastings • Green Creek • 12-5pm: Mountain Brook Vineyards; Overmountain Vineyards; Parker-Binns Vineyard, see venue info above.

Saturday, December 25 Merry Christmas! (more Saturday events in reoccurring list)

Historic Tryon Movie Theatre • **Tryon** • "Belfast" is showing at 7pm. See above.

Sunday, December 26 (more Sunday events in reoccurring list)

Free Live Music • Around the Area • 2pm: Mountain Brook Vineyards; Parker-Binns Vineyard, venue info above.

Monday, December 27 (more Monday events in reoccurring list)

Green River Plantation Tours • Green Creek • Guided tour of historic 42-room home. Reservations required. Mon-Wed 11am-2pm. 6333 Coxe Rd., Rutherfordton, NC. 828-286-1461. www.greenriverplantation.info

Tuesday, December 28 (more Tuesday events in reoccurring list)

Live Music and Karoke at Green River Tavern • Columbus • 7pm. Enjoy music and pub fare with a southern spin. 155 West Mills St., Columbus, NC. 828-802-1099. www.greenrivertavern.net f

Upcoming events

Tryon Midnight • Tryon • Free: Fri, 12/31, 7-10:30pm. Fun Festival full of live music, kids' zone, and the famous ball drop from the clock tower at "Tryon Midnight" which is 10pm. Downtown, Tryon, NC. www.exploretryon.com