

SPRING DRIVE THROUGH APPLE COUNTRY

Starting Point

Hendersonville Welcome Center

[201 S. Main St.](#)

[Hendersonville, NC 28792](#)

Total Mileage

- 28 Miles
- Approximately 1 hour

Scenic Drive Description

Spring in Henderson County brings a breathtaking sight: the blooming apple orchards, painting the landscape with hues of pink and white. Embark on a Spring Blossom drive through the picturesque countryside. The apple blossom season typically spans from late March to mid-April, but it's all dependent on the weather. To start your adventure, head to the Welcome Center at 201 South Main Street in Hendersonville. From there, follow these directions to see the orchards filled with delicate, pink blossoms.

Driving Directions

1. Depart from the [Welcome Center](#), turning right out of the parking lot onto S Main Street, continuing south. Follow this until it intersects with S Church Street, where you will make a left, and then quickly, another left onto Spartanburg Highway / US-176 E
2. Follow Spartanburg Highway to Upward Road, where you will turn left
3. Continue on Upward Road for about 5 miles, and you will see both [Lively Orchards](#) and [Holt Orchards](#) on your left
4. Almost a mile beyond Holt Orchards, Upward Road changes to Ridge Road -- at this intersection, you will see a large church, a post office and a historic gas station
5. About a mile after the road name changes, take a slight left turn onto Academy Road
6. When Academy Road ends, turn left onto Sugarloaf Road, and a quick right onto Hyder Allen Lane, then turn right onto Pace Road, where you will pass [Stepp's Hillcrest Orchard](#) on your left
7. 1 mile beyond Stepp's Hillcrest Orchard, Pace Road ends; Turn right onto Chimney Rock Road / US-64 E
8. Drive for a little more than a mile, passing [Coston Farm & Apple House](#) on your right, and turn left onto S Mills Gap Road, which is right next to the [Apple House & Owenby Orchards](#)

9. After 0.3 miles, turn right onto Bearwallow Road -- in this area, you will pass many apple orchards, most are packed and sold to grocery stores or turned into apple juice, so they are not open to the public, but offer a beautiful view of the spring blooms
10. After 3 miles, Bearwallow Road ends; Turn left onto Old Clear Creek Road, where you will soon pass [Bearwallow Valley Farms](#), a small, 4th generation family farm that offers CSA, sells at [local farmers markets](#), and, if you are lucky, may have their pop-up roadside stand open as you drive by
11. Remain on Old Clear Creek Road for about 2 miles, and be on the lookout for 2 giant bull statues on your right and one giant Paul Bunyan statue on your left (both are on private property, but can be seen from the road)
12. Turn left onto Garren Road and pass [Justus Orchard](#), and then right onto S Mills Gap Road
13. After 0.7 miles, turn left onto College Street, at the Fruitland Baptist Bible College, and left onto Gilliam Road, which takes you back to Chimney Rock Road / US-64 E
14. Turn right onto Chimney Rock Road / US-64 E, and as you drive back towards [downtown Hendersonville](#), you will pass a number of orchards and produce stands, including [Linda's Plants & Shrubs](#), Wilke's Produce, [J&M Farms](#), [Grandad's Apples N Such](#), [Barnwell's Apple House](#) and [Mountain Fresh Orchards](#)
15. Follow Chimney Rock Road / US-64 E and after 4.3 miles, you will find yourself back on Main Street in downtown Hendersonville, a few blocks north of the Welcome Center.