

Blue Ridge National Heritage Area



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Third Largest Craft Industry in America

The North Carolina mountains and foothills have become the geographic center of handmade crafts in the United States. The region fostered the country's traditional craft movement (1800s to early 1900s) as well as the contemporary craft movement (1940s).

Today, over 4,000 craftspeople live and work in Western North Carolina, where the traditional and contemporary crafts flourish side by side, creating the third largest craft economy in the country.

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