

Foxfire Museum



The Foxfire Museum, located in Mountain City, GA near Black Rock Mountain State Park, is a museum of Appalachian heritage which has preserved and shared area history for over 50 years. The museum consists of a village of historic cabins, filled with artifacts of mountain life ranging from the 1820's to the 1940's. The museum also hosts regular demonstrations of historic skills and crafts such as weaving, flint knapping, and metalworking. Foxfire is open to the public 7 days a week and the regular adult admission fee is \$10. Be sure to check their website at foxfire.org for specific, seasonal hours.



In August, several members of the group visited the museum as a group field trip. The following is an excerpt from an article by John Martin about the visit, written for the Northeast Georgian:

The Foothills Photography Group stepped back into the 19th century in August at the Foxfire Village in Mountain City. Thirteen members got a chance to capture images of a mountain community where everyone lived in log houses and ate what their land would provide. Members photographed an old mill, a smoke house, a root cellar, a carpenter shop and a blacksmith shop. A flint-knapper making spear points from local flint and a lady making brooms were popular attractions. The "Trail of Tears" exhibit was especially poignant.



As you can see, the museum has a range of things to offer, for history-lovers and photographers alike. There are opportunities for a variety of photographic subjects - ranging from the historic architecture and the exhibits themselves, to the natural southern Appalachian setting as well as the people committed to keeping historical crafts alive.



Information adapted from the Foxfire museum website by Ashley Farmer

A fun fact about the museum, it is actually named for a type of bioluminescence that can be sometimes seen in the woods in fall, which creates an eerie glow called foxfire. This light actually comes from certain species of bioluminescent fungi which live on rotting wood.

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