

2008 Annual Guide to The Best Communities & Towns

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MOUNTAIN HOMES
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Residents of Mountain Air enjoy resort-style living amid a spectacular mountain setting with its own air strip.

BEST PLACES TO FIND PEOPLE LIKE YOU

After the long years of work and success, the crown moment is entering the next stage, the opportunity to live and play with other motivated individuals in a setting that provides visual joy, healthful living and daily security. Build a legacy for your entire family in concert with other families. Return to the neighborhood where leaving the peace of your home, you enter the serenity of high mountain spaces. These are some of the locations where all this has become reality.

Mountain Air, Burnsville, N.C. – Families chose this veritable mountain paradise as home for its eclectic array of enjoyable amenities. High atop Slickrock Mountain, residents appreciate recreational activities such as tennis, golf, resort-style living at a community clubhouse with varied dining options, a complete mountain market, organic community garden and easy access to Asheville and Mount Mitchell. Also, homeowners can take advantage of the community air strip, miles of walking trails, a natural history discovery center, and numerous onsite parks. 828-682-3600 or 800-247-7791; mountainaircc.com.

Greenbrier Sporting Club, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. – Seventeen new communities are scattered throughout the 6,500 acres of the Greenbrier Sporting Club. What more could anyone ask than to have a private residence within one of the world's premier resorts and access to top-notch amenities? Homeowners here laud the rustic, yet elegant members' lodge, the new Summit Lodge at mountain's peak, a full-service equestrian center, a spacious sports complex, and a relaxing spa. Outdoor enthusiasts bond over golf, fly fishing, river rafting, kayaking, guided hikes and other naturalist programs. 888-741-8989; thegreenbriersportingclub.com.

The Settings at Black Mountain, N.C. – Close to town, The Settings of Black Mountain overlooks Black Mountain, N.C. With a conservation easement in place, lots will never lose their magnificent views. Here, residents enjoy the privacy of this gated community, as well as spectacular amenities such as a clubhouse, fitness room, sauna, and hiking trails that include gazebos and overlooks. Nearby, recreational activities abound, such as golf, hiking, rock climbing, fishing, bicycling, horseback riding, snow and water skiing and some of nation's best white water rafting. 866-832-5225; thesettings.com.

Rarity Bay, Vonore, Tenn. – Set beside Lake Tellico, Rarity Bay is a beautiful French Country-inspired community spanning 960 acres. Offering its homeowners a full social and active lifestyle, the community includes a par-72, 18-hole championship golf course, swimming, tennis, equestrian facilities with 10 miles of riding trails, a boating club with private docking privileges, community garden and four miles of walking trails. The gentle landscape is located with the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains as a backdrop, and Knoxville is nearby for shopping and travel connections. 423-884-3000; raritybay.com.



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