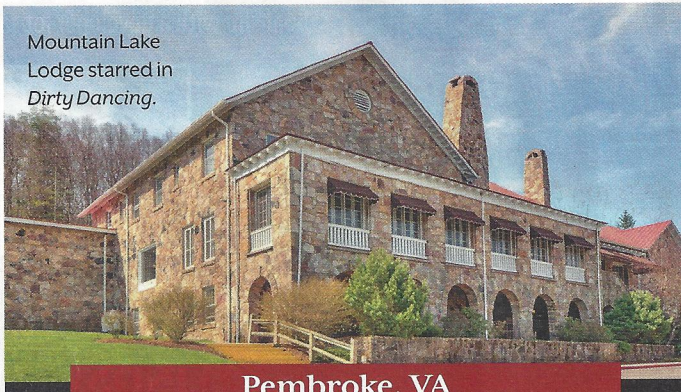


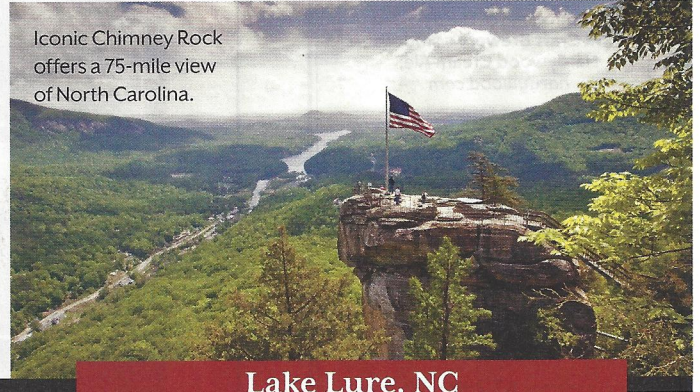
THIS VS. THAT

# Pembroke vs. Lake Lure

Have the time of your life visiting these mountain towns made famous by *Dirty Dancing*



Mountain Lake Lodge starred in *Dirty Dancing*.



Iconic Chimney Rock offers a 75-mile view of North Carolina.

**Pembroke, VA**  
Population: 1,105

**Lake Lure, NC**  
Population: 1,191

This mountain retreat's lofty elevation ranges from 2,200 to 4,365 feet.

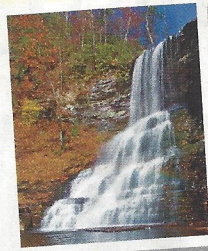
**ELEVATION**

You'll have a bird's-eye view from this outdoorsman's paradise located 1,125 feet above sea level.

The Appalachia Harvest Festival (September 6-7) features artisans, music, and children's activities. [mtnlakelodge.com](http://mtnlakelodge.com)

**GIVE YOUR TRIP A REAL LIFT**

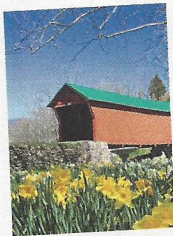
Spend the afternoon on a Lake Lure boat tour, which highlights locations used in the filming of *Dirty Dancing*. [lakelure.com](http://lakelure.com)



Hit the Cascades National Recreation Trail for a 4-mile loop to **Cascade Falls**. When the path forks, take the lower trail for stunning views.

**TAKE A HIKE**

Climb nature's staircase up to the 535-million-year-old **Chimney Rock**. The 26-story ascent will be worth the burning quads once you take in the 75-mile panoramic views of Lake Lure and Hickory Nut Gorge. [chimneyrockpark.com](http://chimneyrockpark.com)



Three of the state's **covered bridges** are in Giles County. Take a 15-minute drive from Pembroke to historic Newport village to see these icons of old Virginia.

**HIT THE ROAD**

Enjoy a day trip to Parker-Binns Vineyard, and take your palette for a walk on the wild side with the **Pea Ridge White**. [parker-binnsvineyard.com](http://parker-binnsvineyard.com)

Don't let the patina fool you. *Wish You Well* (2013), a drama starring Josh Lucas and Ellen Burstyn, was set in 1940s-era Virginia but filmed at present-day Cascade Falls and Mountain Lake.

**ON THE BIG SCREEN: TAKE TWO**

Before *Dirty Dancing* spurred our camp dreams, Drew Barrymore gave us nightmares. Her 1984 sci-fi thriller, *Firestarter*, was filmed here.



Visit nearby town Eggleston for neighborhood-style dining at **The Palisades Restaurant**. [thepalisadesrestaurant.com](http://thepalisadesrestaurant.com)



**WHAT'S COOKING**

Linger over the waterside dining at Larkin's on the Lake. Ask for an outdoor table at Larkin's Bayfront Bar & Grill, and feast on the views. [bayfrontbarandgrill.com](http://bayfrontbarandgrill.com)

LEFT SIDE FROM TOP: COURTESY MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE; COURTESY ALISA H. WOODY (2); COURTESY THE PALISADES RESTAURANT; RIGHT SIDE FROM TOP: STEVEN MCBRIDE; ROBBIE CAPONETTO, UNIVERSAL/EVERETT COLLECTION