

## Directions from the Northeast

We are providing you with three different travel options. The first will take you into Asheville and back up to the farm. The second and third options offer more scenic and rural routes; it is almost a wash as to which is faster. If you need to stop for groceries, there is an Ingles Grocery on Route 213 before the main street of Mars Hill (options 2 & 3), another at 19/23 South and Highway 63 (option 1), a third on Highway 63 about 5 miles north of 19/23 South (option 1), and another while driving to Hot Springs on 25/70 near the town of Marshall (option 3).

### Option #1: Into Asheville and then North

Take I-26 (old 19/23) south approaching Asheville. Take exit 3A, the 19/23 South exit to the right, then get into a left side lane as you cross the bridge onto business 19/23 South (even though you are now going west). You will go about 5 stop lights and turn right at an Ingles Grocery. This is Hwy 63 and there is a small sign that says New Leicester Highway (it only goes to the right). This intersection is at a stoplight and Hwy 63 begins here. You will go north about 27 miles and will find yourself at the top of Doggett Mountain. If you reset your odometer at the top, we are 3 miles down the other side, right on Hwy 63. Please put your vehicle into a lower gear before going down the other side to prevent constant use of your brakes. On your right you will see a sign for Briar Rose Farm and the street sign Duckett Top Tower Road just beyond that. Turn up that road.

### Option #2: More direct and scenic route

Should you wish to take the more scenic and rural route, exit 19/23, or the new I-26, at Mars Hill on Route 213, continuing straight on. This will take you through Mars Hill, 8 miles further under 25/70, and to a T-intersection at the French Broad River, where you will turn right. A few blocks further and you will be in beautiful downtown Marshall. At the stoplight in front of the county courthouse, turn left and go over the French Broad River Bridge. Continue up the hill on the other side and turn right at the T-intersection (sign will say Rectors Corner). Continue on this road until you come to the T-intersection with Highway 63 (about 10 miles). Turn right on 63 and go to the top of Doggett Mountain, about 5 miles. If you reset your odometer at the top of Doggett Mountain, we are 3 miles down on the other side. Again, put your vehicle in a lower gear as you come down the mountain to save your brakes. Look for the Briar Rose Farm sign and Duckett Top Tower Road on your right.

### Option #3: Another scenic route

Should you wish to go to Hot Springs before coming to the farm, you can follow the second set of directions getting onto Hwy 213 from I-26 at Mars Hill. Follow 213 only as far as Hwy 25/70, maybe 7 miles. Go north on Highway 25/70 into Hot Springs. Proceed through town and go straight where 25/70 turns right, this will be Hwy 209 (I believe the sign will indicate Lake Junaluska 39 miles). Take 209 south about 15 miles to the fork at Trust, NC. This is the intersection with Hwy 63. Go left on Hwy 63 towards Asheville and we are 2 miles on your left.

The Sweet Briar Cabin is located 1/2 mile up Duckett Top Tower Road. Turn to your left through the rusted orange gate before crossing the creek and proceed up to the cabin. Look for the small address sign #489.

While you are at the cabin, we want you to feel it is your private place. We generally love to meet and get to know our guests and their families, but for those of you that want complete privacy, we want to assure you that we will not be over without you inviting or expecting us. We do like to keep an eye on the PH balance and cleanliness of the hot tubs, but will generally let you know when we will be up to check them. We are looking forward to meeting you and will do what we can to make your visit to the mountains all that you hope it to be.