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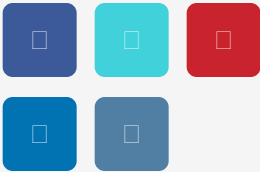
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Local taverns, friendly townsfolk, community traditions, Mom's homemade pie shop...those are all characteristics of small-town USA. But come on, we like a healthy dose of mind-numbing technology and big city feel where no one talks to each other, yanno? So have a look at these 10 towns where the charm factor has been turned on just a wee bit too much for those of you who are, perhaps, anti-everything:

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Sitka, Alaska



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If kayaking on calm waters to see an abundance of wildlife, hiking in the rugged mountains that surround the town, and relishing in the small-town community feel in the cozy local taverns at night sounds nice to you, then you *might* like the little, rather seasonal, town of Sitka.

Breckenridge, Colorado

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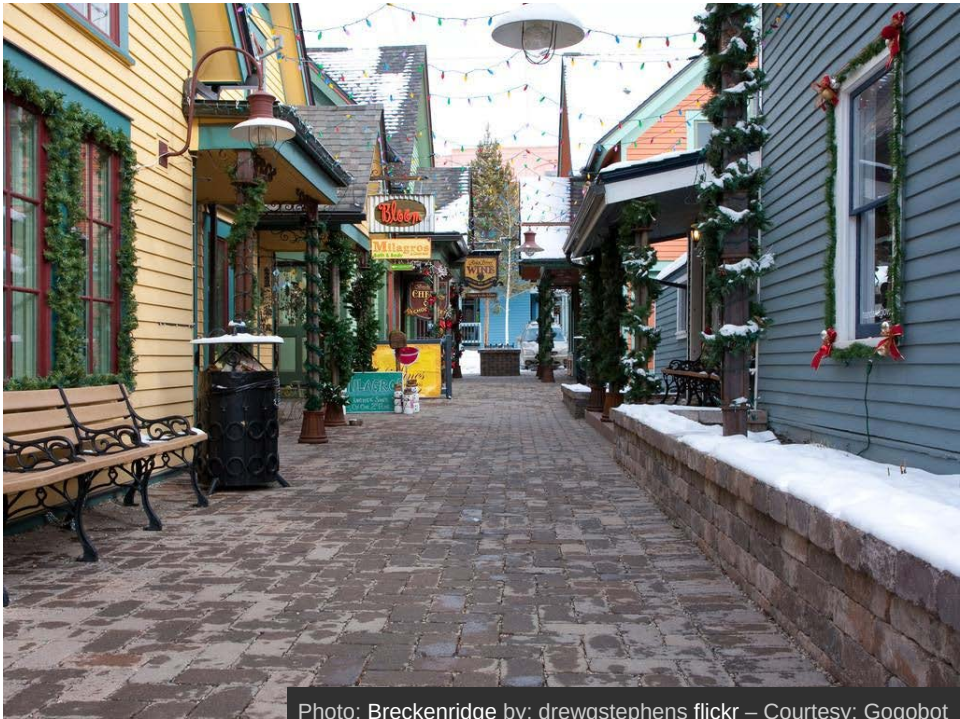


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Originally established as a mining town, the town today is a popular ski resort in the winter – and an outdoor lover’s dream (er, we mean nightmare) in the summer. Hiking trails, wildflowers, fly-fishing on the Blue River, a cute historic district and village-like Main Street make this one totally ~~unappealing~~ small town. Yawn.

Traverse City, Michigan

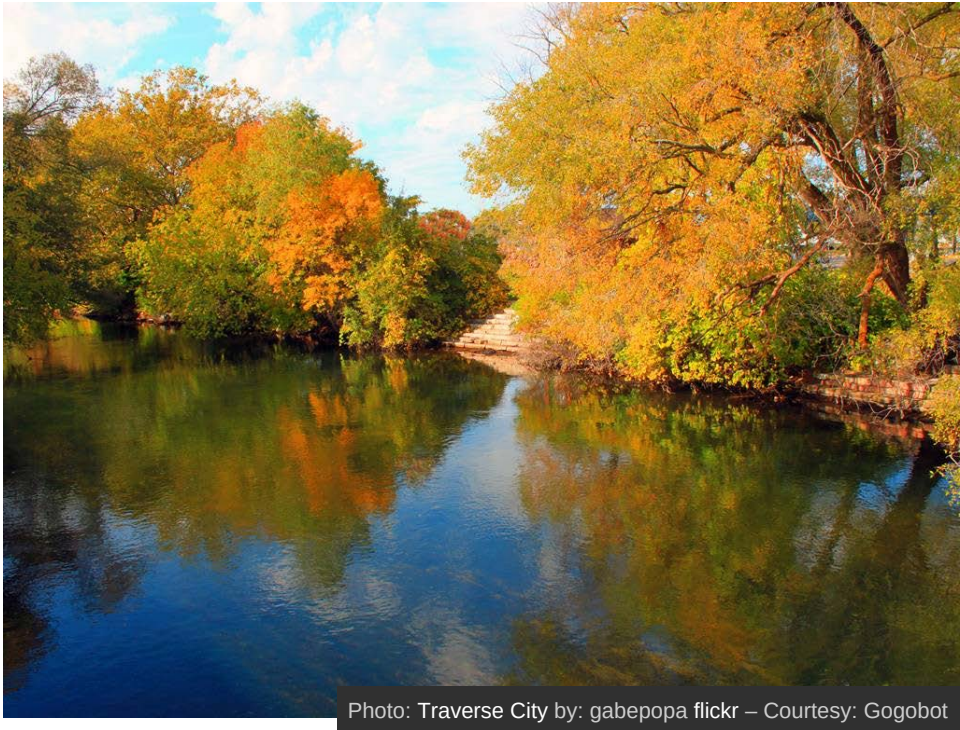


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The city is most known for cherries, lush green hills, and wine vineyards – you know, total urban sprawl yuck. Plus there are excellent beaches

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and sand dunes for family frolicking, winery tasting rooms and boutique eateries...nope, we don't find this charming in the least.

Boone, North Carolina

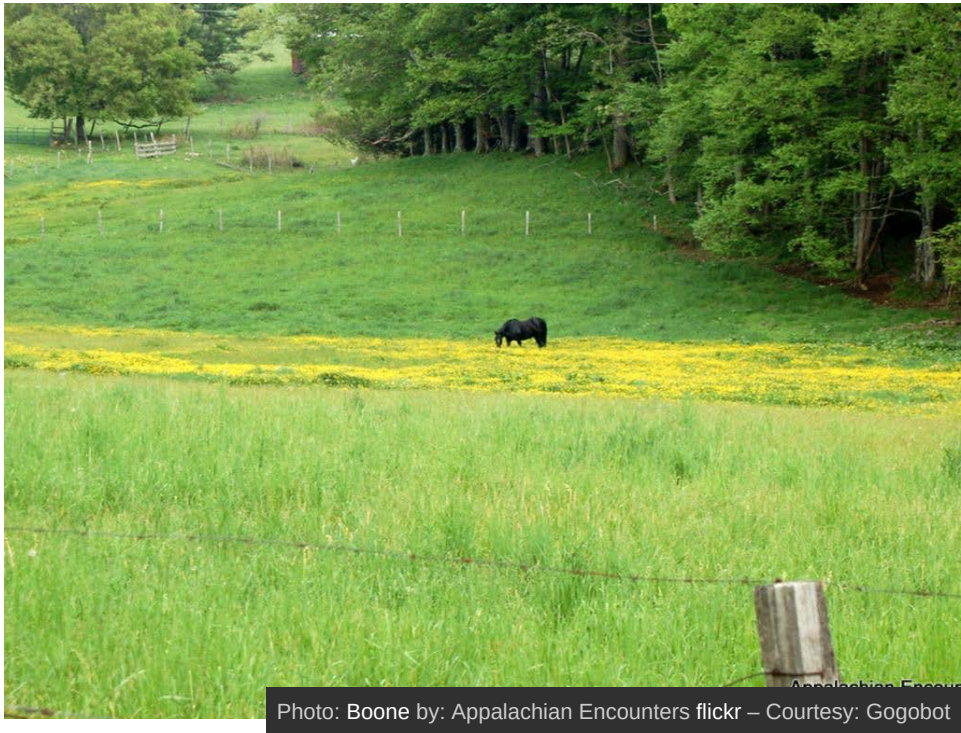


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Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, the town gets its name from the American pioneer Daniel Boone. There is an abundance of beautiful backroads and small shops, boutiques, and eateries in the old-fashioned mountain town, and every summer, they pay tribute to the namesake, recreating the adventures of Daniel Boone in the local amphitheatre. It's like they don't even know what smartphones and TV

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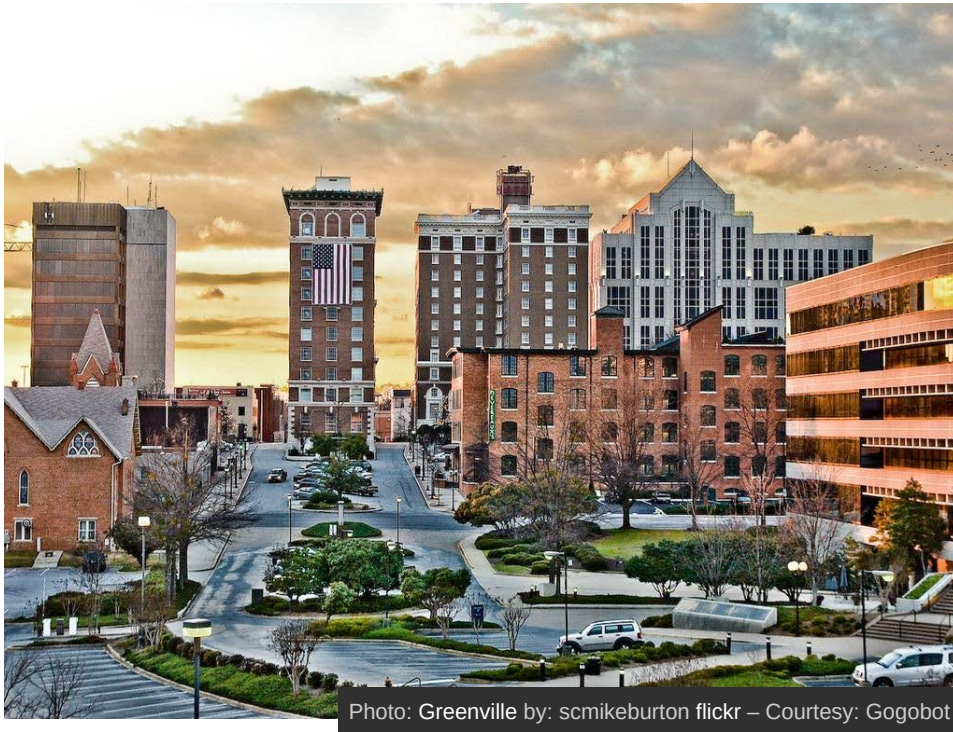
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Greenville, South Carolina



Here, a blend of Old and New South is exhibited in an array of art exhibits, theater events, and parks. Visitors and locals can get around the shops and eateries with a free quaint trolley, or search for all nine of the little bronze mice (“Mice on Main”) hidden along Main Street. I mean, get some modern anonymity, will you?

Stowe, Vermont



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Residents and visitors alike stubbornly insist on spending time outdoors in Stowe. In the winter, there's skiing and snowboarding, and in the spring and summer, there's kayaking, swimming, biking, and hiking. Don't get us started on the fall, when they like to just take walks to enjoy the town's "foliage," which has merely lost its chlorophyll (like that's some accomplishment). Have these people never heard of Netflix?

Carmel-by-the-Sea, California



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Good thing there's a lot of local wine to sip on around here — you're

going to need a buzz to get through all of the grueling rounds of golf, art gallery browsing, beach lounging, and gourmet dining that this coastal city purports to offer.

Edgartown, MA



You want a dose of whaling history? Read *Moby Dick* and save yourself a trip to Edgartown, where you'll be forced to stroll past the historic Greek revival homes of former ship captains, windowshop in posh boutiques, and eat fresh seafood. You know *Moby Dick* has also been adapted into film?

Charlottesville, Virginia



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Talk about a city that needs a 21st-century wake-up call. Charlottesville practically worships the past, with monuments and historic sites dedicated to everyone from Lewis & Clark to Thomas Jefferson. Even the shops, restaurants, and universities are housed in historic buildings. You'll be practically begging for a glimpse of some modern architecture by the time your trip is up.

Park City, Utah



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If it's good enough for celebrities, artists, and professional athletes, it's

probably not good enough for you. That holds true for Park City, where if the world-class ski slopes, high end art galleries, and “beautiful” historic Main Street don’t make you gag, all the faux-fur-clad A-Listers arriving for the Sundance Film Festival definitely will.

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