

Downtown Spruce Pine
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**The North Carolina Hellbender Festival in Downtown Spruce Pine,
August 30: Live Music, Arts, & Environmental Science!**



[Spruce Pine, NC, 8/30/2025] Get ready to experience the first-ever North Carolina Hellbender Festival! Featuring live music, local art, river science, food trucks, and outdoor adventure— all inspired by the ancient Eastern Hellbender.

Peruse our market area, complete with vendors, handcrafted treasures, and crafted artisanal goods. Engage with artists and educators as you explore ecology-based arts activities, science workshops, wildlife demos, and more! Immerse yourself in this all day festival celebrating nature and culture in Western North Carolina. Featuring the music of River Whyless, the Local Honeys, Sammy Osmond and the No-Hellers, and Billy Jonas.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 30th from 10 am - 8 pm, for a day filled with community, culture, and celebration that you won't want to miss. Come visit and support our recovery from Hurricane Helene by learning about this unique amphibian who calls Spruce Pine home.

The North Carolina Hellbender Festival is a Downtown Spruce Pine event. Downtown Spruce Pine is a North Carolina Main Street community, designated by the N.C. Department of Commerce Main Street & Rural Planning Center. Downtown Spruce Pine is charged with administering the program at the local level and building public-private partnerships to spur economic development that achieves measurable results such as investment, business growth, and job creation.

For more information about the North Carolina Hellbender Festival, visit hellbenderfestival.com or follow us on social media @hellbenderfestival. To learn more about Downtown Spruce Pine, including our other programs, visit discoversprucepine.com or follow us on social media @downtownsprucepine.

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