

**NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION
WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

The statewide primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Voters will be asked to show photo ID when they vote. All voters will be allowed to vote with or without ID. Voters who lack ID can get one for free from their county board of elections. Find out more at ncsbe.gov/voter-id.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Early voting will be held at the following locations from Thursday, February 12, 2026, through Saturday, February 28, 2026.

WATAUGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Commissioners' Board Room

814 W. King Street, Boone

BLOWING ROCK AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING

333 Wallingford Street, Blowing Rock

DEEP GAP FIRE DEPARTMENT

6583 Old 421 S, Deep Gap

MEAT CAMP FIRE DEPARTMENT

4797 NC Hwy 194 N, Boone

PLEMMONS STUDENT UNION (ASU CAMPUS)

Blue Ridge Ballroom

263 Locust Street, Boone

(Parking lot at 644 Howard Street)

WESTERN WATAUGA COMMUNITY CENTER

1081 Old US Hwy 421, Sugar Grove

All sites open weekdays 8am - 7:30pm and Saturday, February 28 from 8am – 3pm.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who have requested them beginning January 12, 2026. Absentee ballots must be received by the county board of elections no later than 7:30 p.m. on March 3, 2026. A voter can fill out an absentee ballot request at votebymail.ncsbe.gov, or by filling out a request form provided by the county board of elections office. The request must be received through the website or by the Watauga Board of Elections by 5 p.m. February 17, 2026.

In the primary election, voters will select nominees for a political party to move on to the general election on November 3rd. **Contests on the ballot include U. S. Senate, U.S. House, N.C. Supreme Court Associate Justice, N.C. Court of Appeals Judge, Superior and District Court Judge, N.C. House and Senate, and county offices.** In the primary, voters affiliated with a political party will be given a ballot of candidates for their party, if their party has a primary. Unaffiliated voters may choose to vote in any party's primary, but they may select only one party's ballot.

The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 p.m. Friday, February 6, 2026. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote at any early voting site.

during the early voting period. Individuals registering to vote at an early voting site will be required to provide current documentation of their residence (for example, a government ID, other government document, or a paycheck, bank statement, or utility bill). Voters who wish to change party affiliation must do so by the February 6 deadline.

Questions? Call the Watauga Board of Elections Office at 828-265-8061 or send an email to matthew.snyder@watgov.org.

Perry Yates, Chair
Watauga County Board of Elections