



WELCOME TO NORTH CAROLINA!

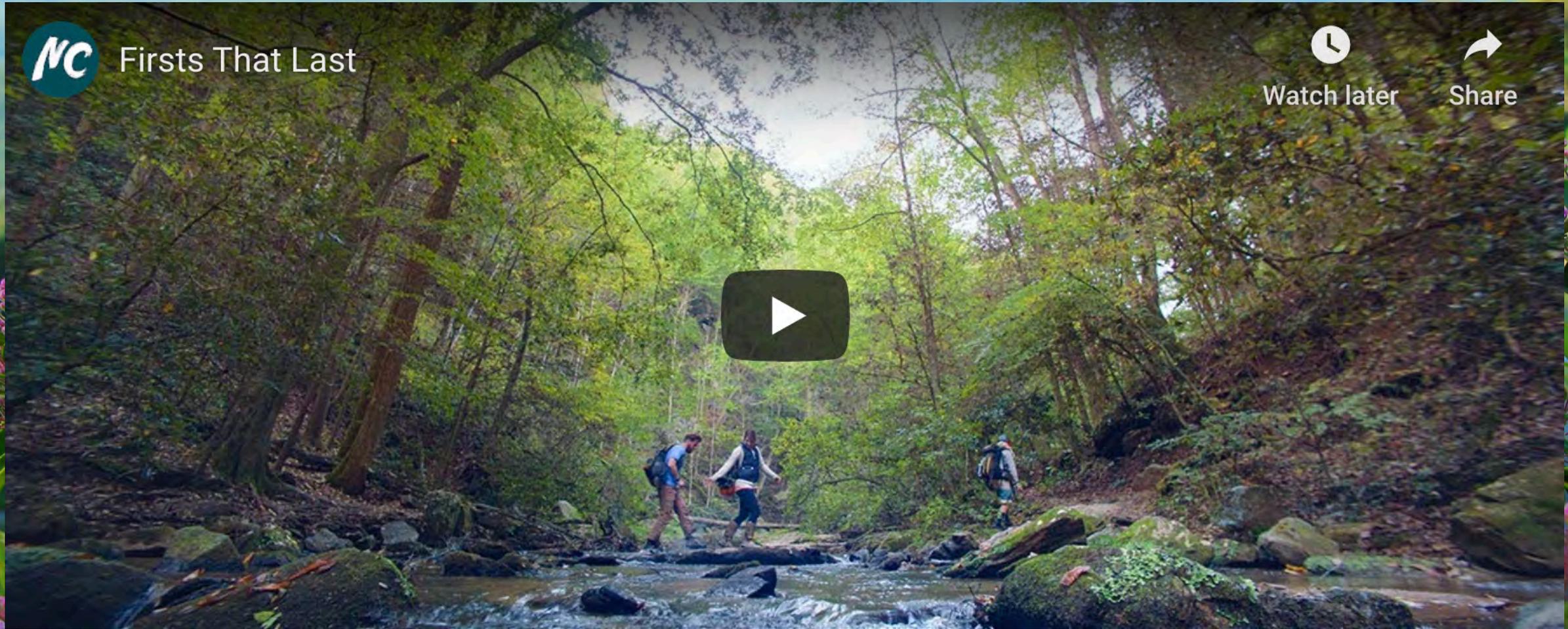
A visit to the state of North Carolina in the United States is full of special first experiences. Discover the regions with beautiful nature and waterfalls, beaches, breweries and the sights and activities of Project 543. North Carolina is easy to get to. Almost every airport in America has a domestic flight to cities Charlotte or Raleigh.

Experience Firsts That Last in North Carolina!

VIDEO

We start with a video that gives a good picture of the state of North Carolina and Project 534.

[Project 534](#) tells the story of special and unique places in North Carolina. Why the number 534? This is the breadth of the state and the number of miles from Manteo, on the coast, to Murphy in the mountains.





THE UNIQUE REGIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

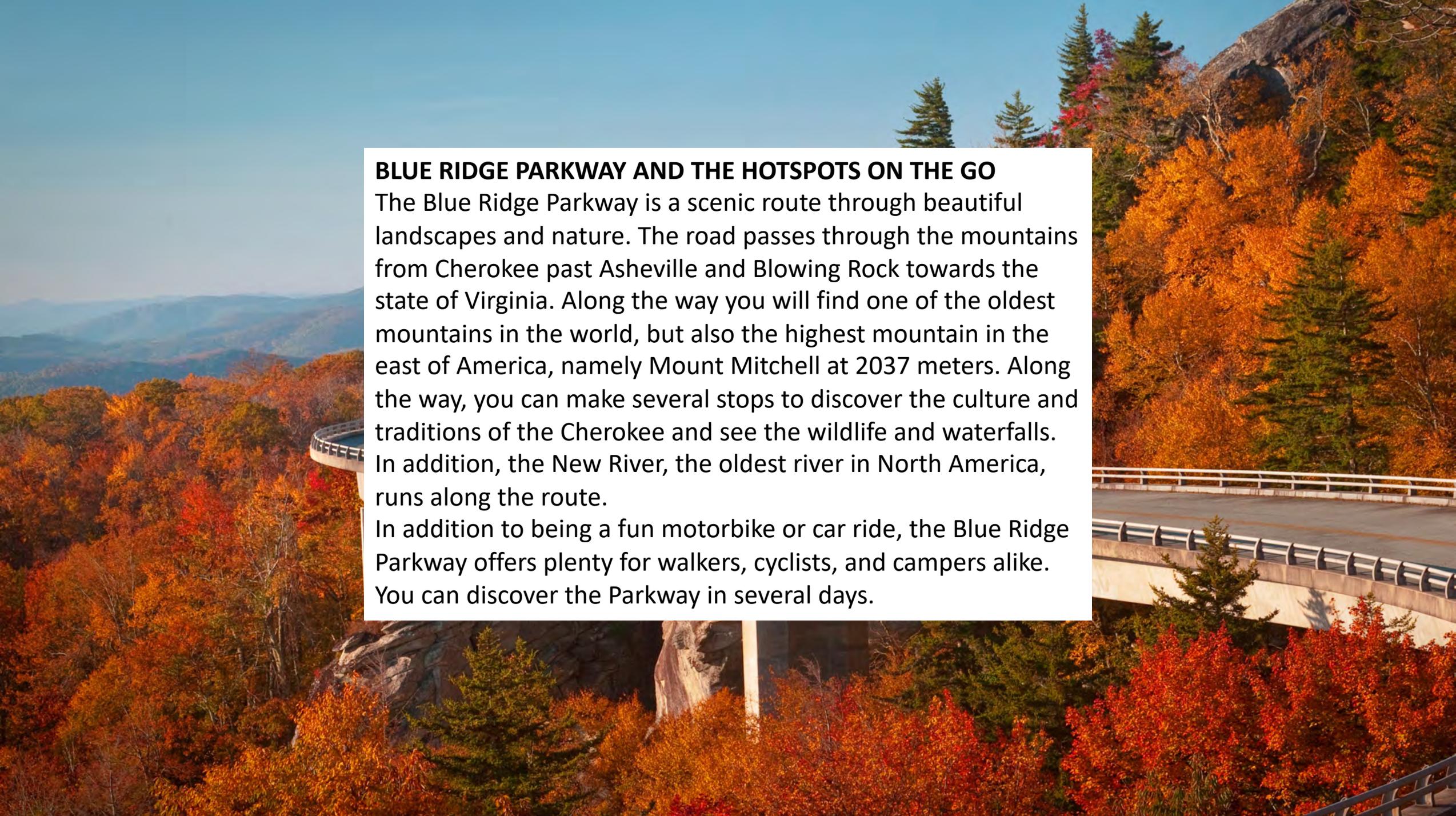
North Carolina is a unique state with three regions. These are the mountain section, Piedmont and the coastal section. The mountain section is in the west of the state. Here are the famous Great Smoky Mountains and the Blue Ridge Parkway. In the middle you will find the Piedmont region with major cities such as Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro and Durham. Finally, you will find the coast in the east of the state, where you can enjoy the beautiful 480 kilometers of coastline and the countless beaches.



THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS

In the western corner of North Carolina, you'll find the Great Smokey Mountains, which have traditionally been home to the Cherokee. Hikers pay attention! In this area you should definitely visit the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This national park offers more than 1300 kilometers of hiking trails, impressive waterfalls and first-class campsites. The park is free to visit and open all year round.

In addition, this area is known for the four national forests Croatan, Uwharrie, Nantahala and Pisgah. These forests are great for hiking, rafting, biking, fly fishing, and camping. For the right base, head to Bryson City, Waynesville or Cherokee to explore the national park and protected forests from here.



BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY AND THE HOTSPOTS ON THE GO

The Blue Ridge Parkway is a scenic route through beautiful landscapes and nature. The road passes through the mountains from Cherokee past Asheville and Blowing Rock towards the state of Virginia. Along the way you will find one of the oldest mountains in the world, but also the highest mountain in the east of America, namely Mount Mitchell at 2037 meters. Along the way, you can make several stops to discover the culture and traditions of the Cherokee and see the wildlife and waterfalls. In addition, the New River, the oldest river in North America, runs along the route.

In addition to being a fun motorbike or car ride, the Blue Ridge Parkway offers plenty for walkers, cyclists, and campers alike. You can discover the Parkway in several days.

THE MOUNTAINS OF ASHEVILLE

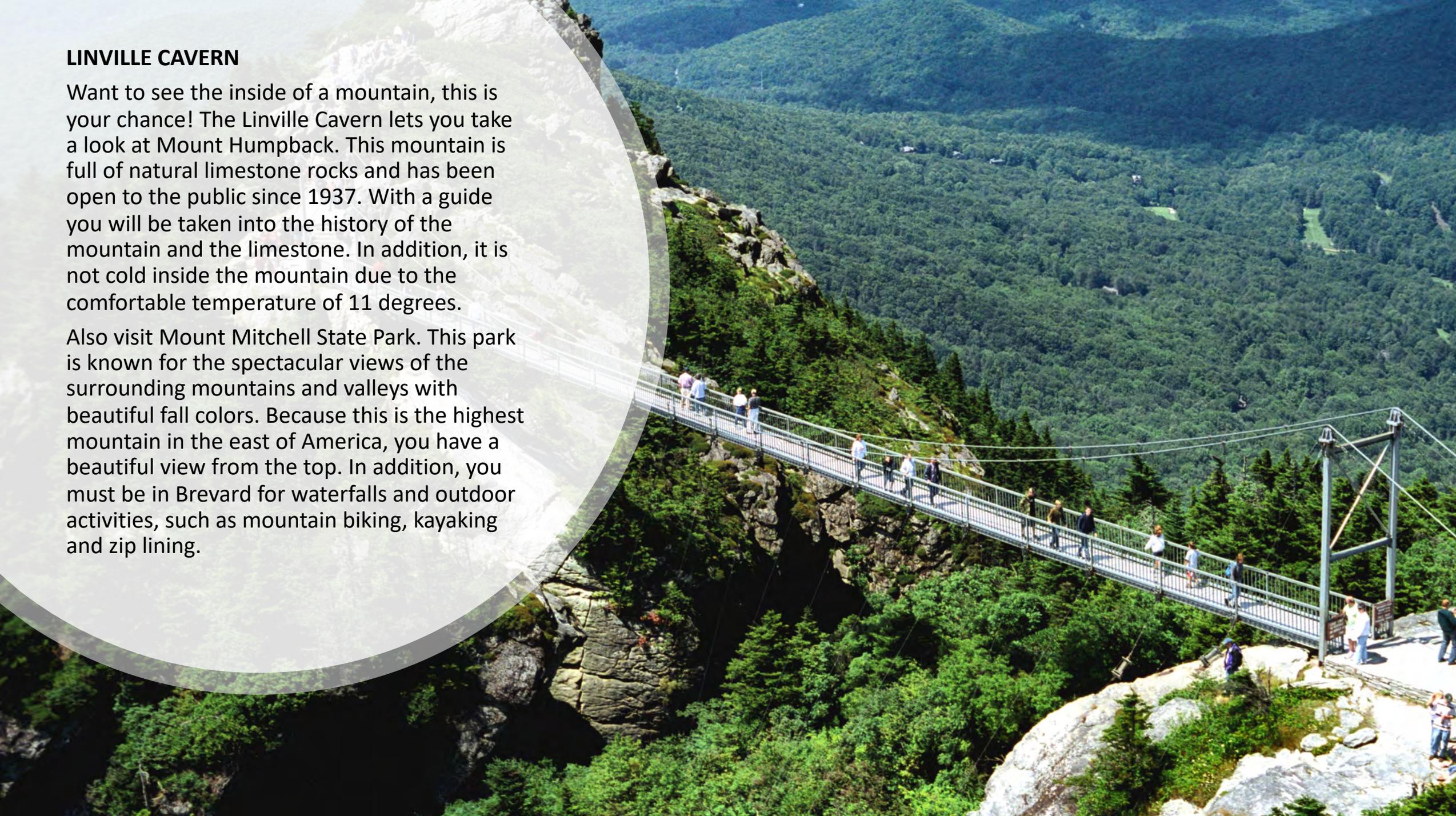
Asheville is a pleasant town with several local breweries. It is the perfect location to stay for a few nights. Many attractions are easy to reach from Asheville, including Mount Mitchel State Park, Linville Cavern and Chimney Rock State Park. Chimney Rock State Park is high enough for miles to see. In addition to the impressive viewpoint, you can also go rock climbing and hiking in this park. For children there is Great Woodland Adventure. This is an easy walking route explaining the forests, the original inhabitants and the different animals.



LINVILLE CAVERN

Want to see the inside of a mountain, this is your chance! The Linville Cavern lets you take a look at Mount Humpback. This mountain is full of natural limestone rocks and has been open to the public since 1937. With a guide you will be taken into the history of the mountain and the limestone. In addition, it is not cold inside the mountain due to the comfortable temperature of 11 degrees.

Also visit Mount Mitchell State Park. This park is known for the spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and valleys with beautiful fall colors. Because this is the highest mountain in the east of America, you have a beautiful view from the top. In addition, you must be in Brevard for waterfalls and outdoor activities, such as mountain biking, kayaking and zip lining.



THE LIVING CITY OF CHARLOTTE IN THE PIEDMONT REGION

There is plenty to do and discover in the area surrounding the great city of Charlotte. Charlotte has a vibrant nightlife, many breweries and various professional sports, such as the national football team the Carolina Panthers. It is always possible to attend a game and get a feel for the atmosphere of North Carolina.

For car enthusiasts you should visit Charlotte Motor Speedway. Several racing races are held on this circuit and it is possible to take a ride in one of the fast cars. At a race shop you can go behind the scenes. This is possible at Hendrik Motor Sports close to Concord and at Stewart-Haas Racing in Kannapolis.





FAMOUS FILM LOCATIONS

In Charlotte, various locations have been filmed for the famous films of The Hunger Games. If you drive from Charlotte to Asheville, you will pass the locations mentioned in the movies. Take a look at District 12, the Mellark family's bakery, or Everdeens' home.

THE POPULAR 'PONY CAR' IN THE MUSTANG

OWNER'S MUSEUM The Mustang Owner's Museum is located in Concord. The museum exhibits about 55 to 60 different Mustangs to visitors. These are classic, modern, race and colored models. The purpose of the museum is to show the reason why this car is so popular. The museum regularly organizes car shows and events with guest speakers. The cars on display are also continuously changed, which ensures innovation. The entrance to the museum is ten dollars and children under fifteen can enter for free.



FOR DELICIOUS FOOD AND GOOD MUSIC, YOU MUST BE IN RALEIGH

For good food you have to go to one of the food halls in Raleigh. In the Warehouse district is the Morgan Street Food Hall which has a wide range with twenty different culinary concepts and a varied kitchen. This is due to the local chefs, restaurants and suppliers. In addition, this food hall has a gin and tonic bar that is open until late. The second food hall that is definitely worth a try in Raleigh is the Transfer Co. Food Hall.

World of Bluegrass

World of Bluegrass attracts thousands of visitors and will be hosted in Raleigh through 2021. The event consists of a conference where key Bluegrass professionals gather, followed by the largest Bluegrass festival in the world. You can visit the festival for free, which takes place on September 27 and 28 this year.



THE OUTER BANKS, THE COASTAL AREA OF NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina's famous Outer Banks are steeped in history. These northern beaches were home to one of America's first colonies and the first protected coast. Today you can explore this beautiful nature reserve through a variety of options by land, sea and air. Here you will find beautiful beaches and sand dunes, game reserves, historic villages, lighthouses and wild Spanish Mustangs.



THEY TAUGHT THE WORLD TO FLY!

In 1903, the Wright brothers made the first successful flight with their Wright Flyer. This was the first powered aircraft to really take off. In Manteo, near the Outer Banks, you will find the renovated Wright Brothers National Memorial. In the visitor center you can learn more about the brothers' lives, the problems they encountered and the methods they used to solve that in an interactive way. Except for Christmas, the monument can be visited all year round from 9 am to 5 pm.



REST ON THE BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS

Cape Lookout Cape Lookout National Seashore is located on the Crystal Coast, the southern Outer Banks, and consists of three pristine islands. These islands are great for water sports activities or for spotting wild birds. Of course climbing the lighthouse cannot be missed. These islands are home to fishermen and livestock farmers. Book a tour of the abandoned village of Portsmouth and experience its colorful history.

Cape Hatteras

Enjoy the sound of the ocean on Cape Hatteras, located on the island of Hatteras. Buxton is located on the west side of the cape. Whether you enjoy the changing landscape, go kayaking or climb the lighthouse, there is something for everyone to discover!

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Discover the history of what was once the third largest pre-war plantation in North Carolina. From 1785 to 1865, Somerset Place was one of the most prosperous rice, corn, and wheat plantations. Take a tour of the original family house and its outbuildings, two reconstructed slave houses and a hospital. This historic spot is located in the scenic grounds along the shore of Lake Phelps and is adjacent to Pettigrew State Park. A visit to the plantation is free.

Besides Somerset Place are many other historic places in the state of North Carolina that are well worth a visit. For example, learn about the Civil War on the battlefields in Kinston and Goldsboro.



CHARMING WILMINGTON

Even if you've never been to charming Wilmington, chances are you'll recognize the sights. This is because this region on the South Coast of North Carolina has hosted over 400 TV and movie productions. The best attraction is the historic center, where you will find nice shops, delicious restaurants and a range of cafes. Also look at the warship USS North Carolina.

Wilmington is also an excellent destination for beach lovers. The coast lends itself to surfing, paddle boarding, kayaking and more.





THE FOOD & BEVERAGE CULTURE
North Carolina is known as the "State of Southern Beer." With over 200 craft breweries of every size and specialty, North Carolina owns most of the South American breweries. Breweries in Asheville, Raleigh, Charlotte and Wilmington feature cozy patios, kid and dog-friendly vibes, atmospheric music, food and more. You can also enjoy delicious food throughout the state. The range of restaurants and cozy cafes is large and varied.

THE MUSICAL SOUTH

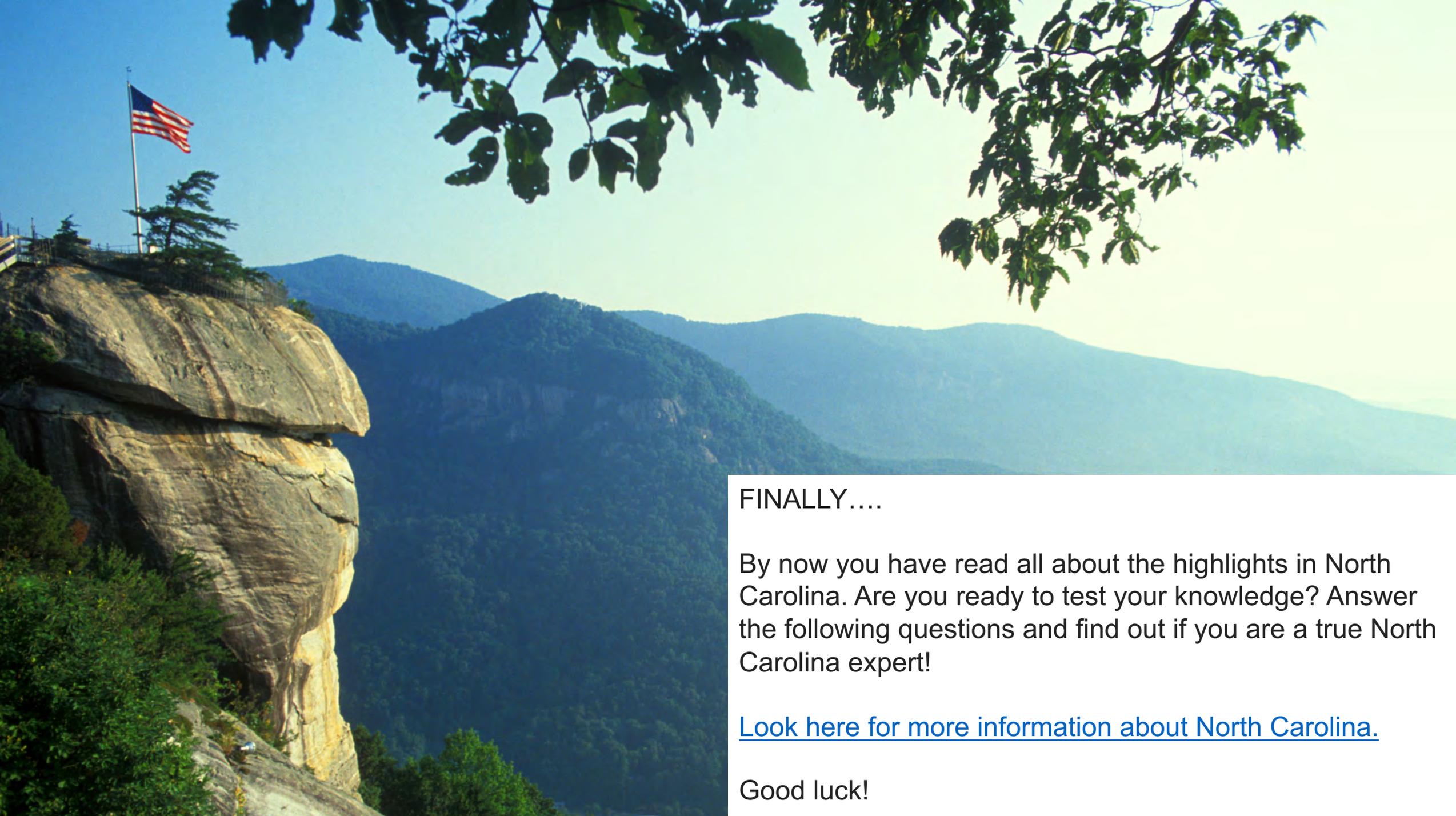
The southern states are known for their rich music history, which can also be felt in North Carolina. From Bluegrass to Jazz and Blues, you can hear it all. North Carolina is also the place where open-air dramas were born and the place that many Bluegrass legends call home.





FESTIVALS IN NORTH CAROLINA

There is plenty to do in North Carolina. For example, visit one of the many festivals that are organized. There is something for everyone. For example, many music festivals are organized, such as the Bluegrass Festival and the Folk Festival. There is also plenty to do for young and old in the field of art and culture.

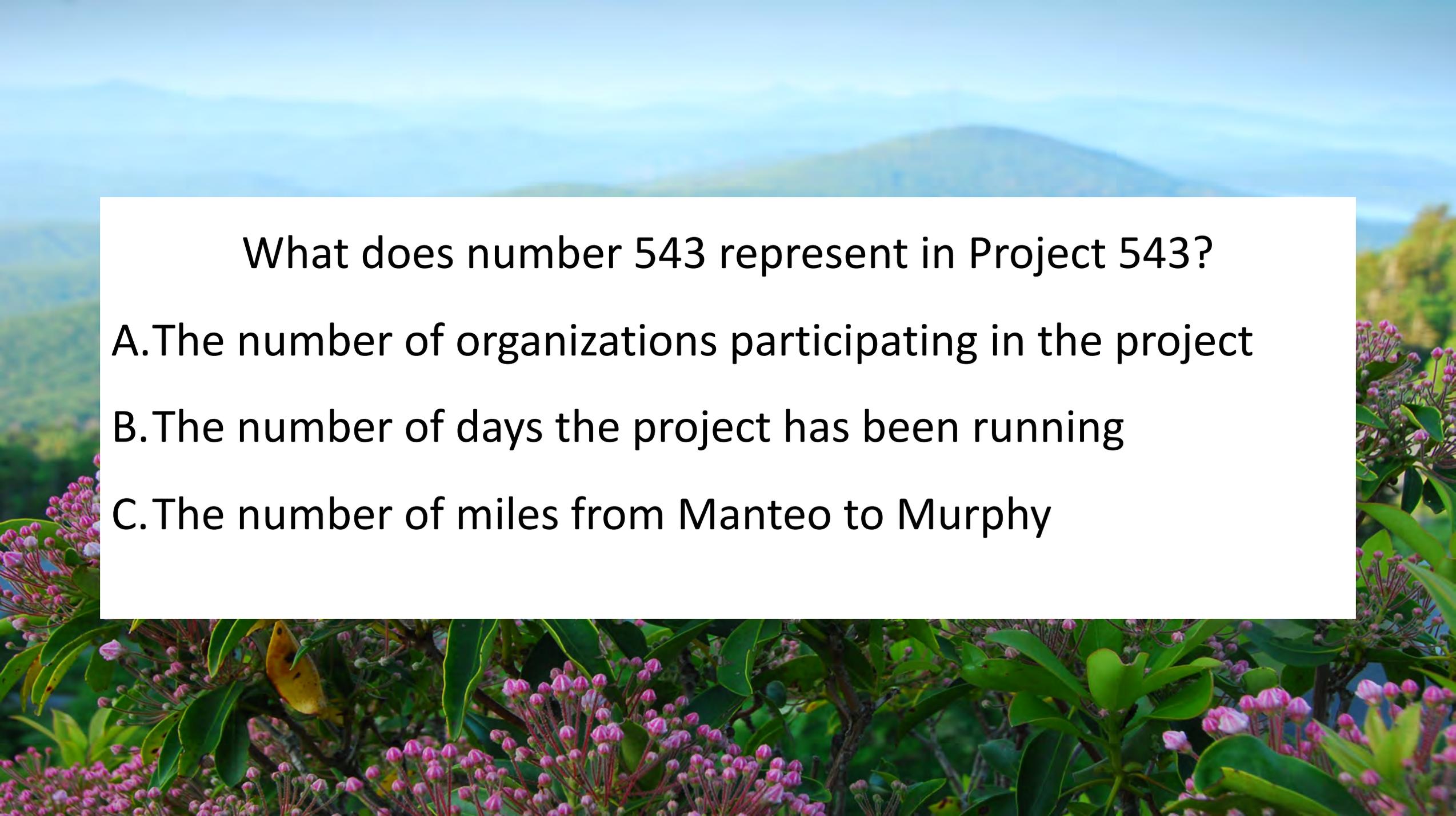


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By now you have read all about the highlights in North Carolina. Are you ready to test your knowledge? Answer the following questions and find out if you are a true North Carolina expert!

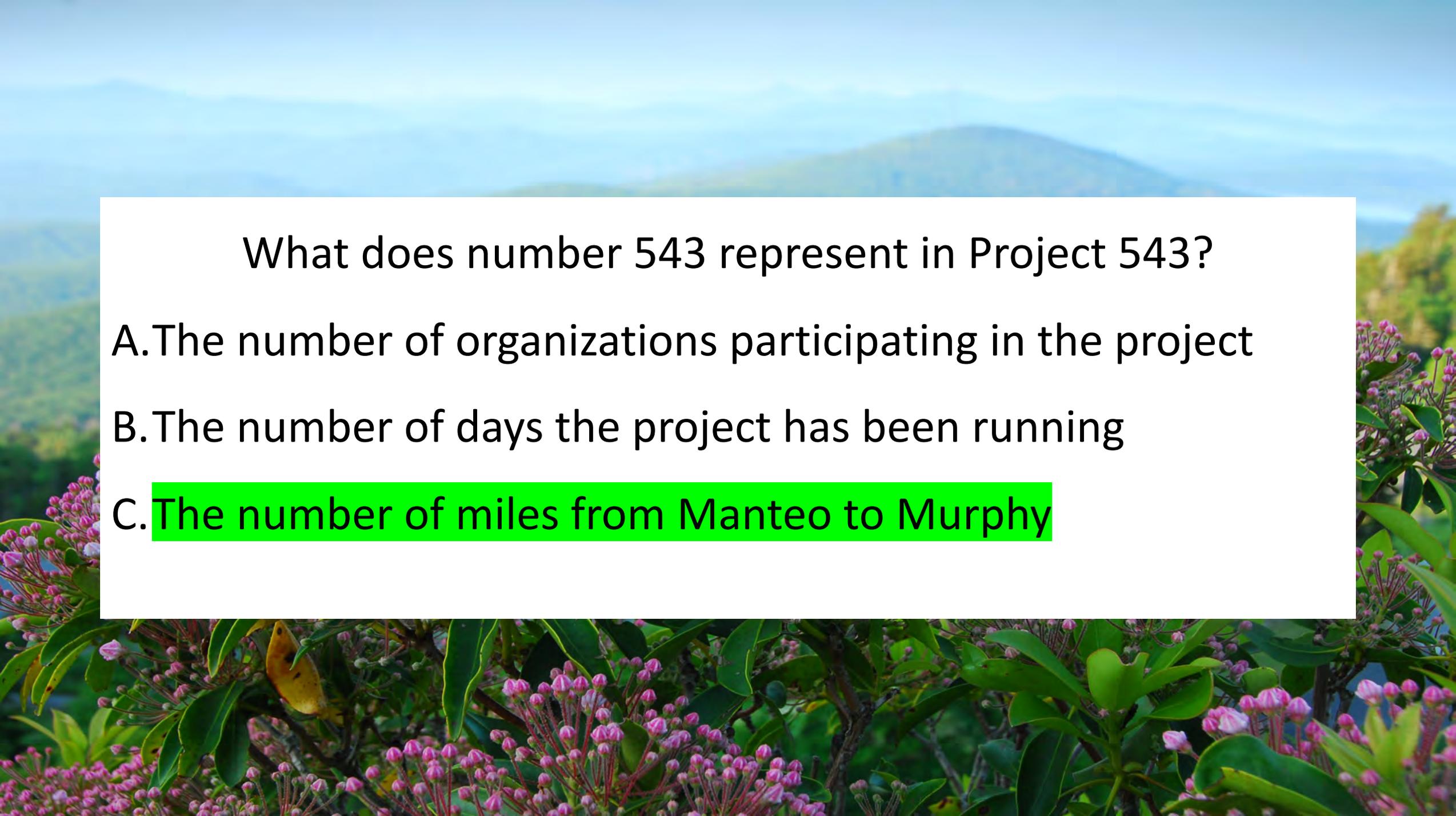
[Look here for more information about North Carolina.](#)

Good luck!



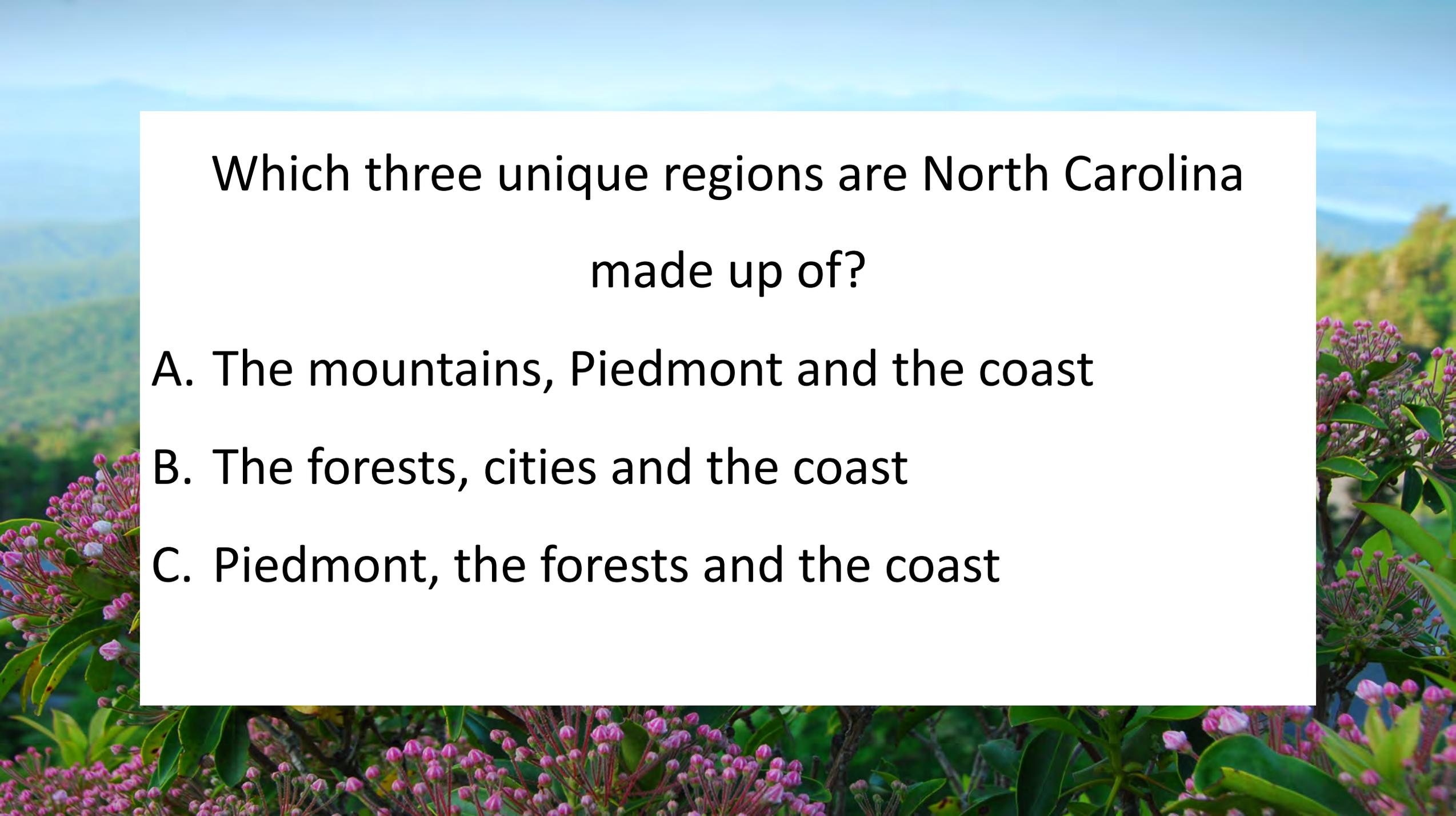
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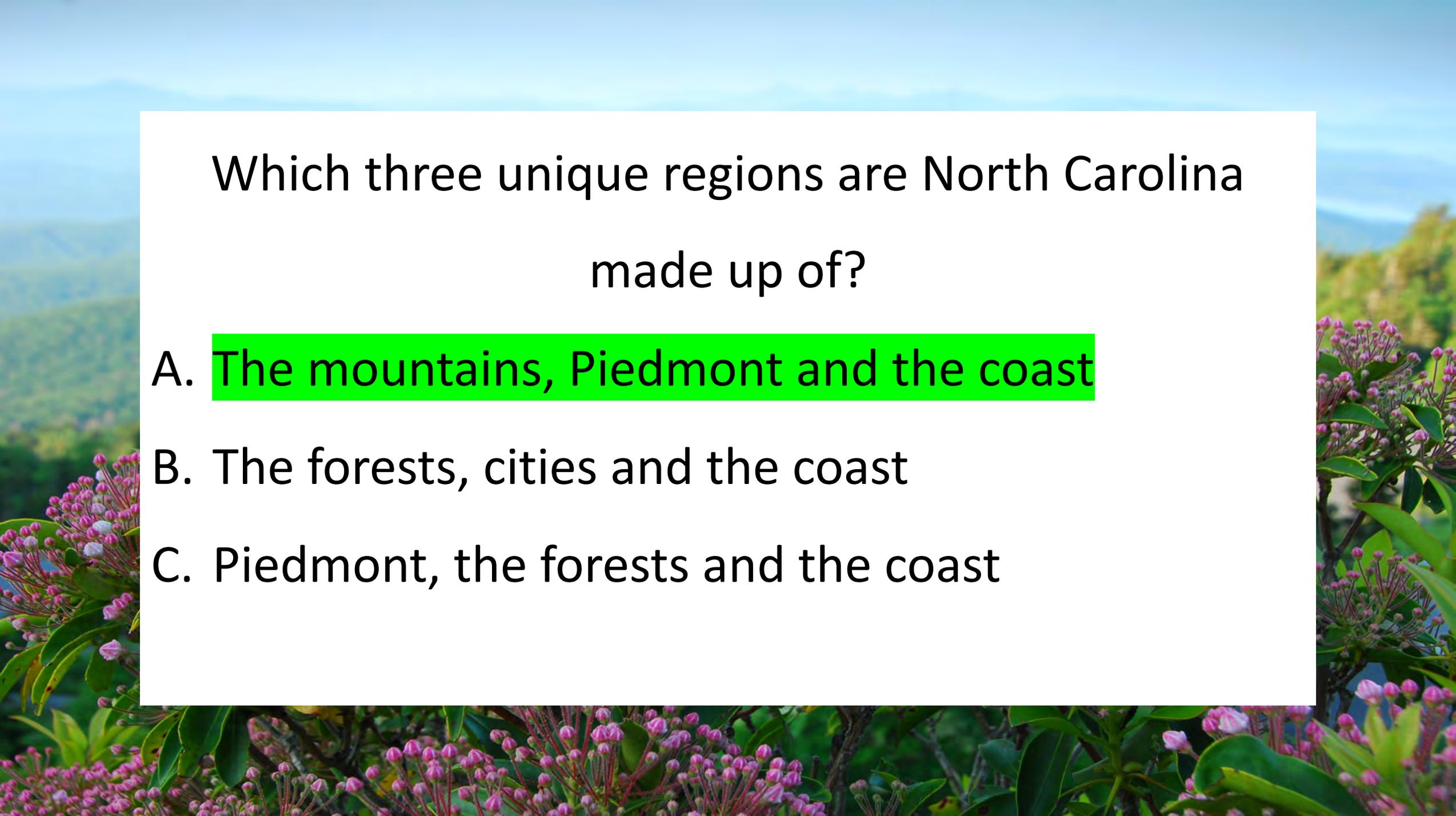
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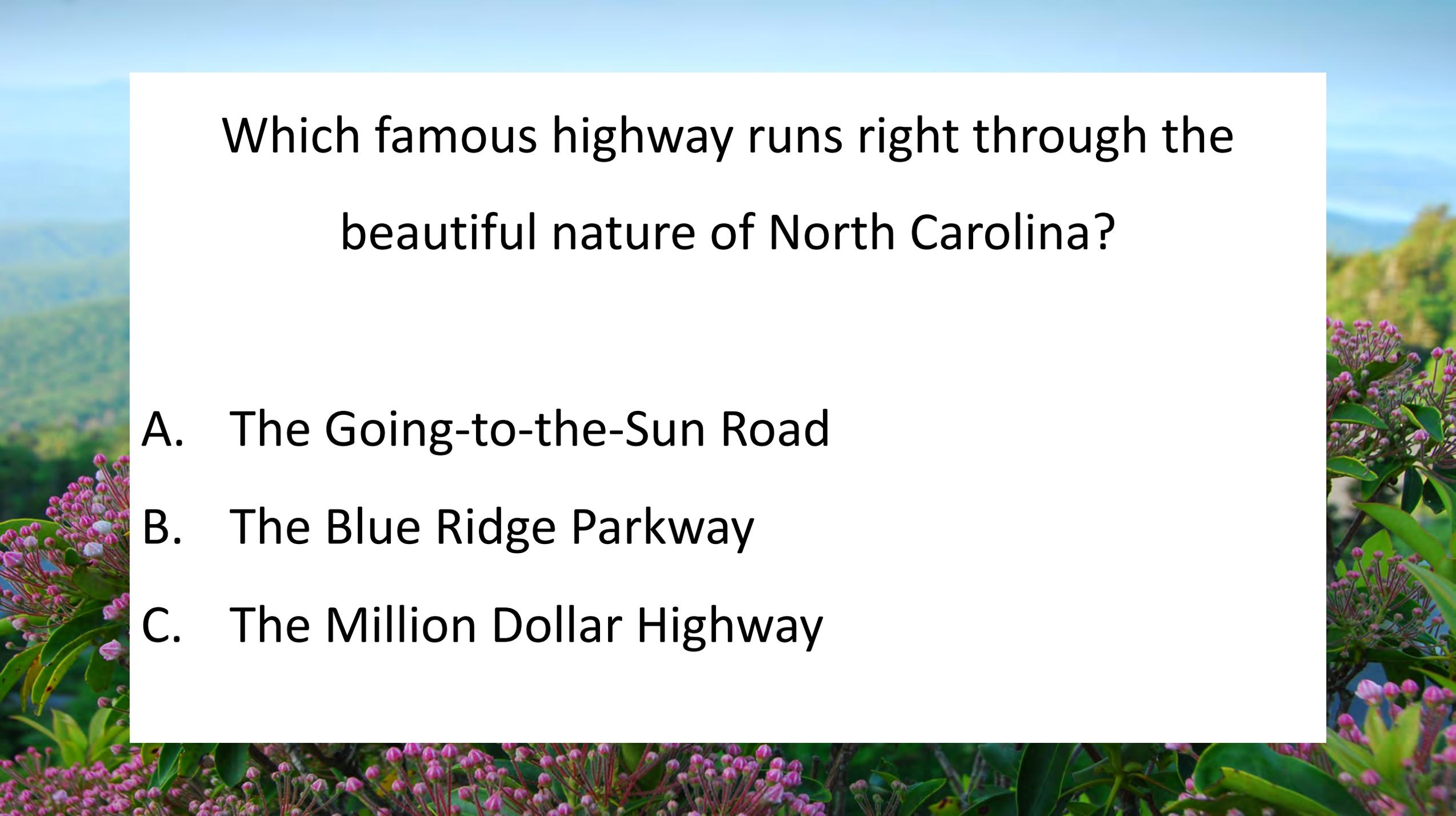
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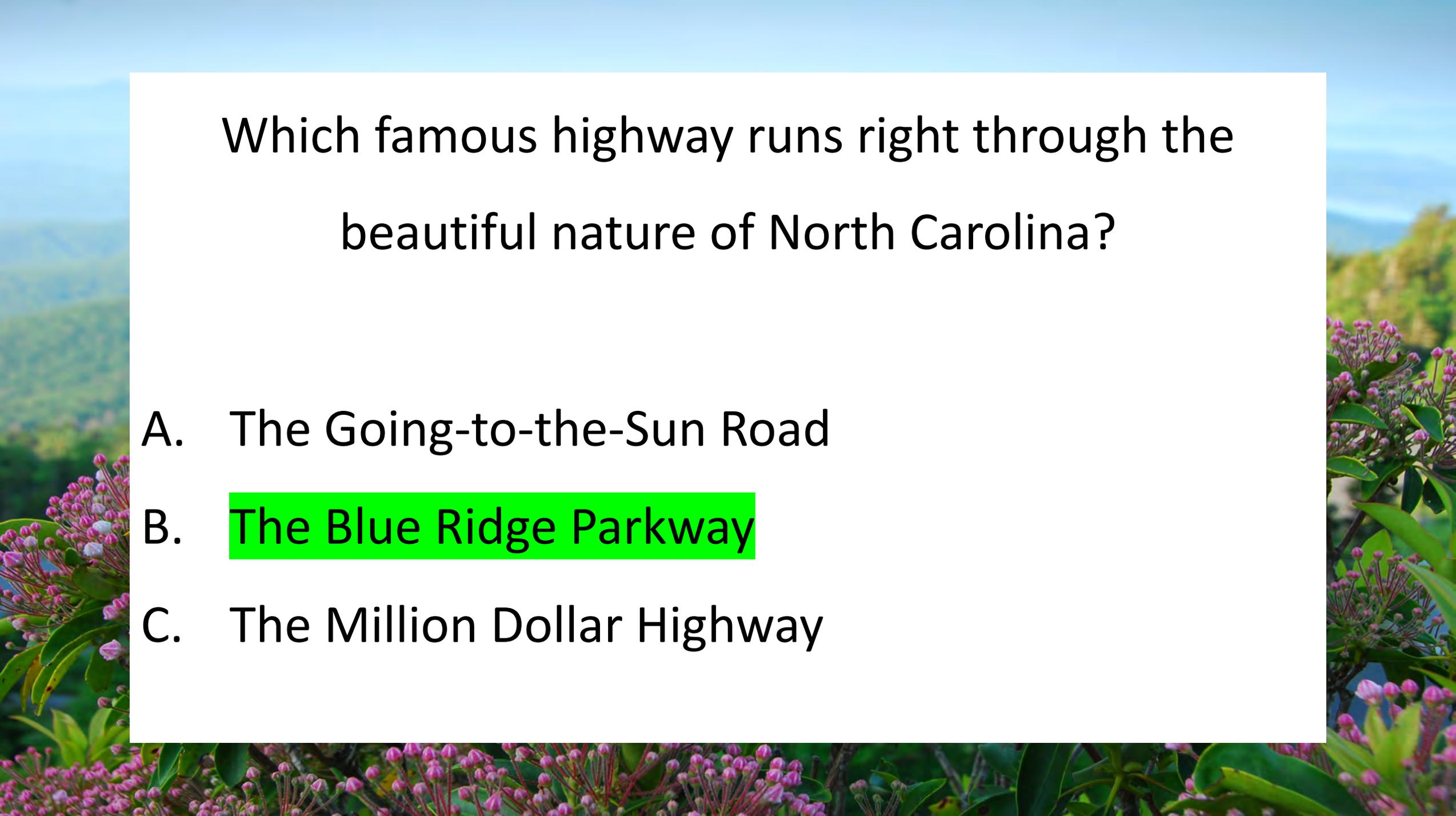
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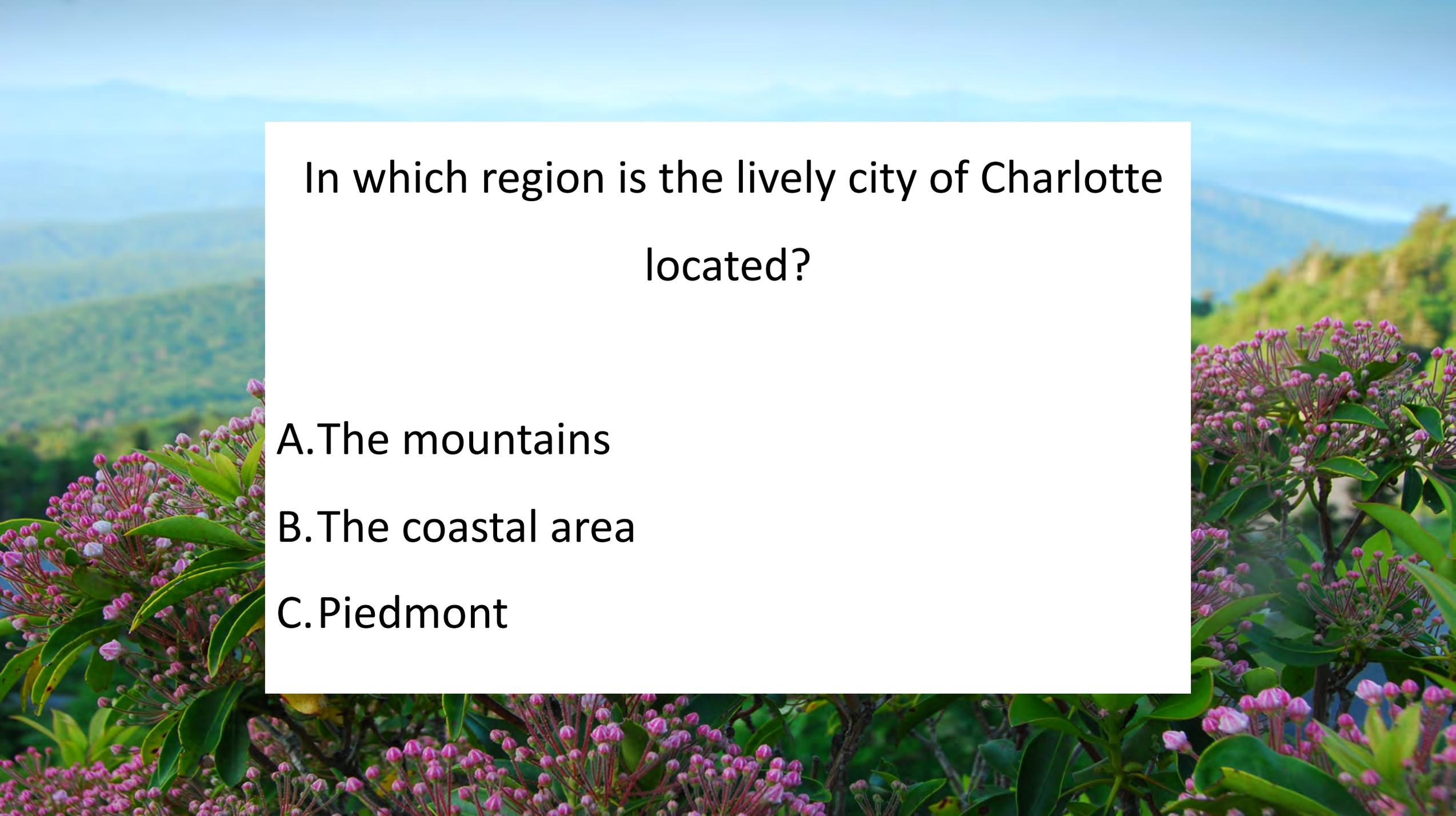
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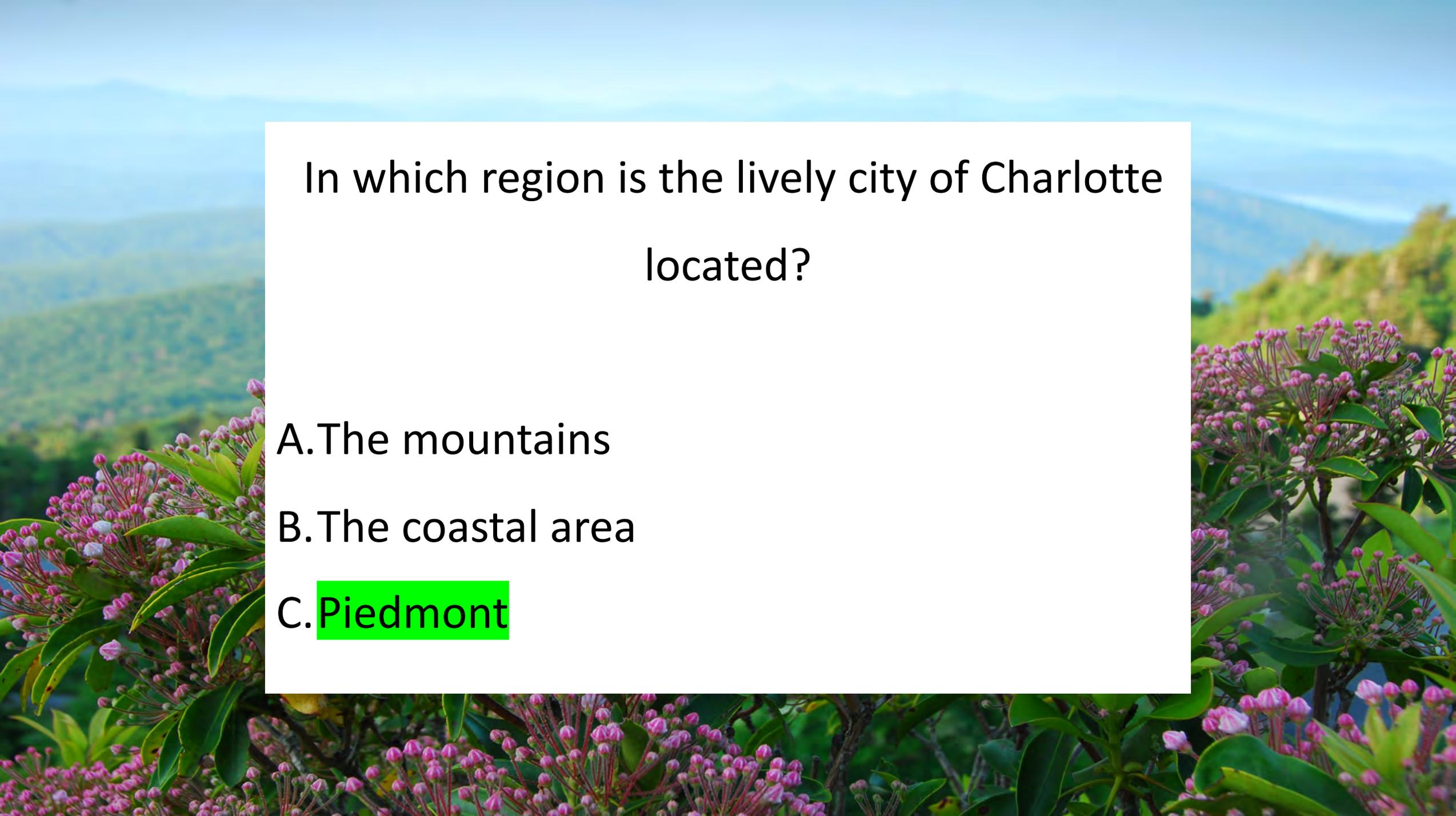


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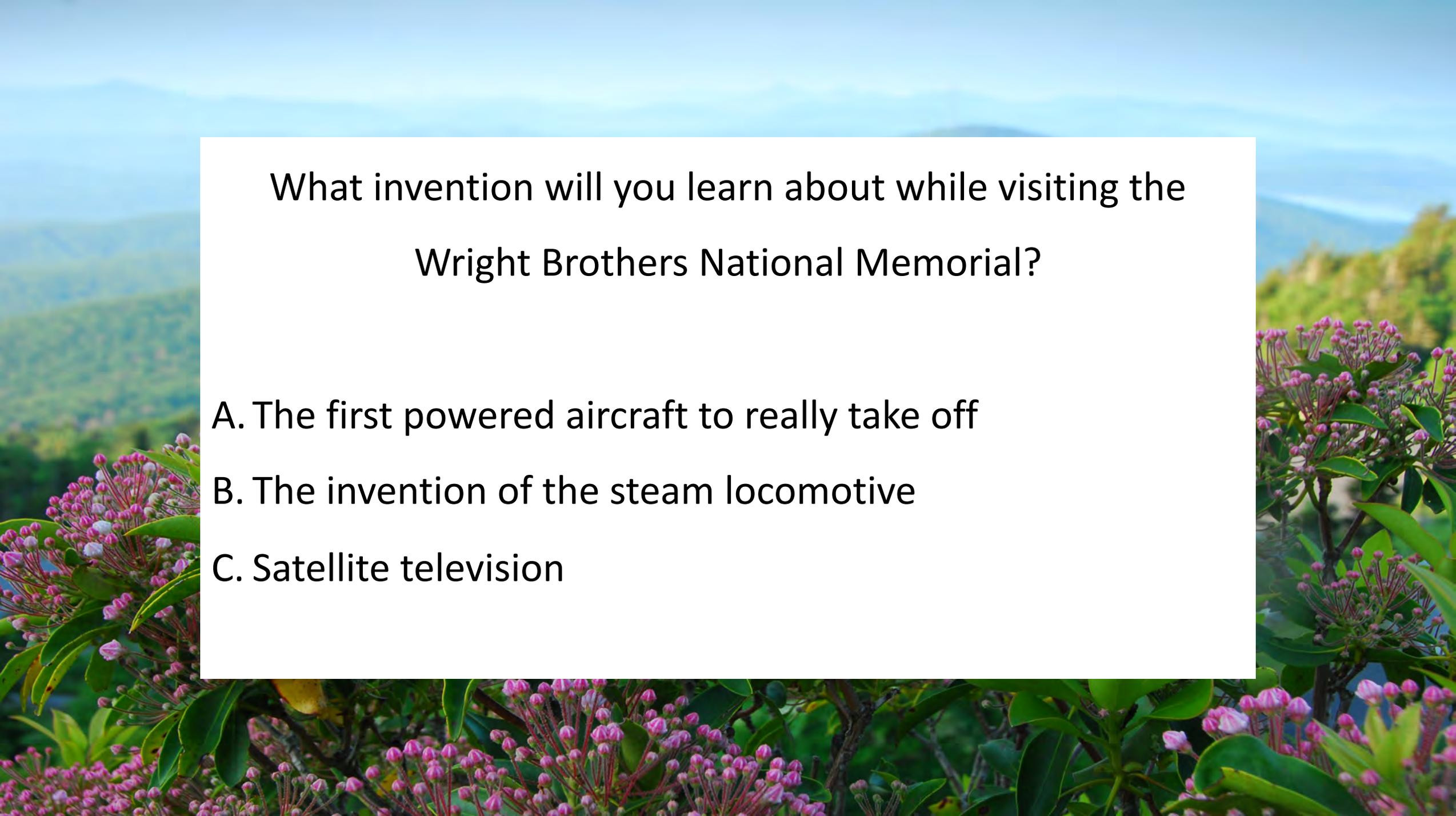


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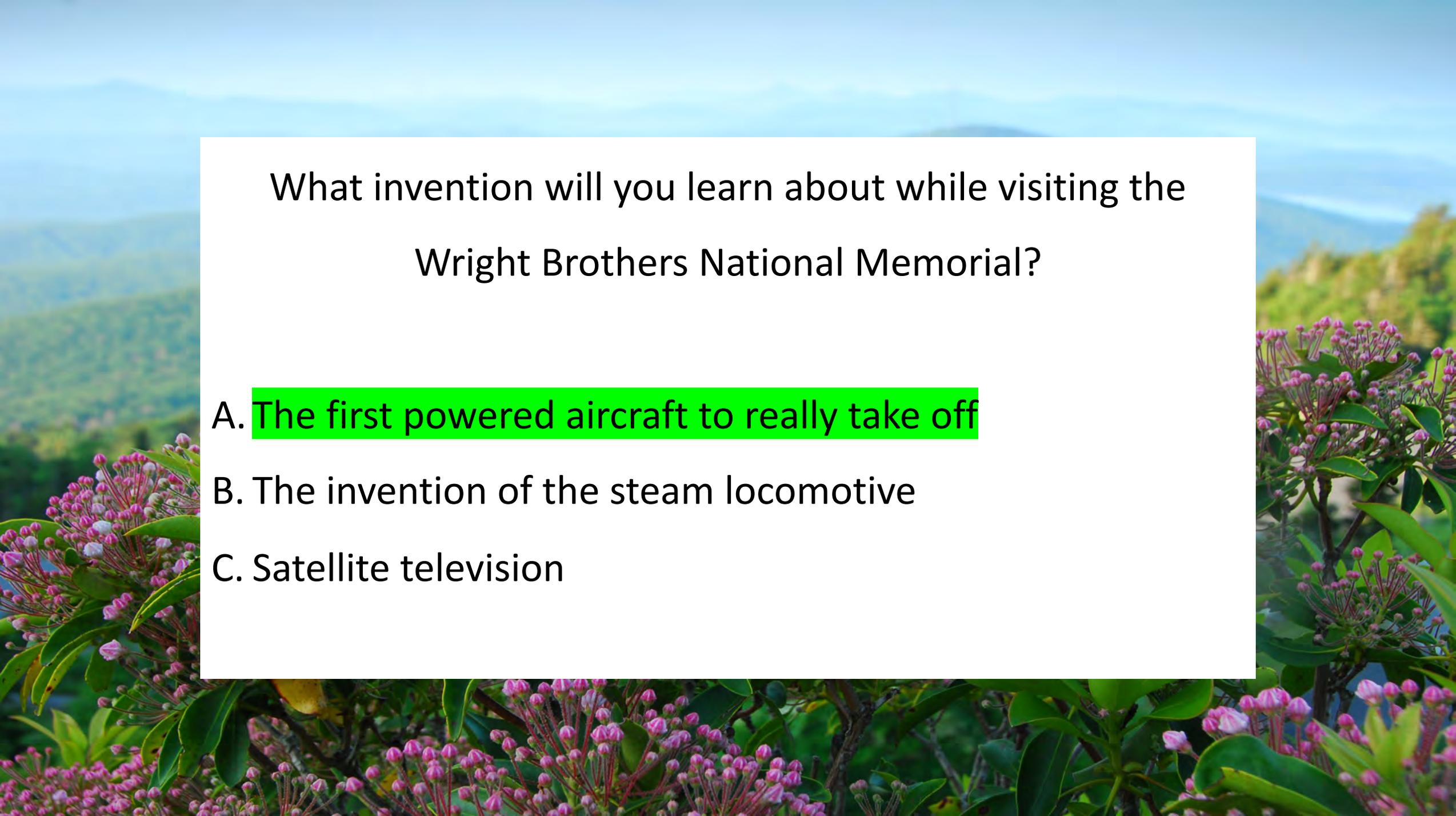
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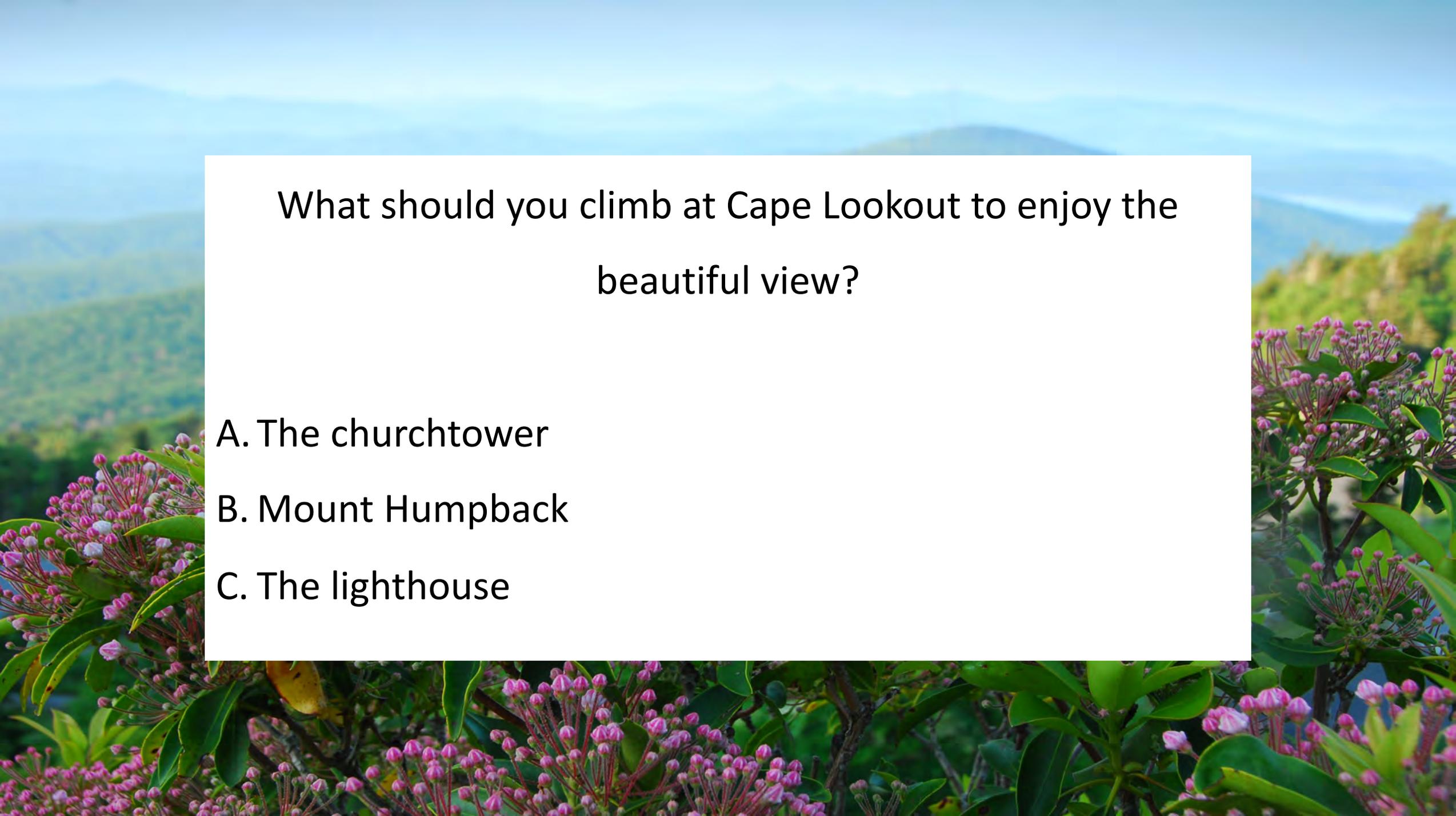
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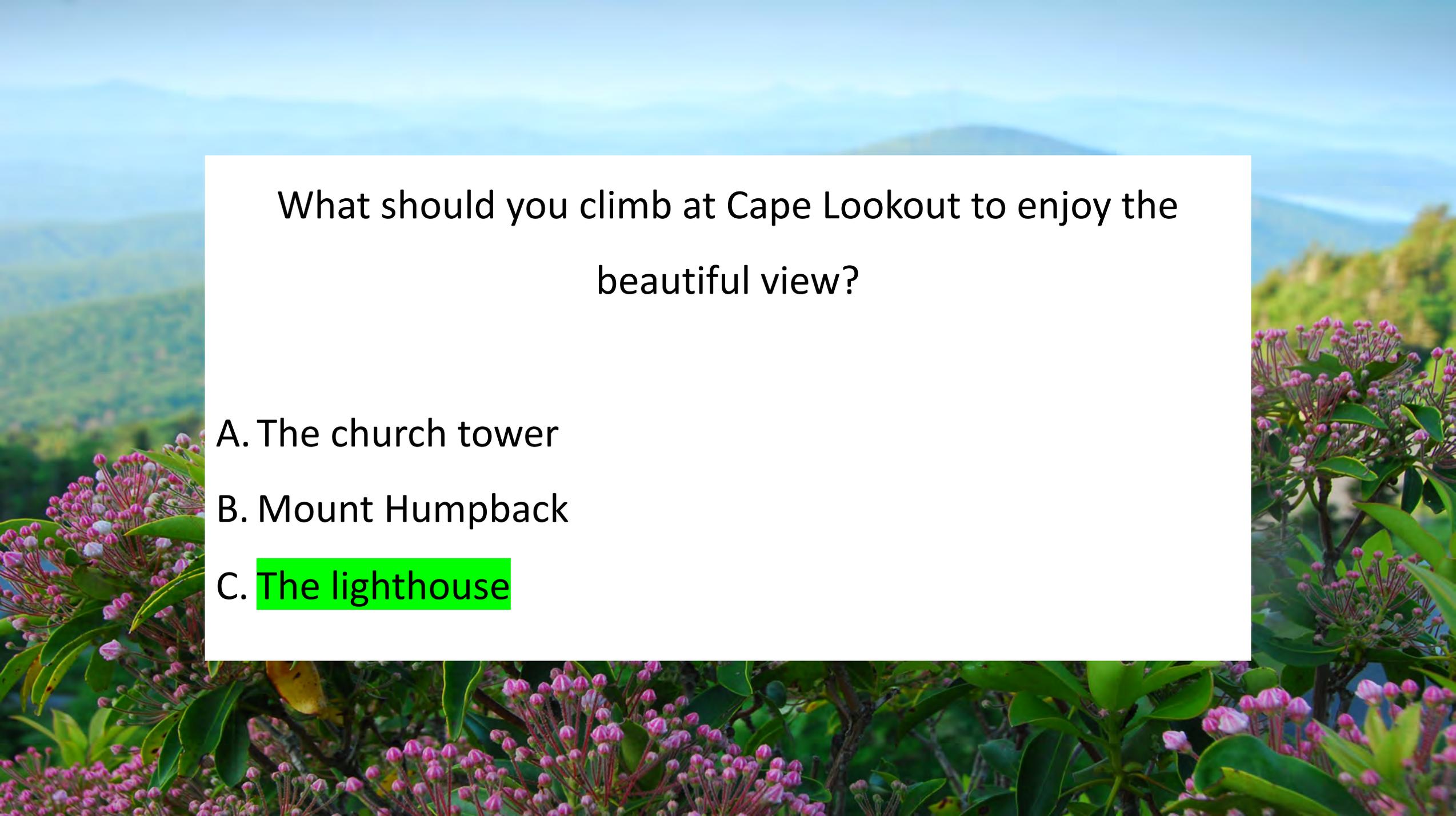
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A scenic view of a coastline with mountains and a lighthouse, overlaid with a white text box. The background shows a clear blue sky, distant mountains, and a green landscape. In the foreground, there are clusters of pink flowers with green leaves.

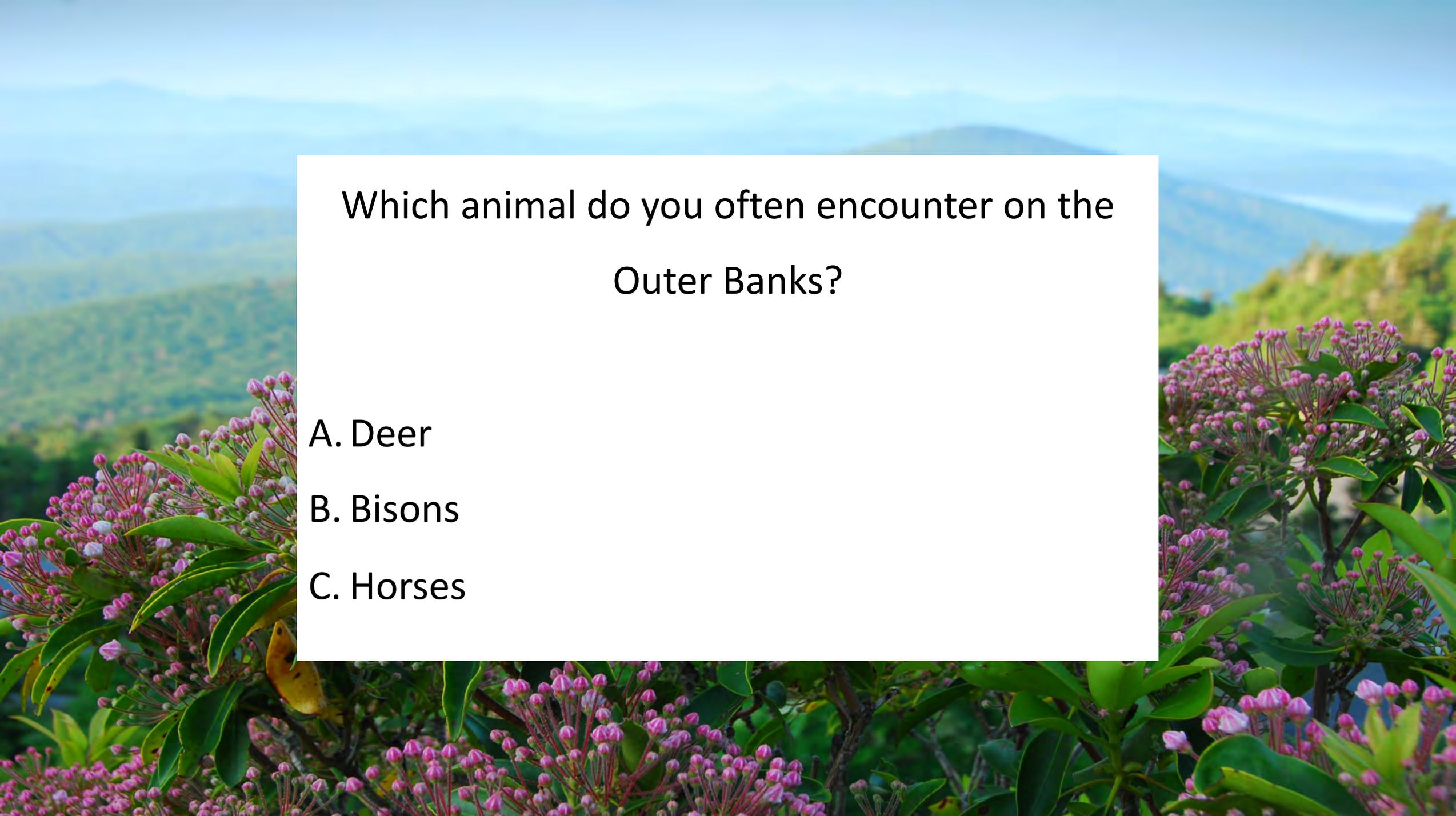
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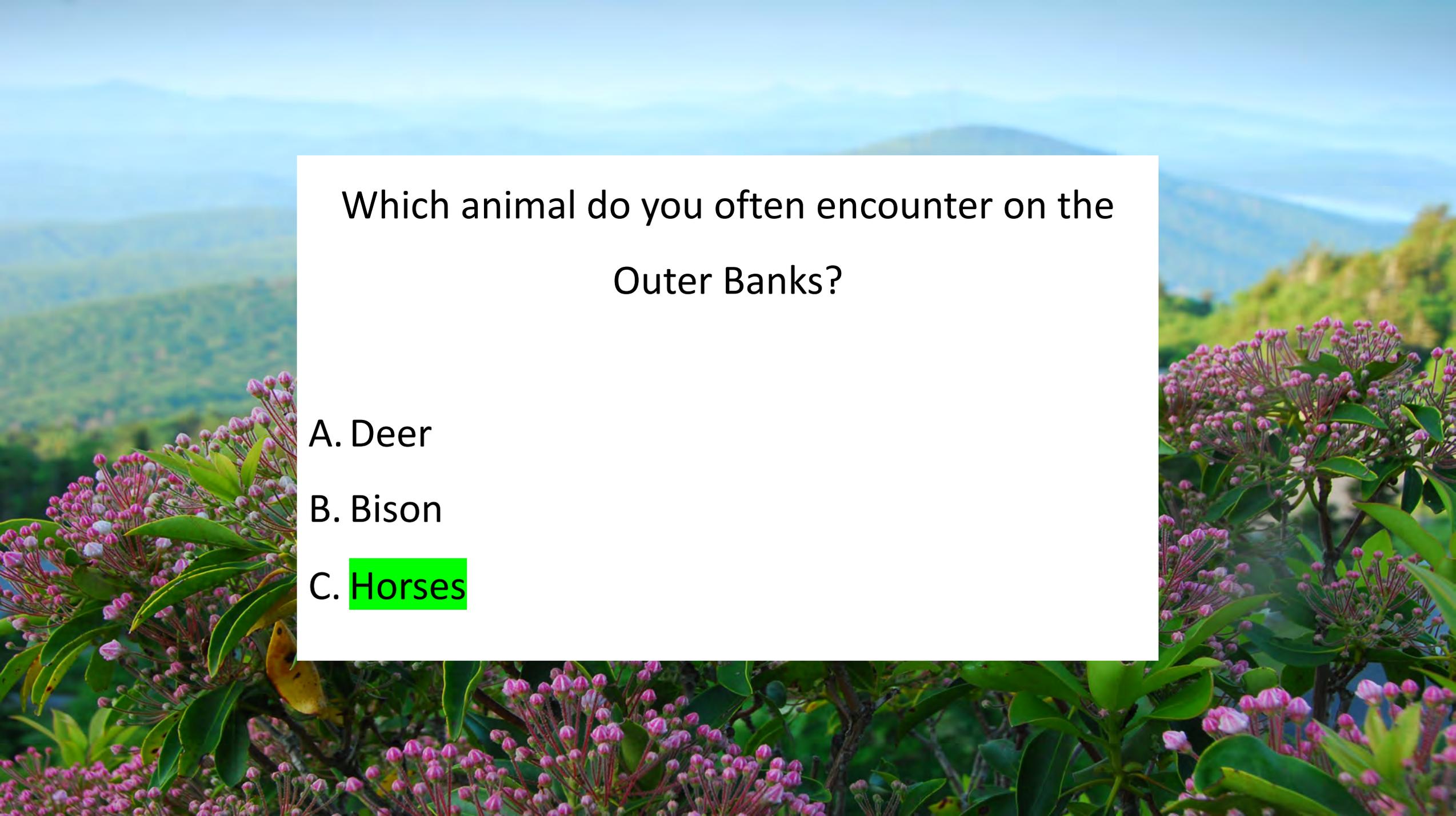
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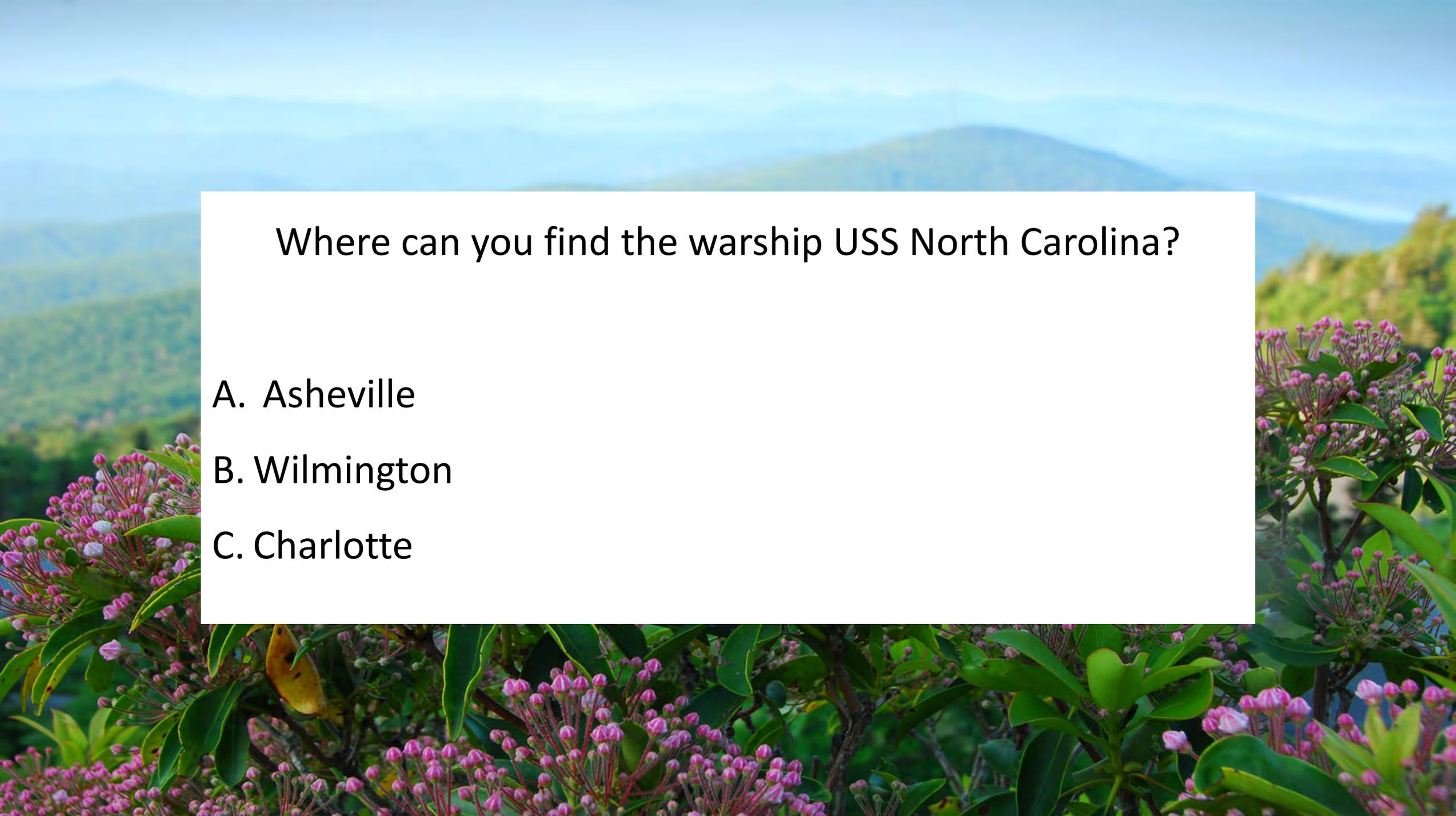


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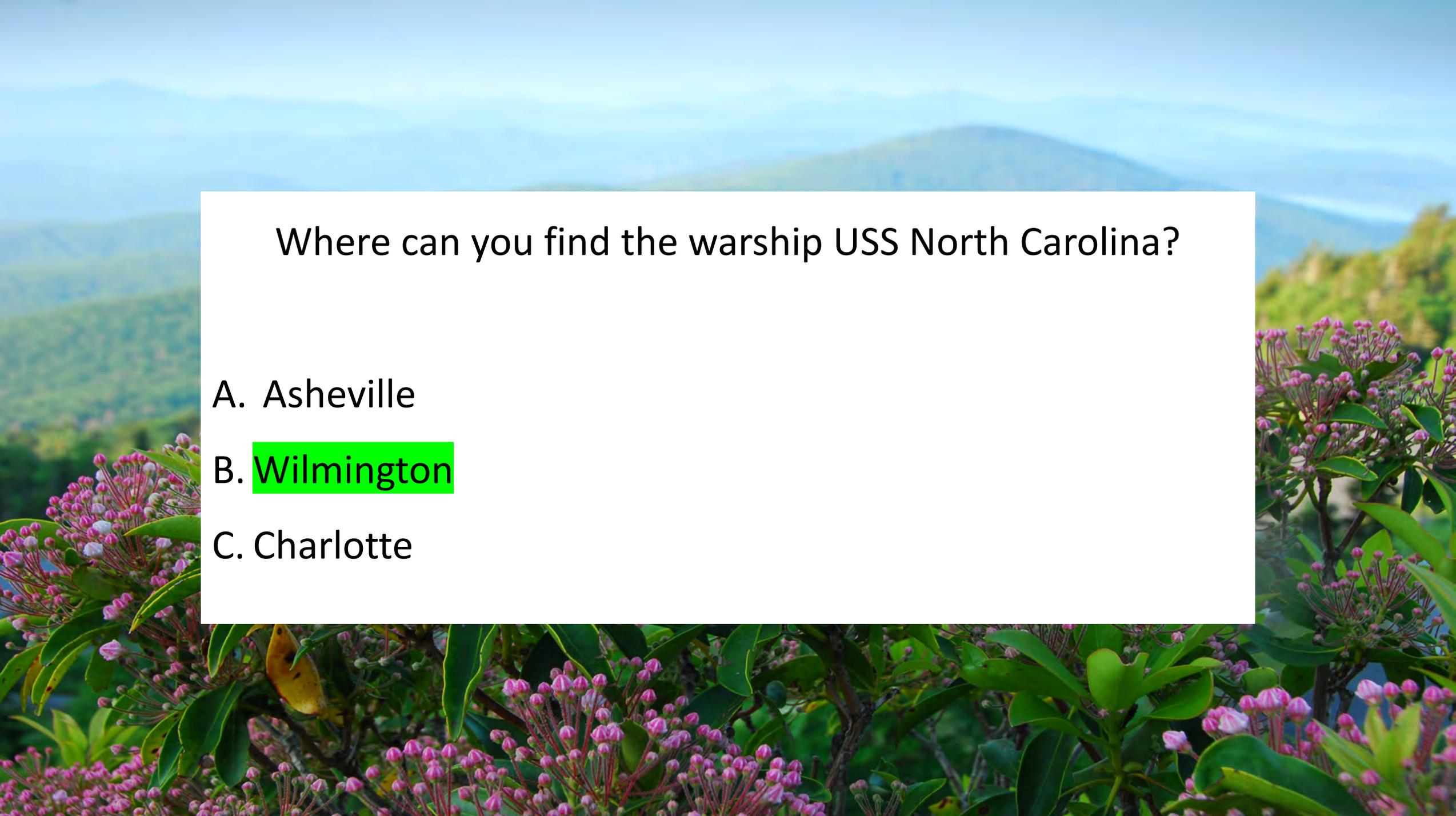


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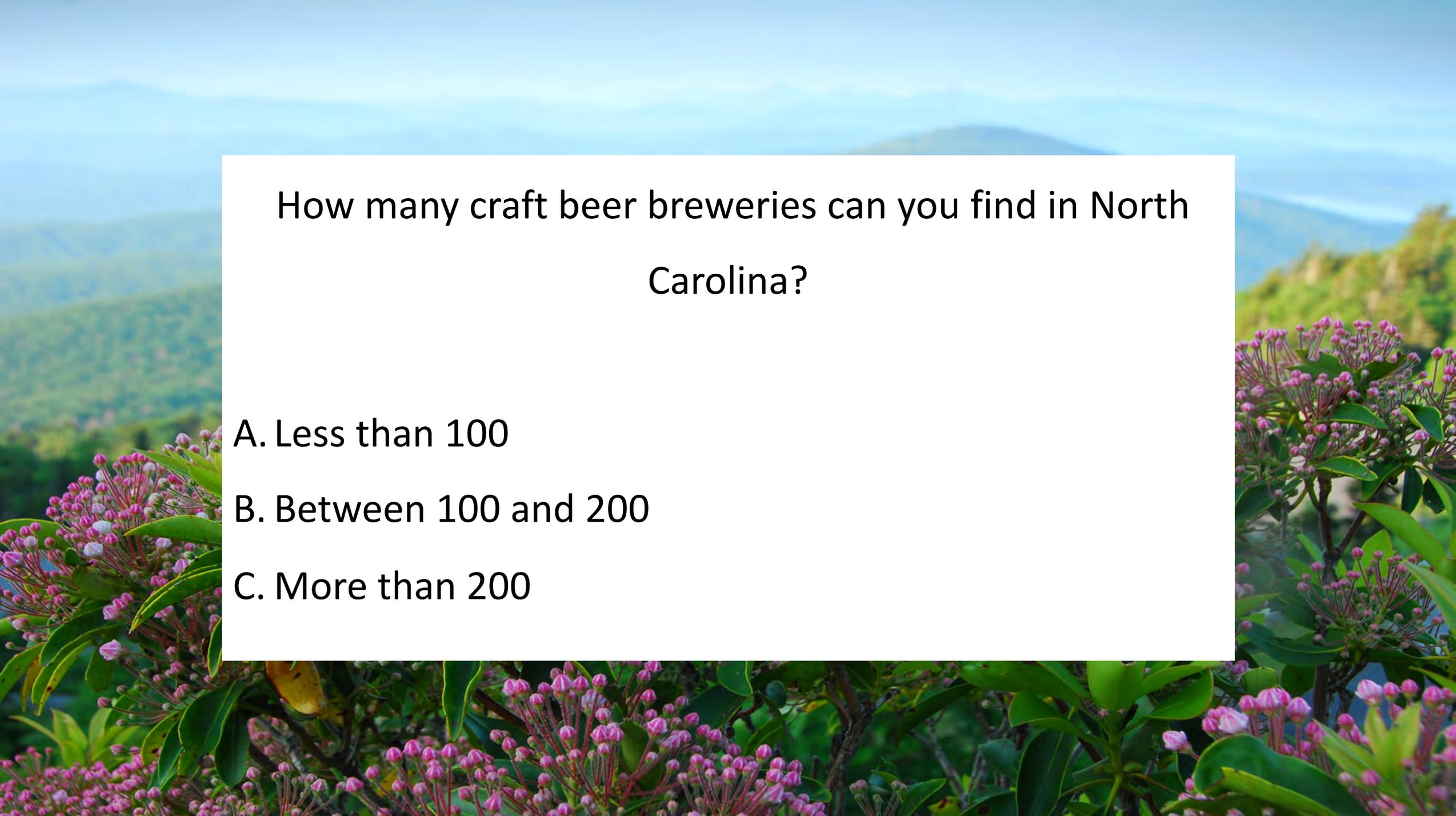


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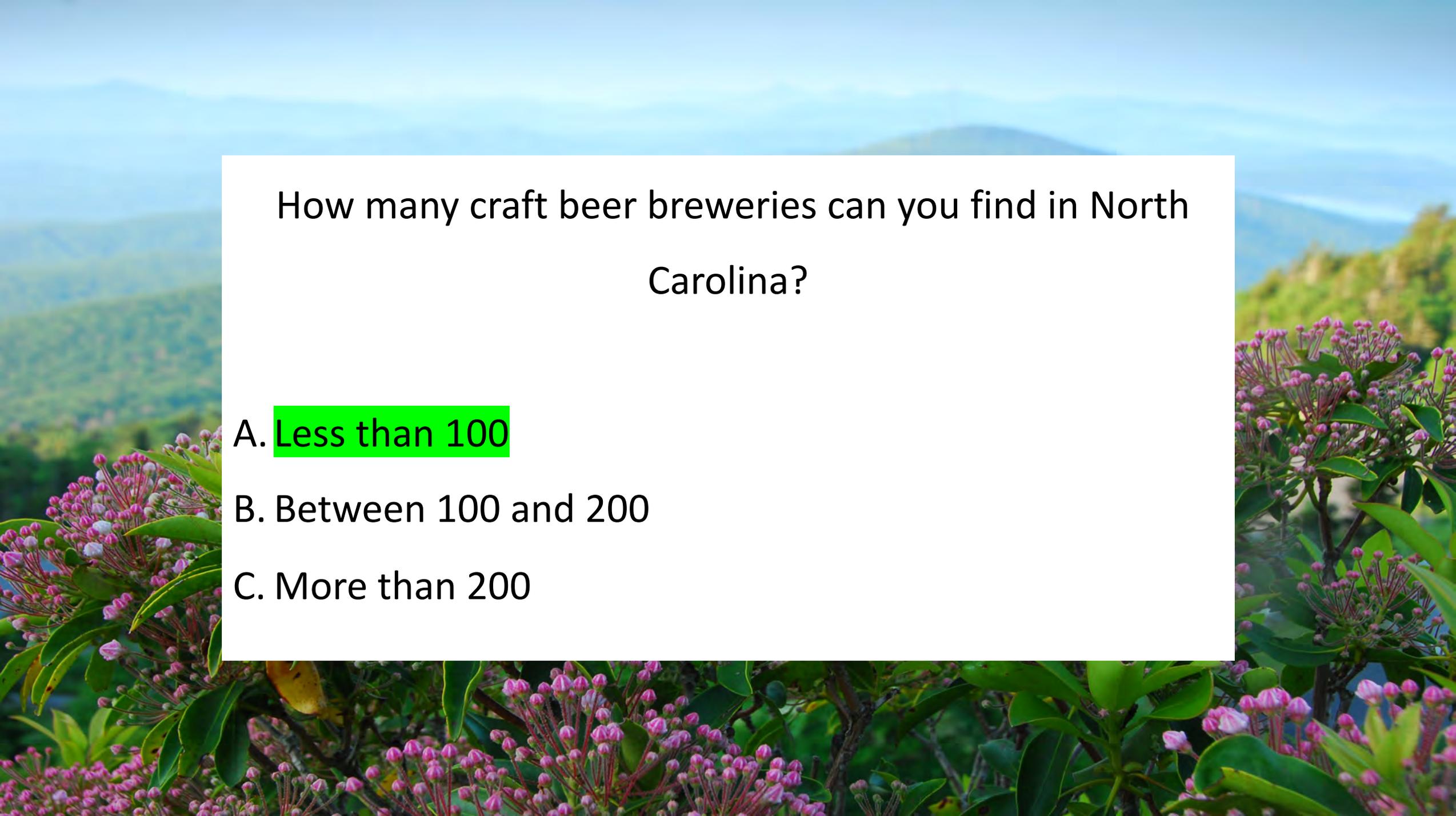
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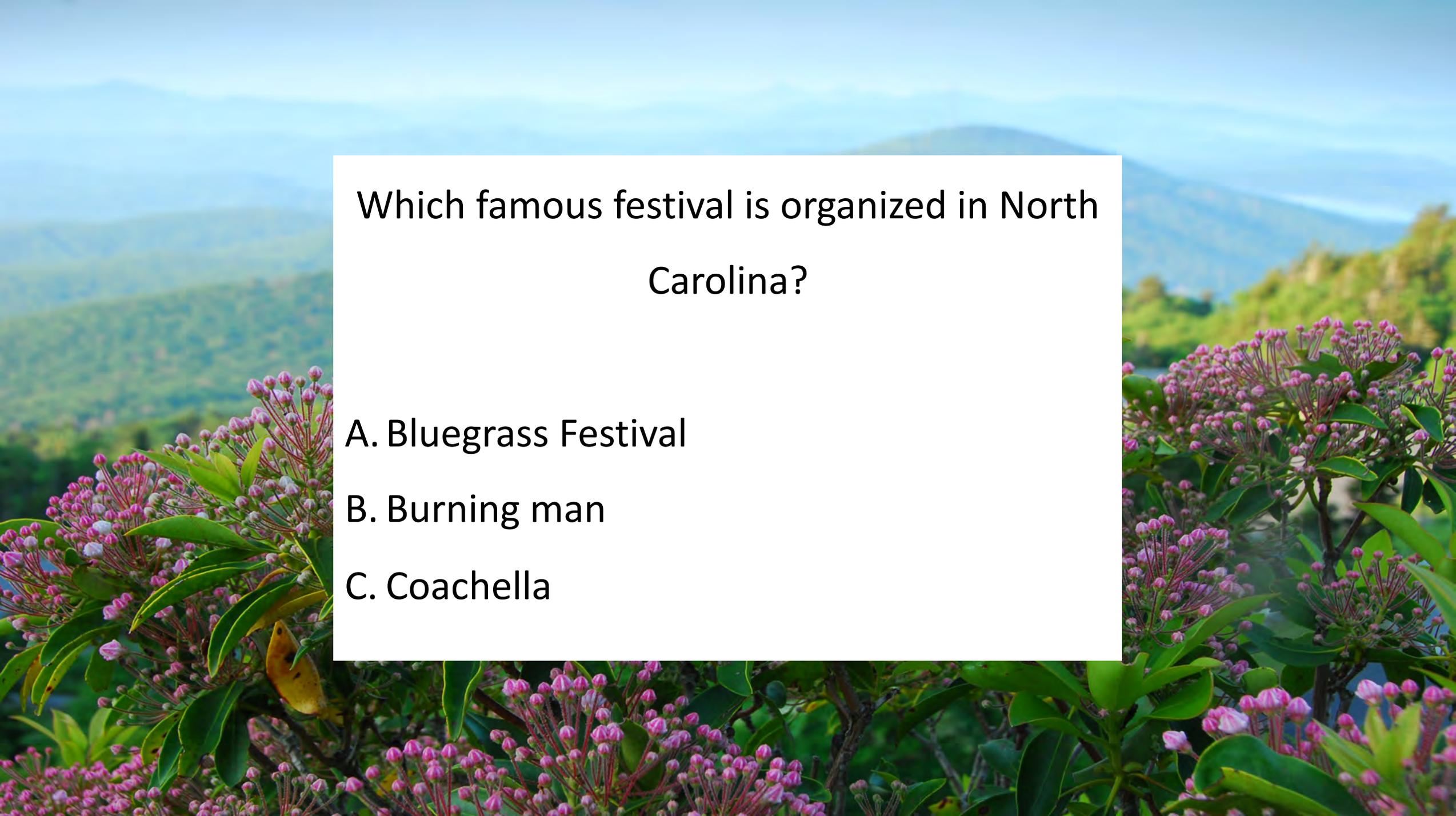
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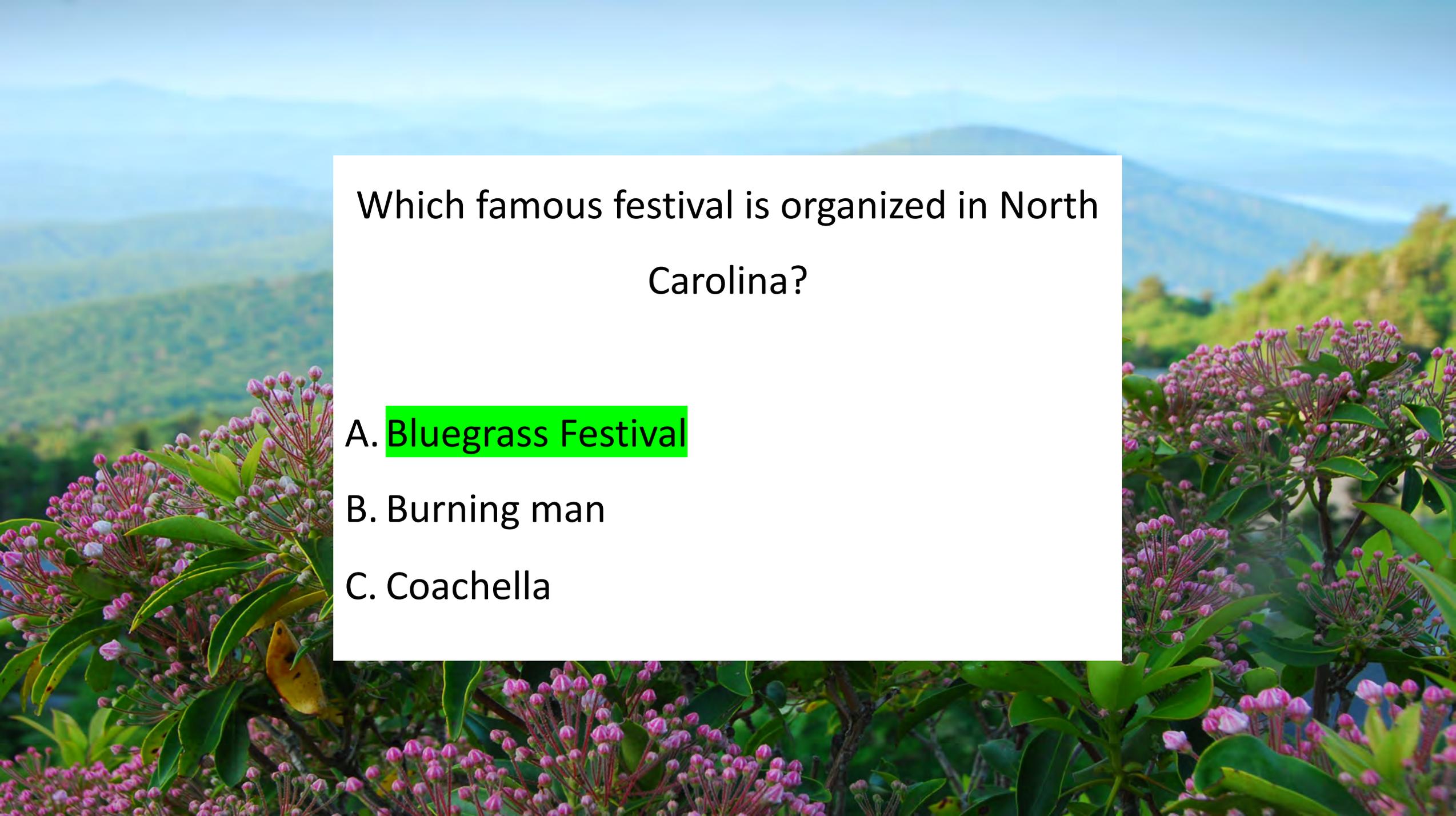


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