

## Local Attractions



### **Biltmore House**

#### **1 Lodge Street, Asheville, NC 28803**

Play in the Biltmore Estate's 8,000-acre backyard with an array of outdoor activities, indulge in one-of-a-kind shopping, and savor their restaurants' exceptional fare. Visit Biltmore in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Asheville, NC.

### **Chimney Rock Park**

#### **431 Main Street, Chimney Rock, NC 28720**

The Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC) has long been the home to many aficionados, the meeting place for friends and the vacation destination for so many groups and families. NOC has been recognized by various media including Good Morning America, The New York Times, Outside, National Geographic Adventure and more. Stop by the NOC for an unparalleled outdoor whitewater rafting experience.

### **Grove Park Inn**

#### **290 Macon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28804**

Built from granite boulders hewn from Sunset Mountain, The Grove Park Inn opened in 1913. At its opening dinner, William Jennings Bryan declared that it had been "built for the ages." In the decades since it has become one of the South's most famous and venerable resorts. From yesterday to today, The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa has remained a place dedicated to providing its guests with comfort — and genuine delight.

### **WNC Nature Center**

#### **75 Gashes Creek Road, Asheville, NC 28805**

The WNC Nature Center is a living museum of plants and animals native to the southern Appalachian region. Our purpose is to increase public awareness and understanding of all aspects of the natural environment of Western North Carolina through hands-on and sensory experiences.

### **Cherokee Reservation / Harrah's Casino**

#### **777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719**

Set in the beautiful homeland of the Cherokee Native Americans, Harrah's Cherokee Hotel and Casino offers luxury and beauty both inside and out. This North Carolina hotel has a 15,000 square foot conference center, an indoor pool, and a workout room. Action-packed gaming includes slots, video poker, the Poker Pro poker room, and interactive video technology table games. Enjoy live entertainment at the Cherokee Pavilion, and culinary delights at the choice of restaurants.

### **Mt. Mitchell (largest mtn east of the Rockies)**

#### **2388 State Highway 128, Burnsville, NC 28714**

There are a few places in the world that still stand apart from the ordinary. Rising more than a mile high, surrounded by the gentle mist of low-hanging clouds, Mount Mitchell State Park is one of these extraordinary places. In the crest of the timeworn Black Mountains lies the summit of Mount Mitchell, the highest point east of the Mississippi. For those who ascend this mighty peak, what looms in the horizon is a feast for the eyes—breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

## **Grandfather Mountain State Park**

### **9872 Hwy 105 W, Suite #6, Banner Elk, NC 28604**

Grandfather Mountain inspires awe through an abundance of natural wonders. Designated by the United Nations as an International Biosphere Reserve and protected forever by the Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation, there is nowhere else on Earth that you can enjoy such a variety of mountain life in one amazing place.

## **New Belgium Brewing Company**

21 Craven Street, Asheville, NC 28806  
Sierra Nevada Brewing Company  
100 Sierra Nevada Way, Mills River, NC 28732

## **Blue Ridge Parkway**

### **Parkway headquarters is at Milepost 384, Asheville, NC 28803**

The Blue Ridge Parkway is more than a road – it's a beautiful journey that entices visitors to explore a 469-mile gateway to America's rich cultural heritage including Cherokee traditions, music, crafts, agriculture, and nature. Your journey is just around the corner! Split-rail fences, old farmsteads, mountain meadows and scenic overlooks with endless vistas make the Blue Ridge Parkway a popular attraction. The Parkway incorporates numerous campgrounds, picnic areas, trails, and waterfalls.

## **Great Smoky Mountains National Park**

### **107 Park Headquarters Road, Gatlinburg, TN**

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a hiker's paradise with over 800 miles of maintained trails ranging from short leg-stretchers to strenuous treks that may require backcountry camping. But hiking is not the only reason for visiting the Smokies. Car camping, fishing, picnicking, wildlife viewing, and auto touring are popular activities.

## **The North Carolina Arboretum**

### **100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC 28806**

Just as our experience of nature is intimate, visitors to The North Carolina Arboretum connect with plants in personal ways that are as diverse and rich as the land itself. Whether you enjoy strolling through gardens, exploring exhibits, enriching your mind, or hiking and biking, the Arboretum offers activities for all ages, including 434-acre natural treasure with 65 acres of cultivated gardens and 10 miles of hiking and biking trails and more.

## **Thomas Wolf House**

### **51 N Market Street, Asheville, NC 28801**

Considered by many to be one of the giants of 20th Century American Literature, Thomas Wolfe immortalized his childhood home in his epic autobiographical novel, *Look Homeward, Angel*. Wolfe's colorful portrayal of his family, his hometown of Asheville, North Carolina, and the Old Kentucky Home boarding house earned the historic Victorian home a place as one of American Literature's most famous landmarks.

## **Folk Art Center**

### **Milepost 382, Blue Ridge Parkway, Asheville, NC 28805**

The Folk Art Center is home to the Southern Highland Craft Guild. The center showcases the finest in traditional and contemporary crafts of the Southern Appalachians. In addition to an Eastern National bookstore and Blue Ridge Parkway information desk, the center houses three galleries, a library, and Allanstand Craft Shop. Beginning in March each year, visitors can see live craft demonstrations daily in the Folk Art Center lobby.

## **Great Smoky Mountains Railroad**

### **226 Everett Street, Bryson City, NC 28713**

With 53 miles of track, 2 tunnels and 25 bridges, the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad offers a variety of excursions that explore the amazing landscape of Western North Carolina. With the romance and mystique of an era gone by, guests on-board the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad will enjoy scenic train journeys across fertile valleys and through river gorges in a spectacular region near The Great Smoky Mountains.

## **Flat Rock Playhouse Theater**

### **2661 Greenville Hwy, Flat Rock, NC 28731**

The Playhouse's dual mission of producing the performing arts and providing education in the performing arts includes a ten-show professional series; a summer and fall college apprentice and intern program; performances and cabaret series by the YouTheatre; year-round classes and workshops for students from kindergarten through adults. Flat Rock Playhouse now hosts over 90,000 patrons annually and is a major contributor to the local economy and the Arts in North Carolina.

## **Asheville Zipline Canopy Adventures**

### **One Resort Drive, Asheville, NC 28806**

Set on a 124-acre resort property with magnificent 150 year old white oaks. "Fly" 20 to 70 feet above ground on zip line sections from several hundred feet long to 1200 feet long. This urban course offers the convenience of being adjacent to a major resort and downtown Asheville. Includes 10 zip sections, 3 sky bridges, and a new innovation "flying staircase" plus a 54-foot tower with spectacular views of downtown Asheville and the surrounding mountains.

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# Transportation & Directions



## Airport Shuttle

Asheville Regional Airport (AVL): **Shuttle not available.**

Greenville-Spartanburg (GSP): **Shuttle not available.**

Charlotte-Douglas International Airport (CLT): **Shuttle not available**

## Local Shuttle

### Crowne Plaza Resort

Radius Covered: **Downtown Asheville**

Hotel offers downtown shuttle service for \$8 round trip. The shuttle drops off and picks up hotel guests at a central location in downtown Asheville, convenient to over 250 different shops and restaurants. Shuttle schedule/availability subject to change.

## Directions

**Directions From the North:** Head south on I26 E. Take the exit onto I240 W I26 E US19 S US23 S toward W. Asheville. Continue on US19 S US23 S US74 ALT W. Turn right onto Regent Park Blvd. Turn left to stay on Regent Park Blvd. Continue onto Expo Dr. Turn left onto Resort Dr. The hotel will be on your right.

**Directions From the South:** Head northwest on I26 W. Follow signs for I26 W Asheville I240. Take Exit 3A and merge onto US19 S US23 S US74 ALT W. Turn right onto Regent Park Blvd. Turn left to stay on Regent Park Blvd. Continue onto Expo Dr. Turn left onto Resort Dr. The hotel will be on your right.

**Directions From the East:** Merge onto I40 W. Take Exit 53B for I240 W. US74A W. toward Asheville. Continue on I240 W. Keep left at the fork to continue on US19 S US23 S US74 ALT W. Turn right onto Regent Park Blvd. Continue onto Expo Dr. Turn left onto Resort Dr. The hotel will be on your right.

**Directions From the East:** Head east on I40 E. Take Exit 46B on the left to merge onto I240 E I26 W toward Asheville. Take Exit 3A on the left to merge onto US19 S US23 S US74 ALT W. Turn right onto Regent Park Blvd. Continue onto Expo Dr. Turn left onto Resort Dr. The hotel will be on your right.

## Directions from Airports

**Asheville Regional Airport (AVL):** Turn left at the light on Airport Rd. Go to the 3rd light and turn left on Exit Ramp for I-26 W. Take I-240 to Asheville. Go 3 miles and take Exit 3-B. Turn right on Regent Park Blvd. Go to Resort Dr. There you'll find the hotel.

**Greenville-Spartanburg (GSP):** Take I-85 N. to I-26 W. Merge onto I-240 E. Take Exit 3A for Patton Ave. At the second light make a right and follow the road until you see the Crowne Plaza sign on your left. Make a left and follow the road to registration.

**Charlotte-Douglas International Airport (CLT):** Take I-85 S. to US-321 N. to I-40 W. Take I-240 W. to exit 3B and drive to Resort Drive. Follow the road to registration.