

# Best of Asheville

If you're planning to extend your stay in Asheville, there is plenty to see and do in the area!  
Check out the locals' recommendations below:

## **Tours**

[LaZoom](#) - comedy bus that's actually very informative (and also does a haunted tour)

[Hood Huggers](#) - history of African Americans in Asheville, walking or driving options

[Trolley tours](#) - hop on/off tours around town

There are also guided e-bike tours, guided hikes, walking tours of downtown, brewery-hop tours, pubcycles...something for everyone!

## **Restaurants**

There is a truly thriving foodie scene in Asheville, which is often written up in national news. Here's a site of local, [independent restaurants](#) that you can search by location or genre. Reservations are never a bad idea, especially downtown, though not all restaurants take them.

## **Adult beverages**

"Beer City, USA" has a ton of [local breweries](#) - all kinds of beer, lots of flights and tastings, etc.

There's a [Sake Brewery](#) downtown

There are several wineries in the area; in the city are the [Biltmore winery](#) and [Plēb](#)

Apples are a major crop in Western NC so of course there's [Cider!](#)

(Legal) [Moonshine distilleries](#) are a fairly recent addition to the scene

And there's even a [kombucha bar](#) with cocktails

## **Outdoors**

[Blue Ridge Parkway](#) - scenic drive with overlooks, visitor centers, hikes

[Pisgah National Forest](#) - hiking, waterfalls, fishing, scenic drives, camping, etc.

[Dupont State Recreational Forest](#) - somewhat easily accessible waterfalls, hiking

Lots of hiking, road and mountain biking, kayaking...tons to do outside! If you are a novice hiker, there are guided tours that provide planning, transportation, etc.

## **History**

[The Biltmore Estate](#) - America's largest private home, extensive grounds and gardens, winery, shopping

[Thomas Wolfe Memorial](#) - guided tours and visitor center of author's childhood home

[Vance Birthplace](#) - home of 37th and 43rd governor of North Carolina, historic buildings including dwelling of enslaved people

## **Arts**

[River Arts District](#) - studios, gallery, gallery walks on Fridays

[Black Mountain College Museum](#) - permanent collection and rotating exhibitions

[Moog Museum](#) - immersive museum on science of sound and legacy of Bob Moog

[Galleries and Studios](#) - comprehensive list of art downtown and elsewhere

[Folk Art Center](#) - traditional crafts by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild

## **Activities**

[Local calendar of events](#) - catch a concert or other performance, visit a festival or a pop-up shop, or just see what all Asheville has to offer!

We hope you enjoy your time in our beautiful city.