



## **An Insider's Guide to Asheville**

(This list consists of the admittedly biased perspectives of a few locals – take it all with a grain of salt)

### **DINING (\* indicates restaurants that are within walking distance of the DoubleTree hotel)**

Expensive but delicious

- [\\*Corner Kitchen](#) – upscale bistro, located in the Biltmore Village, reservations recommended.
- [Curate](#) – absolutely delicious Spanish tapas, located in downtown Asheville, reservations required.
- [Rosa Bees](#) – Hawaiian cuisine and great cocktails, located in the River Arts District, reservations recommended.
- [The Bull and Beggar](#) – European style food and great ambiance, located in the River Arts District, reservations recommended.

Mid-Range

- [12 Bones BBQ](#) – Some of the best BBQ in town, located in the River Arts District, only open for lunch. No reservations.
- [Little Bee Thai](#) – Delicious, authentic Thai food, located near downtown. No reservations.
- [\\*Andaaz](#) – Good Indian food, located in the Biltmore Village, reservations optional.
- [\\*The Cantina](#) – Good Mexican food, located in the Biltmore Village. Great option for large parties. No reservations.
- [Wasabi](#) – Great sushi and sake, located in downtown, reservations optional.

Less expensive

- [Taqueria Munoz](#) – Delicious, authentic Mexican food. Open for lunch and dinner, located just outside the Biltmore Village, but not walkable (lack of sidewalks). No reservations.
- [\\*Village Wayside Bar and Grille](#) – Good salads, sandwiches and burgers. Open for lunch and dinner. No reservations.
- [\\*Standard Pizza](#) – Awesome pies! Individual slices or whole pizzas. Open for lunch and dinner. No reservations

Breakfast and Coffee

- [\\*Well-Bred Bakery and Cafe](#) – Amazing pastries and breakfast options, plus great sandwiches and salads.
- [Round Earth Roasters](#) – Great coffee, espresso and pastries. Located just outside the Biltmore Village, but not walkable (lack of sidewalks).
- [Sunny Point Café](#) – An Asheville staple! Fantastic breakfast, but be prepared to wait for a table. Located in west Asheville.

## ACTIVITIES

For an extensive list of things to do, check out the [Explore Asheville page](#).

### Hiking

- Bearwallow Mountain (easy/moderate) –only 1 mile each way. Picturesque summit, great for a picnic. 30 minute drive from DoubleTree to the trailhead.
- Craggy Pinnacle Trail – only 1 mile each way. Easy to access trailhead right off the Blue Ridge Parkway. 360 degree views, perfect for sunset viewing. 35-40 minutes drive from Doubletree.
- Trombatore Trail (moderate/difficult) – 5 miles round trip, varied terrain. Great long range views from the summit. 30 minute drive to the trailhead (shares a starting point with the Bearwallow Mountain trail)
- [North Carolina Arboretum](#) – various options for hiking and biking, beautiful gardens. \$20 fee to enter (per car)

### Music, Movies and Art

- [River Arts District](#) (RAD) – Asheville’s famous RAD is full of working studios and galleries. Hundreds of artists specializing in painting, wood working, jewelry, glass blowing and more can be found here. It’s great for a day of strolling and shopping.
  - There is also a lovely greenway that runs through the RAD, perfect for walking and jogging.
- [Asheville Art Museum](#) – various exhibitions, located in the heart of downtown Asheville
- [Folk Art Center](#) – featuring the crafts and makers of the Southern Highland Craft Guild. Located in east Asheville, off the Blue Ridge Parkway. Hikes are also accessible from this location.
- [Grail MovieHouse](#) – artisanal mom and pop movie theater, located in the River Arts District.
- [The Orange Peel](#) – Asheville’s favorite live music venue

### Other

- [The Grove Park Inn](#) – one of Asheville’s most historic sites and a great spot for a cocktail on the outdoor patio overlooking all of downtown. Please note that there is a \$20 parking fee.
- [The Biltmore Estate](#) – the largest private estate in the U.S. Expensive admission, but worth the visit. Located just down the road from the DoubleTree.
- [LaZoom bus tours](#)– various bus tours of Asheville. Fun, educational and great for families.