

# Resource Ideas for Journey Coordinators

(Area Attractions--Insider's Guide to the N.C. Mountains)

Go to [www.romanticasheville.com](http://www.romanticasheville.com) for a very complete guide to 35 cool mountain towns near Asheville. It will easily link to each of these town's website with great pictures, etc. On Home Page, find the MENU on the right for broad topics. Experiment with the SEARCH Box at the top: type in "picnic spots", "accessible hikes", "quick hikes", "bookstores" (for example).

Asheville:

Attraction	Website/email Phone	Cost	Location	Time Needed & Description
Omni Grove Park Inn & Grovewood Village (Antique car museum; historic weaving factory and crafts gallery; shops)	<a href="http://www.omnihotels.com">www.omnihotels.com</a> 800-438-5800 Tours: Concierge 828-252-2711	Inn parking--free first 3 hours; free parking at Grovewood Village behind the Inn	290 Macon Ave., Asheville, NC	a.m. Historic walking tour of inn--45 min.; p.m. Tour of weaving factory--1 hr.  Restaurants; great view from porch
Grove Arcade	<a href="http://www.grovearcade.com">www.grovearcade.com</a>	Free	1 Page Ave. Asheville, NC	Shopping & Dining
Blue Ridge Parkway: Visitor Center-Milepost 384 Folk Art Center -Milepost 382	<a href="http://www.blueridgeparkway.org">www.blueridgeparkway.org</a> 828-298-0495-Visitor Center	Free	East of Asheville off US 70	Visitor Center--film & exhibits Folk Art Center--high quality crafts from Southern Appalachian region
Asheville Urban Trail	<a href="http://www.ashevilletrails.com">www.ashevilletrails.com</a>	Free	2 Pack Square Asheville, NC	self-guided 1.7 mi. History trail
Trolley Tours	<a href="http://www.graylineasheville.com">www.graylineasheville.com</a> 828-251-8687 or 866-592-8687 toll free	Adults \$28--hop off; hop on or \$24 - overview	See website for details	Hop off; Hop on; narrated
River Arts District	<a href="http://www.riverartsdistrict.com">www.riverartsdistrict.com</a> 828-552-4723	Free	Depot Street, Clingman Ave., along French Broad River	dozens of artists' studios-- mostly open to public
N.C. Arboretum	<a href="http://www.ncarboretum.org">www.ncarboretum.org</a> 828-665-2492	\$14 per vehicle	near Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 393; or Highway 191	gardens, bonsai, exhibits, trails, cafe
Thomas Wolfe House	<a href="http://www.wolfememorial.com">www.wolfememorial.com</a> 828-253-8304	\$5--adult tour at half past each hour	52 N. Market St. Asheville	famous N.C. Author, <a href="#">Look Homeward Angel</a>
Biltmore Estate	tickets online <a href="http://www.biltmore.com">www.biltmore.com</a> . Or 800-411-3812	\$65/adult--daytime	exit 50B off of I-40, stay in left lane, follow signs to entrance	see website for special events; wine-tasting, hiking, garden walks, tour of house info.; need most of day
The Moog Factory Learn about the history of the Moog synthesizer and play a few of them in the factory store.	<a href="https://www.moogmusic.com/content/visit-moog">https://www.moogmusic.com/content/visit-moog</a> 828-239-0123	Free tours, but reservation required	160 Broadway St. Asheville	Tours available Mon-Fri 10:30 a.m. or 3:30 pm

Hendersonville & Nearby:

Carl Sandburg House	<a href="http://www.nps.gov/Carl">www.nps.gov/Carl</a> 828-693-4178	Guided House tour \$5 adults 16-61 \$3 adults 62+	81 Carl Sandburg Lane Flat Rock, NC 28731	Ave. visit--2 ½ hrs. Also, hiking, barn with goats
Henderson County Heritage Museum	<a href="http://www.hendersoncountymuseum.org">www.hendersoncountymuseum.org</a> 828-694-1619	free	1 Historic Courthouse Sq #4 Hendersonville, NC	local history--civil war, railway, courthouse, revolutionary war
Curb Market	<a href="http://www.curbmarket.com">www.curbmarket.com</a> 828-692-8012	free --Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	221 N. Church St., Hendersonville	local goods; fruits, vegetables, crafts, etc.
Feed & Seed	<a href="http://www.feedandseednc.com">www.feedandseednc.com</a> 828-216-3492	free; donations accepted	3715 Hendersonville Rd. , Fletcher	traditional bluegrass & gospel music; 7:30 Fri. & Sat.
DuPont Forest	<a href="http://www.dupontforest.com">www.dupontforest.com</a>	free	1300 Staton Rd., Cedar Mountain, NC off US 64	waterfalls, hikes, picnic areas
Burntshirt Vineyards	<a href="http://www.burntshirtvineyards.com">www.burntshirtvineyards.com</a> 828-685-2402	free wine tours-2 p.m. ; wine-tasting 12-6 (Su-Th); 12-7 ( F & Sa)	2695 Sugarloaf Rd. Hendersonville, NC 28702	wine production facility and tasting room
St. Paul Mountain Vineyards	<a href="http://www.saintpaulmountainvineyards.com/scripts/contactwinery.cfm">http://www.saintpaulmountainvineyards.com/scripts/contactwinery.cfm</a> (828) 685-4002	Wine tasting available Mon-Thurs – 11 am – 6 pm Fri, Sat – 11 am – 7 pm Sun 12 pm – 6 pm -	588 Chestnut Gap Road Hendersonville, NC 28792	Family owned winery and cidery.
Jump Off Rock in Laurel Park	check <a href="http://www.romanticasheville.com">www.romanticasheville.com</a> for Hendersonville; pictures	free	4433 Laurel Park, Laurel Park, NC (Go out 5th Ave. from Main St. Hendersonville)	scenic spot for view & picnic; 3 trails: easy (8 min.), medium (15 min.), hard--a little longer for difficulty

Western Region:

Blue Ridge Parkway: Visitor Center-Milepost 384 Folk Art Center -Milepost 382	<a href="http://www.blueridgeparkway.org">www.blueridgeparkway.org</a> 828-298-0495-Visitor Center	Free	Visitor Center & Folk Art Center--East of Asheville off US 70 Parkway runs from Cherokee to Skyline Dr. In Virginia	Visitor Center-film & exhibits Folk Art Center-high quality crafts from Southern Appalachian region; Parkway -beautiful drive, hikes, picnic spots
Pisgah Fish Hatchery & Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education	828-877-4423 programs	free	near Highway 276, 5 mi. West of US 64/US 276 intersection	source for fish stocking local streams; feed the fish; Wildlife Center offers events throughout year
Pisgah Inn	<a href="http://www.pisgahinn.com">www.pisgahinn.com</a> 828-235-8228	restaurant & inn	on Blue Ridge Parkway; 2 mi. North of intersection of 276 and the Parkway	great food, gift shop spectacular views
Cradle of Forestry	<a href="http://www.cradleofforestry.com">www.cradleofforestry.com</a> 828-877-3130	small fee	on Highway 276; 4 miles east off parkway	1-2 hours Accessible trails, 1914 logging train; first forestry school in U.S.; historical cabins; cafe

Downtowns : Asheville, Hendersonville, Brevard,, Waynesville,Black Mountain etc.....	see <a href="http://www.romanticasheville.com">www.romanticasheville.com</a> To look up websites for specifics. Popular, unique destinations' websites are listed on last page of this Resource list.	free browsing	Highlights: Mast General Store, O.P. Taylor & Dancing Bear Toy Stores, Sierra Nevada Brewery, French Broad Chocolate Factory, Malaprops Bookstore, Battery Park Book Exchange & Champagne Bar,	interesting shops, galleries, people watching, history museums,
Cherokee Nation	<a href="http://www.cherokee.org">www.cherokee.org</a>	varies by attraction	Cherokee, NC	home of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Outdoor drama, Cherokee Village, Museum, Casino
Mount Mitchell State Park	<a href="http://www.ncparks.gov">www.ncparks.gov</a> 828-675-4611	free	entrance at milepost 355 on Blue Ridge Parkway	highest point in US east of the Mississippi River--6200 ft.; casual restaurant; picnic tables Beautiful views along way
Zentrum-BMW Museum	<a href="http://bmwusfactory.com">bmwusfactory.com</a> 864-802-5300	Call for details and availability.	1400 Highway 101 S. Greer, SC	only manufacturing plant in U.S.
Pisgah Astronomical Research (PARI)	<a href="http://www.pari.edu">www.pari.edu</a> 828-862-5554	\$6 per person Mon.-Sat.	1 PARI Drive, Rosman,NC (Past Brevard on US 64 Off NC 215 North)	world class research; self-guided tour of outdoor scale model of solar system; 26 meter antenna; exhibits
Tryon International Equestrian Center	<a href="http://www.tryon.coth.com">www.tryon.coth.com</a>  828-863-1000 Check event calendar.	free admission and parking; competitions; Saturday Night Lights- -free evening of events	25 International Blvd. Mill Spring, NC	year-round international hub for all things equestrian; viewing areas, restaurants, shops, carousel.. Check event calendar.
Pearson's Falls	<a href="http://www.pearsonsfalls.org">www.pearsonsfalls.org</a> 828-749-3031	small fee	2748 Pearson Falls Rd., Saluda, NC	268 acres botanical preserve; ¼ mi. Trail to 90 ft waterfall
Echoview Fiber Mill	<a href="http://www.echoviewnc.com">www.echoviewnc.com</a> 855-693-4237	Free; tour available for small fee. Arrange in advance. Shop.	76 Jupiter Road, Weaverville, NC Directions: Exit 15 off Future I-26 (Jupiter/Barnardsville).	Goat, alpaca, llama, & sheep fiber processed; see website for items to purchase. Reviews say "fascinating"!

## More Popular Business Destinations' Websites:

\*Mast General Store (Hendersonville, Asheville, etc.)-- [www.mastgeneralstore.com](http://www.mastgeneralstore.com)

Tours available by reservation: Hendersonville 828-696-1883; Asheville 828-232-1883

\*Sierra Nevada Brewery-- [www.sierranevada.com](http://www.sierranevada.com)

Tours available by reservation: 828-708-6176

\*French Broad Chocolate Factory-- [www.frenchbroadchocolates.com](http://www.frenchbroadchocolates.com)

Guided Tours: Offered on Saturdays at 11am. Tours last about an hour, and take you through the entire process from cacao harvest and fermentation to chocolate bar, as well as backstage access of our facility, and an in-depth guided tasting of our chocolate. Call (828)505-4996 to reserve your spot today! (\$10)

\*Malaprops Bookstore & Cafe--[www.malaprops.com](http://www.malaprops.com) -- legendary independent bookstore

\*Battery Park Book Exchange & Champagne Bar--Trip Adviser has pictures; romantic setting; great place to meet, have coffee, etc....

\*Specialty Toy Stores: O.P. Taylor (Skyland, Brevard)--[www.optaylors.com](http://www.optaylors.com) ; Dancing Bear Toys (Asheville, Hendersonville) --  
[www.dancingbear toys.com](http://www.dancingbear toys.com) -- jigsaw puzzles, games & toys for all ages