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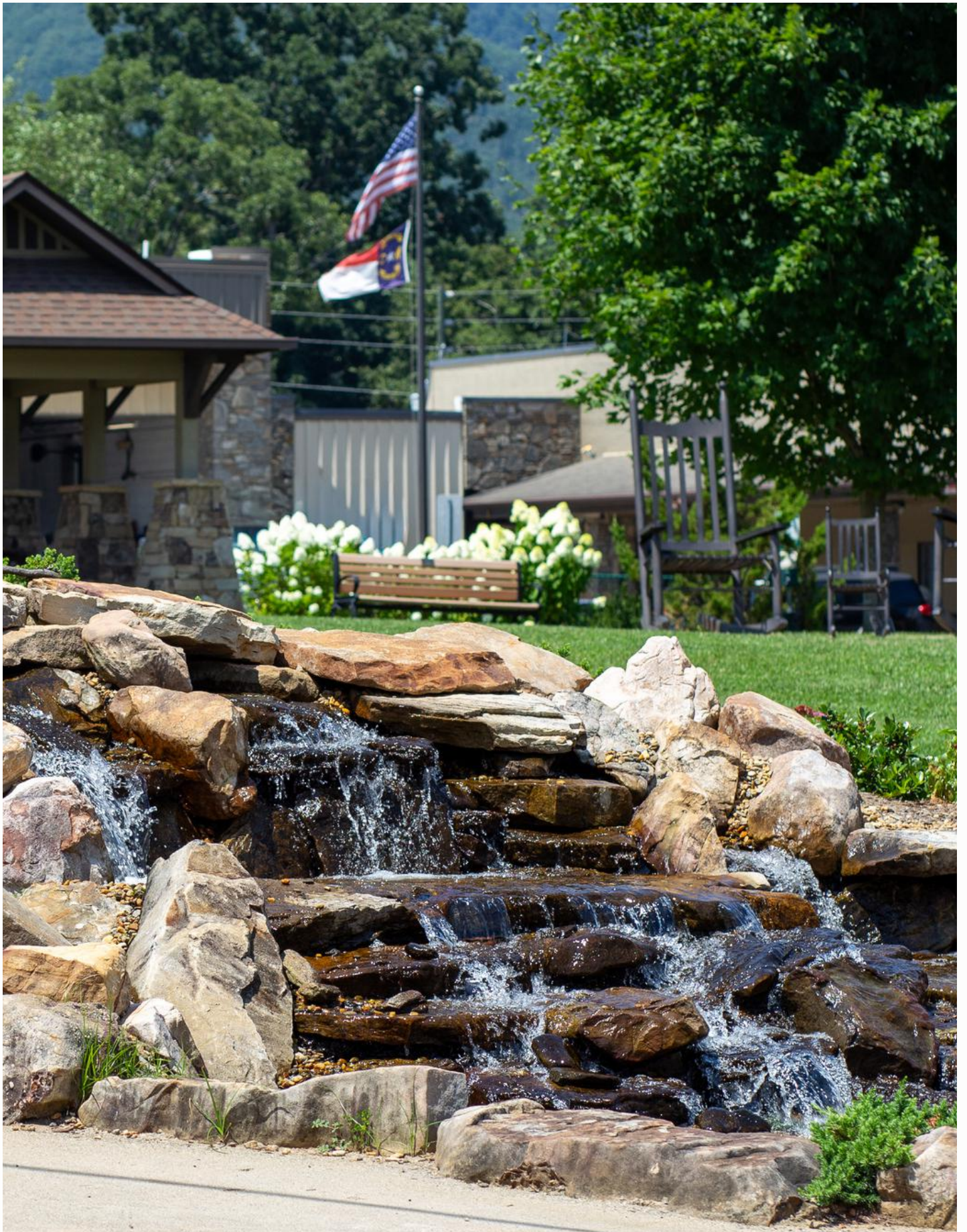
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BLACK MOUNTAIN

Welcome to the Little Town That Rocks!



KNOW ABOUT BLACK MOUNTAIN

This small town in Western North Carolina is one of those rare places that just feels right the moment you arrive.

Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, about 15 miles east of Asheville, Black Mountain is full of natural beauty, friendly folks, and a laid-back lifestyle that makes you want to slow down and stay awhile.

Whether you're looking for a quieter place to raise a family, a peaceful retirement town, or a refreshing change of pace while working remotely, Black Mountain has a lot going for it. Let's take a closer look at what makes it such a great place to call home.

"One of the 50 Safest Towns in North Carolina"
by Alarms.org

"One of the Best Small Town in Western North Carolina." by Travel Lemming

"One of the best Western NC Small Towns to Visit & Live in" by Blue Ridge Mountain Travel Guide

"Prettiest Small Towns in America to Vacation."
by Trip Advisor

"One of the Best Small Towns in America" by Family Destinations Guide

"Nine Reasons to Visit Black Mountain" by Southern Living



THE LOCATION

Black Mountain is located in Buncombe County in western North Carolina, just off I-40. It's a straight 20-minute drive to Asheville, so you're close to a city but still get the charm of small-town living. The town is surrounded by mountains, forests, and trails, making it a haven for nature lovers and anyone who wants to breathe clean air and see the stars at night.

You're also within a few hours' drive of bigger cities like Charlotte, Greenville (SC), and Knoxville. So while you're tucked away in the mountains, you're not cut off from the rest of the world.

A SMALL TOWN WITH A WARM WELCOME

With a population of around 8,000, Black Mountain isn't big—but that's exactly the point. People here know their neighbors. You'll find folks chatting over coffee, waving from their porches, and stopping to help if your car won't start. There's a strong sense of community that makes it easy to feel like you belong, even if you've just moved in.

It's the kind of town where local businesses remember your name and where community events

actually bring people together. The downtown area is walkable and filled with shops, galleries, and restaurants that reflect the town's creative and friendly vibe.

The town has long been a favorite for people who want to live a more intentional, slower-paced life. It draws in folks who appreciate nature, local food, handmade goods, and meaningful community connections.

BLACK MOUNTAIN



ARTS, CULTURE & EVENTS

One of the things that makes Black Mountain feel so special is how much life and creativity is packed into such a small town. It's not just a place to live—it's a place to experience.

Whether you're into live music, local art, or just enjoy a good street festival, Black Mountain has a surprising amount of culture and fun to offer. And the best part? It's all wrapped in a friendly, small-town atmosphere where everyone's welcome.

THE ARTS

Black Mountain has long been a magnet for creatives. Painters, potters, woodworkers, musicians—you name it, they're here. The town is full of local galleries and artisan shops where you can browse handmade goods or even meet the artist behind the work.

The Red House Studios & Gallery is a favorite stop, featuring rotating exhibits from local artists and classes for anyone who wants to try their hand at painting or pottery. There's also a strong presence of Appalachian folk art throughout town, adding to its charm and authenticity.

The Black Mountain Center for the Arts, housed in old city hall, offers gallery exhibitions, music, theater, and art classes .

Dive into local history in a converted historic building in the Swannanoa Valley Museum & History Center.

Other galleries and art centers to check out are Seven Sisters Gallery, Europa Gifts, and Town Hardware & General Store.

MUSIC YOU CAN FEEL

Music is a big deal in Black Mountain. From laid-back bluegrass to acoustic folk and even the occasional jazz trio, there's always something playing.

The White Horse Black Mountain venue is the go-to spot for live music, offering everything from

ARTS, CULTURE & EVENTS

storytelling nights to classical concerts to foot-stomping string bands. Many local restaurants and breweries also host live music on weekends, so you can grab a drink, sit outside, and soak in the tunes with the mountains in the background.

CAN'T-MISS EVENTS

Black Mountain loves its festivals and community gatherings. Some of the biggest highlights throughout the year include:

- Sourwood Festival – A beloved summertime event with food vendors, live music, crafts, and local honey tastings. It's a classic small-town festival, and people come from all over to enjoy it.
- LEAF Festival – Also known as the Lake Eden Arts Festival. Split between two sessions, it mixes world music, artisan crafts, children's programs, outdoor adventure, drum circles, and food—all set in a beautiful mountain retreat.
- Black Mountain Blues Festival – Typically happens in summer. It's a multi-venue celebration across town featuring blues performances, panel discussions, and open jam sessions. Proceeds support community recovery efforts.
- Black Mountain Music Festival – A six-day music event at Blue Ridge Assembly with workshops, lodging and performances spanning Appalachian and folk traditions.
- Holly Jolly Celebration & Christmas Parade – Kicks off the holiday season with lights, treats, and plenty of cheer downtown including downtown parade, holiday cheer, floats – along with deck-the-trees competitions at local businesses.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Park Rhythms Summer Concert Series – Free outdoor concerts with food trucks and local bands.
- Rocking Chair Art Auction – Rocker chairs decorated by local artists downtown from spring through fall, then auctioned off in autumn – another touch of Black Mountain culture.



MORE THAN ENTERTAINMENT —IT'S COMMUNITY

What makes arts and events in Black Mountain truly special is the way they bring people together. These aren't just shows or festivals—they're places to run into friends, support your neighbors, and feel part of something real. Whether you're cheering on a high school band or browsing local handmade soaps, it's all part of the heartbeat of this town.

Thinking of making Black Mountain home? Be ready to join in—and don't be surprised if you're asked to volunteer, perform, or pick up a paintbrush. That's just how things work around here.

OUTDOOR RECREATION & NATURE

If you love being outdoors—or even just like the idea of spending more time in nature—Black Mountain is going to feel like paradise.

This little mountain town is surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery in North Carolina. Whether you're into hiking, biking, fishing, kayaking, or just sitting on a bench with a mountain view, you'll never run out of things to do outside. And the best part? You don't have to go far. Many trails, parks, and scenic spots are just minutes from downtown.

PARKS AND GREEN SPACES

LAKE TOMAHAWK PARK

A favorite local spot. It's got a walking path that loops around the lake, picnic tables, tennis courts, a playground, and plenty of shade. It's great for morning walks, sunset strolls, or feeding ducks with the kids. They even host live music and outdoor movies here during warmer months.

HIKING TRAILS AND MOUNTAIN VIEWS

LOOKOUT TRAIL

A quick but steep hike with amazing views at the top. It's a must-do for first-timers.

CATAWBA FALLS

A little farther out (about 15 minutes by car), but totally worth it. A scenic walk along a river that ends at a beautiful waterfall.

GRAYBEARD TRAIL

A longer, scenic route with waterfall sights and hardwood forests .

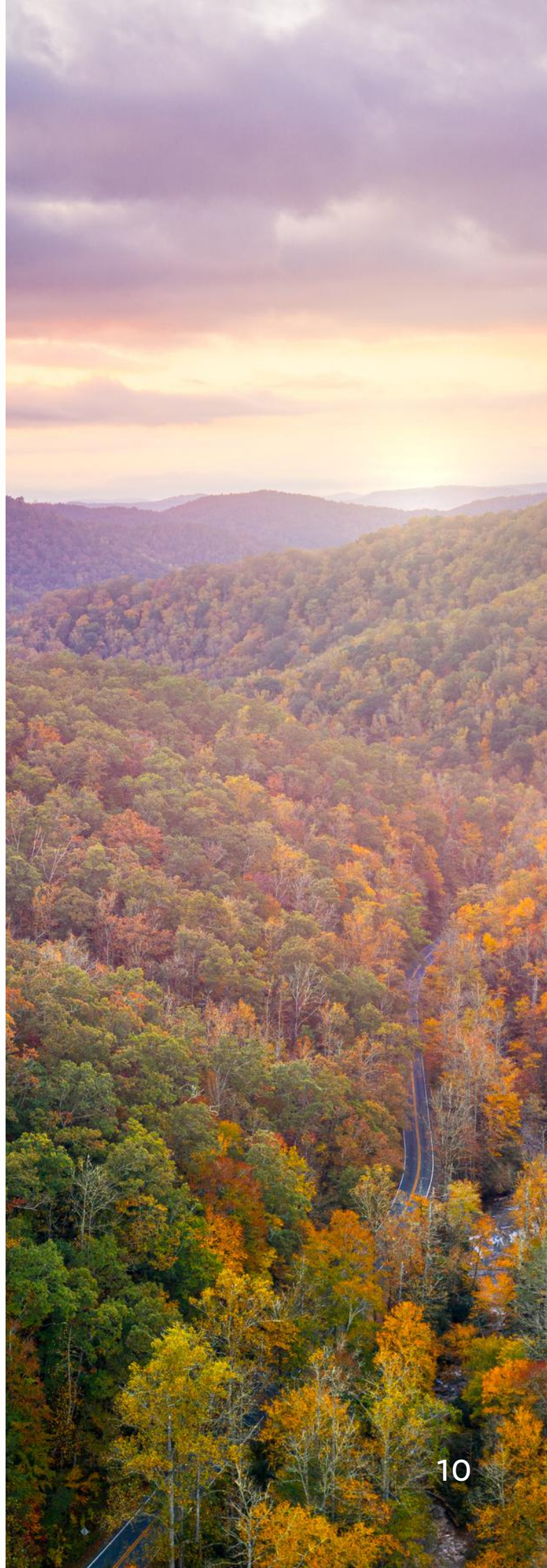
BIG PINEY RIDGE TRAIL

1.14 miles hike known for being fairly steep and technical in parts, but rewarding because of the views from Rattlesnake Rock.

OUTDOOR RECREATION & SCENIC DRIVES

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Iconic scenic drive with easy access trails and overlooks.





● MOUNT MITCHELL STATE PARK

About 30 minutes away; highest peak east of the Mississippi—ideal for day hikes or mountain biking.

● SETROCK CREEK FALLS

A 55-ft cascade near Mount Mitchell for waterfall sightings.

● SWANNANOA RIVER & NATURAL SWIMMING HOLES

Offers various natural swimming opportunities, particularly in sections near Owen Park perfect for summer wading and relaxing in nature.

BIKING, FISHING, AND MORE

If biking is your thing, you'll find plenty of scenic roads and gravel routes to explore. More experienced cyclists love riding up to the Parkway. Just be ready for some hills—it is the mountains, after all!

Fishing spots are easy to find too, especially in Montreat and along nearby rivers. And if you're into paddling, you can be on a lake or calm river within 30 minutes.

OUTDOOR LIFE AT YOUR OWN PACE

Not everyone wants to climb mountains—and that's okay. Black Mountain also offers the kind of outdoor life that just means sitting on a porch with a cup of coffee and a good view.

Whether you're out exploring a trail, walking the dog at the park, or watching birds in your backyard, the natural world here invites you to slow down and breathe.

Living in Black Mountain means nature isn't a vacation—it's part of your daily life. And honestly, once you get used to that, it's hard to imagine going back.

DINING & LOCAL FLAVOR

GOOD EATS, GREAT COFFEE, AND THAT SMALL-TOWN TASTE

Black Mountain may be a small town, but when it comes to food and drink, it delivers big-time. Whether you're craving a hearty breakfast, a fresh farm-to-table meal, or just a great cup of coffee, you'll find it here—and probably within walking distance of downtown.

LOCAL RESTAURANTS YOU'LL LOVE

BREAKFAST & BRUNCH

LOUISE'S KITCHEN

A charming breakfast staple in an old house with wraparound porch seating. Famous for the Big Boy Burrito, French toast, and biscuits & gravy.



DRIPOLATOR COFFEEHOUSE

Cozy neighborhood coffee spot with excellent pastries, smoothies, and light breakfast fare.

BLUE RIDGE BISCUIT COMPANY

Known for massive biscuits stuffed with fried chicken, bacon, and gravy—think “The Lookout.” Great coffee from Dynamite Roasting.

OPEN OVEN BRUNCH & BAKERY

Offers an extensive brunch menu, including specialty items like Chokes on Eggs and the Morning Melt. Popular spot with outdoor seating.



DINING & LOCAL FLAVOR

CASUAL LUNCH & DINNER



COUSINS CUBAN CAFE

A newer addition specializing in authentic Cuban cuisine: croquetas, ropa vieja, Cuban bowls & sandwiches.



TRAILHEAD RESTAURANT & BAR

Known for solid bar food, burgers, sandwiches, seafood, and a strong craft beer selection on tap.

FRESH WOOD- FIRED PIZZA & PASTA

A cozy pizza joint famous for charred-crust gourmet pies and fresh pasta; often enjoyed at nearby Lookout Brewing.

MY FATHER'S PIZZA & PASTA

A classic local favorite serving hearty pizza, pasta, and salads..

UPSCALE & GLOBALLY INSPIRED DINING

THE PURE & PROPER

A smart New-American spot in a renovated gas station offering globally-inspired dishes like duck confit, okonomiyaki, swordfish, and craft cocktails.



THE BUSH FARMHOUSE

South African-inspired menu featuring dishes like bobotie and chicken liver mousse, set in a rustic, live-music garden-like setting.

DINING & LOCAL FLAVOR

UPSCALE & GLOBALLY INSPIRED DINING

QUE SERA RESTAURANT & OYSTER BAR

Upscale Southern and seafood fare in the historic train depot, with a daily East Coast oyster bar.



BLACK MOUNTAIN BISTRO

Serving fresh, locally-sourced "Old South flavors with a New South twist," ideal for casual dinners.

BREWERIES & PUBS WITH FOOD

BLACK MOUNTAIN BREWING


Rustic brewery with rotating food trucks like Madrona and a scenic upstairs deck.

FOOTHILLS GRANGE

Outdoor market/tavern serving burgers, dogs, sandwiches, local draft beers, and family-style seating with a kid-friendly vibe.

VERANDA CAFÉ

Excellent lunch spot on Cherry Street with soups, salads, sandwiches, wraps, and fun half-bottle mimosa pitchers.



If you like to cook at home or just want fresh produce, the Black Mountain Tailgate Market runs from spring to fall and features local farmers, bakers, and crafters. You'll find everything from vegetables and meats to handmade soaps and live music.

Many locals also join CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) programs to get fresh boxes of local goods delivered each week or picked up in town.

DINING & LOCAL FLAVOR

BREWERIES, CIDERIES & DISTILLERIES

PISGAH BREWING

Organic craft beers not far from downtown.



LOOKOUT BREWING COMPANY

Small-batch brews and live music.

BLACK MOUNTAIN BREWING

Rustic two-level deck, BBQ food truck, and rotating live acts.

BLACK MOUNTAIN CIDER + MEAD

Local apple and honey beverages in a cozy taproom.

OAK & GRIST DISTILLING

Appalachian gin and whiskey, grain-to-glass production with tours.

LOCAL FAVORITES



PHIL'S BBQ

Classic Carolina-style barbecue in a rustic space with sweet tea and picnic-style atmosphere.



BERADU (VILLAGE OF CHESHIRE)

A combined café and market featuring wild game dishes, boutique wines, and craft cocktails.



SAKE SUSHI (VILLAGE OF CHESHIRE)

The town's only sit-down sushi & Japanese cuisine option, located in Cheshire.

JOBS & LOCAL ECONOMY

FINDING WORK—AND FINDING BALANCE—IN BLACK MOUNTAIN

Thinking about moving to Black Mountain and wondering what the job scene looks like? You're not alone. Whether you're planning to work remotely, switch careers, or just want a slower pace without giving up a paycheck, there's good news—Black Mountain offers more options than you might expect for a small town.

It's not a big business hub, and that's part of the charm. But there are jobs here—and even more just a short drive away.

KEY ASPECTS OF BLACK MOUNTAIN'S ECONOMY

MAJOR INDUSTRIES

Manufacturing is a significant employer in the area, followed by Health Care & Social Assistance and Educational Services.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Notable employers in the area include Ingles Markets, a Fortune 1000 company headquartered in Black Mountain, and the Black Mountain Neuro-Medical Treatment Center, along with the Buncombe County Board of Education.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

The Town of Black Mountain is committed to economic growth through job creation and retention, providing resources to businesses, and participating in programs like the Creating Outdoor Recreation Economies (CORE) Program.



Black Mountain has a variety of local employers in education, healthcare, hospitality, retail, and small businesses.

For those who want to cast a wider net, Asheville is only 20 minutes away and has many more job opportunities in tech, healthcare, government, and education.



TOURISM IMPACT

Tourism is a vital component of the local economy, supporting retail, services, and hospitality businesses. Efforts are underway to promote local businesses and encourage visitors to support the town, especially in the wake of challenges



EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

If you're moving to Black Mountain with kids—or even thinking about it—one of your biggest questions is probably, “How are the schools?” Good news: Black Mountain is part of the Buncombe County School District, one of the better-known districts in Western North Carolina.

Here, education still feels personal. Class sizes are reasonable, teachers are involved, and it's not unusual to run into your child's principal at the grocery store. Whether you're raising a kindergartner or sending a teen off to high school, there's a strong sense of community that carries over into the classroom.

LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Serves grades K–3 and is known for a nurturing, hands-on approach to early learning.

BLACK MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY

Covering grades 4–5. Teachers focus on building strong foundations and preparing kids for middle school in a supportive way.

CHARLES D. OWEN MIDDLE SCHOOL & OWEN HIGH SCHOOL

Located just outside of downtown and serve the broader area, including Swannanoa. These schools offer a mix of academics, athletics, and extracurriculars that reflect the values of the community.



Montreat College

A Christian liberal arts college near to Black Mountain

PRIVATE AND CHARTER OPTIONS

MONTREAT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY & ASHEVILLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Located just outside of Black Mountain provides faith-based education with strong academics.

ARTSPACE CHARTER SCHOOL

Located about 20 minutes away, focuses on arts-integrated learning and draws families from all over the county.

There are also a handful of Montessori and homeschool communities in the area for families interested in more flexible learning paths.



HEALTHCARE & ESSENTIAL SERVICES

MEDICAL CARE

Black Mountain has several family medicine clinics, urgent care centers, and specialist offices that cover your basic needs. You'll find general practitioners, pediatricians, chiropractors, physical therapists, and mental health providers right in town or nearby in Swannanoa.

A few reliable names in the area include:

- Black Mountain Neuro Medical Treatment Center
- Novant Health-GoHealth Urgent Care
- Wellspring Direct Primary Care

Most local offices are connected with larger healthcare networks like Mission Health or AdventHealth, which means

easy referrals if you need more specialized care.

HOSPITALS & EMERGENCY SERVICES

For bigger medical needs, Mission Hospital in Asheville is just 20–25 minutes away. It's the region's largest hospital and offers everything from emergency services to surgery, cardiology, and maternity care.

If you need 24/7 emergency care, you're in good hands. EMS services cover Black Mountain and the surrounding area, and response times are solid for a mountain town.

HEALTHCARE & ESSENTIAL SERVICES



DENTAL, VISION, AND WELLNESS

There are several dentists and orthodontists in town, as well as optometrists and eye care centers. You'll also find a handful of massage therapists, acupuncturists, and holistic health providers—because wellness here isn't just about treating problems, it's about feeling your best every day.

PHARMACIES & PRESCRIPTIONS

Black Mountain has both national chains (like CVS and Walgreens) and locally owned pharmacies where service is personal and friendly. Refilling prescriptions is easy, and many locations offer drive-thru or home delivery options.

EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS

In addition to medical care, Black Mountain makes it easy to take care of daily life:

- Grocery stores like Ingles and Food Lion
- Multiple banks and ATMs
- A public library with free Wi-Fi and community events
- Post office, DMV, and town services within easy reach

Living in a smaller town doesn't mean giving up the essentials. In Black Mountain, you get the comfort of a peaceful community and access to quality care when you need it. Whether it's a check-up, an unexpected illness, or just picking up your meds on the way home, everything you need is either right here—or just a short drive away.



REAL ESTATE

FINDING YOUR HOME IN BLACK MOUNTAIN

Are you thinking about putting down roots in Black Mountain? Great news—you've got options.

Whether you want a cozy mountain cabin, a craftsman-style bungalow near downtown, or something with a little land and a view, you'll find a mix of homes to choose from.

Black Mountain's real estate market is a blend of charming older homes, newer builds, and the occasional rustic getaway. It's not the cheapest spot in Western North Carolina, but compared to nearby Asheville, it's often more affordable—and has more of a peaceful, small-town feel.

WHAT'S THE MARKET LIKE?

The housing market in Black Mountain is active but not overwhelming. There's usually something available, but if you're after a specific style, price point, or view, it helps to stay ready and work with a local agent who knows the area well.

Median home prices tend to hover in the \$400K–\$600K range, though you'll find both lower and higher.

Cabins and mountain homes with land or a view might push up into the \$700Ks or beyond, depending on location and features.



If you're looking to rent, options are a bit more limited, but not impossible. Expect rent for a 2- or 3-bedroom home to fall somewhere between \$1,500 and \$2,200/month depending on size, condition, and location.

REAL ESTATE

NEIGHBORHOODS TO EXPLORE

Black Mountain might be small, but it has a few different pockets worth checking out:

DOWNTOWN AREA

Walkable to shops, cafés, and the lake. Homes are older and full of charm.

PADGET PLACE

New home community close to Downtown. One of the more affordable houses in the area.

LAKE TOMAHAWK

A peaceful neighborhood near the park and walking path. Great for families or retirees.

RIDGECREST

A little more tucked away, with scenic views and a quieter pace.

MONTREAT

Just up the road, this mountain college town is beautiful and peaceful, with a mix of homes, trails, and creeks.

THE SETTINGS

More tucked away, with peaceful views and a slower pace.



REAL ESTATE

A NOTE FOR BUYERS

Because Black Mountain is a desirable place to live, it's a good idea to be prepared.

Buying a home in the mountains is different from buying in a neighborhood. You need an agent who knows the area and understands what to look for. Not every issue is easy to spot, and some can affect your ability to live comfortably—or even get a loan.

Here are a few things to watch for:

PRIVATE ROADS

Many mountain homes sit on roads maintained by the people who live there. Some neighborhoods have formal agreements in place. Others don't. If there's no agreement, it could cause problems with your financing. Ask if the road has an agreement and how maintenance is handled.

HOMES WITH A VIEW

Living on a ridge or mountain top often means steep, narrow roads. Ice and snow can make driving hard. Sunlight exposure and elevation can affect road conditions. Ask how winter access is handled and if the driveway is usable year-round.

SOIL AND EROSION

Some areas in the Appalachians have soft or shifting soil. Erosion, heavy rain, and older road construction can lead to issues with foundations, roads, or driveways. Ask about soil studies or any past repairs to the land.

DRIVEWAY AND PARKING SPACE

That dream cabin may not have much space to park. Driveways can be narrow or steep. Think about how many cars you need to park, if guests can turn around easily, or if you'll need extra space for deliveries or trailers.

SHARED WELLS

In rural areas, it's common to share a well with other homes. Make sure there's a recorded agreement. Ask about maintenance, water pressure, and access in case repairs are needed on someone else's land.

SHARED SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Some homes also share a septic system. Find out where it's located, who owns it, and how repair costs are shared.

SEPTIC PERMIT AND BEDROOM COUNT

The size of the septic system limits how many bedrooms a home can legally have. Don't assume a bonus room is a bedroom. Check the septic permit to make sure the house fits your needs.

INTERNET, CABLE, AND CELL SERVICE

Some areas don't have high-speed internet or strong cell service. If you work from home or stream TV, check which providers are available. Ask neighbors or your agent about service and pricing.



WHAT'S AROUND BLACK MOUNTAIN?



Population:
8,426*
*2020 Census



Total Area:
6.73 sq mi



Land Area:
6.71 sq mi



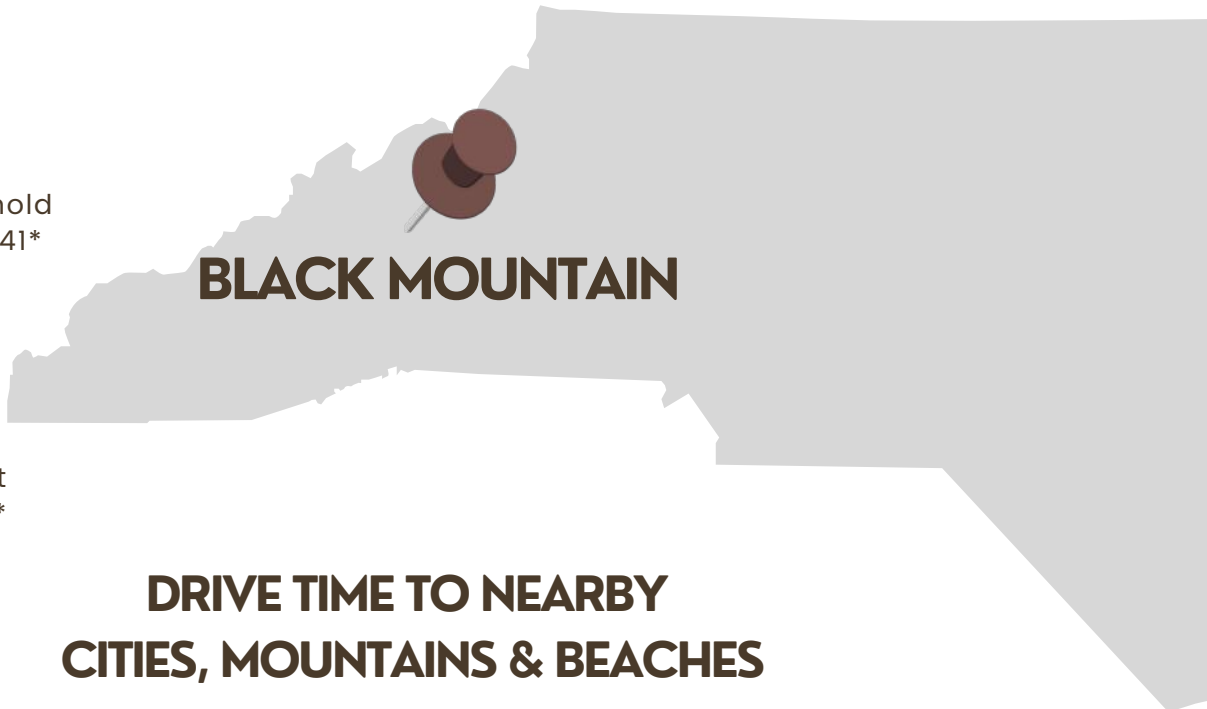
Water Area:
0.02 sq mi



Median Household
Income: \$70,041*



Employment
Rate: 43.6%*



DRIVE TIME TO NEARBY CITIES, MOUNTAINS & BEACHES

Asheville, NC
20 minutes

Charlotte, NC
2 hours, 15 minutes

Hilton Head Island, SC
5 hours

Atlanta, GA
3 hours, 35 minutes

Columbia, SC
2 hours, 30 minutes

Myrtle Beach, GA
5 hours, 10 minutes

Augusta, GA
3 hours, 30 minutes

Fort Gordon, GA
3 hours, 30 minutes

Savannah, GA
4 hours, 45 minutes

Charleston, SC
4 hours, 30 minutes

Greenville, SC
1 hour, 25 minutes

Tyron, NC
1 hour

BLACK MOUNTAIN

UTILITIES & COMMUNITY SERVICES

LIBRARIES

Black Mountain Tyson Library
105 N. Dougherty St. Black Mountain, NC
28711 828-250-4756

Swannanoa Library
101 W Charleston Ave
Swannanoa, NC 28778

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

160 Midland Ave.
Black Mountain, NC 28711
828-419-9300
www.townofblackmountain.org

TOWN OF MONTREAT

PO Box 423
Montreat, NC 28757
828-669-8002
www.townofmontreat.org

UTILITIES

Duke Energy.....800-452-2777
Dominion Energy (Natural Gas)
..... 877-776-2427
Back Mountain Water Department
.....419-9300 x 664
Asheville Water Department
.....828-251-1122

PHONE/ TV/ INTERNET

AT&T 800-288-2020
Spectrum Business Residential
..... 800-955-7766
Business..... 888-692-8635

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Town of Black Mountain
.....828 419-9300 x602
Outside City Waste
..... 828 684-7790

BLACK MOUNTAIN



A PLACE FOR ALL SEASONS

One of the perks of living in Black Mountain is getting to enjoy all four seasons. Spring brings blooming dogwoods and wildflowers. Summers are warm but not unbearable thanks to the mountain air. Fall is famous around here—the foliage draws visitors from all over the Southeast. And winters? They're usually mild, with just enough snow to be pretty but not so much that you're stuck inside for weeks.

Who's Moving to **BLACK MOUNTAIN**

People from all walks of life are choosing to relocate here. Some are retirees looking for a peaceful place to settle down. Others are families who want their kids to grow up in a safe, tight-knit community. And many are remote workers who realized they can live wherever they want—and picked Black Mountain for the scenery and lifestyle.



Pisgah National Forest



MOVING
MOUNTAIN



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HOLE

HOME BUYERS TIPS

Here are some tips to help you during the process of home buying and relocating to your new home

HOME BUYER TIPS

① RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS

If you already have found a job then you probably want to use the location of your future employer to decide where to live. If you plan on finding a job when you arrive then you will at least want to research places to see what area you are most likely to find employment with your qualifications. Other things to consider when finding a neighborhood is your current financial situation and estimate how much you can afford in a home.

You should also ask yourself: What is your time frame of moving? Why are you buying a home? Are you ready? Answering these questions will help you define your goals and will make your research easier. Once you have a definite idea of what kind of home you are looking for and the price range of the home you can afford, then you're ready to move forward. You can start searching your housing and also finding out what financing options are available for you.

② HIRE A BUYER'S AGENT

Buying a home in an unfamiliar area carries risks and it can be overwhelming that's why it's important to work with a real estate agent. You don't want to make a mistake buying a home in the wrong neighborhood.

Find a buyer's agent who can represent you in the home buying process and someone who has experience working with relocating buyers.

③ FINANCING

It is important that you already know how much money you can spend on a home. If you can attach a pre-qualification letter with your offer to purchase a property, a seller will take your offer more seriously because it means that a lender has determined that you are a suitable candidate for a mortgage.



HOME BUYER TIPS

④ FINDING THE RIGHT HOME

When searching for your home, having a list of all the things you want and need in your home is important. Note the must-haves, the deal-breakers, and your wish-list to help you target your search. This will save you a lot of time especially if you have a limited time to visit and check the area.

There are a lot of real estate websites where you can view many homes and their details, see video tours, and access neighborhood information. Once you have found homes that meet your real estate needs, you can arrange with your buyer agent to view them in person.



HOME BUYER TIPS

⑤ MAKING THE OFFER AND NEGOTIATING WITH THE SELLER

Once you've found the home you'd like to buy, it's time to make an offer. An offer should specify price and all other terms and conditions of the purchase. Review every clause to make sure that they express your desired offer. Your buyer's agent can answer any questions you may have.

Negotiating is usually the most complex aspect of the home buying process. That's why it's important to have an experienced and knowledgeable buyer's agent who has successfully worked with relocating buyers.

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⑥ SECURE FINANCING

Once your offer has been approved and both sides have signed a purchase contract, it is time to begin the process of securing your mortgage. You will need to meet with your lender within the time frame noted on your purchase contract to formally apply for your loan. Your loan approval will be based on the information you provided to your lender during your initial application, so you should try to keep your financial life as stable as possible during the process — any changes to that information could very easily affect your loan approval.



HOME BUYER TIPS

7 CLOSING

This is the last step in buying and financing a home. You can check with your buyer's agent about the details of your closing. He or she will be able to keep track of the transaction and communicate with your lender or title company to make sure everything is moving along in a timely manner.

The final walk-through is typically scheduled within the week leading up to the closing date. Your final walk-through is to ensure that any repairs have been completed if stated in your contract and that the home is ready to move into.



8 MOVING

Moving out from your previous home also needs planning. As soon as you know a moving date, get price estimates and a list of services. Weeks before your moving date, you can start packing if you're doing the work yourself. If movers will do the packing, ask the moving company for advice on the best ways to prepare.

Reconfirm your agent if your closing is still on track, once determined, confirm moving and delivery dates with your movers. On moving day, supervise movers as they load and unload at delivery to make sure boxes and other items go to the right rooms at your new home.



OUR MESSAGE

We hope this guide gave you a clear picture of what life in Black Mountain, NC can look like. Moving isn't just about finding a new house –it's about finding the right place to call home.

Black Mountain offers more than scenic views. It's a town where people know your name, where local shops remember your order, and where the pace lets you breathe a little deeper.

As you continue your journey, let this guide help you ask the right questions, explore the right places, and imagine what life here could be.

If Black Mountain feels like the right fit, we'd love to help you make it yours.



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