



NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAIN TOWNS OF CASHIERS,
CHEROKEE, DILLSBORO AND SYLVA

Jackson County, N.C.

North Carolina Mountain Towns of Cashiers, Cherokee, Dillsboro and Sylva

Looking for adventure? A place where you can escape to reconnect with family, or maybe just yourself, amongst untouched natural beauty? Come visit the one-of-a-kind towns that make up Jackson County - each with their own vibe and personality. Here you are in the middle of the most and will experience outdoor adventure, farm-to-table dining, Appalachian culture, Southern mountain charm and much more.

[Learn More at: DiscoverJacksonNC.com](http://DiscoverJacksonNC.com)

Discover the Undiscovered Towns of Jackson County

Trade skyscrapers for mountainscapes and head to the towns of Jackson County, N.C. for a chance to experience true Southern hospitality, immerse yourself in the serenity of nature and enjoy an escape from the everyday hustle and bustle of city life.

- Conveniently located only 20 minutes from the two most popular National Park sites - The Great Smoky Mountains National Park & Blue Ridge Parkway.
- Lace up those hiking boots and trek the two-mile loop at **Whiteside Mountain** (4930' elevation), considered by geologists to be the oldest mountain in the world.
- Cool off at **Sliding Rock** or **Silver Run Falls**, two of Cashiers' waterfalls that offer natural swimming holes.
- Sit on a sandy swim beach with a mountain view or enjoy water activities at **Lake Glenville**, one of the country's highest elevation lakes.
- Take in a stunning scene at **Whitewater Falls**, one of the highest waterfalls east of the Rockies (411').
- Come and experience the **filming backdrop of the award-winning film, *Three Billboards Outside of Ebbing, Missouri*** (Sylva, N.C.).



Experience the Healing Power of Nature in Jackson County

With technology and chaos as a part of our every day life, sometimes all you need to decompress is to disconnect and reconnect with the serenity of nature. The towns of Jackson County are the perfect place to take this journey. Whether it is on your own, or with some help from our guides, this destination is perfect for supporting your wellbeing and wellness.

Here are a few unique offerings to take advantage of during your wellness escape:

- Forest Therapy Hikes - Forest Therapy is inspired by the Japanese practice of Shinrin-Yoku, which translates to "forest bathing"
- Llama Hikes - Wilderness therapy with therapy animals
- Experience the restorative power of nature on the many hiking trails in the area
- Wellness spas with restorative treatments
- Unlimited outdoor activities



Come See What All the Fuss Is About!

“Top 20 Best Small Mountain Towns for a Summer Vacation”
Country Living Magazine

Many of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast are here: WNC Pottery Festival, Festival of Lights and Luminaries, Cashiers Valley Leaf Festival, Sapphire Valley Outhouse Races and Cashiers Plein Air Festival

Southeast Tourism Society

“Cashiers is a great destination for a relaxing nature escape.”
Southern Living

“10 Natural Phenomena’s You Have to see in Fall: Shadow of the Bear”
The Weather Channel

“One of the best places to travel in the US in February: Outhouse Races”
Travel + Leisure

“An Asheville alternative for the crowd weary”
Washington Post

“The 50 Most Beautiful Small Towns in America: Cashiers”
Architectural Digest



Small Town Feels with Big Town Flavors

In Jackson County, the restaurants make as much of a lasting impression as the towering mountains that surround you. This prime culinary destination has evolved into the perfect place to indulge in farm-to-table offerings from award-winning chefs and culinary stars who know the way to a foodie’s heart.

- Voted “Most Romantic Restaurant in NC” by *Food & Wine*, Canyon Kitchen stays true to its agrarian roots with an open-air feel, widespread county views and an award-winning, farm-to-table menu.
- The Library’s menu is designed by Michelin-star trained Chef Johannes Klapdohr to reflect what is seasonally available and will provide inspiration to each guest.
- Rated by *Gourmet* magazine as one of “America’s Best Farm to Table Restaurants,” Guadalupe Café is a fusion restaurant that will have diners traveling through a world of flavors with Spanish, Middle Eastern, Caribbean, and even Southern influences.
- Haywood Smokehouse in Dillsboro was recently named on *Travel + Leisure’s* “Top 25 Places for BBQ in the USA.”
- Lulu’s on Main’s Chef Devin McCardle, who once served Julia Child and attended the American Institute of Wine & Food, takes his expertise and French culinary training to the kitchen to create a delectable menu.

Jackson County on the Fly

Anglers travel from across the country to experience Jackson County’s abundance of lakes, rivers and streams teeming with brown, rainbow and brook trout.

- Jackson County has been proclaimed by legislators as the North Carolina Trout Capital®.
- Home to the country’s first and only fly fishing trail - **Western North Carolina Fly Fishing Trail®**. The trail maps out 15 prime fishing spots in the crystal-clear streams of the Great Smoky Mountains.
- **Calling Female Anglers!** - Women are the fastest growing demographic in fly fishing, and Jackson County is the place to come to learn the sport from some of the country’s few female guides.

Only in Jackson County!

Jackson County’s location in the Southern Appalachians and Nantahala National Forest is home to towering waterfalls, 494 square miles of unspoiled natural beauty and is located within a day’s drive from most of the Southeast’s most bustling metro areas.

From the highest point on the Blue Ridge Parkway to the oldest mountain in the world, here’s what visitors will find **only** in Jackson County.

- **The Yosemite of the East** - Panthertown Valley is treasured backcountry and features 30 miles of trails, dozens of cascading waterfalls, trout streams, sheer granite cliffs and the best panoramic views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.
- **The highest point of the Blue Ridge Parkway** - Richland Balsam Overlook, which at 6,053 feet makes it the highest peak on the parkway.
- **One of the oldest mountains in the world** - **Whiteside Mountain**
- Home to the natural phenomenon, **The Shadow of the Bear** - During certain times of the year, when the sun sets behind Whiteside Mountain, its shadow creates a perfect image of a Black Bear that dances across the tops of the treetops below.

