

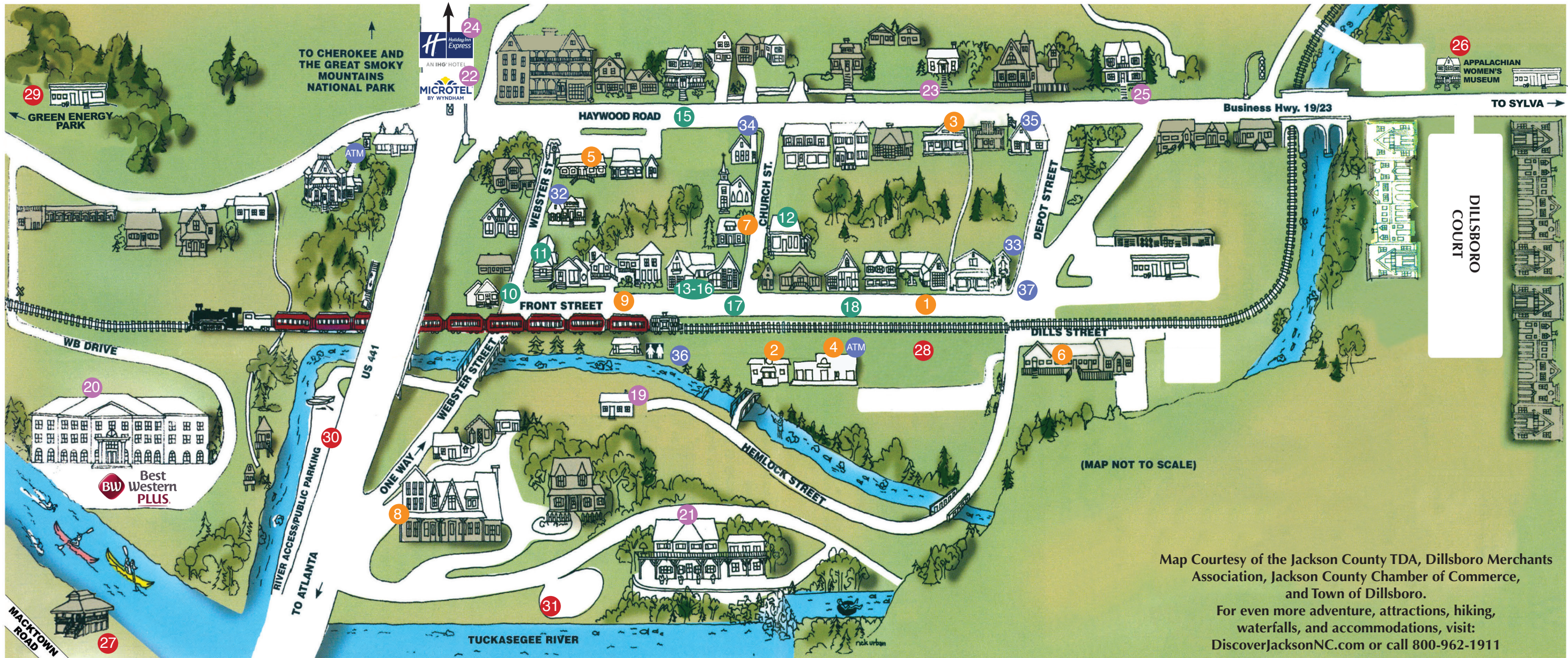
Dillsboro



TOWN OF
DILLSBORO



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



WHAT'S COOKIN'

- 1 Boots Steakhouse & Grill:** Boots Steakhouse is the place to have a steak. USDA Prime Hand Cut Steaks, Fresh Seafood, Great Burgers, Luscious Appetizers, Full Bar, Casual Saloon Type Atmosphere. Fabulous Courtyard with Beautiful Water Fall and a Fire Pit. 828-631-9713 www.bootssteakhouse.com.
- 2 Foragers Canteen:** A Farm-to-Table, Farm-to-Soul experience of deliciously farm fresh, locally sourced, world cuisine in a fast, casual atmosphere. Hand-made pastas, homemade desserts, fresh baked breads. Lunch/dinner, take-out/dine-in, fine wines, craft beer and cocktails. On-line ordering app. www.ForagersCanteen.com. 828-631-4111.
- 3 Haywood Smokehouse:** Western Carolina's highest ranked Smokehouse. Texas Brisket, Carolina Pork & Memphis style ribs. All home-made sides, sauces & desserts. Wide selection of local craft beers & Live mountain music. The place to MEAT! 828-631-9797. haywoodsmokehouse.com
- 4 Innovation Station:** Taproom & production facility located in the former train depot. Over 30 draft taps are available offering craft beer, hard cider, wine, & many non-alcoholic beverages. Creekside seating and a large covered patio. Daily food trucks. 828-226-0262 www.Innovation-Brewing.com
- 5 Kostas Express Restaurant:** Diverse menu from Greek and Italian. Ribs, Burgers, Chicken, Pasta dishes, Salads, Seafood and Gyros. Friendly service and warm atmosphere have made this restaurant a local favorite. Check website for hours. Visit us at www.kostasexpress.com or phone us at (828) 631-0777.
- 6 R&R Tavern** Rest and relax with us at the newly remodeled R&R Tavern. Serving and eclectic menu of nachos, sandwiches, brunch and much more. (828) 367-1225. LIKE us on Facebook @RNRtavern. www.rnrtavern.com
- 7 Dillsboro Chocolate Factory and Espresso Bar:** Handmade fine chocolates, fudge, Jerky, coffee and espresso. 828-631-0156. www.dillsborochocolate.com
- 8 The Well House:** Serving gourmet deli sandwiches since 1977. Homemade soups, wraps, our own smoked BBQ, delicious desserts. Prime rib dinner Thurs/Fri evenings. Dine-in, take-out, picnic box lunches. 828-586-8588.
- 9 Quirky Birds Treehouse & Bistro:** Sandwiches, wraps, salads, black bean burgers, pizza...Casual dining atmosphere, Lunch and dinner daily, live music most weekends. 828-586-1717 or Order online at frontstreettakeout.com

SHOP TIL YA DROP

- 10 Carolina Southern Peddler:** Find treasures within a friendly affordable store offering vintage, new and in-between items for your entire home. Furniture, kitchen, handcrafted baskets, quilts, pottery, stained glass, carvings, painted windows, yard decor, jewelry & purses, books, bottles, albums, signs, tools and more. <https://carolinasouthernpeddler.carrd.co> 828-507-6662
- 11 Dogwood Crafters:** Showcasing mountain crafts since 1976, this cooperative features over 80 artisans from the Smoky Mountains. The shop offers a constantly changing mix of handcrafted treasures. 828-586-2248. Mar-Dec: 7 Days 10-6; Jan-Feb: Fri-Sun 11-4. dogwoodcrafters.com

- 12 Front Porch General Store:** "Step Back In Time"...Ole' timey store full of antiques, primitives, vintage, home decor, farm/garden, cast iron & kitchen wares, old tools, bottles & books, collectibles, albums & more! Locally crafted quilts, baskets, pottery & art! Open year-round. 828-226-3594. www.frontporchgeneralstore.com, find us on Facebook.
- 13 Magnolia Jewelry & Accessories:** Huge selection of high fashion jewelry, sterling silver, silver rhodium, Native gemstone. Attractive fashion accessories, scarf rings, scarves, hats, capes, ponchos and Ruana Ponchos and Kimono ponchos. All reasonably and affordably priced! (828) 631-1279. www.MagnoliaJewelry468@yahoo.com.
- 14 Monkey Toes:** An eclectic array of gift and apparel for the entire family. Featuring made in North Carolina hand finished Solmate socks, T-shirts, Tula hats, casual footwear and Darn Tough socks. 828-631-0900
- 15 Nancy Tut's Christmas Shop:** Thousands of Christmas ornaments, something for everyone on your list! We carry Old World Christmas, Christopher Radko, Jim Shore, Mark Roberts, Egyptian Museum glass, Willow Tree and much more! Open Memorial Day Weekend thru the end of December. Call for hours. 828 586 5391 or find us on Facebook or Instagram. Coming in the summer of 2023... Santa's Workshop Airbnb!!
- 16 The Artsy Olive:** Offering the largest selection of high quality, natural, Premium Flavored Extra Virgin Olive Oils, and Balsamic Vinegars. Unique Sea Salts, Gluten Free and Vegan pastas, Gluten-Free and Non-GMO soups, incredible dips and so much more. Free tastings. Enjoy a sample of our signature Blood Orange brownies made with Blood Orange Extra Virgin Olive Oil. www.shopartsyolive.com
- 17 The Corn Crib:** A family-owned business since 1983! Offering unique gifts, handmade treasures, home decor, and old fashioned candy. This is the shop with a little bit of everything! 828-631-0016 thecorncribofdillsboro.com.
- 18 Tunnel Mountain Crafts:** A large selection of locally made arts and crafts, specializing in functional and decorative pottery. With over 60 artisans, there is a wide variety to choose from. 954-707-2004 or facebook.com/tunnelmountaincrafts

STAY A WHILE & HOST EVENTS

- 19 The Applegate** offers a unique event experience with lodging options. Perfect for weddings, rehearsal dinners, parties and community events, the large covered porch is suitable for family style dining for up to 80 guests. An additional 50 guests may be seated in our climate-controlled multipurpose room. The venue is complete with a spacious creekside lawn, an outdoor covered patio which often serves as a dance floor, bridal lounge, and beautiful dining tables. Three luxury suites are available for on-site lodging. For questions or booking information, visit www.yourapplegate.com or call 828-400-0821
- 20 Best Western Plus River Escape:** Deluxe riverside accommodations, scenic views, balconies and patios overlooking the picturesque river, providing full hot breakfast, indoor pool/spa, and banquet facilities. Come see our new River Walk! Convenient to rafting, shopping, dining & WCU 828-586-6060. bwriverescape.com
- 21 Dillsboro Inn:** Four Star Riverfront Lodging, walking distance to town, next to whitewater park, scenic balconies & views, nightly camp fires, trout fishing. 828-586-3898 dillsboroinn.com
- 22 Microtel Inn & Suites:** Offering clean and accommodating guest rooms that were designed with your comfort in mind, featuring thoughtful amenities to brighten your stay. (828) 586-0009. www.Microtel.com.

- 23 Reed House:** The Reed House: A cozy two story, 2 bedroom/ 2 bath historic house in the center of Dillsboro. The Reed House has been updated with all the modern necessities. It is a short walk to all of the shops, restaurants, and breweries. Open year round, it is pet friendly with a large fenced yard. (828) 412-0731 reedhousedills@gmail.com
- 24 The Holiday Inn Express An IHG® Hotel:** We keep it simple and smart. We offer everything guests need and provide more where it matters most. From our full hot breakfast bar to our heated indoor pool and spa, you'll enjoy every aspect of your trip to the mountains. Rest, Recharge, Stay Smart. 828- 631-1111. hixsylva.com
- 25 Whistle Stop Inn:** This historic farmhouse offers casually elegant accommodations. Beautiful rocking-chair front porch and a balcony overlooking Dillsboro. Free Breakfast, WiFi and covered parking. Walk to shopping, restaurants, local artists and a brewery. Centrally located to rafting, fishing, WCU, Casino, Sequoyah National Golf Club and Great Smoky Mountains Railroad. (828) 354-0470. www.thewhistlestopinn.net

ATTRACTIONS

- 26 Appalachian Women's Museum:** The first museum dedicated to Southern Appalachian women. Sharing the stories of ordinary women, living extraordinary lives. www.appwomen.org
- 27 Dillsboro River Company:** The home of mom-approved rafting on the Tuckasegee River. The Tuckasegee is the ideal river for first-time rafters, families with young children (minimum age limit is 4), and those who want more of a relaxing river trip with warmer water and the milder Class I & II rapids. Adam & Mary Gelbaugh, 18 Macktown Rd., Sylva, NC 28779 (828) 507-2428. www.northcarolinarafting.com.
- 28 Great Smoky Mountains Railroad** 1-800-872-4681 www.gsmr.com
- 29 Green Energy Park:** Watch and learn as artists safely and efficiently harness the otherwise harm ful greenhouse gases from the landfill to source the energy for their glass blowing, blacksmithing and pottery creations, gallery with art for sale. 828-631-0271. www.jcgep.com
- 30 & 31 River Access/Public Parking:** Public access to the Tuckasegee River

SERVICES/OTHER

- \$\$ ATMs** - Located at Huddle House and at Innovation Brewing
- 32 Blue Ridge Premier Realty & Rentals:** Historically charming location with high quality real estate services to meet all your real estate needs. We also offer an excellent property management service. 112 Webster St. 828-586-1601. BlueRidgePremierRealty.com. carolptaylor53@gmail.com.
- 33 Jackson County Visitor's Center:** Maps, Dining, and Area Information. 828-586-2155
- 34 Jarrett Memorial Baptist Church:** 828-586-5869 Sunday School 9 am, Services 11 am
- 35 Post Office:** 828-586-5474
- 36 Public Restrooms**
- 37 Town Hall:** 828-586-1439

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Dillsboro

Nestled alongside the Tuckasegee River, Dillsboro is famous for its walkable business area, acclaimed pottery shops, arts and crafts scene, chocolatiers and restaurants. Dillsboro leaders and merchants sponsor a number of other events, including several arts and crafts market festivals, the ColorFest fine arts festival in October, and December's Lights and Luminaries two-week holiday celebration. Cultural attractions include a quilt trail and a mural depicting the town's past.



FUN ON THE 'TUCK'

For those looking for a fun day on the water, look no further than the Tuckasegee River, affectionally known by locals as the Tuck, conveniently accessible from Dillsboro. The smooth, free flowing waters are gentle enough for small children on rafts, with rapids great for excitement. For outfitters, visit DiscoverJacksonNC.com.

Jackson County is home of the Western North Carolina Fly Fishing Trail®, which maps out 15 prime spots to catch brown, rainbow and brook trout in the crystal-clear streams of the Great Smoky Mountains. Whether you're looking for wide-open rivers or secluded mountain streams, the Fly Fishing Trail® has you covered. The heart of the trail, the Tuckasegee River, flows through Dillsboro, and is the county's largest body of water, flowing some 50 miles. The "Tuck" as it's called by locals, is also one of the most accessible rivers you'll find anywhere. With 92,800 fish stocked in its waters annually, it's no wonder Jackson County is recognized as the North Carolina Trout Capital®.



GREEN ENERGY

Watch and learn as artists safely and efficiently harness the otherwise harmful greenhouse gases from the landfill to source the energy for their glass blowing, blacksmithing and pottery creations. The Jackson County Green Energy Park (JCGE) utilizes clean, renewable energy resources to encourage economic development, provide environmental protection, and offer educational opportunities that together will help lead towards a more sustainable future for Western North Carolina.

Located in Dillsboro, JCGE captures methane gas from the old town landfill, then uses the gas as fuel for a series of artisan studios. Tours of the park are available to the public and include a glassblowing demonstration, a walking lecture on the GEP's renewable energy use and history, a visit to the ceramics kiln, and a blacksmithing demonstration when available. www.jcgep.org, 828-631-0271



ANNUAL EVENTS

Beginning with the delightfully quirky Easter Hat Parade and ending with its famous Christmas Lights and Luminaries event, Dillsboro offers some of the Smokies' most colorful and entertaining outdoor festivals.

Highlighting Dillsboro's festival season are special weekend events celebrating the Carolina mountains' arts, crafts, antiques and pottery. These are great times to visit Dillsboro and the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina.

To see the most up to date listing of events, visit: <http://www.visitdillsboro.org> or <http://dillsboronc.info>

HISTORY

Dillsboro, North Carolina was originally known as New Webster to distinguish it from the older Jackson County seat town just 3 miles to the East. In 1889, the state legislature approved the change of name to Dillsboro to honor William Allen Dills who had selected the site, locating it on his farm. His farmhouse still stands and is occupied by the Riverwood Shops.

The town had started to come into its own in 1883 due to the new railroad and the advent of tourism in the area. Just before the turn of the century, Dillsboro was the largest non-county seat town west of Asheville with about 750 residents.

Dillsboro grew up around the railroad, providing goods and services for those who used the Southern Railway and became an important transportation center for local industry. Two passenger trains and two freight trains operated daily between Asheville to the East and Murphy to the West. The freight for Franklin was hauled in covered wagons, which camped twice a week on Depot Square.

The railroad was built by convict labor furnished by the state and they were housed behind stockades near the 836-foot Cowee Tunnel. It required eighteen months to cut through almost solid rock to complete the project. During these years, the streets of Dillsboro were lighted with Cape Cod lamps. Oil-burning lamps lighted the homes, hotels and boarding houses and the businesses.

Dillsboro has been a tourist town since 1886 when visitors began to arrive by train and spend several weeks. Word spread about the cool summers and beautiful mountain scenery.



Above: Looking down Dillsboro's Front Street

Right: Dillsboro in the early 1900s

Courtesy Hunter Library, Western Carolina University

