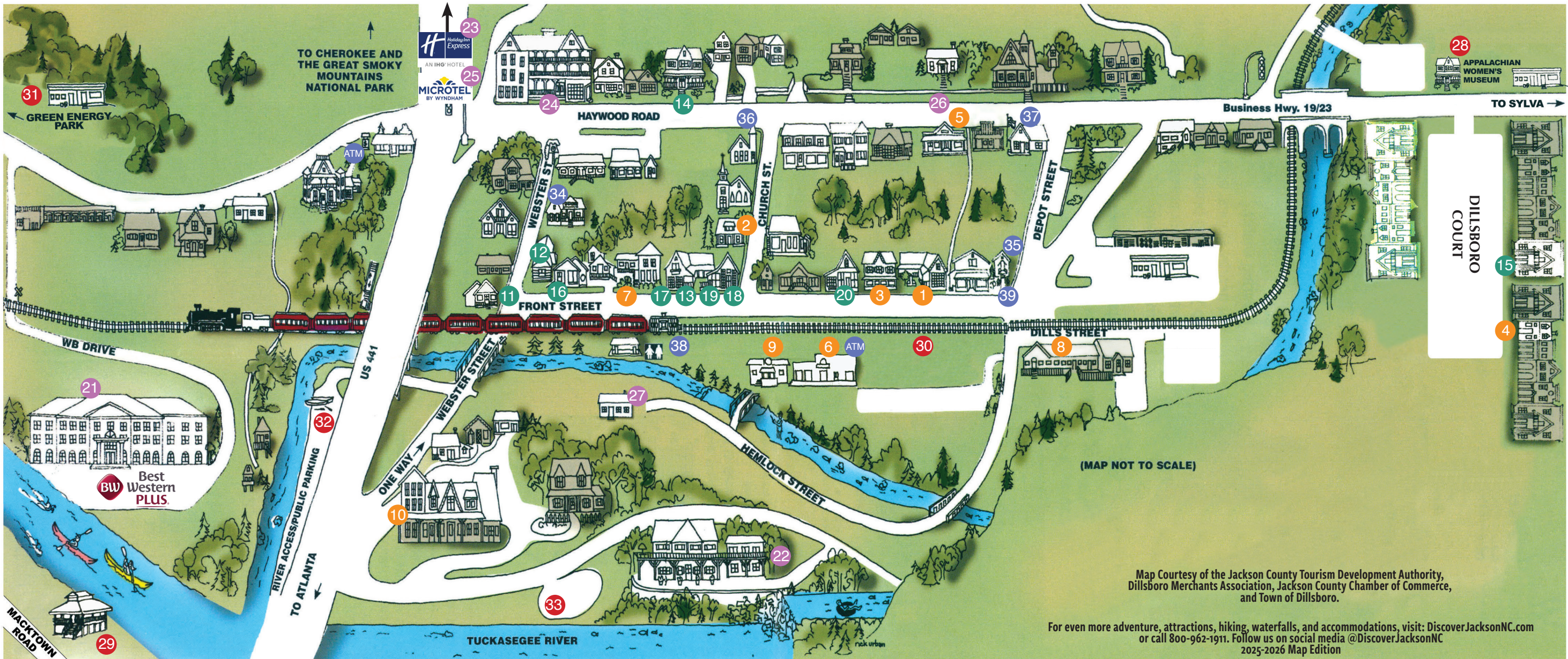


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## WHAT'S COOKIN'

- Boots Steakhouse:** Step back in time with the laid-back, Old Western Boots Steakhouse. Proud to serve the "Best Handcut Steaks in the Smokies", they offer their guests the freshest, highest-quality food available along with top notch service. (828) 631-9713. [www.bootssteakhouse.com](http://www.bootssteakhouse.com)
- Dillsboro Chocolate Factory and Espresso Bar:** Handmade fine chocolates, fudge, Jerky, coffee and espresso. (828) 631-0156. [www.dillsborochocolate.com](http://www.dillsborochocolate.com)
- Enloe House Wine Bar** Step back in time and experience the historic Enloe House, a cozy escape where wine meets elegance! Offering a curated selection of fine wines from across the globe! Quaint indoor and outdoor seating available. (828) 226-7322
- Fonda Cactus** is a small family-run, traditional Mexican restaurant serving homemade food in the neighborhood. We use better quality ingredients and procedures to prepare a meal, avoiding harmful ingredients such as vegetable oils and highly-processed items. We care about our customers and keep our prices affordable. (828) 508-5235. [www.fondacactus.com](http://www.fondacactus.com)
- Haywood Smokehouse:** Recognized on Yelp's Top 100 US Restaurants of 2024, Haywood is renowned for its authentic Southern BBQ. They offer a variety of smoked meats including ribs, brisket, pulled pork and chicken, all cooked low and slow over hickory wood. Served with a selection of the best sides! (828) 631-9797 [www.haywoodsmokehouse.com](http://www.haywoodsmokehouse.com)
- Innovation Station:** Taproom & production facility located in the former train depot. Over 30 draft taps are available offering craft beer, hard cider, wine, and many non-alcoholic beverages. Creekside seating and a large covered patio. Daily food trucks. (828) 226-0262 [www.innovation-brewing.com](http://www.innovation-brewing.com)
- Quirky Birds Treehouse & Bistro:** Pizza, sandwiches, wraps, salads, black bean burgers, and more...Casual dining atmosphere, Lunch and dinner daily, live music most weekends. (828) 586-1717 or Order online at [frontstreettakeout.com](http://frontstreettakeout.com)
- R&R Tavern** Rest and relax with us at the newly remodeled R&R Tavern. Offering an eclectic menu of nachos, sandwiches, brunch, and much more. (828) 367-1225. LIKE us on Facebook @RNRtavern. [www.rnrtavern.com](http://www.rnrtavern.com)
- The Canteen:** A fast-casual spot for our famous Sweet Tea Brined Fried Chicken, Wings, Salads, and Smash Burgers. [www.ForagersCanteen.com](http://www.ForagersCanteen.com). (828) 631-4111.
- 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.

## SHOP TIL YA DROP

- Carolina Southern Peddler:** Find treasures within a friendly affordable store offering vintage, new and in-between items for your entire home. Furniture, kitchenware, handcrafted baskets, quilts, pottery, stained glass, carvings, painted windows, yard decor, jewelry & purses, books, bottles, albums, signs, tools and more. <https://carolinasouthernpeddler.carrd.com>. (828) 507-6662

- 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. Open March-December: 7 days a week, 10 AM - 6 PM; January-February: Friday-Sunday, 11 AM - 4 PM [dogwoodcrafters.com](http://dogwoodcrafters.com)

- Magnolia Jewelry & Accessories:** Huge selection of high fashion jewelry, sterling silver, silver rhodium, Native gemstone. Attractive fashion accessories, scarf rings, scarves, hats, capes, and ponchos. All reasonably and affordably priced! (828) 631-1279. [www.MagnoliaJewelry468@yahoo.com](http://www.MagnoliaJewelry468@yahoo.com).

- 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.

- Ray's Florist and Greenhouse:** A local favorite in Dillsboro for 30 years, Ray's has beautiful cut flowers, garden plants, hanging baskets, herbs and perennials. They also specialize in unique home decor and gifts. (828) 586-5830. [www.rayandcoflorist.com](http://www.rayandcoflorist.com)

- Sassy's Corner Decor and More:** Specializing in home accents including seasonal "real touch" florals, wreaths and garlands. A lovely selection of soy and flameless candles, baskets and more!

- The Artsy Olive:** Natural and organic flavor-infused Extra Virgin Olive Oils and Balsamics, as well as soup and dip mixes and other gourmet items. Our oils are single-sourced from a four generation Greek Family, and very high in polyphenols. [www.shopartsyolive.com](http://www.shopartsyolive.com)

- 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](http://thecorncribofdillsboro.com).

- The Fox's Burrow:** The Inn is located directly on the Tuckasegee River. Whether you are looking to spend relaxing "river time" on your riverside porch, on the shoreline beaches and walkways, or spend your time boating, this is the place for you! Within walking distance to Dillsboro. (828) 586-3898.

- 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](http://facebook.com/tunnelmountaincrafts)

## STAY A WHILE & HOST EVENTS

- 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. [bwriversescape.com](http://bwriversescape.com)

- Dillsboro Inn:** The Inn is located directly on the Tuckasegee River. Whether you are looking to spend relaxing "river time" on your riverside porch, on the shoreline beaches and walkways, or spend your time boating, this is the place for you! Within walking distance to Dillsboro. (828) 586-3898.

- 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](http://hixsylva.com)

- The Jarrett House:** The Jarrett House will be opening Fall of 2025. It will consist of 23 restored hotel rooms, the original Jarrett House Restaurant, Coaches Event Hall which can seat up to 80, and three retail shops.

- 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](http://www.Microtel.com).

- Reed House:** A cozy two story, 2 bedroom/ 2 bath historic vacation rental 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](mailto:reedhousedills@gmail.com)

- The Applegate:** offers a unique event experience with lodging. Perfect for weddings, parties, and community events with indoor and outdoor seating. Features a creekside lawn, covered patio, and three luxury suites. Visit [www.yourapplegate.com](http://www.yourapplegate.com) or call (828) 400-0821

## ATTRACTIONS

- Appalachian Women's Museum:** The first museum dedicated to Southern Appalachian women. Sharing the stories of ordinary women, living extraordinary lives. [www.appwomen.org](http://www.appwomen.org)

- 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](http://www.northcarolinarafting.com).

- Great Smoky Mountains Railroad** (800) 872-4681 [www.gsmr.com](http://www.gsmr.com)

- Green Energy Park:** 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, gallery with art for sale. (828) 631-0271. [www.jcgep.com](http://www.jcgep.com)

- 32 & 33 River Access/Public Parking:** Public access to the Tuckasegee River

## SERVICES/OTHER

- ATMs** - Located at Huddle House and at Innovation Brewing

- 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](http://BlueRidgePremierRealty.com). [carolptaylor53@gmail.com](mailto:carolptaylor53@gmail.com).

- Jackson County Visitor's Center:** Maps, Dining, and Area Information. (828) 586-2155 [www.mountainlovers.com](http://www.mountainlovers.com)

- Jarrett Memorial Baptist Church:** (828) 586-5869 Sunday School 9 am, Services 11 am

- Post Office:** (828) 586-5474

- Public Restrooms**

- Town Hall:** (828) 586-1439



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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.



## 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](http://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" 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

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Located in Dillsboro, JCGEP 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](http://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://dillsboronc.org>

## 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  
Below: Dillsboro in the early 1900s  
*Courtesy Hunter Library, Western Carolina University*

