

Dillsboro



TOWN OF
DILLSBORO

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WHAT'S COOKIN'

- 1 Beach Mountain Diner:** Open daily 7-3, Beach Mountain offers many delicious breakfast and lunch options. A local and visitor favorite. beachmountaindiner.com (828) 617-1117.
- 2 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. bootssteakhouse.com (828) 631-9713.
- 3 Depot Pizza:** Delicious scratch-made pizza, wings, salads, draft beer and wine. depotpizza.com (828) 631-4114.
- 4 Dillsboro Chocolate Factory and Espresso Bar:** Handmade fine chocolates, fudge, jerky, coffee and espresso. dillsborochocolate.com (828) 631-0156.
- 5 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. facebook.com/enloewinebar (828) 226-7322.
- 6 Fonda Cactus:** 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. fondacactus.com (828) 508-5235.
- 7 Haywood Smokehouse:** Haywood is nationally recognized 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! haywoodsmokehouse.com (828) 631-9797.
- 8 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. Innovation-Brewing.com (828) 226-0262.

- 9 Jarrett House Restaurant:** Serving the same family-style southern menu they've been famous for the last 120 years. Beer and wine available. jarretthouse.com (828) 586-0265.
- 10 Jarrett House Sweets and Treats:** Handmade candies by the pound, ice cream and more. jarretthouse.com (828) 586-0265.
- 11 Mabel's Kitchen:** A family-owned restaurant dedicated to serving delicious home-style cooking with southern hospitality. mabelskitchennc.com (828) 339-1130.
- 12 Quirky Birds Treehouse & Bistro:** Pizza, sandwiches, wraps, salads, black bean burgers, and more... Casual dining atmosphere, lunch and dinner daily, live music most weekends. frontstreettakeout.com (828) 586-1717.
- 13 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. LIKE us on Facebook @RNRtavern. rnrntavern.com (828) 367-1225.
- 14 The Well House:** Serving gourmet deli sandwiches since 1977. Homemade soups, wraps, our own smoked BBQ, delicious desserts. Dine-in, take-out, picnic box lunches. facebook.com/well.house.52 (828) 586-8588.

SHOPPING

- 15 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. carolinasouthernpeddler.carrd.com (828) 507-6662.
- 16 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. Open March-December: 7 days a week,

10 AM-6 PM; January-February: Friday-Sunday, 11 AM-4 PM. dogwoodcrafters.com (828) 586-2248.

- 17 Gallery 1884:** Located at the Jarrett House, offers fine handmade Appalachian art. jarretthouse.com (828) 586-0265.
- 18 Great Commission Coffee:** Locally Roasted, Coffee with a Cause! Open 7-4 daily except Sunday. greatcommissioncoffee.com (828) 361-1248.
- 19 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) 399-1398.
- 20 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. nancytutscristmasshop.com (828) 586-5391.
- 21 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. rayandcoflorist.com (828) 586-5830.
- 22 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. shopartsyolive.com (865) 456-0747.
- 23 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! thecorncribofdillsboro.com.
- 24 The Fox's Burrow:** Specializing in unique "gifts of nature" for adults and children based on the rivers, mountains, and forests of NC. If you love hiking, fishing, camping, kayaking, and wildlife, or just need a special gift, come see us! thefoxsburrow.com (352) 431-0993.

25 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. facebook.com/tunnelmountaincrafts (954) 707-2004.

STAY A WHILE

- 26 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. yourapplegate.com (828) 400-0821.
- 27 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. bwrivereescape.com (828) 586-6060.
- 28 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. dillsboroinn.com (866) 586-3898
- 29 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. hixsylvia.com (828) 631-1111.
- 30 Jarrett House:** Recently restored to its original construction, Jarrett House is a 23 room boutique hotel with 2 suites. Next door, Hartbarger Hall hosts up to 90 people for special events. The adjoining Coaches Bar serves a wide selection of fine spirits, wine and beer. jarretthouse.com (828) 586-0265.
- 31 Microtel Inn & Suites:** Offering clean and accommodating guest rooms that were designed with your comfort in mind,

featuring thoughtful amenities to brighten your stay. Microtel.com (828) 586-0009.

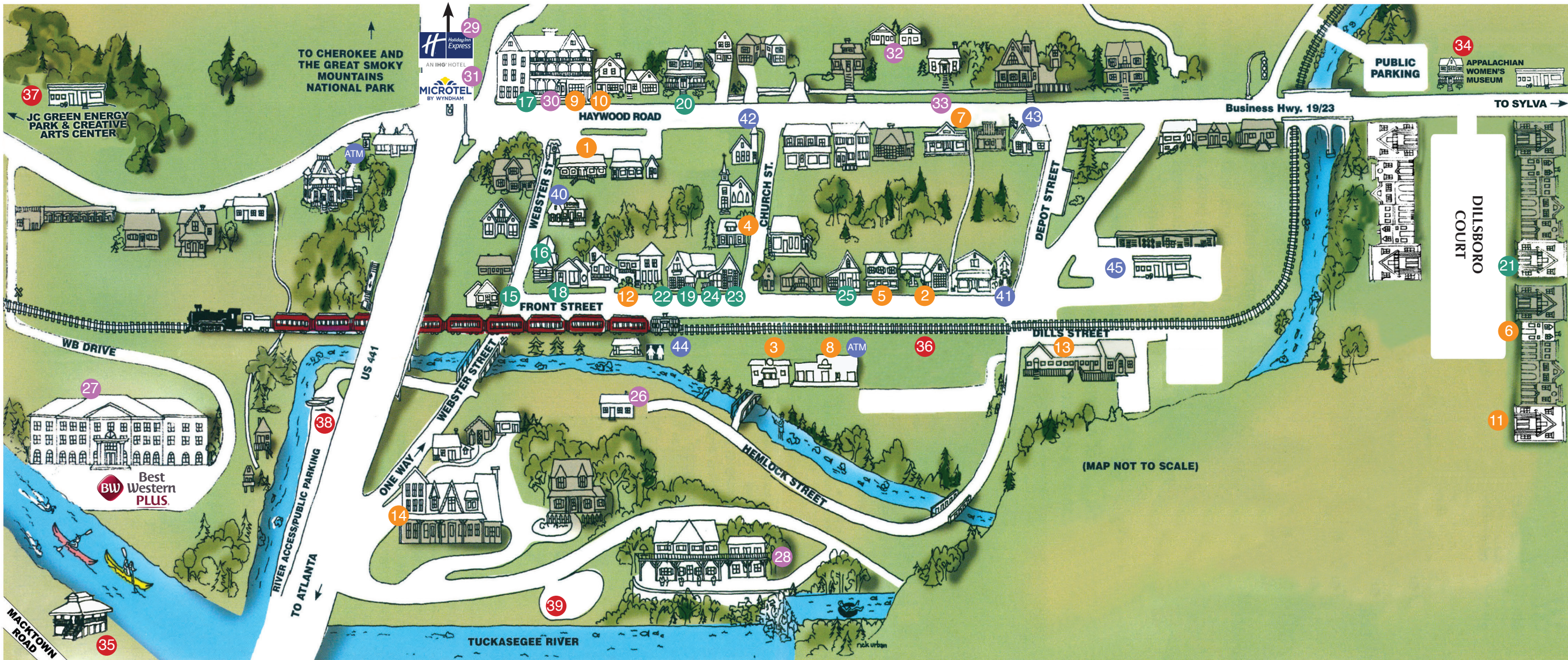
- 32 Mirafior Guest House:** A 3-bedroom vacation rental that sleeps up to 5-6 guests. Full kitchen, pet-friendly amenities, walking distance to shops, restaurants, breweries, and the Tuckasegee River. vrbo.com/3935667.
- 33 Reed House:** A cozy two-story, 2 bedroom/2 bath historic vacation rental in 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. vacasa.com/unit/23435 (828) 412-0731.

ATTRACTIONS

- 34 Appalachian Women's Museum:** The first museum dedicated to Southern Appalachian women. Sharing the stories of ordinary women, living extraordinary lives. appwomen.org (828) 482-5860.
- 35 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. northcarolinarafting.com (828) 507-2428.

2026-2027 Map

For even more adventure, attractions, hiking, waterfalls, and accommodations, visit: [DiscoverJacksonNC.com](https://www.discoverjacksonnc.com) or call 800-962-1911. @DiscoverJacksonNC. Map Courtesy of the Jackson County Tourism Development Authority, Dillsboro Merchants Association, and Town of Dillsboro.



Destination

Dillsboro

Nestled along the scenic Tuckasegee River, Dillsboro is a charming mountain village. Visitors enjoy exploring its unique shops, which feature Appalachian-inspired gifts, and one-of-a-kind treasures. Dillsboro’s vibrant dining scene spotlights everything from delicious breakfast and lunch spots to chef-crafted dinner experiences. A welcoming brewery and wine bar provide the perfect gathering place for families and friends to relax after a fun day of hiking, fishing or whitewater rafting. Book a stay at one of the many accommodations which range from historic Jarrett House to a variety of guest houses and hotels. Join us for our annual events: Easter Hat Parade, Front Street Arts and Crafts Festival, Colorfest and Lights and Luminaries! <https://www.dillsboronc.org/>



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” 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

Discover one of the most unique attractions in Western North Carolina! At the Jackson County Green Energy Park & Dillsboro Creative Arts Center, visitors can watch live glassblowing and blacksmithing demonstrations powered by methane gas captured from a former landfill. This innovative park transforms an environmental byproduct into a creative energy source, offering a fascinating blend of art, sustainability, and Appalachian ingenuity.

Located in Dillsboro, JCGEP offers affordable hands-on workshops where visitors can try glassblowing, blacksmithing, lampworking, and other traditional crafts. Guests can also join the Makers’ Club, a weekly creative gathering held every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., where artists, hobbyists, and curious beginners come together to create, share ideas, and build community. Whether you’re looking for a memorable mountain experience, a unique class, or inspiration from working artists, JCGEP is a must-see destination in the Smokies. Plan your visit: 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. The Great Smoky Mountains Railroad still travels to Dillsboro regularly.



Above: Looking down Dillsboro's Front Street

Below: Dillsboro in the early 1900s

Courtesy Hunter Library, Western Carolina University

