

Experience Asheville, NC Restaurants at Thanksgiving

Asheville, NC restaurants love the holidays and Thanksgiving is no exception. Any opportunity to cook up some good food and share with friends and family is a good day. George Baxevanis, owner of Asheville seafood restaurant, Fisherman's Quarters II says that he "Loves the holiday season, the decorations, the family and the food!" And, many of Asheville's restaurants are open Thanksgiving Day and there are a lot of other fun things to do. Asheville is an active and busy town, filled with fun activities for a fun-filled holiday weekend.

Seafood Restaurants in the Mountains

No trip to Asheville is complete without a stop at Fisherman's Quarters II, one of Asheville's premier restaurants. After sampling some of western North Carolina's diverse culture, head into Fisherman's Quarters for a wide selection of seafood as well as chicken, steak and a children's menu. Fisherman's Quarters II is conveniently located on Patton Avenue in West Asheville. It is easily accessible from all sections of town and the outlying areas of Cherokee, Lake Lure and Maggie Valley.

Daytime Fun in Asheville

But, before feasting at one of Asheville's restaurants, a little exercise might be in order. The impending (or previous) consumption of thousands of calories of turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy and desserts is good motivation for a little outside time. Asheville is a fantastic place for every outdoor activity. My personal favorite is cycling.

There are numerous trails all within an easy drive of Asheville. An hour spinning around Bent Creek will get you in the mood for some serious turkey time. Asheville is also well known for road biking. Whether you're in for an easy ride along Riverside Drive or something more strenuous like climbing the Blue Ridge Parkway to Craggy Gardens, you'll find what you like here.

Hiking is also easy to access. For easy day hiking take a drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway and pick a trail head that looks good to you. The Mountains to Sea Trail runs for miles along the Parkway through Buncombe County and Asheville. There are also parks, botanical gardens and the State Arboretum for easy strolling. For the really aggressive there is a 5K race Thanksgiving Day. The Turkey Trot 5K race starts at 9 a.m.

Downtown Asheville

The Asheville downtown area is an interesting historical attraction and is another important stop. Throughout its life, Asheville has witnessed the evolution of our country. Beginning as an early native and later a colonial center, Asheville has hosted presidents and pop icons, been home to poets and authors, guarded German POWs and led the country as a free thinking community. A stroll through downtown will take you about one hour, depending on where you stop. You'll see architecture – both new and old – and some hand carved, streets paved with brick and an interesting trail of statues.

Hijinks in Asheville

Thanksgiving Day is also a time for comedy and laughter here in Asheville. The folks at La Zoom Tours have put together a special Thanksgiving Holiday tour. They have enhanced their usual comedic tour of Asheville for Turkey Day. Included in the tour is historic information about Asheville, comedy routines featuring Sister Bad Habit and the musical stylings of Hank Bones.

Ginger Bread Houses

The annual gingerbread house contest will be on display at the Grove Park Inn. Spread throughout the first floor you will find the competitors and winners of the prestigious event. Houses from all over the country are assembled here for judging on national television.

So, there is more to do in Asheville than can be accomplished in one vacation. And, Asheville restaurants are here to help nourish and restore you to keep you focused on all that fun.