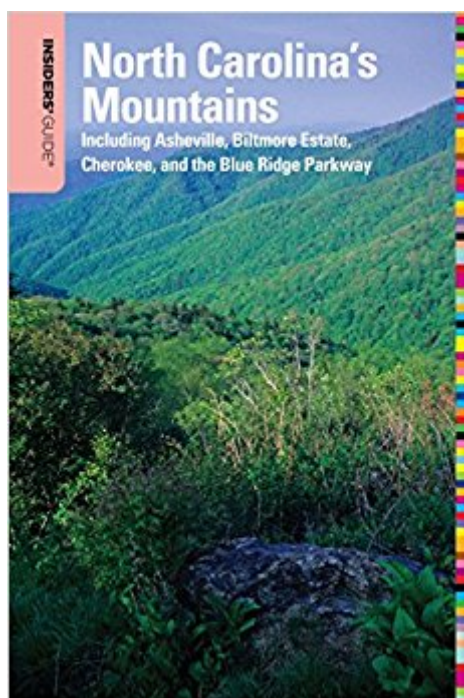




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# Insiders' Guide To North Carolina's Mountains, 9th: Including Asheville, Biltmore Estate, Cherokee, And The Blue Ridge Parkway (Insiders' Guide Series)



## Synopsis

Whether seeking an action-packed vacation or a relaxing retreat, North Carolina's mountains offer many things to do for all interests. This comprehensive guide offers authoritative suggestions for jazz, crafts, and food festivals; golf, rockhounding, and skiing destinations; nightlife, resorts, and restaurant options, and much more.

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For more than twenty years, the Insiders's<sup>TM</sup> Guide® series has remained the essential source for in-depth travel and relocation information. Each guide is written by locals and true insiders and offers a personal, practical perspective that readers everywhere have come to know and love. The North Carolina Mountains offer a combination of adventure and serenity that can only be found here in this ancient land of the Cherokees. From outdoor recreation and scenic drives to unique mountain crafts, this authoritative guide shows you how to make the most of the area. Inside you'll find:

- Details on how to live and thrive in the area, from the best shopping to the lowdown on real estate
- The inside scoop on popular attractions, such as Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Frescoes of Ashe County
- Comprehensive listings of restaurants, accommodations, and recreational activities
- Sections dedicated to children and retirement

Whether you're planning a vacation, already living in the area, or looking to relocate, Insiders's<sup>TM</sup> Guide® to North Carolina's Mountains gives you everything you need to know.

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This is the largest guidebook to the region and has the most information. However, it is organized by type (lodging, shopping, etc.) and by county within each type. This entails much flipping back and forth--most visitors won't have a clue about counties! Once you know where you are going, then you have to search in every chapter for the sights, etc. There are three regional maps in the front of the book that display the counties but very few cities and attractions. (I find the Moon guidebook to be easier to use because it's organized by geographic area first, but it covers the whole state and has less information.) When I tried to research the web for some of the lodgings and festivals, I found many dates and even names had changed for the festivals and some lodgings and restaurants could not be found or had gone out of business.

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