

# ASHEVILLE, NC

**Bridges**

**Ice Cream Parlors**

**Points of Reference**

**Trekking with Trees**

**You'll Never Walk Alone**

**Honoring Our Flag**

**National Register of Historic Places**

**Take Walk in City Parks**

**Water Fountains**

Buncombe County

5/11 Km CITY WALK YR1010 Jan 2- Dec 31

Asheville Amblers

**START POINT:** Asheville Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center

36 Montford Ave.

Asheville, NC 28801

828-258-6129, 800-257-1300

**HOURS:** M-F 8:30-5:30, SA-SU 9-5

**CLOSED:** New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas

**POC:** Kathi Rice, 828-782-7024, kerice@aol.com

**TRAIL:** Rated 3A, No wheelchairs; strollers difficult. Enjoy portions of the Urban Trail through the vibrant art deco downtown as you experience the ambience of a designated "All American City". Visit the restored Grove Arcade with new shops, restaurants, and condos that are now in place to depict its original uniqueness as an indoor shopping mall back in the 1920s. You'll walk by the Thomas Wolfe Home, which reopened in May 2004 after being closed since 1998 for extensive restoration that was needed after a fire. Visit several old neighborhoods of Asheville, the new Greenway along Reed Creek and the Botanical Gardens. Walk thru the historic Montford District with old homes and several B&Bs. Stroll through Riverside Cemetery where O'Henry, Thomas Wolfe and Zebulon Vance are buried. 5KM limited to cemetery, greenway and historic neighborhoods. "B" award available.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** **From the West on I-240** take Exit 4C, to Haywood St.

Turn right onto Haywood St. and take the next right onto Montford Ave. The Visitor Center is the large brick building on the left immediately after you go over I - 240 and thru the stoplight. **From the East on I-240** take Exit 4-C, turn right on Montford Ave. and left into Visitor Center.

# ASHEVILLE, NC NC ARBORETUM

<b>Amphitheaters</b>	<b>Animal Safari</b>
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Buncombe County  
5/10/11/21 Km WALK YRE1318 Jan 2- Dec 31  
Asheville Amblers

**START POINT:** NC Arboretum Baker Exhibit Center  
100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way  
Asheville, NC 28806  
828-665-2492

**FEE AREA:** \$12/carload; First Tuesday \$6/carload  
**HOURS:** Mon-Sat 9-5; Sun. 12-5, please call ahead.  
**CLOSED:** Major holidays  
**POC:** Charlie Hess, 828-891-9450,  
[dmichblue@aol.com](mailto:dmichblue@aol.com)

**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** Rated 3B, Not suitable for wheelchairs or strollers. Be sure to visit the Bonsai Exhibition Garden. **Pets** are not allowed in the Bonsai and formal gardens or buildings. Trail has four options; only one credit even if completing all options. 5Km includes formal gardens, a walk along a stream and through woods. 10Km & 11Km pass through formal and informal gardens and along forest roads and trails, along babbling streams and over bridges where large trout hide. 11 Km also goes around a lake. 21Km is a combination of 10 & 11Km. For more information go to <http://www.ncarboretum.org/> "A" award available.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** From I - 26, take Exit 33. Follow NC 191 south approx three miles. Turn right at light for the Blue Ridge Parkway. Turn right towards the Arboretum entrance gate. **From Blue Ridge Parkway**, take exit for NC-191 at Mile Marker 393 and turn left into Arboretum. Go to the Baker Exhibit Center and ask for Walk Box.

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## BILTMORE ESTATE

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Buncombe County  
5/10/12 Km Estate Walk YR1222 Jan 1 - Dec 31  
Asheville Amblers

**START POINT:** Reception and Ticketing Center  
Biltmore Estate  
Asheville, NC 28803  
800-624-1575

**HOURS:** Daily 9-5

**CLOSED:** Estate is open year round and does not close for holidays.

**FEE AREA:** Adult admission is required for entrance to house and gardens. Go to [www.biltmore.com](http://www.biltmore.com) for special events and details on fees.

**POC:** Jon Whiteside 828-258-0314, [tjwhites@hotmail.com](mailto:tjwhites@hotmail.com)

**TRAIL:** Rated 3C. Not suited to strollers or wheelchairs. Pets not allowed in House. Stroll through gardens, newly renovated conservatory, and along paths and trails of the Estate not normally seen by visitors. Drinking water and a camera are “musts;” trail shoes or hiking boots and a walking stick are recommended. Carry a snack. For an additional 2 km, walk through 250-room chateau built by George Vanderbilt at end of 19<sup>th</sup> century. A short video and 3-D diorama of Estate grounds at registration area. ‘A’ award available. **Note:** Restrooms at registration area or at beginning or end of walk. No restrooms in the house.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** From I-40 take exit 50 toward Asheville (north). Go three blocks (follow signs to Biltmore Estate). Bear left, then turn left into Estate. Go through gatehouse and follow signs to Reception & Ticketing Center. Ask for “Walk Box” at Ticket Counter. Register and stamp books (difficult to return). Drive to parking area for visiting the house. Walk or take shuttle to **START POINT** which is in front of the house.