

BLACK MOUNTAIN – BLACK FRIDAY WALK

Date: Friday, 23 Nov, 2018

Time: Register 12:30

Location: At park across the street from Town Hardware & General Store

<https://townhardware.com/>

Step Off: 1pm

Walk Distances: 7/10 km

Trail Rating: 2A

Some moderate hills or stair climbing.

Almost entirely on pavement.

Start Location: Town Hardware and General Store

103 West State St.
Black Mountain 28711
828-669-7723

Specialty Programs: Bridges - Spanning the USA, Ice Cream Parlors, Make a Wish at a Water Fountain, Points of Reference, State Street Sashay, Take a Walk In a City Park

Directions to Start Point: From I-40 take exit 64. Travel north on NC-9 (Broadway St) to intersection of US-70 (State Street). Town Hardware is the first store on your left at the corner of Broadway and State Street. Parking is available throughout the downtown area.

The Walk: Nestled deep in the Blue Ridge Mountains, 15 miles East of Asheville, NC, walk through the quaint and picturesque town of Black Mountain called the "front porch of Western North Carolina"; with its specialty shops and great dining. It has been ranked "One of the 50 Safest Towns in North Carolina" as well as the "Best Small Town in Western North Carolina." Boasting spectacular mountain views, it was recently voted by Trip Advisor as one of the "Prettiest Small Towns in America to Vacation." Formerly home to renowned Black Mountain College, Black Mountain is nationally recognized for arts, crafts, furniture, and music. It is currently home to over 200 businesses, including restaurants, bed and breakfasts, specialty shops, and four breweries.

Stroll through Black Mountain's attractive Town Square, with beautiful landscaping and oversized rocking chairs, as well as numerous gift shops, galleries, antique stores, ice cream parlors, and craft stores. There is also an authentic old-fashioned general store – Town Hardware, Art Center, Valley Museum, and restored train depot selling arts & crafts. Meander along a serene greenway and around Lake Tomahawk. Visit the Oaks mansion repurposed for use by Montreat College. The start point itself is a shopping jewel.

The best thing to do in Black Mountain is to lean back in one of the many rockers that line the streets of "the Little Town that Rocks," take in the scenery, and breathe in magical, rejuvenating mountain air."