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HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Asheville's cool little sister

Hendersonville is often called a small-town version of Asheville. And these days, when you're lucky to snag a table at Pack Square's crowded restaurants and bars, the comparison tempts. Hendersonville is known for its serpentine Main Street adorned with colorful planters and dotted with alfresco dining tables. **Postero** offers New American fare such as poached salmon on avocado toast, while **Mezzaluna** showcases a refined Italian menu with fifty beers on tap. A visit to the gleaming **Sierra Nevada** brewery in nearby Mills River is in order, but make no mistake: Hendersonville is a hard cider hub. Check out the **Flat Rock Ciderworks** tasting room or the newly opened home



of **Appalachian Ridge Artisan Ciders**. Prefer wine? **Scarlet on Main**, a fashion-forward women's clothing boutique, offers samples from local winery **Saint Paul Mountain Vineyards** inside its shop.

Find fine accommodations at the **Bed & Breakfast on Tiffany Hill**, where each plush but understated room channels a different town in the South (balmy Seaside, equestrian Lexington). If you prefer a downtown locale, the circa-1880 **Charleston Inn** recently got a new name and facelift. Don't skip a day trip to the neighboring town of **Flat Rock**, home to the state theater of North Carolina, the **Flat Rock Playhouse** (which operates a satellite location in downtown Hendersonville). It's also where you'll find the historic residence of poet and writer **Carl Sandburg**. From the Sandburg home, it's an idyllic one-and-a-half-mile trek to the top of **Big Glassy Mountain**. Another popular lookout is **Jump Off Rock**, where on a clear day you can see four states. visithendersonvillenc.org

