



JACKSON COUNTY, NC

ALE TRAIL

A FIELD GUIDE

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JACKSON COUNTY ALE TRAIL

North Carolina boasts more craft breweries than any other state in the Southeast, and Jackson County shares this passion for providing quality local beer. The breweries along our Ale Trail deliver the same laid-back vibe as the mountain towns they call home, and their craft creations are as diverse as the people who enjoy sipping them. Whether you're looking for a smooth blonde ale, a hoppy IPA, a robust porter, or something totally funky, Jackson County's breweries have you covered with more than 120 different taps to choose from.

HOP TO IT!

As you craft your own beer adventure along the Ale Trail, please remember to always drink responsibly.

YOUR GATEWAY TO

THE WNC MOUNTAINS

Located in western North Carolina, Jackson County's charming mountain towns offer year-round outdoor adventure. In addition to the Ale Trail, here you'll find the WNC Fly Fishing Trail®, beautiful waterfalls, excellent hiking, farm-to-table dining, cultural attractions, rich Appalachian heritage, boutique shopping, and so much more! As a gateway to adventures big and small, Jackson County is the perfect place to stay while exploring the best of the Great Smoky Mountains.

CASHIERS | CHEROKEE | DILLSBORO | SYLVA

Visit [DiscoverJacksonNC.com](https://www.discoverjacksonnc.com) to plan your trip.

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BEER GLASS

BREAKDOWN



PILSNER: Best for pilsners, pale lagers, and pale ales. Showcases clarity and enhances aroma.



TULIP: Ideal for Belgian ales as the bowl traps the aroma, and the stem allows for a good swirl.



STOUT: Perfect for heavy, dark beers thanks to its shape, which preserves aroma and enhances taste.



SNIFTER: Best for heavy IPAs and Belgian ales, the wide bowl is used for swirling, while tapered mouth is for aroma.



PINT: Great for holding a large pour. Plus, easy to clean!

TOP 10 ON TAP

1	Afternoon Delight 4.3% ABV Blonde Ale	Innovation Brewing
2	Spaceman 5.3% ABV Pale Ale	Innovation Brewing
3	Into the Mist 6.5% ABV Southern IPA	Balsam Falls
4	87 Eagle 4.1% ABV Blonde	Balsam Falls
5	Dirty Girl Blonde 5.75% ABV Blonde	Nantahala Brewing Sylva Outpost
6	Hazy Mountain 6.7% ABV IPA	Nantahala Brewing Sylva Outpost
7	Country Kolsch 4.2% ABV Kolsch	Whiteside Brewing
8	Cobra Chicken 7.0% ABV IPA	Whiteside Brewing
9	Trail Mate Golden Ale 4.6% ABV Golden Ale	Lazy Hiker Sylva Taproom
10	Slack Pack IPA 6.0% ABV IPA	Lazy Hiker Sylva Taproom

TAKE YOUR TASTE BUDS ON AN

ADVENTURE

In addition to delicious eats at the Ale Trail breweries, Jackson County offers a robust culinary experience all around. Start your day with a different kind of brew at one of our local coffee spots, like City Lights Cafe, Buck's Coffee Cafe, White Moon, and The Coffee Shop (circa 1926). Locally loved restaurants Lulu's on Main and Guadalupe Cafe—both in downtown Sylva—are a must for the traveling foodie. Plus, pair your pint with the perfect treat thanks to collaborations between Baxley's Chocolate and Innovation Brewing or Dillsboro Chocolate and Innovation Station. Our culinary scene stretches even further with brick-oven pizzerias and award-winning BBQ in Dillsboro to fine and al fresco dining in Cashiers, including Cornucopia, known locally as "The Porch."

SAVOR EVERY MOMENT.



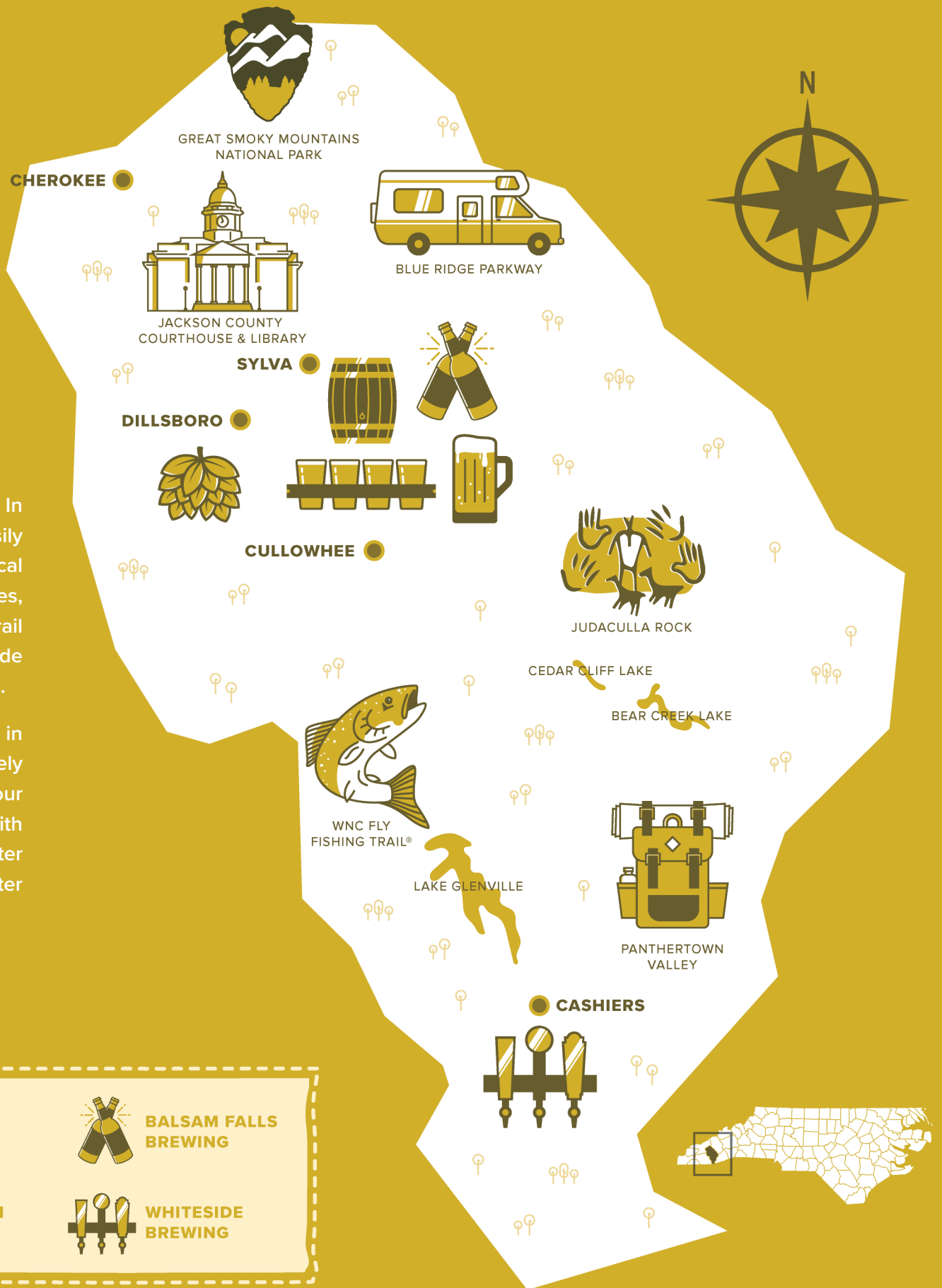
HOP ALONG THE

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The Ale Trail's main hub is in downtown Sylva. In addition to the four breweries found on one easily walkable strip, Sylva also features great local restaurants, eclectic boutiques, antique stores, and outdoor gear shops. Further along the trail are Innovation Station in Dillsboro and Whiteside Brewing in Cashiers' popular Crossroads area.

There are endless ways to spend your days in Jackson County. Enjoy hikes ranging from leisurely treks to challenging climbs. Stroll through our historic downtowns. Or get out on the water with our very own WNC Fly Fishing Trail® or whitewater rafting. After all, a cold pint tastes even better after an action-packed day of adventure.

CHEERS TO THAT!



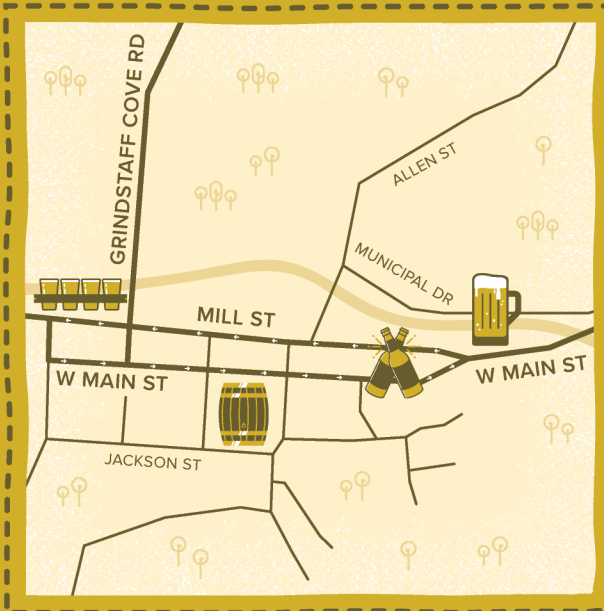
MAP LEGEND

	INNOVATION STATION		LAZY HIKER TAPROOM		BALSAM FALLS BREWING
	NANTAHALA BREWING		INNOVATION BREWING		WHITESIDE BREWING

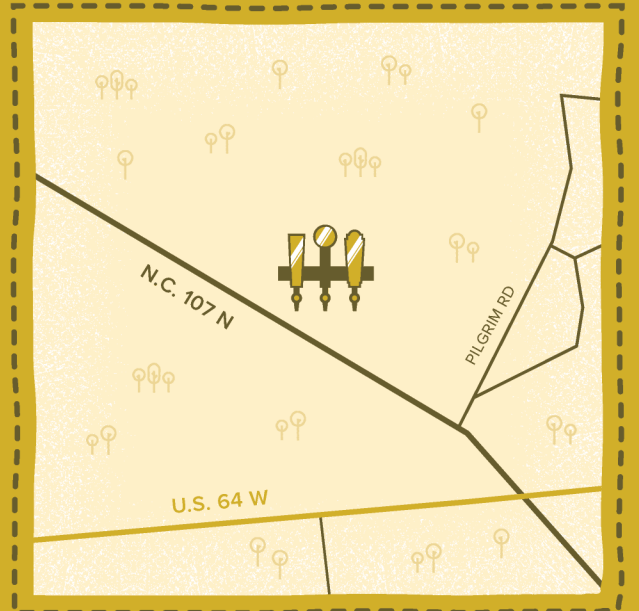
DILLSBORO



SYLVA



CASHIERS



THE LINEUP



Visit DiscoverJacksonNC.com/AleTrail for the latest happenings at all of our breweries.



Innovation Station
40 Depot St, Dillsboro, NC 28725
828-226-0262 | innovation-brewing.com



Nantahala Brewing, Sylva Outpost
5 Grindstaff Cove Rd, Sylva, NC 28779
828-641-9797 | nantahalabrewingsylvaoutpost.com



Lazy Hiker Brewing Co., Taproom
617 W Main St, Sylva, NC 28779
828-586-3555 | lazyhikerbrewing.com



Balsam Falls Brewing Co.
506 W Main St, Sylva, NC 28779
828-631-1987 | balsamfallsbrewing.com



Innovation Brewing
414 W Main St, Sylva, NC 28779
828-586-9678 | innovation-brewing.com



Whiteside Brewing Co.
128 N.C. 107 N, Cashiers, NC 28717
828-743-6000 | whitesidebrewing.com