**Shopping, Restaurants, Community Events in the Local Community**

**Restaurants:**

* [Sazon Mexican Cuisine](http://www.sazoncullowhee.com/wordpressinstall/) - 1.6 Miles from Campus off of Old Cullowhee Rd
* [Bogarts](https://www.facebook.com/Bogarts-Restaurant-Sylva-NC-214328788654975/) - 5.3 Miles from campus
* [Guadalupe Café](http://www.guadalupecafe.com/) – 5.4 Miles from Campus in Downtown Sylva
* [Lulu’s on Main](http://www.lulusonmain.com/) – 5.4 Miles from Campus in Downtown Sylva
* [Speedy’s Pizza](http://www.speedyspizzaofsylva.com/) – 5.3 Miles from Campus
* [Mad Batter Food & Film](http://madbatterfoodfilm.com/) – 5.4 Miles from Campus in Downtown Sylva
* [Ryan’s](https://www.allmenus.com/nc/sylva/105285-ryans/menu/) – 4.4 Miles from Campus in Walmart Plaza
* [Soul Infusion Tea House & Bistro](http://www.soulinfusion.com/) – 4.9 Miles from Campus
* [Innovation Brewing (food trucks)](http://www.innovation-brewing.com/?age-verified=1c0541c0b3) – 5.4 Miles from Campus in Downtown Sylva

**Shopping:**

* [Blackrock Outdoor Co.](http://www.blackrockoutdoorcompany.com/)
* [Humanite Boutique](https://www.shophumanite.com/)
* [Harry Alter Bookstore](https://www.alibris.com/stores/alterbks)
* [Baxley’s Chocolate](http://baxleyschocolates.com/)
* [Sassy Frass](http://sassyfrassconsignment.com/)
* [Dillsboro Chocolate Factory](http://www.dillsborochocolate.com/)
* [Tree House Pottery](https://www.visitnc.com/listing/tree-house-pottery)
* [Friends of the Library Used Bookstore](http://www.sylvalibraryfriends.org/)

**Events:**

* [Mountain Heritage Day](http://www.mountainheritageday.com/) – On Sept. 20, 2017, the intramural fields of WCU becomes the site of a local festival showcasing Southern Appalachian music, arts, dance and song. There are booths selling food and local crafts, and an annual Cherokee Stickball match.
* [Harvest Festival](http://www.mountainlovers.com/events/details/harvest-festival-40935) – From Oct. 20 to Oct. 22, 2017, there is a three day event that includes campfires and storytelling, the Country Fair, and an evening Bluegrass concert.
* [Halloween Trick or Treat in Dillsboro](http://www.mountainlovers.com/events/details/halloween-trick-or-treat-in-dillsboro-38560) – On Oct. 31, 2017, Downtown Dillsboro will become an open area from trick or treat. There will be games, hayrides, and local craft sellers.
* [WNC Pottery Festival](http://www.wncpotteryfestival.com/) – On Nov. 4, 2017, this annual event will showcase 40 local potters, and the audience will get the chance to experience art techniques first-hand.
* [Dillsboro Lights & Luminaires](https://www.romanticasheville.com/dillsboro_festival_luminaries.htm)- Dec.1 –Dec. 2 the town is decked in Christmas lights and candles. Caramel corn and hot chocolate are also available on the streets.

**Recreation:**

* [Blue Ridge Parkway](http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=69) – scenic parkway makes for a great drive, and hiking is found all along the Jackson county part of the Parkway
* [Great Smoky Mountains National Park](https://www.nps.gov/grsm/index.htm) – One of the most visited and enjoyed National Parks!
* [Waterfalls](http://www.mountainlovers.com/waterfalls) - 19 Waterfalls and 9 Hiking trails
* [WCU Trail System (multipurpose)](https://wcucycling.wordpress.com/wcu-trail-system/)
* Skiing and Snowboarding and Zip-lining
	+ [Catalooche Ski Area](http://cataloochee.com/) in Maggie Valley
	+ [Sapphire Valley Resort](http://www.sapphirevalley.com/zip-line---the-vordach-.html) offers zip-line canopy tours
* [Rafting & Watersports](http://www.mountainlovers.com/list/category/rafting-467)
	+ There are 4 Whitewater Rivers: Tuskaseigee, Chattooga, Oconaluftee and nearby Nantahala
	+ Canoes and boat rentals are available on Lake Glenville, near Cashiers
* [Sequoyah National Golf Club](http://www.sequoyahnational.com/index.php)

**Local Hotspots:**

* [Jack the Dipper Ice Cream](http://www.jackthedipper.com/) – Local ice cream shop with a variety of flavors and student discount for catamounts.
* [Quin Theaters](http://quintheater.com/) – Local Movie Theater that also has a student discount for catamounts.
* [City Lights Café and Bookstore](http://www.citylightsnc.com/) – Half café and half book store that throws several events throughout the year, and there are two black cats roaming the store. (Feel free to pet!)
* [Fish and More Pet Store](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ckkritchie%5CDownloads%5C%E2%80%A2%09http%3A%5Cwww.mountainlovers.com%5Clist%5Cmember%5Cfish-and-more-pet-store-1307) – Local pet store that is popular with college students because you can physical pick up the animals.