

# Coffeeshouses and other gathering spots

SELECT YOUR VIBE, VELOCITY AND VENUE

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Meet college students and locals at Dripolator Coffeehouse.



Dynamite Roasting is a great place to plan your day.

Competing with the wonderful smells of fresh mountain air and blooming flowers in the Swannanoa Valley is the enticing smell of coffee. The Valley boasts some of the finest freshly roasted brews that you'll find anywhere. Select your vibe and velocity, and you'll find it here at one of our coffee shops and gathering spots.

## The Dripolator

In downtown Black Mountain, the popular Dripolator Coffeehouse boasts a large chalkboard of in-house roasted and brewed selections, along with locally baked goods and artisan chocolate bars.

During the busy warm season, the line at the Dripolator grows, and sitting spots go quickly. Add in free Wi-Fi, and you may have to wait a bit. But stick around. You won't be disappointed.

Address: 221 W. State St.

Hours: 6:45 a.m.-9:30 p.m. weekdays, 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

## Dynamite Roasting Co.

Just about a mile and a minute east from the center of downtown is Dynamite Roasting, where the vibe is a bit different. You won't find wi-fi. Instead, hi-fi rules, with an eclectic selection of LPs awaiting customers who are encouraged to turn on the turntable. The connection here is of the people-to-people kind.

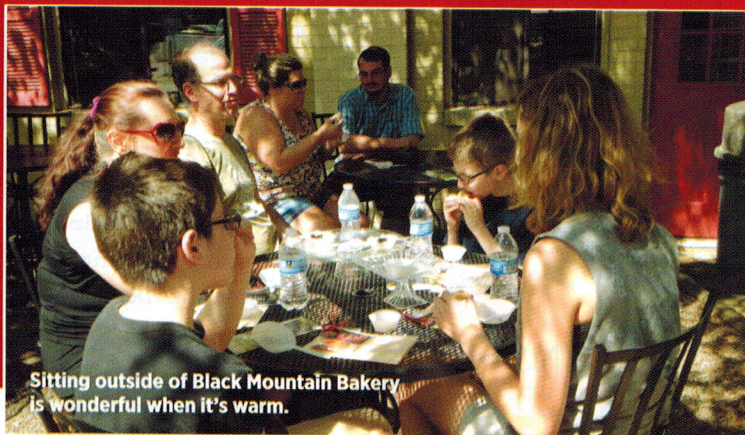
The spectacular mountain view from the front deck is a favorite with guests, as they sip specialty roasted selections of the day and enjoy local baked goods.

Address: 3198 US Hwy. 70

Hours:  
7 a.m.-7 p.m.  
weekdays;  
7 a.m.-6 p.m.,  
Saturday,  
8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sunday







Sitting outside of Black Mountain Bakery is wonderful when it's warm.

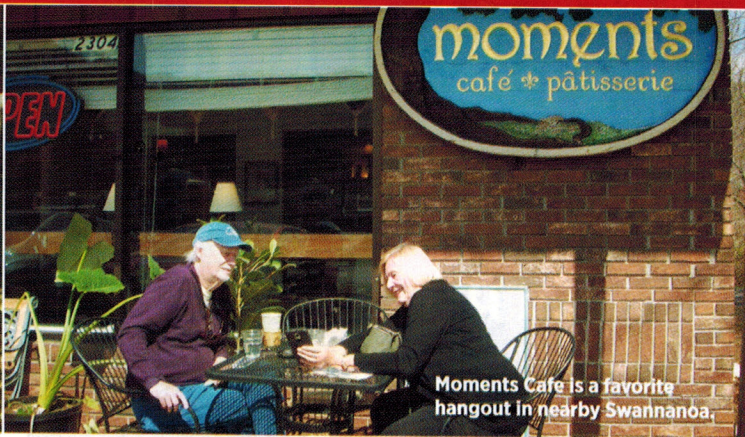
### **Black Mountain Bakery**

Just off the main State Street corridor in downtown Black Mountain is this longtime favorite gathering spot, now owned and operated by the former UNC Asheville student who worked there for years. Nestled under stately trees, outdoor seating is usually a preference during the beautiful spring and summer weather.

Continuing the goodwill that this breakfast, lunch and brunch venue has established over the years, the bakery with free wi-fi emphasizes personalized service.

Address: 102 Church St.

Hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday



Moments Cafe is a favorite hangout in nearby Swannanoa.

### **Moments Café & Patisserie**

Head east to Swannanoa, and you'll find a local favorite, Moments Café. It offers three coffee selections daily from local roasters, in addition to specialty drinks. Homemade cream cheese accompanies locally baked bagels. Also available are delicious homemade baked goods, sandwiches and wraps.

Address: 2304 U.S. 70

Hours: 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday