

# Transportation & Roads

Information about transportation and roads.

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## Airport Status

Open

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## Bus Status

ART bus services have resumed regular scheduled hours for most bus routes. Buses are no longer offering flag stop service. ART bus service will continue to be free of charge to all community members until further notice.

[ashevillenc.gov/service/transit-service-alerts](https://ashevillenc.gov/service/transit-service-alerts).

ART Paratransit services are resuming where possible. Paratransit customers should call (828) 250-6750 to schedule transportation.

On-street parking meters and enforcement will resume, starting on **December 2nd, 2024**. On December 2, you will have to pay for parking if you park at a metered on-street parking space. Parking fees for city-owned and managed garages and ART bus service will continue to be free until the end of the year, with the exception of **event parking fees at the Harrah's Cherokee Center garage**. Fees will resume on **January 2, 2025**.

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## DMV Status

The following DMV offices are open for walk-in services in or near NC-11, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed between 11:30 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. for a lunch break:

- Buncombe County
  - 1624 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC 28806
- Cherokee County
  - 1440 Main St., Andrews, NC 28901
- Haywood County
  - 290 Lee Rd., Clyde, NC 28721
- Henderson County
  - 125 Baystone Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28791
- Jackson County
  - 876 Skyland Dr., Ste. 2, Sylva, NC 28779
- Macon County
  - 16 Patton Ave., Franklin, NC 28734
- Madison County
  - 1685 NC Highway 213, Marshall, NC 28753
- McDowell County
  - 3975 NC 226 S., Marion, NC 28752
- Rutherford County
  - 596 Withrow Rd., Forest City, NC 28043
- Swain County
  - 2650 Governors Island Rd., Bryson City, NC 28713
- Transylvania County
  - 50 Commerce St., Ste. 4, Brevard, NC 28712

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## Electric Vehicle Charging

- [Check this reddit post for updates](#)
- As of 6:30 pm 9/29, Tangers Outlet Mall supercharger is the best option for Teslas, but won't work for other EVs. That area also has gas stations, power, water, grocery store (Ingles) and a few restaurants.
- Across the street from Tangers Outlet Mall, the Ingles has two free Level 2 J-1772 chargers. 4 ports, but only two operational. We have been able to charge our Leaf here twice already, working well, and seem to be under utilized (I've only seen one other car here).
- Biltmore Forest supercharger is the best option for all other EV models if you have the NACS adapter. Many people don't, so please share if you have one, plan to stay there longer to help someone else out.
- Publix on South Hendersonville is no longer working, to conserve generator power. Once grid power is restored to the area then it should be turned on again.
- Tesla Supercharger at Whole Foods on Tunnel Road in East Asheville is still offline, that whole area is without power.
- Electric Vehicles: 2 superchargers at Publix on Hendersonville Rd, at least 4 superchargers in Biltmore Town Square.

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## Bikes

- Free bike repair at Firestorm Book Co-op on Haywood

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## Private Transportation

- 10/6 10am: Uber is functioning and several drivers are on the road. (source: in-person vetted)
- Parking is currently free in all city garages and on-street parking spaces until further notice. If you require long-term parking, please use one of the City garages to help keep on-street parking available for short-term visitors, and only park in designated accessible parking spaces if you have a placard. These simple gestures can greatly assist our small businesses as they recover and work to help restore our local economy. Parking is free until December 1st.
- ~~On-street parking meters and enforcement will resume, starting on **December 2nd, 2024**. On December 2, you will have to pay for parking if you park at a metered on-street parking space. Parking fees for city owned and managed garages and ART bus service will continue to be free until the end of the year, with the exception of **event parking fees at the Harrah's Cherokee Center garage**. Fees will resume on **January 2, 2025**.~~

- **On-street parking meter enforcement will resume today December 2, 2024.** Parking at city-owned and managed garages and ART bus service will continue to be free until the end of the year, with the exception of **event parking fees at the Harrah's Cherokee Center garage**. Garage and transit fees will resume on **January 2, 2025**.
  - Working Wheels provides affordable, reliable transportation to local families in need.  
<https://workingwheelswnc.org/>
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## Blue Ridge Parkway

The Parkway recently reopened the following sections:

From Milepost 405.5 at Elk Pasture Gap – NC 151, near Mount Pisgah, south to Milepost 420.2 (Forest Service Road 816- at Black Balsam). This includes access to the Mount Pisgah and Graveyard Fields/Looking Glass Rock area trails. The Devil's Courthouse area is closed due to significant road damage on the Parkway. This closure includes bicycle or pedestrian use.

In addition, last week the Parkway reopened significant mileage from Milepost 423.2 at Beach Gap - State Route 215 south to the Great Smoky Mountains at Milepost 469.1. This open area includes the Waterrock Knob Visitor center and nearby trails.

The parks are targeting opening a section of the Asheville corridor later this week. The section of Parkway that will be open in a few days is from the U.S. Route 70/Tunnel Road intersection at Milepost 382.5, south to State Route 191 (Brevard Road) at Milepost 393.6 near the French Broad River and the North Carolina Arboretum.

The section of the Parkway opening later this week will allow access onto and off of the Parkway from the following roads:

- U.S. Route 70 (Tunnel Road)
  - U.S. Route 74
  - U.S. Route 25 (Hendersonville Road)
  - State Route 191 (Brevard Road)
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## Gasoline

**Assume cash only, changing rapidly! Please add the date and time gas was available!**

**Consider the GasBuddy app, but don't rely on it. Please check below for confirmed gasoline, and at what time. Filter by power and which locations have updated the price recently**

**Please include STATION NAME, address or landmarks, date and time of confirming availability, cash/credit and any limits, LINE LENGTH (or how long you waited), how much gas is assumed**

**left (if known), how you know (source, such as self, socials, word-of-mouth, etc), types of gas, and any additional details that may be helpful.**

#### CENTRAL/DOWNTOWN

- Shell 40 Merrimon Ave and Enmarket on Merrimon 203 Merrimon Ave, Enmarket now taking cards of 10.2
- City by McCormick Stadium is open intermittently with gas 45 McCormick Pl, Asheville, NC 28801
- 10/3, AM: Shell at Charlotte Street and 240 (45 Charlotte St, Asheville, NC 28801) no waiting and took cards
- Shell 45 Charlotte street (off exit 5B) As of 10/3 8am there was gas and no lines
- Sam's 645 Patton Ave had gas as of 9AM Oct 1st. Must be a member to buy gas there; can purchase annual membership inside store (\$50); accepting credit cards
- 10/3 at 11:30am. Ingles on Merrimon Ave has gas. 20 gallon limit. Cash only.

#### WEST

- Ingles Market (151 Smokey Park Hwy, Asheville): Has gas as of 9/30 5pm. Cash only \$40 limit. Long lines reported (half-hour+). (Source: Direct report from person on site).
- BP (589 Brevard Rd, Asheville): Confirmed as of 9/30 3:00pm. Gas available. Payment method unknown. Line length unknown. (Source: User report in AVL Helene Discord server). 10/2 - as of 11 am there were no lines, gas available, and taking cards - if pump doesn't accept it, they will inside. If you don't need as much as you tell them to set the pump for, it will revert back to your card. Inside ATM not working.
- ~~Shell 1498 Smokey Park Hwy, Candler, NC 28715 taking card!~~ Out as of 11am 9/30, but they will get more later today
- Sunoco down Patton before the DMV has gas and the line was super short! (10/1 @ 11:23a) sorry for the late update!
- The hot spot, Ingles, and exxon on Brevard Rd have been open for several days now. They may be out of gas. Ingles 863 Brevard Rd, Exxon 875 Brevard Rd, 28806
  - More reports of Brevard Rd stations having gas
  - 9/30 2pm Hot Spot Brevard Rd has gas CASH ONLY
- ~~Ingles on Sand Hill in Candler is open 1572 Sand Hill Rd, Candler, NC 28715~~ - no gas as of 4:15pm 9/29
- Hot spot on New Leicester Hwy - cash/credit up to \$40 - super well organized. (10/1 3pm)
- As of 3pm (9/29) there is no gas at any gas station in Waynesville
- Ingles and hotspot West Patton have power, will probably start pumping soon - 7:45am 9/30
- Reports of plenty in Belmont NC two hours west of Asheville
- Firestorm (9/30) - offering free snacks, canned goods, hygienic products, etc
- Haywood Quick Stop 495 Haywood Rd has gas as of pm 9/30, taking cash and cardhigan Avenue, cash only. As of 11:15am 10/4
- BJ's Haywood & Michigan Avenue, cash only. As of 11:15am 10/4

#### EAST

- As of 9/30 I-40 East between Black Mountain and Old Fort now open. **Please share any reports of Gas available east of Old Fort**
- Shell station (Kounty Line) off Charlotte Hwy is open and good system for flow of traffic. Card only.
- Amaco on hwy 74/Charlotte hwy is open, don't know if cash or card but they had line and moving steady.
- Citgo by Fairview elementary, cash only
- As of 10/2 at 11:35 Shell at exit 59 in Swannanoa had gas. Takes credit cards.
- 107 Hwy 70, Black Mountain: FREE GASOLINE for those in the Asheville area that are in need of gasoline, there is a tanker truck from a rescue organization giving away gas. There is a 10 gallon limit. They will fill vehicles and gas cans. (10/5)

#### NORTH

- Red Oak Gas Station 1318 State Rd 1756, Weaverville, NC 28787 - only 30 min wait on 9/30
- Citgo 3660 US-25, Marshall, NC 28753 (10/1)
- Several gas stations reported on Jupiter Rd between Alexander and Marshall, relatively short lines on 10/1
- 10/3 as of 1pm Fully stocked Gas station Citgo in Marshall- no lines Coordinates: 35.79130°N, 82.65365°W

#### SOUTH

- As of 9/30/2024 - Sheetz in Fletcher has gas- open 24/7
  - sheetz in fletcher does have gas and takes card. lot of people but i saw on FB they just got more gas delivered last night at like 5 am 5440 Asheville Hwy, Hendersonville, NC 28791
  - As of 4:30 PM EST on Monday 9/30 I heard Fletcher was almost out of gas.
- Citgo Biltmore Ave (corner of McCormick and Buchanan) cash only, line forms up toward Mission be careful of ambulances.
- There were a few gas stations on Long Shoals Road open as of last night. Ingles gas 301 Long Shoals Rd, Arden, NC 28704
- Citgo and Marathon in Fletcher had gas last night. I'm not sure how much (if any) they'd have left today but it's worth a shot. Citgo was cash only. Not sure about Marathon.
- Citgo 4091 Hendersonville Rd, Fletcher, NC 28732 9/29 6 pm
- 16 Smith Mill Road
- GAS - Sheetz on Asheville Hwy near Naples Rd - CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED - as of 16:00 9/30
- 2273 Hendersonville Road, Arden NC in Convenience store open, accepting cash and cards Gas available - unleaded, mid, premium, and diesel (some pumps not accepting cards)
- 443 Airport Rd, Arden, NC 28704 - gas available as of 5:15pm 9/29. Credit and cash, no debit
- Ingles
- Fletcher sheets is having gas trucks come in very frequently. Had 2 show up during my wait to get gas. took two and a half hours, but finally got it.
- Gas available in Easley, SC - slightly west of Greenville gas available all over Greenville


- QT in flat rock(upward road hendo) seems to be refilling regularly and is taking card. Just have some long lines (as of 4pm yesterday and 5am this morning 9/30) .
- Circle K in spartanburg off i-26
- Heading South, off I-26 at Saluda, they have gas at 3PM 10/2

## OUTSIDE ASHEVILLE

- Fastop @ 1020 E Dixon Blvd, Shelby, NC 28152 CASH ONLY (as of 10:45 am EST, 9/30/24),
  - ~50% of food/supplies available inside the store
- ~~Weaverville Shell near I-26 has gas long line (as of 13:00 EST 9/30/24) out 7:00am 10/1~~
- ~~Weaverville Shell of Monticello Exit (as of 15:00 EST 9/30/24) out 7:00am 10/1~~
- Exit 19 on i26 had gas as of 9/28, all stations were open, QT had the shortest line
- Fletcher, NC
  - Marathon and Citgo in Fletcher both have gas. Marathon was only a 20 minute wait \$40 cash only limit at 2pm today (15:30 9/30/24)
- Mars Hill, NC
  - BP at the Wolf Laurel exit off of I26 got 7000 gallons of gas 10/01. They are accepting cards for gas. \$50 limit. Short line when I was there.
- Brevard, NC (as of 10/1 at 10:41am)
  - Marathon Gas @ 1210 Asheville Hwy, Brevard, NC 28712 is open and **accepting cards** However they're out of regular, but they have premium. **There is a \$20 limit** so it doesn't go too far with premium, but it seems like a good option.

## Highways/Roads

Please check <https://drivenc.gov/> for the most up to date information from the state.

-  Road Conditions: Call 511 or visit [readync.org/stay-informed/road-conditions](https://readync.org/stay-informed/road-conditions)
- As of 10/16, the Blue Ridge Parkway is now open from mile marker 0 to 200.1 in Virginia
- **Road Closure in Biltmore Village:** Hendersonville Road/Biltmore Avenue will be closed from All Souls Crescent to Meadow Road through October 13, 2024 between the hours of 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. All lanes will be closed to all vehicular traffic except for emergency vehicles. Detours will be in place to route traffic to the McDowell Street bridge. This closure is required in order to maintain safety while cleanup activities take place in the Biltmore Village area.
- As of Tuesday night (10/1) I40 East and I26 North and South are open.
- US 441/Newfound Gap Road (allows access between Tennessee and NC) is open
- The entirety of the Blue Ridge Parkway is CLOSED
- 10/3 AM: WLOS TRAVEL UPDATE: I-26 Open in AVL, I-26 Closed Near TN Border, I-40 Open East of AVL, I-40 Closed Near TN Border
- As of Mon. Sept. 30 **NCDOT drivenc.gov website is showing I-40 East now open between Black Mountain and Old fort** for emergency-related travel. This may open new opportunities to source supplies and gas for people in Black Mountain / East Swannanoa without having to travel I-40 West through Asheville
- To Charlotte/Spartanburg: I-26 east past 40 is supposed to be clear all the way to SC. No flooding or downed lines on that road. Reports of gas available past the mountain. Gas

available in Gastonia . **Other reports of no gas until Shelby toward Charlotte. Gas is confirmed available in Spartanburg. Gas may be out in Shelby**

- I-25 south of Hendersonville is assumed to be open to Greenville, SC. **Gas is confirmed available in Gville.**
- FROM REDDIT:
  - We left this morning on 26 towards shelby/gastonia. We had 1/4 tank of gas and just made it to Gastonia where we were able to fill up. Most stations before then were either not open or had pretty long lines. Unsure if the situation has changed since this morning.
  - I have friends who left by that route this afternoon. They had a nearly full tank and 100 miles into SC there were still very long lines at stations that had gas. I would tell him not to try it until he can fill his tank up in Asheville. Maybe wait another day or two. Would be terrible to get stranded.
  - "If you go can make it south towards Greenville the Spinx and Murphys on 25 in Travelers Rest has gas. The Spinx has been getting steady trucks of gas throughout the day. Expect long lines. "
  - As of ~3PM you can take 40W to 74S to Franklin where there is gas available. From there cell service is consistent across the GA line near Clayton.
  - I successfully made it from Asheville to Atlanta. Here is the route I took if anyone desperately needs to get out. Please note that the less people driving the better emergency vehicles can get to people! 1-40 W towards exit 51, Sweeten Creek, Sweeten Creek to Hendersonville Rd, Hendersonville Rd to Airport Rd (you'll be in Arden/Fletcher, Get onto 1-26 South, I-26 to US 25, US 25 into Greenville, 185-85 South into Atlanta
- If you can get to Greenville you are good. Anything North of Greenville is dangerous
- We left this morning and took I-26 East towards Greenville then turned onto Route 76 Towards Charlotte. Be sure to check DriveNC.gov for road status.
- I-40 EAST HAS REOPENED OUT OF ASHEVILLE! For folks trying to head east to get supplies, Hickory and points east have supplies, gas, water, food, and power.
- I-40 West remains closed, but is close to reopening East of Asheville. - reported 10pm 9/30
- [How to get out](#) - from 9/28
- 10/1 Tues: it is clear going NORTH 25/70 past Marshall, to highway 208, all the way to Greeneville, TN. I cut over on 81 S to go to Knoxville.
- 10/1 Tuesday: clear going both north and south on 25 between Greenville and Asheville
- 10/2 from Discord: DOT source said open roads include:
  - 1 Lane I-40E
  - 26W to Exit 3 then US-19 to Erwin
  - 26 to SC Open
  - 26 to US-74 to Charlotte
  - NC 208 to Greenville
  - US 25/70 to Newport