

Transportation

By air:

The easiest way to get here is to fly directly to Asheville Regional Airport [AVL]. Many major carriers serve the Asheville airport, including: AirTran, American, Continental, Delta, US Airways, and United. Since the planes that fly into Asheville are the smaller regional jets, affordable seating is often limited, so please try to book your flights as soon as possible.

Sometimes less expensive fares are available by flying into Greenville, South Carolina [GSP] or Charlotte, North Carolina [CLT], but these airports are an hour or two away and it would be necessary to rent a car. [Usually it is not worth the extra travel time and the expense of renting the car, etc.]

When arriving at Asheville Regional Airport, there are car rental counters adjacent to baggage claim, as well as a ground transportation desk. Taxis in Asheville are not like in a large city: one needs to arrange for the taxi in advance or be prepared to wait for it to arrive. That is, there are often no taxis waiting at the airport, which is a 20 minute drive from town. Most taxis charge about \$35-\$45 to go from the airport to the conference hotel (plus gratuity); but for most of them, there is no extra charge for additional passengers. I recommend Checker Cab (828) 254-1155 or Beaver Lake Cab (828) 252-1913, though any of the taxis ground transportation will provide information about would be ok as well. It is also possible to make arrangements in advance with Diamond Executive (828) 281-8139 to meet you at the airport. Their fees are per vehicle, ranging on \$45-\$75 (plus gratuity); but these seat more people so it *could* cost less than the taxi, *so long as there are others arriving to split the fare....* My impression is that they will try to coordinate trips to bring folks in together when possible.

Our bus service is limited, but generally reliable when it runs. It is possible, during certain hours, to take the city buses from the Airport to the conference hotel, but the schedule is limited and the progress is s-l-o-w. It is very inexpensive, however. The one-way fare will cost \$1.00. [Ask for a transfer when you board the bus at the airport, and present it as your fare on the bus to the Grove Park Inn.] No change is available. Route # 6 is the only route that travels to the airport. Look for bus stop signs outside toward the ticket counters. Take Route # 6 from the airport to the transfer station downtown. From there, take Route # 5 to the Grove Park Inn, which is the last stop [ask the driver if you are unsure]. Route #6 buses depart every 90 minutes, whereas Route #5 buses depart every 60 minutes, so it is possible that you might have a 30 minute layover, depending when you arrive downtown. During peak traffic time, the buses are frequently late coming into the station, so it is also possible that you will have to wait for the next bus if that happens—if there is a next bus. [Luckily, there is a wonderful brewery steps from the transit station! Cf. “Coxe Avenue Pizza and Brewery” in the “Restaurants and Bars” link on the main conference page.] The bus schedules and maps are available at http://www.ashevollenc.gov/residents/transportation/city_bus/default.aspx?id=946. Please note

that there is no evening service on Routes #5 or #6. The last bus leaving for the Grove Park Inn from the transit station downtown departs at 5:30 p.m. Also, please note that there is no Sunday bus service.

By car:

Directions to the Conference Hotel, the Grove Park Inn :

From I-26 or I-40, take I-240 into Asheville.
Take exit 5B/Charlotte Street
If coming from I-240 East, turn left on Charlotte Street,
If coming from I-240 West, turn right on Charlotte Street.
Proceed north on Charlotte Street for approximately .7 mile.
Turn right on Macon Avenue and continue for .8 mile.
The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa entrance will be to your left.

Directions to UNCA can be found at: <http://www2.unca.edu/welcome/directions.html>. The conference will meet Thursday and Friday at UNCA in the Owen conference Center. Transportation will be provided to and from UNCA from the conference hotel. Saturday the conference meets at the Grove Park Inn. If you need to drive, please contact Dr. Duane Davis to arrange for a visitor's parking permit. Cars without permits may be ticketed and towed.