



## **AOPC-29 Asheville, North Carolina, United States**

**17-20 September 2024**

### **LOCAL LOGISTICS**

The NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) looks forward to hosting the 29th Atmospheric Observation Panel for Climate in Asheville, NC, from 17 to 20 September 2024. The meeting will be held at “[The Collider](#)” at 1 Haywood Street, Asheville, NC 28801. The Collider is an education and event space in the heart of downtown Asheville, within close walking distance of a variety of restaurants and hotels.

Below are some details to secure your travel arrangements.

#### **ENTRY TO “THE COLLIDER”**

Entry will be through the single glass door on the side of the building that faces Patton Avenue as the main entrance will likely be under renovation. The primary meeting room is on the fourth floor of the elevator, and an entry code for accessing the room will be posted in the elevator.

#### **AIR TRANSPORT AND AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

We encourage you to fly to Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) located in Fletcher, North Carolina - about 15 miles (24 km) away from downtown Asheville.

A taxi from Asheville Regional Airport to downtown will cost about USD 45 - but can vary. Please be prepared to have US cash to pay for the cab. Uber and Lyft ride share services are also available, and their cost for a four-passenger vehicle can range from USD 25 to USD 45, depending on demand. Another alternative is [Asheville Airport Shuttle](#). The cost for a one-way trip from AVL to downtown is USD 75 for up to two people, USD 10 for each additional person. Reservations can be made Wednesdays through Sundays by calling 828-231-1053 or sending an email through the website (<https://www.ashevilleairportshuttle.com/>).

Two alternate airports to fly into are Greenville/Spartanburg International Airport (GSP), located in Greer, South Carolina, about 70 miles (113 km) away from downtown Asheville, and Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT), about 125 miles (201 km) away. Asheville Airport Shuttle (noted above) or [Atchison Transportation Services](#) provide transportation between these airports and Asheville.

Car rental services are also available at all three airports. However, parking can be a challenge in downtown Asheville.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A [bid page](#) has been created for AOPC where area hotels are displaying group rates for our group, "aopc". You are strongly encouraged to visit this page and make a reservation as soon as possible as rates may change and sell out. Rates, terms, and reservation instructions vary by hotel.

As of May 2024, rates at 3-star hotels in downtown Asheville are around USD 200 for our meeting dates. If you are interested in a lower rate outside of downtown, it is advisable to choose a hotel on a bus route, e.g., along Hendersonville Road or Tunnel Road, or to plan on using a ride service, taxi, or rental car for transportation.

## LINKS OF INTEREST:

The following links may also be of interest.

### **NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI):**

<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov>

### **About Asheville (from Explore Asheville):**

<https://www.exploreasheville.com/iconic-asheville/>

### **Climate Science in Asheville (from Explore Asheville):**

<https://www.exploreasheville.com/meeting-planners/industries/climate-science/>

### **Asheville City Transit**

<https://www.ashevillenc.gov/department/transit/>

### **S&W Food Market**

Independent restaurants in a historic building

56 Patton Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801

<https://swmarketavl.com/>

### **The Grove Arcade**

Shopping and dining in a historic building which was the home of the National Climatic Data Center, NCEI's Asheville-based predecessor, from 1951 to 1995

1 Page Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801

<https://grovearcade.com/>

### **Woolworth Walk - Art Gallery and Crafts Emporium**

Lunch option and art gallery

25 Haywood Street, Asheville, NC 28801

<https://www.woolworthwalk.com/>