Continuing out Merrimon Avenue in the extreme Northern part of the city is Beaver Lake, on the North side of which is the Beaver Lake Subdivision and on the South side is Lakeview Estates. North and East of these subdivisions are Elk Mountain and Sunset Mountain, and there is a decided scenic attraction to these subdivisions. Extending South from the principal business district is Biltmore Avenue which is also a very heavy traffic artery. After passing through the Biltmore community business center this avenue becomes the Hendersonville Road and continuing a short distance South along it leads to the "Biltmore Forest" subdivision. This is a highly restricted subdivision for the wealthy class, built around the Biltmore Forest Country Club and Golf Course and contains many beautiful estates. To the West of this subdivision is the magnificent 15,000 acre Biltmore Estate and Biltmore House. The house, erected nearly half a century ago by the late George W. Vanderbilt, is considered one of the finest private homes and estates in America.

Eastward from the principal business street along college street is the Beaucatcher Tunnel and through this is the highway leading Eastward along the Swannanoa River to Asheville Municipal Recreation Park, and the United States Veterans Hospital at Oteen. Residential development in this direction is scattered. Extending Westward from the principal business district along Patten Avenue, then Southward along Clingman Avenue, crossing the French Broad River over the West Asheville Bridge and into West Asheville on Haywood Road. This was formerly a separately incorporated city. Haywood Road for quite a distance is almost in the center of West Asheville, and along it are many business houses of every kind and character. The residential development in West Asheville is spotted.

The chief city park is "Recreation Park," located outside of the city limits on the Eastern side of the city. It offers zoo, numerous rides and other amusement devices, a huge outdoor swimming pool, a lake for boating, picnic grounds and other equipment. Aston Park, near