



Located in the Western North Carolina Mountains, Burnsville offers four distinct seasons. With mountain views and comfortable year-round temperatures, the South Toe River, Cane River and North Toe River and creeks and streams offer excellent fishing and recreation opportunities. All this only a short drive to Asheville, North Carolina and Johnson City, Tennessee.

Mt. Mitchell State Park, the highest peak east of the Mississippi River, and Hemlock State Park are located just south of Burnsville and the Blue Ridge Parkway is on the southern boarder of Yancey County.

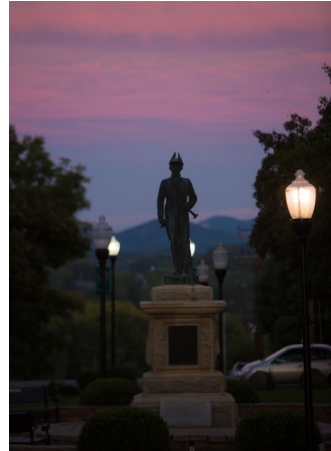
Burnsville and its surrounding communities are perfect for relocation due to its beautiful mountains, climate, great people, low property taxes, excellent schools, local crafts, and laid back attitude.

History of Burnsville

On March 6, 1834, John Bailey, nicknamed "Yellow Jacket," conveyed 100 acres of land for the county seat, named Burnsville. Its namesake, Captain Otway Burns, who was serving in the general assembly in 1833, voted for the creation of the new Western County. The grateful people named their county seat for Capt. Burns, a naval hero of the war of 1812.

His tomb in Beaufort's old burying ground is surmounted by a canon taken from his ship, "The Snap Dragon." a statue of Capt. Burns stands on a forty-ton, Mount Airy granite pedestal in the center of the town's public square, which was given the official name of "Bailey Square" by the Yancey County board of commissioners on September 1, 1930.

The statue of Capt. Burns was given to the county on July 5, 1909, by Walter Francis Burns, a grandson of the sea captain. The inscription reads: "Otway Burns - born in Onslow County, North Carolina, 1777- Died at Portsmouth, North Carolina, 1850 sailor-soldier-statesman. North Carolina's foremost son in the War of 1812-1815 for him, this town is named - he guarded well our seas, let our mountains honor



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