

**Fourth JCOMM Workshop on Advances in Marine Climatology  
(CLIMAR-IV)**

9-12 June 2014

**-AND-**

**First ICOADS Value-Added Database (IVAD) Workshop**

13 June 2014

**A. Place of the Meeting**

*Opening date and place of session*

The Workshops will be held at the **Four Points by Sheraton Asheville Downtown**  
22 Woodfin Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801 USA.

The session will begin on Monday, 9 June 2014 at 8:30AM in the Wolfe/Vance Meeting Room.. Follow the signs from the entrance to find the right meeting-room.

**English will be the language used at the meeting and for all documents.**

*Local contact for the meeting:*

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**B. Workshop Information and Registration:**

Information about the CLIMAR-IV and IVAD workshops can be found at the following links:

a) Main CLIMAR-IV webpage hosted at NOAA/ESRL:

<http://icoads.noaa.gov/climar4/>

b) [IVAD Workshop information:](#)

[http://icoads.noaa.gov/climar4/climar4\\_ivad.html](http://icoads.noaa.gov/climar4/climar4_ivad.html)

c) JCOMM CLIMAR-IV page with participant information:

[http://www.jcomm.info/index.php?option=com\\_oe&task=viewEventRecord&eventID=1384](http://www.jcomm.info/index.php?option=com_oe&task=viewEventRecord&eventID=1384)

To **register** for the meeting please visit the JCOMM CLIMAR-IV Event Registration page:

[http://www.jcomm.info/index.php?option=com\\_oe&task=registerForEvent&event=1384](http://www.jcomm.info/index.php?option=com_oe&task=registerForEvent&event=1384)

### **C. ARRIVAL AT ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT**

Asheville Regional Airport (AVL)

61 Terminal Drive

Fletcher, NC 28732

USA

<http://www.flyavl.com/>

Distance from Asheville: ~15 miles / ~24 km

#### **Transport between Asheville Airport and Downtown Asheville**

**(<http://flyavl.com/pages/passenger-services/transportation.php>):**

Getting around Western North Carolina is easy with a wide variety of transportation choices.

- Taxi cab (\$2.50/mile, plus \$2.50 starting on the meter)
- Car service (flat rate based on destination)
- Limousine (flat rate based on destination)
- Bus
  - Asheville – South 3 Route – Asheville Downtown (\$1.00/person)
  - Hendersonville – Apple Country Transportation Blue Route – The Link (\$0.75/person)
- Asheville Airport Express <http://www.ashevilleairportexpress.com/>
- Asheville Airport Shuttle <http://www.ashevilleairportshuttle.com/>
- Additional transport options, including taxi service:  
<http://flyavl.com/media/PDFs/2013%20OFF%20SITE%20TRANSPORTATION%20COMPANIES-LETTER%20FORMAT.pdf>

Nearest Major International Airports:

Please note that unless you are connecting flights directly to Asheville and choose to begin your trip at one of the major international airports listed below, there is no rail

service to Asheville from either airport. Automobile rental is the best option aside from flying directly into Asheville.

A. Charlotte, NC

Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT)

5501 Josh Birmingham Parkway

Charlotte, NC 28208

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/airport/Pages/default.aspx>

Distance from Asheville: ~120 miles / ~193 km

B. Atlanta, GA

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)

6000 North Terminal Parkway

Suite 4000

Atlanta, GA 30320

<http://www.atlanta-airport.com/>

Distance from Asheville: ~217 miles / ~349 km

## D. TRAVEL INFORMATION

### *US Visa Information*

Information on how to obtain a Visa to enter the United States is available from the US Department of State at the following link:

<http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visitor.html>

Where required, you are urged to do this at your earliest convenience to avoid any travel delays or issues.

Additional information on the Visa Waiver Program and participating countries is available at: <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visa-waiver-program.html>

### *Languages, Currency and Credit Cards*

The official language in the United States is English.

### *Tax*

In North Carolina there is a State Sales Tax rate of 4.750% on all goods and services. There is also typically a City/County tax in addition to the State Sales Tax making the tax rate range 4.750%-7.500%, depending on your location within the state.

Hotel taxes will be around 11%.

### *Gratuity*

Gratuuity is not included with most applicable services, such as restaurants, taxis, and shuttles, unless noted. Gratuuity is typically 15-20% of the bill, dependent on quality of service.

#### *Time Zone*

Asheville, North Carolina follows the Eastern Time Zone (New York City).

#### *Shopping*

Shops are usually open on Monday through Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday: 10 am to 6 pm. Sunday: 1 pm to 5 pm.

### **Recommended accommodations in downtown Asheville**

Location of the Meeting and recommended hotel is:

Four Points by Sheraton Asheville Downtown  
22 Woodfin Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801  
<http://www.fourpointsashevilledowntown.com/>

The Four Points by Sheraton offers a special price for visitors attending CLIMAR-IV.

Guests may call 828-253-1851 or 1-800-325-3535 and mention the group name **NCDC** in order to reserve a room.

Guests may also register directly through the following dedicated registration link:  
[CLIMAR-IV - Four Points at Sheraton](#)

#### **CLIMAR-IV Rate (US Dollars):**

Standard Guest Room (Double or King): \$97 (+ tax)

**Check in time is after 3pm. Check out time is before 12pm.**

### **Hospitality**

The National Oceanography Centre (NOC) will be sponsoring morning and afternoon tea/coffee breaks with light snacks during the workshop.

Lunches will be catered at the hotel and available for individual purchase, as well as local restaurants in the downtown district within walking distance.

**Ice Breaker Info: TBD**

**Workshop Dinner info: TBD**

### **Registration**

Name tags and any updates to the workshop agenda will be available the morning of June 9th from 8:30 AM onwards.

## Contact Person

In the event of any difficulty, or should you require further information, please contact the host:

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## Electricity, mobile phones, currency etc

The electricity voltage is 110 - 120V. Plugs/outlets are 2-prong as used in North America countries.



Mobile phone services conform to the GSM standard 850/900/1700/1900 and your own mobile should work here without difficulty.

The currency is the US Dollar. Most hotels, restaurants and shops accept internationally valid credit cards. Some restaurants accept cash only or may not accept all types of credit cards.

So please check when entering the restaurant. Currency exchange and ATM's are available at the airport.

## Tourist Information

**Asheville Information:** <http://www.exploreasheville.com/>

**Digital Travel Guide:** <http://www.exploreasheville.com/about-asheville/request-travel-guide/digital-travel-guide/>

**Asheville Restaurants:** <http://www.exploreasheville.com/restaurants/by-neighborhood/downtown/>

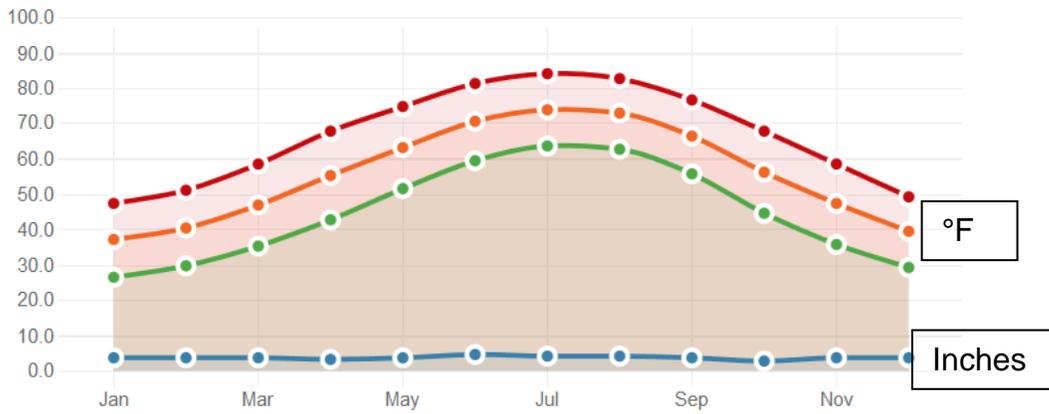
**Asheville Area Things To Do:** <http://www.exploreasheville.com/things-to-do/>

**Biltmore House and Estate (America's Largest Private Home):**

<https://www.biltmore.com>

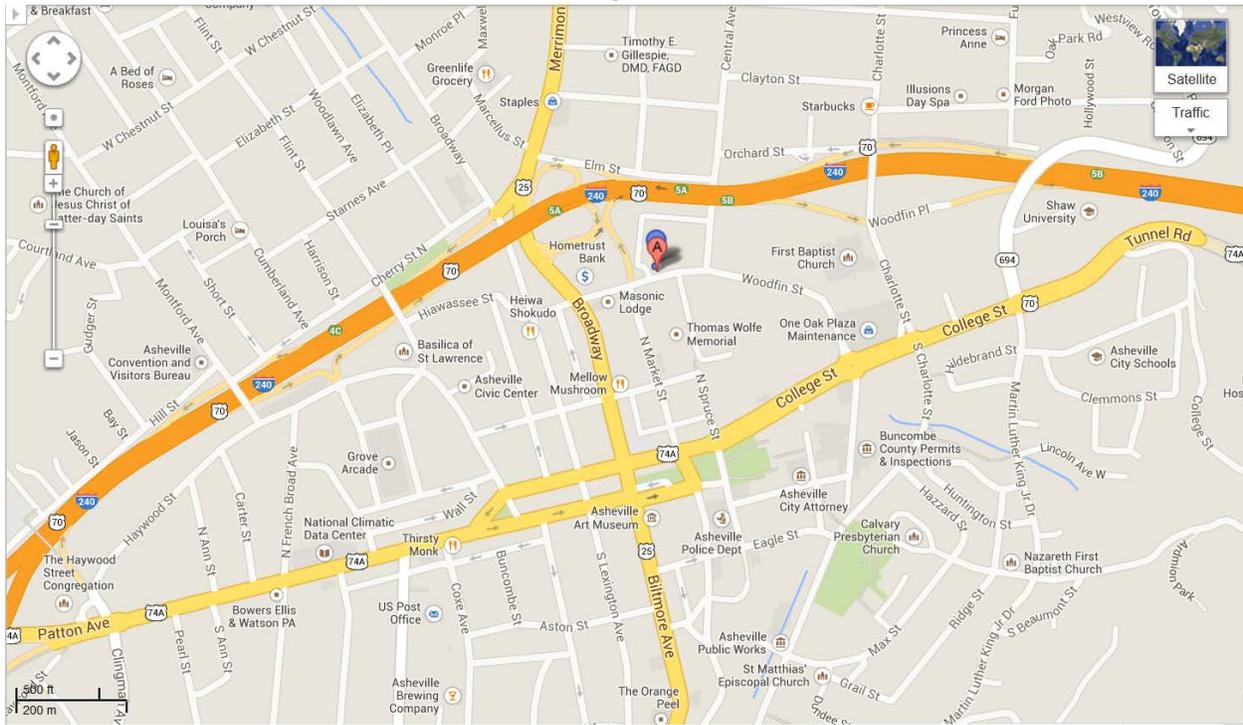
Upon request, discount tickets are available for purchase. Please contact Eric Freeman ([Eric.Freeman@noaa.gov](mailto:Eric.Freeman@noaa.gov)) if interested in purchasing tickets during your visit.

## Asheville, NC Climate

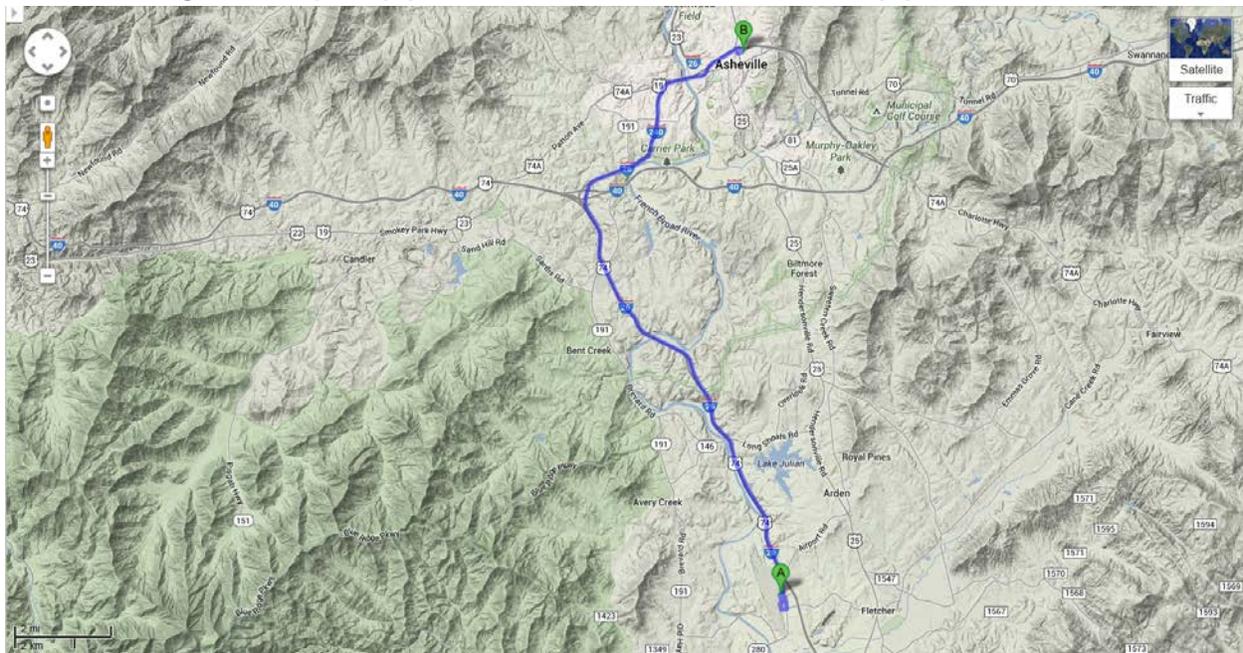


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<b>January</b>	3.67	26.7	37.1	47.4
<b>February</b>	3.76	29.7	40.3	51.0
<b>March</b>	3.83	35.5	47.1	58.7
<b>April</b>	3.33	42.8	55.2	67.7
<b>May</b>	3.66	51.4	63.1	74.8
<b>June</b>	4.65 [118 mm]	59.6 [15.3 °C]	70.5 [21.4 °C]	81.3 [27.4 °C]
<b>July</b>	4.31	63.7	73.8	84.0
<b>August</b>	4.40	62.9	72.9	82.9
<b>September</b>	3.81	55.8	66.3	76.9
<b>October</b>	2.91	44.6	56.4	68.1
<b>November</b>	3.65	35.8	47.3	58.8
<b>December</b>	3.59	29.3	39.4	49.5

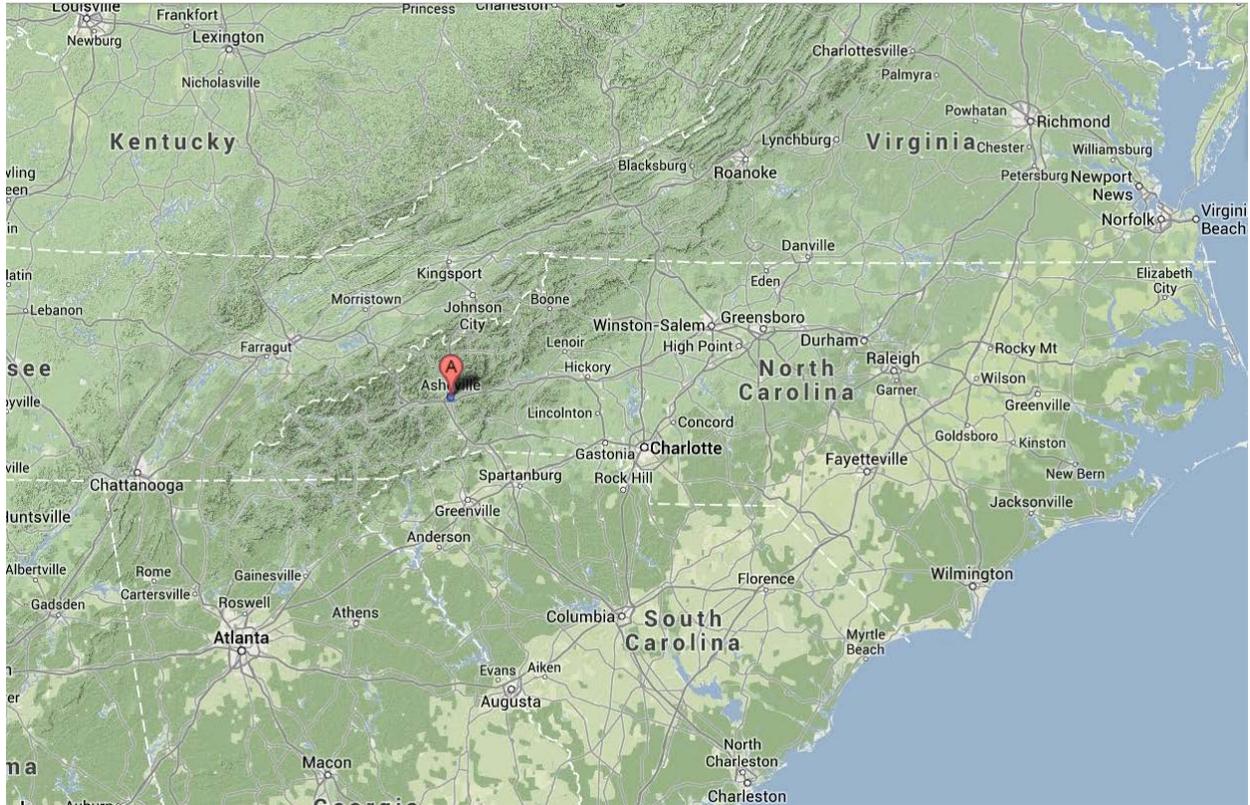
### Four Points at Sheraton (A) and surrounding Downtown Asheville:



### Asheville Regional Airport (A) relevant to Downtown Asheville (B):



### Asheville in Western North Carolina:



### Asheville, NC (National View):

