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THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY is an elongated park with a scenic motorway designed expressly for the tourist, threading the picturesque mountains between Shenandoah National Park, Virginia, and Great Smoky Mountains National Park, North Carolina and Tennessee. The parkway, first of its type and scale, will be 485 miles in length when completed. It averages 3,000 feet above sea level. More than 360 miles of the project had been brought to various stages of completion prior to cessation of new work during the war. Together with complementing recreational facilities in a number of wayside parks, 162 miles of the motorway free from sharp curves and steep grades are ready for use.

LOCATION AND EXTENT OF FINISHED PARKWAY

The 140-mile stretch between Adney Gap, Va., and Deep Gap, N. C., connects conveniently at temporary terminal points with primary State highways; thus continuous passage over first-class pavements is possible. Twenty-two miles of paved parkway are open between Linville and Spruce Pine. The parkway is not maintained for winter travel between November 15 and April 15. The map shows the nearness of the completed sections to major north-south travel routes in the eastern United States.

WHAT TO DO

Motoring, Hiking, and Picnicking. The Blue Ridge Parkway affords an unusual opportunity to view the natural beauty of a country heretofore virtually inaccessible—a country of bold panoramas, wild forest and exceptionally beautiful flora. Numerous parking overlooks provide safe points from which to view at leisure the country below. A number of old folk buildings reminiscent of the pioneer mountain culture including the Trail Cabin, the Mabry Mill, the Arlena Puckett Cabin, and the Brinegar place and loom may be seen along the way. For the continuous length of the parkway these varying roadside pictures are protected by a park-owned right-of-way averaging 1,000 feet in width, free from billboards and other increments of the usual commercial road. Use of the parkway is restricted to passenger vehicles.

The flowering season in the Blue Ridge extends continuously from early May well into July, breaking first with the shadblow, followed by the dogwood, redbud, and flame azaleas, which are especially fine in this area. During June the mountain laurel and rhododendron are at their best. In October the forests become aflame with color.

Areas of outstanding scenic interest along the parkway, varying from 500 to 10,000 acres in extent, have been reserved, where

the motorist may take foot trails to the more remote and unspoiled beauty spots. Four of these recreation areas, including trails and picnic areas, comfort stations, and drinking water, are available—Smart View and Rocky Knob in Virginia and Cumberland Knob and The Bluffs in North Carolina. At The Bluffs and Rocky Knob, trailer and tent camping areas are available.

Fishing. There is mountain trout fishing in the parkway vicinity. State licenses are required.

WHERE TO STAY

Accommodations in cities and some of the smaller communities along the parkway vary from the finest resort and tourist hotels to modest cabin facilities.

WHERE TO DINE

In the midsection of the 140 completed miles and just south of the Virginia-North Carolina line at Cumberland Knob, picnic supplies, sandwiches, soups, and hot and cold drinks are expected to be available during the summer. This is the first parkway concession unit installed of the

several which will some day complement the drive. Other dining facilities are not available, and it is suggested that each day's travel be planned from each stop-over point or that picnic lunches be taken along for noonday meals.

MOTOR SERVICE

Until parkway motor service stations are completed, it is suggested that the tourist carefully watch his gasoline and oil gages. Motor service is available nearby on most of the major highways crossing the parkway.

ADMINISTRATION

The Blue Ridge Parkway is under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service with a superintendent in charge located in the Shenandoah Life Insurance Building, Roanoke, Va., to whom inquiries may be addressed.

The Public Roads Administration supervises the development of the parkway itself for the National Park Service. The States of Virginia and North Carolina are acquiring the necessary parkway lands through their respective highway commissions.



Please Observe the Following Regulations While on the Blue Ridge Parkway

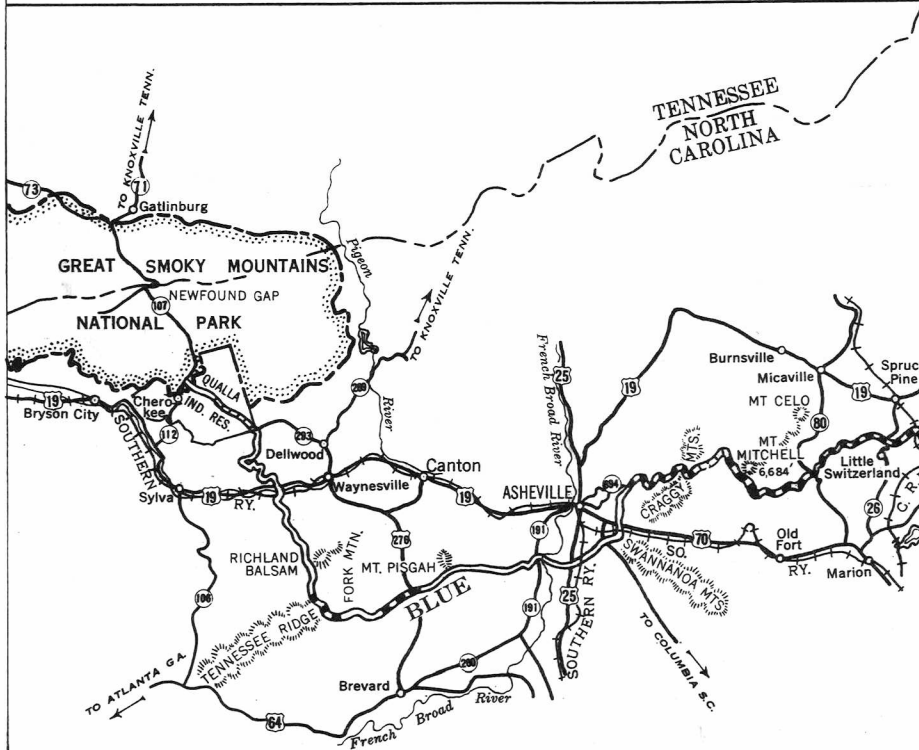
It is unlawful to disturb flowers, shrubs, or trees, to mar or deface signs or buildings. Commercial vehicles are prohibited on the parkway drive.

Speed zone signs are posted. Drive carefully.

Hunting within the parkway boundaries is prohibited. Streams closed to fishing are posted. State fishing licenses are required. State laws are in force.

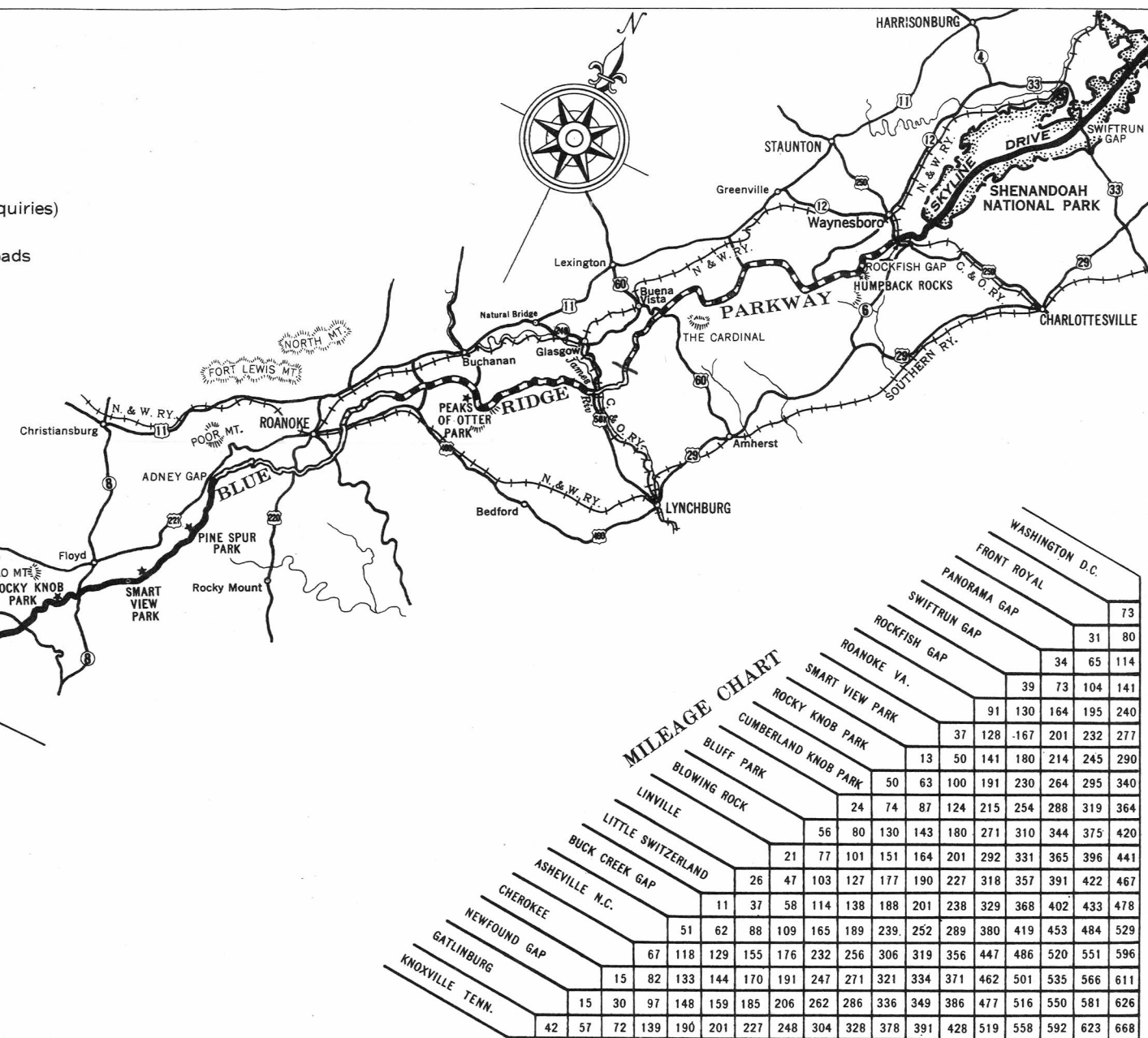
Picnicking and camping are limited to designated areas where fireplaces are provided.

Be careful with campfires, cigarettes, and pipes. Do not leave a fire unattended.



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 Paved sections open to traffic
 Graded with crushed stone surface
 (Available part of season-make local inquiries)
 Under construction
 Adjacent Highways and connecting roads
 Recreational Parks



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