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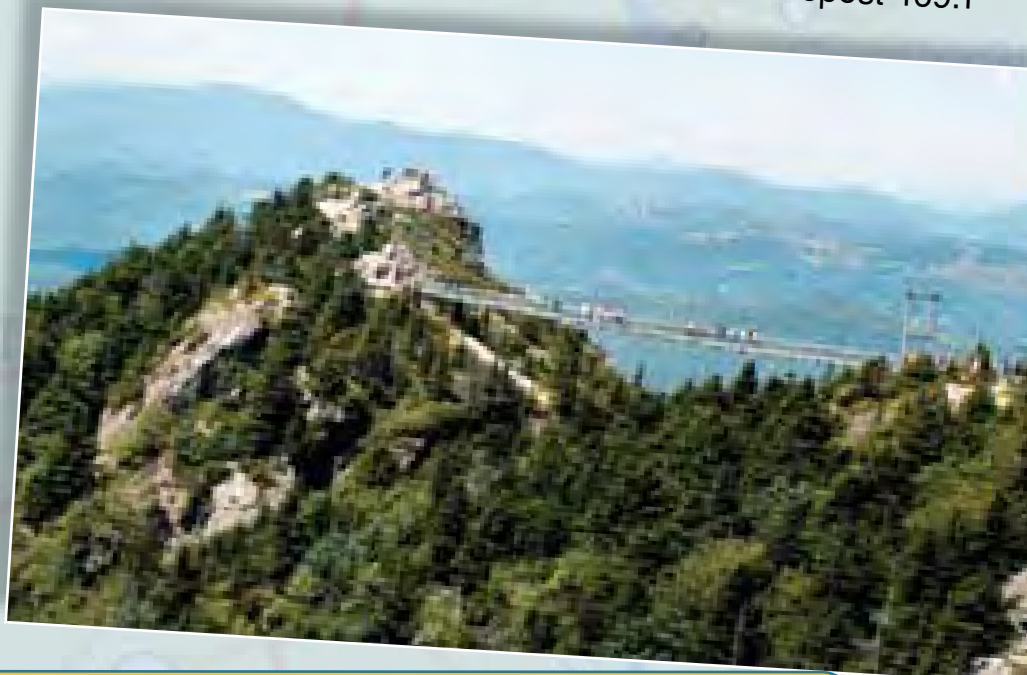


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More Than Just a Road

Issues Affecting America's Favorite Drive

The Blue Ridge Parkway isn't difficult to locate on a map of Virginia or North Carolina. It is that long, blue or green line on the left side beginning at Shenandoah NP and meandering down the mountains to the Great Smoky Mountains NP. From this perspective, it looks relatively simple. On the ground, however, and especially as park managers grapple with issues of protection and conservation, the complexities become all too apparent.

Four issues have been identified as vital to the long term health and protection of this special place.

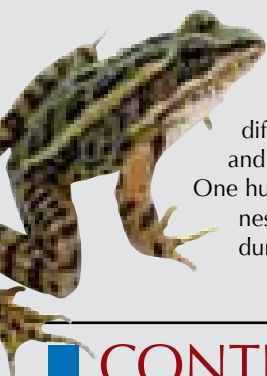
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

The Blue Ridge Parkway is world renowned for its diversity - a place of varied and significant natural resources and offering an exceptional glimpse into regional flora and fauna.

Within park boundaries are about 600 streams (150 headwaters), 53 Natural Heritage Areas (areas set aside as national, regional, or state examples of exemplary natural communities), and possibly 100 different soil types.

The Parkway's tremendous diversity is also due to its elevation range of 5,700 feet and its large north-south geographic range. Diverse geology, a variety of micro-habitats, and varying climates also affect biological diversity.

Many species of animals also make their homes along the Parkway. Seventy four different mammals, more than 40 amphibians, and 35 reptiles can be found on Parkway lands. One hundred fifteen species of birds are known to nest here with dozens of others passing through during fall and spring migrations.



ELIMINATING PLANT POACHING



Because of its biological diversity, the Parkway has become the focus of a growing problem with the illegal harvesting of plants (or "poaching") that support a \$200 billion global natural products industry.

Traditional use of many plants in the forest is part of the culture of the mountains, dating back to Native American populations before European settlement. In the past, families gathered plants for personal consumption, as traditional herbal folk remedies, or as a cash crop. Harvesting of plants today, however, often involves organized violators who are employed as part of criminal conspiracies to supply legal markets with medicinal plants.

Poaching of plants has a direct impact on biological communities, the potential for research, and on the visitors' enjoyment. In the wild, plants often grow in isolated patches that can be easily devastated by poachers. When a population is reduced to only a few individual plants or colonies, the genetic diversity is reduced.

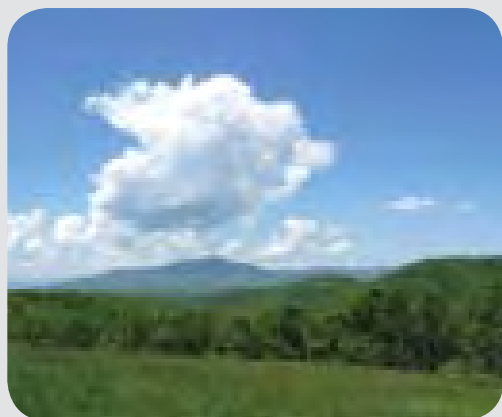
Although limited quantities of berries, fruits, and nuts can be gathered for personal consumption on park lands, the role of the National Park Service is to protect the natural and historic objects of the park so that they will be available for the enjoyment of future generations.

CONTROLLING NON-NATIVE SPECIES

The Parkway faces issues of many non-native species that threaten native vegetation. The problem is magnified by the length and shape of the park. Once established in a new area, the non-native species can spread with devastating results. Some exotics even thrive in their new habitat since the competition of natural enemies that once kept them in check are now absent. Without controls, adaptation to the new region can lead to unmanageable levels.

Non-native animals can also pose problems to the native species of the southern mountains. Eastern bluebird populations dropped significantly as the more aggressive European starlings took over available nesting cavities. Introduced brown and rainbow trout have displaced the native brook trout from many streams, forcing the native trout to move further and further upstream.

The Blue Ridge Parkway is set aside, as are all national park areas, to conserve scenery, wildlife, and the natural and historic objects within the park. One of the most serious threats to preservation of the natural resources is the invasion of these non-native or exotic species.



■ PROTECTING PARKWAY VIEWSHEDS

Along the Parkway, the boundary remains close at hand, and the long, sweeping views that we enjoy from the ridge tops extend all the way to the horizon.

and into rural landscapes and local communities.

This idea, the horizon as the boundary, also creates unique challenges today for those who manage the Parkway, since the park was designed to take full advantage of these scenic views. Decisions made outside the park boundary in the communities along the way affect the visitors' experience. In a similar way, every decision made by Parkway management is done with the understanding that this can affect the neighboring communities. Through the 29 North Carolina and Virginia counties that the Parkway travels, a half million acres of scenic views lie within a two mile wide corridor.

During construction, local residents referred to the overlooks as “balconies” and the Parkway remains today as something of a platform or a balcony for many visitors. People enjoy climbing up high and looking out into valleys and across distant mountain ranges,

This notion of the horizon as the park boundary created a sense of wilderness in the designers' minds. In essence, they felt that it provided “freedom from the impression of a boundary line.”

The Linn Cove Viaduct

“Hugging” the Grandfather for Twenty Five Years

As difficult as the design and engineering of the Blue Ridge Parkway may have seemed in the early days of the 1930s, few of those who envisioned this marvelous road would have dreamed of the difficulties encountered in the final construction.

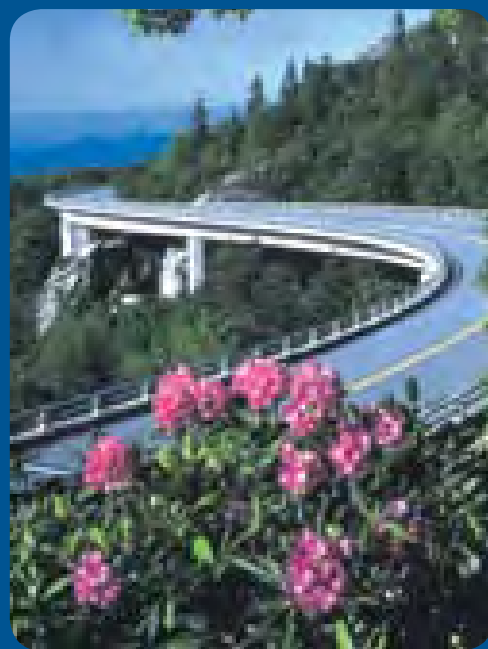
A seven-mile unfinished section was delayed for years as environmentalists, adjacent landowners, engineers, and architects put their skills together. The challenge... to preserve the scenic and fragile environment of Grandfather Mountain. The answer... the Linn Cove Viaduct, a structure that brings beauty and utility in harmony with habitat protection.

A traditional cut-and-fill road construction technique was not acceptable, so engineers came up with the unique design that

would skirt the rugged and rocky slopes of Grandfather. The 1243 foot long bridge consists of 153 segments, each with a unique shape and each weighing 50 tons.

Since its completion in 1987, the Linn Cove Viaduct has received eleven design awards. Scientists also continue to study the unique ecology of this mountain habitat currently home to dozens of globally endangered plant and animal species.

For the past twenty-five years visitors have been able to “hug” Grandfather’s fragile slope, getting an up-close appreciation of the relationship between the construction of the Linn Cove Viaduct and the unique design that preserves the fragile habitat it outlines.



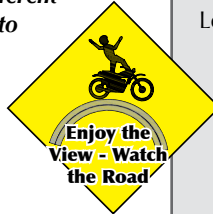


While most visitors travel the Parkway in an automobile, ever increasing numbers visit the park on two-wheels, via bicycle or motorcycle. Remember, spectacular views are best enjoyed at one of the Parkway's many overlooks.

Be aware of rapidly changing road character and environmental conditions, particularly when the roadway curves and descends at the same time. Please enjoy the views, but watch the curves.

GENERAL DRIVING SAFETY

Because of its unique design, the Parkway drive is different than most and this can mean taking some extra care to ensure a safe visit. "Enjoy the view, but watch the road!" is our way of reminding visitors to pay extra attention along the Parkway. A few specific pointers and facts may help even more.



WATCH OUT FOR...

STEEP GRADES – In some places, the Parkway has steeper grades than normally found on highways. Without paying close attention, your speed can increase far more than you expect.

UNFORGIVING ROAD SHOULDERS – The Parkway's road shoulders are narrow in places so that the meadows or forest edges grow close to the pavement. This is, of course, part of the beauty of the drive, but may require some extra attention.

BUILT-IN DISTRACTIONS – Wildlife, wildflowers, bicyclists, and extraordinary views... all of these contribute to the Parkway experience and every traveler should be aware of these while enjoying the drive.

LIMITED SIGHT DISTANCES – There aren't many straight lines in the natural world and the Parkway was designed with gentle curves and not many straight sections. This is part of what makes the road seem to lie gently on the land and it also requires some extra attention while driving.

SPEED CHANGES – The Parkway speed limit is mostly 45 mph, but occasionally you will find yourself in developed areas where the driving speed drops to 25 mph.

SPIRAL CURVES – Some of the tight curves do not have a consistent radius so extra care needs to be taken, especially on motorcycles.

OTHER IMPORTANT SAFETY ADVICE

■ Hiking shoes or boots are recommended for most trails, especially the more strenuous ones. Steep and rocky areas and slippery stream crossings require extra attention and careful footing. Even for trails marked "easy," it is advisable to wear flat or rubber-soled shoes for comfort and good traction. Wearing sandals, "flip-flops," or high heels can result in accidents.

■ Lock valuables in the trunk of your car or take them with you.

■ Sudden changes in weather are common in these mountains. Even in mild seasons, rapid dips in temperature and unexpected thunderstorms frequently occur, and at higher elevations the wind and temperature can carry a surprising chill. Be prepared for weather changes by bringing along suitable clothing.

■ Do not drink the water from streams or springs.

LODGING & DINING

Lodges are located on the Parkway at

Peaks of Otter (MP 86) ,
Doughton Park (MP 241.1), and
Mt. Pisgah (MP 408),
with cabins available at
Rocky Knob (MP 175).



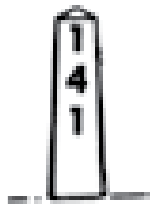
Pisgah Inn • Treetops

Restaurants, other facilities and services are available at a number of other locations, opening in mid- or late April. **See chart on page 7 for details.**

Check www.nps.gov/blri for availability of food and lodging during the 2012 season.

SPECIAL INFORMATION: MILEPOSTS:

Along the Parkway, you will see numbered mileposts. The zero milepost marker is at Rockfish Gap immediately south of Shenandoah National Park. Each mile is numbered progressively southward on the Parkway to its southernmost entrance at Cherokee.



OUR SYMBOL

The National Park Service arrowhead was authorized as the agency's official emblem by the Secretary of the Interior on July 20, 1951. Created in 1949 by Aubrey V. Neasham, a Park Service historian, the insignia was intended to represent several aspects of the mission of the National Park Service: Its shape and earth-brown background embody our nation's cultural heritage exemplified in the parks by archaeology and history. The bison and the sequoia tree (symbols from the first two national parks--Yellowstone and Sequoia) represent the diverse natural world of plants and animals included within the system. The snowcapped mountain and glacier portrayed on the insignia's horizon and the white of the water in its right foreground signify the all-important values of scenery and recreation. The symbol first appeared on a park road sign, then a ranger uniform in September 1952. The icon was registered as an official emblem of the Park Service on February 9, 1965, by the United States Patent Office.





PLACES TO PAUSE ALONG THE PARKWAY...

REGULATIONS BY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY

To help protect and preserve the Blue Ridge Parkway, yourself, and others, observe all park regulations. Be alert for uncontrolled fire, safety hazards, accidents and emergencies. Please report such conditions by calling **1-800-PARKWATCH (1-800-727-5928)**.

ROADSIDE PARKING - Parking is allowed on road shoulders, but please avoid wet areas and make sure that all four wheels are off the pavement.

TRAILS - Trails are for hiking only. Bicycles and motorized vehicles are not permitted.

CAMPING - Camping is permitted only in park campgrounds or designated back-country sites. See Camping information, page 8.

PETS - All pets must be on a leash or under physical restraint at all times while in the park. The territorial instinct of dogs can lead to fights with other dogs on the trail. Dogs also frighten hikers and chase wildlife. If a pet cannot be kept under control, it should be left at home.

LAKES AND PONDS - These are for fishing and scenic beauty only, with no swimming allowed. Nearby U.S. Forest Service recreation areas, state parks, and mountain resorts often have swimming facilities.

PREVENT FOREST FIRES - Fires are permitted in the provided grills or fire pits in campgrounds and picnic areas only.

BOATS - Only on Price Lake, boats without motors or sails are permitted.

LITTER - Deposit all litter in the trash cans provided.

ALL NATURAL RESOURCES ARE PROTECTED - Leave wildflowers and other vegetation in their natural condition for others to enjoy. Do not disturb animal or plant life in any way. Hunting and trapping are prohibited. Do not interfere with animals by feeding, touching, or frightening them. Do not cut, deface, or damage trees.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - Possession of open containers of alcohol in vehicles is prohibited. Alcohol is permitted in campgrounds by registered campers and in picnic areas until 9:00 PM.

ACCESSIBILITY:

Most Parkway facilities are wheelchair usable. Some facilities have minor slope and/or structural barriers. For more information about access, please contact The Blue Ridge Parkway Headquarters, 199 Hemphill Knob Road, Asheville, NC 28803. Phone: **(828) 271-4779**.

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	Milepost	Visitor Center	Camping	Exhibits	Programs	Restrooms	Picnic Areas
Humpback Rocks	5.8	H		H	HP	H	X
Otter Creek**	60.9		H		H	HP	
James River	63.8	HP		H		HP	X
Peaks of Otter*	86	H	H	H	H	H	HP
Explore Park VC	115	H		H		H	
Roanoke Mountain	120.4		H		H	HP	
Smart View	154.5					HP	H
Rocky Knob^	169	H	H		HP	HP	H
Mabry Mill **	176.1			HP	HP	HP	
Groundhog Mountain	189					HP	H
Blue Ridge Music Cntr	213	H		H	H	H	
Cumberland Knob	217.5					H	H
Doughton Park*	241.1		H	HP	HP	HP	HP
NW Trading Post	258.6					H	
Jeffress Park	272					HP	H
Cone Park	294.1	H		H	H	H	
Price Park	297.1		H		H	HP	H
Linn Cove Viaduct	304.4	H		H		H	
Linville Falls	316.4	H	H	H	X	H	H
Minerals Museum	331	H		H	H	H	
Crabtree Falls **	339.5		H		HP	H	H
Craggy Gardens	364.6	H		H		HPA	H
Folk Art Center	382	H		H	H	H	H
Parkway Visitor Ctr.	384	H		H	H	H	H
Mt Pisgah*	408.6		H		HP	H	HP
Waterrock Knob	451.2	H		H	H	H	

H – Wheelchair Accessible. HP – Accessible with Assistance. X – Not Handicapped Accessible. HPA – Located in Picnic Area. * - Lodging and Dining Available. ** Dining Available. ^ Lodging Available.



CAMPING

Of the Parkway's nine campgrounds, most have at least some sites that will accommodate sizeable recreational vehicles, and all offer restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables and grills. The settings are tranquil and scenic, and most offer ready access to miles of hiking trails for those who want to explore on foot. ***Be sure to ask about Ranger talks and campfire programs that are given most weekends and occasionally during the week.*** Most campgrounds are at elevations of more than 2,500 feet, which means that temperatures are usually cooler than in the surrounding area. Even in summer a sweater can come in handy.

Campgrounds are open early May through October, with a per night charge of \$16. Reservations may be made for some sites at the **Peaks of Otter, Rocky Knob, Price Park, Linville Falls** and **Mt. Pisgah** campgrounds. Showers facilities are only available at Mt. Pisgah campground. All other campgrounds and sites are "first come, first served." To make a reservation, visit www.recreation.gov on the Internet or call toll-free (877) 444-6777. Reserved sites are \$19 per night. As a general rule, demand is higher on weekends and holidays.

Group camping is available only at **Linville Falls Campground**. Call (828) 765-6082 for more information. In addition, limited backcountry camping is available via permit at **Basin Cove in Doughton Park** (336) 372-8568 and **Rock Castle Gorge** (540) 745-9661.

Camping outside of designated campgrounds or without a permit at backcountry sites is prohibited.



FISHING

The Parkway lies along the headwaters of many regional watersheds. Thirteen lakes were constructed for aesthetic beauty and recreational opportunities. Streams, ponds, and rivers give anglers ample opportunity to test their skills for trout, bass, and panfish. A state license from either North Carolina or Virginia is valid for fishing in all park waters. Creel limits and other regulations vary. Ask a ranger for details.



BICYCLING

In North Carolina, helmets are required for all bicyclists under sixteen years of age. In Virginia, the regulations vary by county. Helmets are a highly recommended safety item when bicycling the Blue Ridge Parkway. High visibility clothing is recommended. Be sure to ride single file, well to the right-hand side of the road and obey the same traffic rules that apply to motor vehicles. Bicycles are not permitted on trails or walkways. Plan ahead, and be sure to take into consideration elevation changes that will require more time and, of course, more exertion.

BE A GOOD GUEST IN BEAR COUNTRY!

Seeing bears can be the highlight of any visit to a national park. However, while visitors to the Parkway come and go, bears and other wildlife live here. Your actions can have a lasting impact on the behavior and health of these magnificent animals. Bears quickly lose their natural fear of people if fed human food, so do not feed them, crowd them or observe them too closely. Store all food, coolers, utensils or anything that may smell like food in locked vehicles. Place litter in garbage cans as soon as possible.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available at visitor centers, picnic areas and restaurants along the Parkway.

JUST FOR KIDS



YOUTH IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The Department of the Interior's Youth in the Great Outdoors Initiative helps achieve the vital goal of connecting young people with America's natural and cultural heritage. By educating, engaging, and employing youth, we will help tackle some of the many challenges facing young people today, from high unemployment rates to declining health. Reconnect with our natural and cultural heritage while building personal experiences that can be the foundation of careers in resource stewardship. It is fun and rewarding! Find more at www.americasgreatoutdoors.gov or www.youthgo.gov including links to the "Track Trails" program of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation.

RANGER LED PROGRAMS

Rangers and park volunteers share their knowledge of the Parkway by presenting a variety of interpretive programs from June through October. Campfire talks, guided hikes, historic craft demonstrations, music, and nature study are some of the activities you and your family can enjoy. Specific schedules are posted at all developed areas.

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMS

A Junior Ranger is someone like you who cares for and learns about America's national parks so that others in the future may enjoy them. Ask for a handbook at any visitor center and begin your journey to becoming a Parkway Junior Ranger.

PARKS AS CLASSROOMS

Blue Ridge Parkway staff offers programs for students in their classrooms during the school year. The aim is to connect students with the natural world and the region's cultural heritage in ways that are real and meaningful, while meeting state curriculum standards. In the spring and fall, Rangers offer programs at many locations along the Parkway. Teachers should contact the closest Parkway office from the list provided in the "FOR TEACHERS" section of www.nps.gov/blri. The best hope for the future lies in educating today's children!

PARKWATCH: 1-800-PARKWATCH (727-5928)

The Parkwatch program encourages visitors and park neighbors to actively protect and preserve this special place.

Please be alert and report any uncontrolled fires, emergencies, accidents, safety hazards, vandalism, or crime to a park employee. For general Parkway information, call (828) 298 0398.



"MAKING A DIFFERENCE" A RESPONSIBLE VISIT

- The best diet for all animals is a natural one. Human food can make any wild animal sick. The digestive system of a white tail deer, common around campgrounds and picnic areas, only breaks down the natural food sources including twigs, bark, leaves, grasses and acorns. Wild animals like the taste of human food, but for their safety and health, do not feed them.
- The Parkway has unique habitats that support rare and endangered plants and animals. Many of these plants are threatened by foot traffic. The problem can be alleviated by the simple practice of staying on the trail. There are several especially sensitive areas, including the Tanawha Trail around Grandfather Mountain, the Craggy Pinnacle Trail at Craggy Gardens, and at Devil's Courthouse. Whether you suspect the presence of rare plants or not, please stay on the trail – if for no other reason than to protect all plants and to prevent erosion.
- Rabies can be transmitted by most wild animals. Animals in the park should not be treated as pets or lured close enough to feed or touch. If a squirrel, chipmunk, or other animal comes close without your encouragement, it could be a sign of serious illness, please tell a ranger.
- All plants on the Parkway are protected. Many of our native wildflowers in the Blue Ridge are threatened by illegal harvesting. The large, round, shiny evergreen leaves of Galax have been gathered commercially in the southern Appalachian mountains for generations for decorative uses in floral arrangements. Now harvested on a much larger scale, they are being shipped to flower shops around the world.



NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS - PRESERVING COMMUNITY STORIES

National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are lived-in landscapes, offering innovative methods for citizens, in partnership with government and non-profits, to shape the long-term future of their communities. NHAs are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape. The National Park Service partners with, provides technical assistance, and distributes matching federal funds from Congress to NHA entities.

The Blue Ridge National Heritage is a partner in the operation of the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center at Milepost 304 and connects the stories and landscapes of 25 western North Carolina counties and the Cherokee's Qualla Boundary. The age-old traditions of music, crafts, food and mountain lore are yours to explore.

HOW DO NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS WORK?

National Heritage Areas (NHA) expand on traditional approaches to resource stewardship by supporting large-scale, community driven initiatives that connect local citizens to the preservation and planning process.

HOW DOES A REGION BECOME A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA?

Each National Heritage Area is designated by Congress and governed by separate authorizing legislation. For an area to be considered for designation, the landscape must have nationally distinctive natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources that tell a unique story about our country.

HOW DO COMMUNITIES BENEFIT FROM THE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATION?

The designation has both tangible and intangible benefits grounded in a community's pride in its history and traditions. It offers a collaborative approach to conservation without compromising traditional local control over and use of the landscape.

WHAT KINDS OF ACTIVITIES DOES A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA OFFER TO OUTSIDE VISITORS?

National Heritage Areas appeal to all ages and interests. Some have opportunities for walking, hiking, biking and paddling. Some have festivals to attend and museums to visit. Many Areas provide volunteer opportunities, group tours, and multiple-day excursions and can also be visited in combination with over 80 units of the National Park Service.

(For more information, visit www.nps.gov/history/heritageareas or www.blueridgeheritagearea.com)

OTHER COMMON FLOWERS

Birdfoot Violet - (*Viola pedata*) 4-10 inches tall, bluish-purple flower. March — June
Columbine - (*Aquilegia canadensis*) about 2 feet tall, nodding red and yellow flower. June — July
Sun Drops - (*Oenothera fruticosa*) 1-2 feet tall, yellow 4-petal flower. June — July
Evening Primrose - (*Oenothera biennis*) 3-5 feet tall, yellow 4-petal flower. June — July
Phlox - (*Phlox* species) 2-6 feet tall, magenta-pink flowers. July — October
Touch-me-not - (*Impatiens* species) 3-6 feet tall, nodding yellow or orange flower. July — August
Tall Bellflower - (*Campanula americana*) 2-6 feet tall, blue, 5-petal flower. July — August
White Snakeroot - (*Eupatorium rugosum*) 3-5 feet tall, bright white flower heads. July — Sept

Showy Blooms

A Quick Guide to some flowers & shrubs on the Parkway

Shrubs



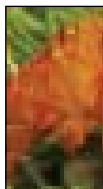
Catawba Rhododendron

(*Rhododendron catawbiense*):
A medium shrub with pink to purple flowers growing above 3000 feet on exposed ridges.
June — Early July



Rosebay Rhododendron

(*Rhododendron maximum*):
also called White Rhododendron:
A large shrub with white to pink flowers, over a wide range of elevations. June — July



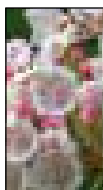
Flame Azalea

(*Rhododendron calendulaceum*):
A medium shrub with bright orange to red flowers. Azaleas are in the rhododendron family. June — July



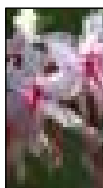
Wild Hydrangea

(*Hydrangea arborescens*):
A medium shrub with large clusters of white flowers.
May — August



Mountain Laurel

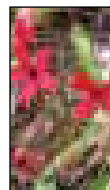
(*Kalmia latifolia*):
A medium shrub with pink flowers.
June — July



Pinxter Flower

(*Rhododendron nudiflorum*):
A medium shrub with pink honeysuckle-like flowers, common at lower elevations.
April — May

Flowers



Fire Pink

(*Silene virginica*):
This 6-20 inch plant has bright red flowers up to 1-1/2 inches wide.
April — June



Goat's Beard

(*Aruncus dioicus*):
3-5 feet tall with flower plumes 3-5 inches wide and 6-10 inches long.
May — June



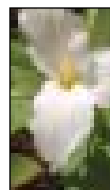
Bluets

(*Houstonia* species):
3-6 inches tall with many small 4-petal flowers, light to dark blue. Bluets sometimes grow in large beds.
May-August



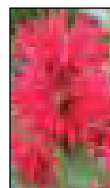
Turks-Cap Lily

(*Lilium superbum*):
6 to 10 feet tall with flowers 2-4 inches wide with a green star at center. The Carolina Lily (*L. michauxii*) is similar but lacks the green star and bears fewer flowers. July-August



Large-Flowered Trillium

(*Trillium grandiflorum*):
The largest of several trilliums found along the parkway, grows to about 15 inches. Trilliums have 3 leaves and a single 3-petal flower. April — May



Bee Balm

(*Monarda didyma*), also called Oswego Tea:
2-5 feet tall with bright red 2-inch flowers. Wild Bergamot is similar but pink. July — August

For a complete list of blooms, log onto:
<http://www.nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/brochures.htm>

Dense Blazing Star - (*Liatris spicata*) 2-4 feet tall, rose-purple flowered spike. August — Sept
Goldenrod - (*Solidago* species) about 3 feet tall, golden-yellow spikes or plumes. August — Sept
Ox Eye Daisy - (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*) 1-3 feet tall; white petals, yellow center.
Black-Eyed Susan - (*Rudbeckia hirta*) 3-6 feet tall, yellow petals, black center.
Tall Coneflower - (*Rudbeckia laciniata*) 2-3 feet tall, drooping yellow petals, green center.
Coreopsis - (*Coreopsis major*) 2-3 feet tall, golden-yellow petals, green center.
Jerusalem Artichoke - (*Helianthus tuberosus*) 5-10 feet tall, yellow petals, yellow center.
Aster - (*Aster* species) 2-5 feet tall; many small flowers; blue, purple, or white petals.

Mount Mitchell State Park, NC

Mount Mitchell is the highest point in eastern North America, rising to 6,684 feet. A Mount Mitchell State Park map with trail information is available at the state park headquarters, two miles up NC State Highway 128 from the park entrance at Milepost 355.4. Write to Mount Mitchell State Park, 2388 State Hwy 128, Burnsville, NC 28714 or call (828) 675 4611. www.ncparks.gov

Appalachian Trail, VA

The Appalachian Trail parallels the first 100 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway to a point just north of Roanoke VA. There are many trail access points along this section of the Parkway. For more information, please refer to Appalachian Trail publications. www.nps.gov/appa



Popular Hiking Trails of the Blue Ridge Parkway

Hiking maps are available at Visitor Center closest to the trail or can be downloaded at www.nps.gov/blri

Virginia Trails

Milepost	Trail - Miles - Difficulty
5.9	Farm Museum Trail 0.25 easy *
34.4	Yankee Horse (logging RR) 0.2 moderate
60.8	Otter Creek 3.5 moderate *
63.1	Otter Lake Loop 0.8 moderate *
63.6	James River (canal locks) 0.2 easy *
63.6	Trail of Trees Loop 0.5 moderate *
78.4	Apple Orchard Falls 1.2 strenuous **
83.1	Fallingwater Cascades 1.6 moderate **
83.5	Flat Top 4.4 strenuous *
85.7	Abbott Lake Loop 1.0 easy *
85.9	Elk Run Loop 0.8 easy *
85.9	Johnson Farm Loop 2.1 moderate *
85.9	Harkening Hill 3.3 moderate *
86.0	Sharp Top 1.6 strenuous *
110.6	Stewart Knob 1.2 moderate *
114.9	Roanoke River Loop 0.35 easy *
120.4	Roanoke Mountain Summit 0.11 moderate *
154.5	Smart View Loop 2.6 moderate
167.1	Rock Castle Gorge Loop 10.8 strenuous *
176.2	Mabry Mill 0.5 easy
213.0	Fisher's Peak Loop 2.25 moderate *

North Carolina Trails

Milepost	Trail - Miles - Difficulty
217.5	Cumberland Knob 0.5 easy *
230.1	Little Glade Millpond Loop 0.4 easy
241.0	Fodder Stack 1.0 moderate *
271.9	Cascades Loop 0.5 moderate
294.0	Flat Top Mountain 3.0 moderate *
294.1	Figure 8 Loop 0.7 easy *
296.5	Boone Fork Loop 5.5 moderate-strenuous *
297.0	Price Lake Loop 2.7 moderate *
304.4	Linn Cove Viaduct Access 0.16 easy *
305.2	Beacon Heights 0.2 moderate *
305.5	Tanawha (MP 297 - 305) 13.5 moderate-strenuous * D
316.4	Linville Falls, Erwins View 0.8 moderate *
316.4	Linville Falls, Plunge Basin 0.5 strenuous *
339.5	Crabtree Falls 2.5 strenuous *
364.2	Craggy Pinnacle 0.7 moderate *
407.6	Mt. Pisgah Summit 1.3 moderate-strenuous *
407.6	Buck Springs (lodge to view) 1.06 easy-moderate *
408.5	Frying Pan Mountain 1.06 moderate-strenuous *
418.8	Graveyard Fields Stream Loop 2.3 moderate
431.0	Richland Balsam 1.5 moderate
451.2	Waterrock Knob Summit 0.6 moderate-strenuous

Please note:
Distances are one way except for loop trails. See trail maps for distances, features, walking conditions and important advice. * Hiking map is available. ** Designated National Recreation Trail.
D=Tanawha has nine Parkway access points, several in the Grandfather Mountain area.



THE BLUE RIDGE AND ITS EVOLVING MUSICAL TRADITIONS

Migrating people have always carried their music with them and surely this can be said of our mountain ancestors. The people who populated the region created and continue to keep alive some of the richest traditions of music and dance in our nation.

Blue Ridge Parkway visitors have an exciting opportunity this summer to explore the origins and traditions of that music. "The Roots of American Music," - permanent, interactive exhibits at the Blue Ridge Music Center (Milepost 213) tell the compelling story of the region's rich musical heritage.

Children will have the opportunity to mix and match song lyrics, mix their own version of

mountain music, and hear personal stories of how music has influenced generations of Blue Ridge families. Visitors will see examples of the many stages of the evolution of the five string banjo since its arrival in America with enslaved Africans. The blending of banjo and fiddle in the culture of Tidewater plantations was the beginning of virtually all forms of American music and was the ensemble that came to frontier Appalachia. This is the story visitors will see and experience.

Inspired by the natural world around them, visitors can now better understand and appreciate the complexity and richness of this part of our regional culture.

North Carolina's Mountains-to-Sea Trail

The Mountains-to-Sea Trail (MST), when complete, will extend over 930 miles from Clingman's Dome, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, to Jockey's Ridge on the North Carolina Outer Banks. Much of the MST parallels the Blue Ridge Parkway with many trail access points along the Parkway.

The Carolina Mountain Club maintains and builds trails from the Tanawha Trail to Stone Mountain (MP 305 - 236). To volunteer, contact:

Carolina Mountain Club
PO Box 10431
Raleigh, NC • 27605
www.ncmst.org

Parkway Partners

Perhaps one of these groups has a place for you to help!

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

The protection of the Parkway and surrounding region is an immense task, with much at stake. Decades of eroding budgets have reduced staffing and made it more and more difficult to maintain the parkway's aging and considerable infrastructure to monitor and preserve its many natural and cultural resources, and provide educational services for visitors. The trend is undeniably clear: fewer staff members must confront mounting threats and try to carry out a dual mission of preserving the Parkway and serving the visiting public. They cannot do it alone. Their success will depend on mobilizing an army of concerned citizens. The Parkway of tomorrow will be defined by the extent to which people today are willing to speak out on behalf of the Parkway and to invest in its future. Fortunately, many non-profit partner groups now work hand-in-hand with the Parkway staff. While these organizations have differing missions, they share an overarching goal: to preserve and enhance the national treasure that is the Blue Ridge Parkway.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY ASSOCIATION: Promotes travel along the Parkway and provides print and electronic information to visitors about adjacent accommodations, attractions and communities. www.blueridgeparkway.org

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY FOUNDATION: Raises funds to support many Parkway programs and projects. www.brpfoundation.org

FRIENDS OF THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY: Promotes volunteerism and leads tree plantings to screen adjacent development. www.blueridgefriends.org

BLUE RIDGE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA: Helps operate the Parkway's Visitor Center (Milepost 384) and promotes the preservation and enjoyment of western North Carolina's cultural and natural heritage. www.blueridgeheritage.com

EASTERN NATIONAL: While not a membership organization, this partner operates bookstores at Parkway visitor centers. Profits support a variety of educational and research programs. www.easternnational.org

CAROLINA MOUNTAIN CLUB: Provide trail maintenance at the Parkway's southern terminus. www.carolinamountainclub.org

CONSERVATION TRUST FOR NORTH CAROLINA (www.ctnc.org) and the **WESTERN VIRGINIA LAND TRUST** (www.westernvirginialandtrust.org) Provide funds to preserve key tracts of land along the Parkway and seek private landowner support.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE TRADITIONAL ARTS: Supports music performance and exhibits at the Blue Ridge Music Center. www.ncta.net

SOUTHERN HIGHLAND CRAFT GUILD: Provides educational demonstrations, exhibits and sales of regional crafts. www.southernhighlandguild.org



Roads designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation are considered part of the America's Byways collection.

To receive an All-American Road designation, as the Blue Ridge Parkway, a road must possess multiple intrinsic qualities that are nationally significant, and contain one-of-a-kind features that do not exist elsewhere.

The road must also be considered a "destination unto itself." That is, the road must provide an exceptional traveling experience so recognized by travelers that the primary reason for their trip would be to drive along the Byway.

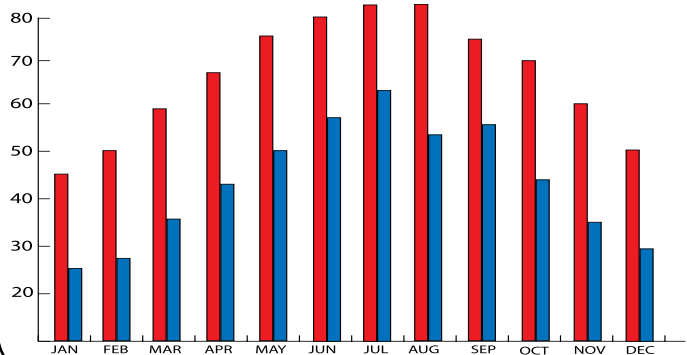
For more information on the National Scenic Byways program contact: 1-800-4BYWAYS, option 3 or at www.byways.org.

Normal Daily Maximum & Minimum Temperatures

Average Elevation of 2100'

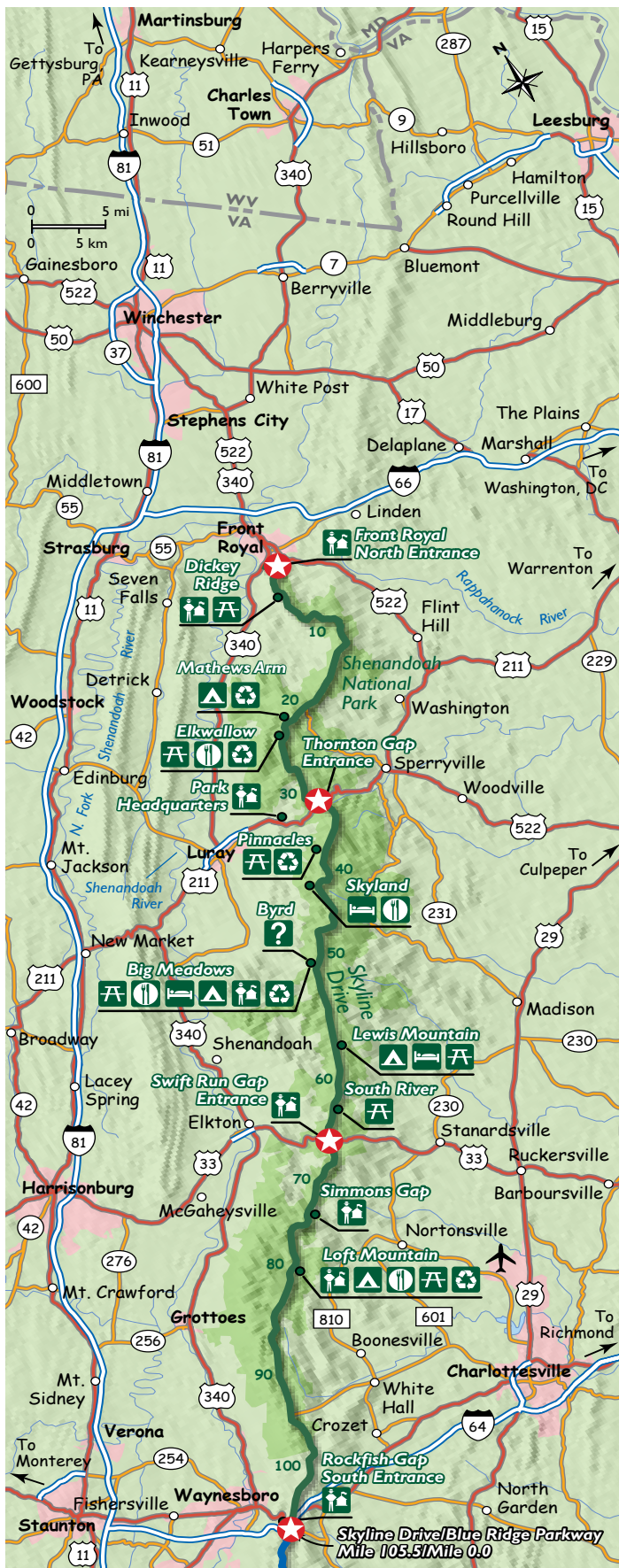
For weather info call (828) 298-0398.

Parts of the Parkway may close to vehicles due to weather. For updated information, call (828) 298-0398 for list of closings. Always be prepared for rapidly changing weather and the difference that elevation change can make in temperature



Of Special Note

While the Parkway is closed to commercial traffic, tour bus/motor coach touring is permitted, and no permit is required. Motorcycles and RVs are also welcome. In fact, the Parkway is a premier destination for both. Beware, some curves can be tricky for motorcyclists and caution is advisable over daring. RVers should note that campgrounds do not offer hook-ups, but potable water and dump stations are provided. All offer at least some sites that will accommodate larger RVs. Most tunnels provide plenty of clearance, although several near Cherokee have a minimum height of less than 11 feet at the road's edge and drivers of especially tall vehicles should favor the centerline!

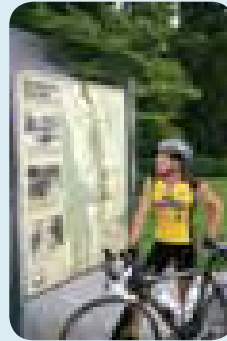


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Harpers Ferry through Shenandoah National Park to Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 0

Blue Ridge Parkway

Virginia and North Carolina



The Blue Ridge Parkway is a scenic highway that connects Shenandoah National Park and the Skyline Drive in Virginia, with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and

Tennessee. The Parkway, which traverses Virginia and western North Carolina, encompasses a 469-mile drive that includes many areas of natural and cultural significance.

The majority of the Parkway in Virginia runs through the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests and into the Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina along mountain crests. The road itself is a two-lane highway with a 45 mph speed limit, but for travelers who enjoy "driving trips," traveling the Parkway can be a very special experience.

The attractions along the Virginia portion of the Parkway differ slightly from those on the North Carolina side. In Virginia, the re-created mountain farms near Humpback Rocks at the beginning of the Parkway and Mabry Mill, further south, give visitors a glimpse of traditional mountain life in the early days of settlement. In North Carolina, Linville Falls, the Cradle of Forestry, and other natural wonders, feature the natural environment. In addition to the stops right along the Parkway itself, the road is next to historic towns from top to bottom, making for fascinating exploration of the heritage and culture of the region along the way. The headquarters of the Blue Ridge Parkway are located in Asheville, North Carolina, a city well known to literary figures including Carl Sandburg, Thomas Wolfe and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Exploration of their homes and haunts in the Asheville area presents an interesting side trip and a one or two day break from driving.

MAP KEY:
explanatory table
of symbols used
on Parkway maps

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| | PICNIC AREA | | RECYCLE AREA |
| | RANGER STATION | | LODGING |
| | TENT AREA | | INFORMATION |
| | FOOD | | AIRPORT |
| PARKWAY ACCESS | | | |

MOUNTAIN MEMOS

VIRGINIA'S SHENANDOAH VALLEY

Do you know which way is "up" in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia?

For most residents of the United States, when looking at a map of our region, north is "up" and south is "down." But for native residents throughout western Virginia, however, this explanation isn't always true, especially when speaking of "The Great Valley." Elevation plays a greater role in defining "up and down" in the Valley of Virginia. Since the northern end of the valley is generally lower in elevation than the southern end, going south is often referred to as "up the Valley." Likewise, heading north is called going "down the Valley." This all makes perfect sense to those whose lives have intertwined with this region for generations.

Ask some old-time Valley residents,
and they will let you know which way is up!

GETTYSBURG, PA

Relive the history, experience the passion. Discover the new Gettysburg museums, tours, Pres. Eisenhower's home, wineries, farm markets, shopping and more. Visit www.gettysburg.travel or call 800-337-5015 for a free travel guide.

HARPERS FERRY, WV

HISTORY - John Brown, Washington Heritage Trail, Civil War, Lewis & Clark, African American Heritage. **EXCITEMENT** - white water rafting, car & horse racing, gaming, slots. **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES** - hiking, biking, fishing, tubing. There's even more! Contact us now. www.WVEasterngateway.com. E-mail: visitors@WVEasterngateway.com. Call 1-866-HELLO-WV.

WINCHESTER/FREDERICK CO., VA

18 miles north of the Skyline Drive via US 522, I-81 Exits 310, 313, 315, 317. Historic district, quaint towns, museums, professional theatre, cinema, golf, and fine restaurants. For more info: Winchester-Frederick County Visitors Center 1400 S. Pleasant Valley Road Winchester, VA 22601 www.visitwinchesterva.com (877) 871-1326.

Dinosaur Land - 3848 Stonewall Jackson Hwy, White Post, VA 22663. Intersection 522, 340, & 277. 8 miles south of Winchester, VA. Over 50 Dinosaurs, gift shop. www.dinosaurland.com. (540) 869-2222.

Points to Ponder

A LONG ROAD

The Parkway was the longest road ever designed as a single unit at the time construction began in 1935.

Harpers Ferry, WV

"Discover It All" in West Virginia's Eastern Gateway.

Only a few hours north of the Parkway, you can pursue your passion here - be it history, outdoor activities, the arts, or racing and gaming.

A super abundance of history from George Washington and his family to John Brown's Raid and the Civil War with everything in between exists here. You will be fascinated with events and sites, like the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Even our racing and gaming were historical past times of our local gentlemen. Follow their footsteps today at the Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races.

The scenic beauty of the area can be viewed as you whitewater raft, tube, canoe, kayak, fish, bike or hike. With historic Rivers like the Potomac and Shenandoah and the Blue Ridge Mountains, the outdoor enthusiast has plenty to enjoy.

If the arts appeal to your nature, take in a play or take pleasure in a music or craft festival. Visit our quaint shops, antiques vendors, flea markets, and farm markets or enjoy our towns' walking tours. There's always something happening. Come and Discover It All!

Jefferson County
Convention &
Visitor's Bureau
37 Washington Court
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425



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Museum of the Shenandoah Valley - Anchors a regional history museum complex including Glen Burnie Historic House & 6 acres of formal gardens. Open Tues-Sun 10 am - 4 pm.
www.shenandoahmuseum.org. (888) 556-5799.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VA

Whatever the season you will love Shenandoah County! Golfing, skiing, history, antiques, wineries, historic towns, festivals and caverns. There's only one Shenandoah County in the Shenandoah Valley! www.shenandoahtravel.org (888) 367-3965.

WOODSTOCK, VA

Located on Rt. 11, I-81 exit 283.

Hampton Inn & Suites - 1150 Motel Dr. off I-81 exit 283.
Free hot breakfast, free Wi-Fi, indoor pool, meeting rooms.
www.hamptoninnwoodstock.com (540) 459-7111.

FRONT ROYAL, VA

Located at Milepost 0, Front Royal is the stepping on and off point for a wonderful and spectacular Skyline Drive tour through the Shenandoah National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway.
www.discoverfrontroyal.com (800) 338-2576.

ATTRACTIONS

Skyline Caverns - US 340, 1 mile south of Front Royal. Open all year. Miniature train, gift shop, fast food, country store, rock shop. Unusual anthodite formations. www.skylinecaverns.com. (800) 296-4545.

Points to Ponder



BEAVERS

When European explorers first traveled through the Southern Appalachians, beavers inhabited virtually every stream and river. Their engineering efforts provided food, shelter and safe habitat for other species. When fur traders trapped the last beaver in the late 1800s, a vital component of the mountains' natural ecosystem was eliminated. Beavers were reintroduced during the 1930s-1950s and have increased the biological diversity in many Parkway areas. Management efforts by park staff are aimed at protecting the role of the beaver and maintaining the recreational opportunities for visitors.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Front Royal RV Campground - 2 miles south from N. entrance of Shenandoah National Park email: FRRVCampground@aol.com
www.frontroyalrvcampground.com (540) 635-2741.

Winchester-Frederick Co., VA

We are 18 miles north of the Skyline Drive, via US 522 and I-81 Exit 313 (313B if heading south)

Call us for a free visitor guide!

Winchester-Frederick County Visitors Center
1400 S. Pleasant Valley Rd.
Winchester, VA 22601

Winchester-Frederick County, Virginia is the perfect blend of charming downtowns and rural countryside, only 72 miles from Washington, DC. Pick your own apples from our orchards, stroll our shady brick streets, and dine alfresco at our numerous cafes. Or, saddle up and hit the trails at Rocking S Ranch, where you can follow the foothills and ridges of the beautiful northern Shenandoah Valley over terrain once ridden by the Confederate and Union Cavalries during the Civil War.

As the oldest city west of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Winchester-Frederick County's fascinating history is told through sites and museums such as Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters, the authentic 1797 Manor House at Belle Grove Plantation, George Washington's Office Museum, Newtown History Center, and the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. Guided walking tours of Civil War battlefields and the historic downtown areas of Stephens City, Middletown, and Old Town Winchester are offered from June - October.

Make the Winchester-Frederick County Visitors Center your first stop. Friendly travel counselors, ample parking, maps, brochures, gift shop, and a Civil War Orientation Center await your visit!



877-871-1326 • www.visitwinchesterva.com



Shenandoah Valley

Hampton Inn - 9800 Winchester Rd. .01 mi. S of I-66. 5 mi. from N. entrance Shenandoah Nat'l Park. Discount food coupons, near local shopping. Free hot breakfast, Wi-Fi, HHonors Points. www.hamptoninn.com (540) 635-1882.

Holiday Inn & Suites - 111 Hospitality Dr, 2 miles N of I-66 Exit 6. Covered motorcycle parking, 32" flatscreen TV's w/ HBO, fridges, indoor pool, Houlihans Restaurant, free Wi-Fi. www.holidayinn.com/frontroyalva (540) 631-3050.

RECREATION & SHOPPING

Front Royal Canoe Co. - Canoe, tube, raft, & kayak trips on the South Fork of the Shenandoah River. Located 3 mi. south of Front Royal on Rt. 340. Open Daily, 9-6 weekdays, 7-7 weekends. www.frontroyalcanoe.com (540) 635-5440.

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Junction US 340 and Skyline Drive. From Front Royal east 35 miles to Middleburg. 63 mi. to Washington D.C.; southeast 18 mi. to Washington, VA; north 21 mi. to Winchester.

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Front Royal (North) Entrance Station is staffed by National Park Service personnel who, besides collecting entrance fees, can answer your questions and give other assistance.

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Shenandoah Valley Overlook provides a sweeping view across the valley to Signal Knob, a Civil War communications post to the right on Massanutten Mountain. The mountain divides the valley and the Shenandoah River, with the south fork on the near side and the north fork on the far side. The two forks meet north of Front Royal.

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Dickey Ridge Visitor Center. Exhibits, slide programs, publications, water, comfort stations and picnic grounds. Alt. 1,940.

Front Royal, VA

Front Royal, Virginia is your northern Gateway to Shenandoah National Park and the Canoe Capital of Virginia!

Welcome to Front Royal, Virginia the northern Gateway to Shenandoah National Park and the Canoe Capital of Virginia. Steeped in rich history and natural beauty this thriving community boasts attractions and amenities for everyone.

The Blue Ridge Mountains meet the Shenandoah River in Front Royal beckoning you to discover miles of parkland, hiking trails, electrifying waterfalls and wildlife viewing. Outfitters rent canoes, kayaks, rafts, and tubes for floating down the Shenandoah, its beauty celebrated in song. Taste and tour at World-class Wineries, and play the greens at five award-winning Golf destinations. Live, Shop, Play and Visit Historic Downtown Front Royal located just one mile north of Shenandoah National Park. Highlights include museums, antiques, fine art, estate jewelry, live music and do-it-yourself crafts.



For Details on Attractions, Events Lodging and a Free Visitors Package E-mail: tourism@frontroyalva.com

Enjoy an eclectic mix of restaurants and relax in the Village Commons, a favorite spot for events, concerts and meeting friends. Take a rest from your adventures at one of our many bed & breakfasts, motels or campgrounds.

Call (800) 338-2576 • www.discoverfrontroyal.com

SHENANDOAH

NATIONAL PARK

The park holds more than 500 miles of trails, including 101 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Trails may follow a ridge crest, or they may lead to high places with panoramic views or to waterfalls in deep canyons.

Facilities and Services

Includes visitor centers, bookstores, campgrounds, showers and laundries, picnic areas, gift shops, lodges, cabins, restaurants, gas stations, ATMs, waysides, campstores, a stable, and restrooms.

- All facilities and services are available mid-May through late October.
- Some are also available April, May, and November. Plan to obtain all food, gas, and lodging outside of the park in December, January, February, and March.
- Telephone (540) 999-3500 for the most current information.



www.nps.gov/shen

Shenandoah National Park lies astride a beautiful section of the Blue Ridge Mountains, which form the eastern rampart of the Appalachian Mountains between Pennsylvania and Georgia. The Shenandoah River flows through the valley to the west, with Massanutten Mountain, 40 miles long, standing between the river's north and south forks. The rolling Piedmont country lies to the east of the park. Skyline Drive, a 105-mile road that winds along the crest of the mountains through the length of the park, provides vistas of the spectacular land-

scape to east and west. Many animals, including deer, black bears, and wild turkeys, flourish among the rich growth of an oak-hickory forest. In season, bushes and wildflowers bloom along the Drive and trails and fill the open spaces. Apple trees, stone foundations, and cemeteries are reminders of the families who once called this place home. Shenandoah National Park has many stories waiting to be told, and a world of beauty that can renew and bring peace to the spirit.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Visitors can participate in ranger-guided activities, view audio-visual programs or exhibits at visitor centers, fish, enjoy the panoramic views from overlooks, hike to peaks and waterfalls, or just plain relax in the peaceful surroundings.

Continuing a tradition set by George Freeman Pollock, who founded a resort at Skyland long before Shenandoah National Park was established, ARAMARK, the park's concessioner offers a variety of activities for visitors in spring, summer, and fall providing a terrific way to have fun and learn more about the park's history and wildlife as well as regional arts, music and crafts.

For a Calendar of Events, visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/shen.



A LITTLE HISTORY

In 1926, U.S. Congress authorized Shenandoah National Park. Today 197,000 acres of eastern deciduous forest are a sanctuary for more than 100 varieties of trees, 200 bird species, and 1,100 flowering plants.

Lands were gradually purchased using private donations and through condemnation using states funds. On December 26, 1935, Virginia gave the deeds to the Federal Government, formally establishing the park. In 1936, Shenandoah was dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for the recreation and re-creation found here.

Visit Shenandoah and step back in time. Over 400 buildings and structures within the Skyline Drive Historic District are listed on the National Register of Historic Places as being nationally significant for their architecture and association with the history of the 1920s and 1930s.

Today, approximately 1.2 million visitors come to Shenandoah each year to enjoy this natural wonder. It is our hope that this park, created as a peaceful refuge for nearby urban populations, will continue to offer relaxation, recreation, and inspiration for many generations to come.

6.8 **Gooney Run Overlook** gives a view across the valley and towards Dickey Ridge on the right.

17.1 **Range View Overlook** offers a spectacular view of a large section of the Blue Ridge.

21 **Hogback Overlook.** 11 bends of Shenandoah River visible on clear days. Alt. 3,385

22.2 **Mathews Arm Campground** is open late May through October. Tent and trailer sites, sewage disposal station. No showers or laundry. Camp store two miles south on Skyline Drive.

24.1 **Elkwallow. Picnic grounds** with tables, fireplaces, water and comfort station



Find a list of popular Parkway hiking spots on pg.11.

WASHINGTON, VA

12 miles east of Skyline Drive on US 211.

Caledonia Farm B&B - 1812 Historic landmark. Adj. Shen. Pk. Romantic honeymoon suite & 2 rooms. AC/fireplace/hot tub/full breakfast/hospitality. www.bnb1812.com (800) BNB-1812.

28.5 **Beahms Gap** provides access to the Appalachian Trail and shorter trails.

LURAY-PAGE COUNTY, VA

Nestled between the Blue Ridge & Massanutten Mountains, Page Valley is a beautiful escape any time of the year. "Once you visit us, you may never want to leave." www.LurayPage.com or (800) 743-3915.

ATTRACTIONS

Luray Caverns - Eastern America's largest and most popular caverns. A U.S. Natural Landmark featuring the world's only Stalacpipe Organ. Skyline Drive and Shenandoah National Park 10 min; I-81, 15 min. www.luraycaverns.com. (540) 743-6551.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Allstar Lodging Vacation Cabins - 100+ unique vacation rentals. 1-10 bdr. sleep 2-30 guests. In Luray, near Caverns, Skyline Drive, Mountain Views, Riverfront, Fireplace, Hot Tub, Jacuzzi, Kitchen, Open yr. round, Pets welcome. www.allstarlodging.com or Toll Free (866) 780-7827.

Luray & Page County, VA

Historic
Culture

Friendly
Atmosphere

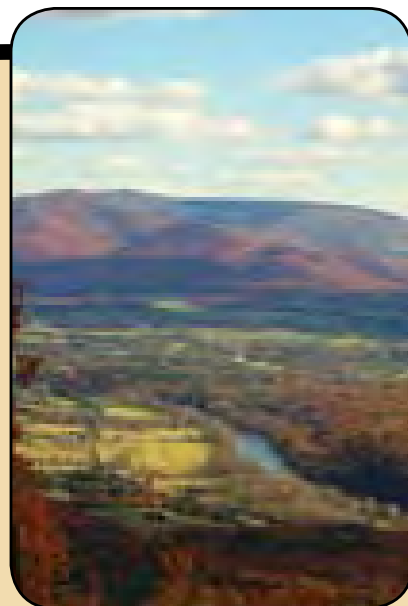
Natural
Beauty

'Scenic and Beautiful' are top descriptions of Luray and Page County, Virginia

Scenic Page County offers year-round refreshment and relaxation— in addition to shopping and dining – in the charming communities of Luray, Shenandoah and Stanley. Area attractions include the legendary Luray Caverns; Shenandoah National Park; miles of hiking and biking trails; golf and a variety of sports on the beautiful Shenandoah River. Look for locally-produced food on restaurant menus. Wisteria Farm & Vineyard is the perfect spot for a picnic and a day in the country. Luray celebrates its Bicentennial in 2012. Page County makes a beautiful destination for holidays – spend a romantic weekend in TLC's Number Two Destination Wedding Locale. There are hotels, B&Bs and cabins galore! Your journey begins at the Luray-Page County Chamber of Commerce website at www.LurayPage.com or call them at 888-743-3915.

Visitors
Center hours:
9am-5pm daily

18 Campbell St.
Luray, VA 22835



www.LurayPage.com

Call for your free complete getaway planner: 1-888-743-3915 • www.CabinCapital.com

Luray Caverns Motels - Opposite each caverns entrance. Quiet, scenic locations with Blue Ridge Mountain views. Discount food coupons, pools, AAA approved. Golf packages at Caverns Country Club Resort. (540) 743-6551; (888) 941-4531.

The Mimslyn Inn - Circa 1931. Comfortable, inviting, and ready for you to experience. 401 W. Main St. www.mimslyninn.com or (540) 734-5105.

Shenandoah River Outfitters & River Log Cabins - Canoe, kayak, raft, tube the Shenandoah or stay in the river cabins. www.shenandoahriver.com (800) 6-CANOE2.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park - 5 miles from Drive on US 211 West. Beautiful mountain views. All facilities for RV's or tents. Pool, themed mini golf, 3 types of cabins, water slide. Late Mar-Nov. www.campluray.com. Reservations (800) 420-6679.

SHENANDOAH CAVERNS, VA

5 miles north of New Market, I-81 Exit 269.

Shenandoah Caverns - Thrilling visitors from around the world, Shenandoah Caverns is the only cavern in Virginia with elevator service. Explorers of every age and ability will discover an underground world of wonder. With level walkways and no stairs, only our sights are breathtaking! Four attractions, one low price. American Celebration on Parade, Main Street of Yesteryear and the Yellow Barn. Open all year. www.shenandoahcaverns.com. Toll free: 888-4CAVERN.



Enjoy white water rafting near the Parkway

Shenandoah Valley Travel Association - Request an official Shenandoah Valley Travel Guide at www.VisitShenandoah.org or call (800) VISIT-SV. Mail requests to P.O. Box 1040, New Market, VA 22844.

NEW MARKET, VA

15 miles west of Skyline Drive on US 211. I-81 Exit 264.

Virginia Museum of the Civil War & New Market Battlefield State Historical Park - Museum exhibit presents entire Civil War in Virginia with focus exhibit on the VMI cadets in battle. Museum shop, picnic area, overlooks. Walking trail on actual battlefield. www.vmi.edu/museum/nm (866) 515-1864.

Culpeper, VA

Small town charm and world-class shopping and dining in the crossroads of Virginia's history.

Just a short drive from the Parkway via Routes 211 and 522, Culpeper is where history and hospitality meet. Downtown Culpeper is filled with world class restaurants and classic diners, art and antiques, gift shops, a Victorian tea house, and more. Enjoy classic movies as they were meant to be seen: on the big screen at the beautiful art deco Library of Congress Packard Campus Theater.

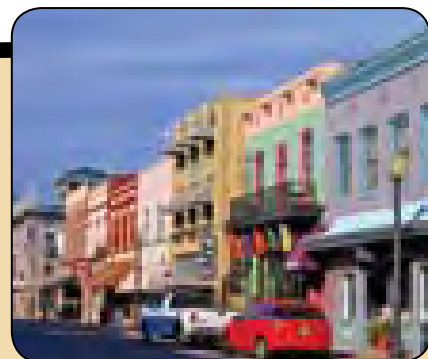
During the Civil War, more than 160 skirmishes occurred in and around Culpeper. Learn the story of Brandy Station at the Graffiti House, where recuperating soldiers amused themselves by writing on the walls. Find peace and natural beauty at the preserved battlefields at Cedar Mountain and Brandy Station and the crossing at Kelly's Ford. Visit the Museum of Culpeper History for a look at Culpeper's history from pre-historic times through the 21st century.

Enjoy outdoor hiking, biking, canoeing, fishing, and horseback riding. Historic homes and Colonial era churches complement miles of scenic byways. Treat yourself to a glass of fine Virginia wine at one of our award-winning wineries, or visit Virginia's only legal moonshine distillery farm. Join us for annual events like Culpeper Fiesta, Culpeper Day, the 4th of July Celebration, summer concerts, Harvest Days Farm Tour, Air Fest, and the Taste of Culpeper.

www.visitculpeperva.com

Culpeper
Department of Tourism
540-727-0611

Culpeper
Visitors Center
111 S. Commerce St.
1-888-CULPEPER





Picnics are better in the mountains!

31.5 **Panorama Junction West** 9 mi. to Luray, 24 mi. to New Market. East 7 mi. to Sperryville, 26 mi. to Culpeper. Alt. 2,304. Thorton Gap is one of the major entrances to the park. Park rangers at the entrance station can answer your questions and give other assistance. Park Headquarters is four miles west on US 221.

32.4 **Mary's Rock Tunnel** built in 1932, goes through 600 feet of rock with a 14-foot clearance

36.7 **Pinnacles.** Picnic grounds with shelter, tables, fireplaces, water and comfort station. Alt. 3,350. Access to Appalachian Trail.

38.6 **Stony Man Peak** is straight ahead as you enter the overlook from the north. Across the valley is Massanutten Mountain.

39.1 **Little Stony Man Cliffs** can be reached by a round trip hike of 0.9 mile from the parking area. Access to Appalachian Trail.

41.7 **Entrance to Skyland.** Highest point on Skyline Drive at 3,680 feet. One of the primary tourist facility stops. Naturalist George Freeman Pollock who built Skyland resort in the 1890s, was a major proponent for establishing the park. Lodge, dining room, gift shop, riding horses, Stony Man Nature Trail and other trails, conducted hikes and evening programs.

Skyland Lodge - Located in the Shenandoah National Park at MP 41.7. Open from March 29 - noon Nov 25, 2012. Features 177 lodge rooms and cabins, full service restaurant, a gift shop with handcrafted items and special gifts, & bar with entertainment 7 days a week. Gift shop and horse rides & scheduled ranger activities. Call (800) 999-4714.

42.6 **Whiteoak Canyon** has six waterfalls. A trail 4.6 miles round trip, leads to the first waterfall and passes the Limberlost Trail in an area of large old hemlocks.

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Limberlost Trail (accessible), a 1.3 mile loop, passes through an old orchard and a grove of ancient hemlocks. It is an accessible trail (with assistance), with a crushed greenstone walkway, wooden boardwalk and bridge, and many benches.

44.4

Crescent Rock Overlook 25 yards from the Skyline Drive, provides the best view of Hawksbill Mountain. Another trail leads to Bettys Rock, 0.6 mile round trip.

45.8

Hawksbill Gap Parking Area trails lead to Hawksbill Mountain, at 4,051 feet the highest point in the park.

50.7

Dark Hollow Falls, the waterfall closest to the Drive, cascades 70 feet over greenstone. Round trip from the parking area is 1.5 miles

51 & 51.9

Big Meadows offers a multitude of activities and services at three sites, all connected by a network of trails. Byrd Visitor Center, entrance at milepost 51, is one of the park's three major information facilities, providing exhibits on the area's human and natural history; film and ranger programs; sales outlet for publications, slides, and maps; conducted hikes; and self-guiding nature trail. The wayside facilities at milepost 51.3 include a coffee shop, camp store, gift shop and service station. One mile from the Drive, using either entrance, is Big Meadows Lodge with rooms, dining room and gift shop open in spring, summer and fall. Big Meadows Campground has tent and trailer sites, trailer sewage disposal station, showers, laundry, ice, firewood, self guiding nature trail, picnic ground and the summer campfire program. During the summer and fall, campsites at the campground may be available by reservation only. Byrd Visitor Center, the Big Meadows campground, the Lodge, and Wayside are usually closed in winter. Please call the park for current information of if you plan to visit in winter. (Shenandoah National Park Headquarters - (540) 999-3500.)



Please respect all wildlife

Big Meadows Lodge - Located in Shenandoah National Park at MP 51. Open from May 24 - noon Nov 4, 2012. Features 97 lodge rooms and cabins, full service restaurant & bar with entertainment 7 days a week. Gift shop with handcrafted items and special gifts. Call (800) 999-4714.

56.4 **Bearfence Mountain summit** provides a 360 degree view. The round trip from the parking lot is only 0.8 mile but part of it is a rock scramble and can be difficult, especially if wet. Wear sturdy shoes.

57.5 **Lewis Mountain** is open from April 6 - noon Nov 4, 2012. Facilities and services include cabins, campground with tent and trailer sites, camp store, picnic ground and campfire facilities. Alt. 3,390.

62.8 **South River** is a fine place to stop for a picnic and then take a hike to South River Falls, 2.5 miles round trip.

CULPEPER, VA

Just a short distance from Skyline Drive via Rt. 211 and 522. Civil War battlefields, miles of scenic byways, country inns, wineries, and unparalleled shopping and dining. www.visitculpeperva.com Call 888-CULPEPER.

ORANGE, VA

Premier historic sites, award-winning wineries, fine dining, exquisite inns & unsurpassed beauty can all be found in Orange County! www.visitorangevirginia.com (877) 222-8072.

Points to Ponder HIGHS & LOWS

The Parkway varies in elevation from about 649 feet at Virginia's James River to 6,047 feet at Richland Balsam south of Asheville.

65.7 **Swift Run Gap. Junction US 33.** East 12 miles to Standardsville, west 7 mi. to Elkton, 24 mi. to Harrisonburg. South 25 mi. to Grottoes. Alt. 2,365 Park Rangers at the entrance station can answer your questions and give other assistance.

Massanutten Resort - 20 min. from Skyline Dr., Swift Run exit. Indoor waterpark, spa, skiing, dining, golf, retail and more. Visit www.massresort.com or (540) 289-9441.

HARRISONBURG, VA

Harrisonburg Tourism and Visitor Services - located inside the Hardesty-Higgins House, 23 miles from Skyline Drive, on 33 West to visit us for shopping, museums, and local eateries. Plan your adventure in historic Harrisonburg by visiting the Hardesty-Higgins House Visitor Center, the place where history and hospitality meet. 212 S. Main St. Open daily 9am-5pm www.HarrisonburgTourism.com. (540) 432-8935.

Harrisonburg, VA

From Skyline Drive/ Shenandoah National Park MP 65.5 take 33 West into Harrisonburg and follow the Visitor Center information signs.

Plan your adventure in Harrisonburg, VA

Just minutes from Skyline Drive and Shenandoah National Park, this historic town is a vibrant place for great events, diverse dining, unique lodging and varied shopping. You can stroll through gardens at the Edith. J. Carrier Arboretum or visit the White Oak Lavender Farm. Try some local wine at CrossKeys Vineyard or find time to do downtown, try a local eatery, get connected to the arts and discover some local music. If you want to get outdoors, we have the guides and services to get you hiking, biking, climbing, caving and canoeing, or play golf surrounded by mountains views. From daytrips to weekend getaways and group outings, enjoy the variety and comfort Harrisonburg has to offer. Visit the Hardesty-Higgins House Visitor Center, the place where History and Hospitality Meet, located in downtown Harrisonburg.



Harrisonburg Tourism & Visitor Services
212 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

(540) 432-8935
www.HarrisonburgTourism.com



Turks Cap Lily

ATTRACTIONS

Rockingham County Fair - US 11 off I-81 between exits 240 & 243. Virginia's County Fair with big name entertainment. August 13-18, 2012. RCF. 4808 S Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22801
www.rockinghamcountyfair.com (866) 496-7050.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Best Western Harrisonburg Inn - Rt 33 & I-81 Exit 247-A. Clean, comfortable rooms, indoor pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, wireless internet access. Cable TV, non-smoking rooms. Shoney's Restaurant adj.
 (540) 433-6089.

Harrisonburg/Shenandoah Valley KOA Campground - I-81 exit 257, 11N to Rt 608, 4 mi to our door. Big pull-thrus, Lodges, cabins, tent, pool, minigolf, hike, fish, Wi-Fi, propane, firewood, general store, yr round, clean bathrooms.
www.koa.com/campgrounds/harrisonburg (540) 896-8929.

Old Massanutten Lodge B & B - Exit at MP 65.7 at Swift Run. "We're Here To Pamper You." 3 elegant rooms, w/ baths, some whirlpools, full gourmet breakfasts. Close to US 33 & I-81 Exit 247.
www.oldmassanuttenlodge.com (540) 269-8800.

Stonewall Jackson Inn - Stay Here! Top rated by TripAdvisor & B&B.com. Read our guest reviews! Downtown Historic District. 23 mi. from MP 0, 15 mi. from Skyline MP 65.7.
www.StonewallJacksonInn.com (800) 445-5330.

The Village Inn & Restaurant - I-81 Exit 243. Scenic rural setting, free HBO, relaxing pool and hot tub, deluxe playground, wireless internet, in-room coffee, microwave & refrigerator. AAA 3 Diamond. Family owned for 3 generations.
www.thevillageinn.travel. (540) 434-7355.

66.5 Hightop Mountain Parking, at an elevation of 2,637 feet, is on the west side of the Drive near a crossing of the Appalachian Trail.

67.2 Swift Run Overlook offers a view of the Piedmont to the east and Flattop to the south.

Staunton • Augusta County • Waynesboro

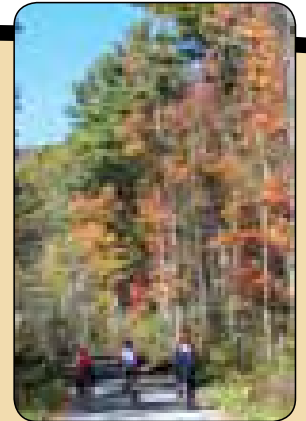
There are many opportunities for outdoor recreation – from bicycling and wildlife watching, to hiking and camping, you will find plenty of chances to re-connect with nature.

Located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley where the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive converge – Staunton, Augusta County and Waynesboro offer the perfect base for exploring the many facets of the Valley.

Enjoy a night of theater at the American Shakespeare Center's Blackfriars Playhouse, the world's only re-creation of Shakespeare's legendary indoor theatre. Take a tour of the P. Buckley Moss Museum and enjoy the works of one of America's most recognized artists. History buffs will appreciate the rich history of the area at the Frontier Culture Museum, Waynesboro Heritage Museum, Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, and the R.R. Smith Center for History and Art. Those following the Civil War Sesquicentennial should know that two battles were fought here, but that the stories of the homefront are just as intriguing.

Don't miss our farmer's markets, which are bustling, colorful affairs, often with live music and the occasional chef demonstration. Sip a glass of Virginia wine at one of the area's wineries. The natural wonders of this area will inspire you from rolling hills and a countryside rich with family farms to Natural Chimney's limestone towers where annual jousting tournaments have taken place for nearly 200 years. In the evening, take in a performance by local and nationally renowned musicians at one of our many music venues.

Unwind at an intimate Bed & Breakfasts, cabin, or perhaps opt for a hotel, including one of the Historic Hotels of America.



(540) 332-3971 • www.VAValley.com

73.2 **Simmons Gap Ranger Station** personnel are responsible for the southern portion of the park. Stop if you need assistance from the rangers.

78.2 **Rockytop Overlook** provides a good view of the wild canyon country of the Big Run watershed.

79.8 **Loft Mountain.** Provides information and exhibits and sells publications and maps. Loft Mountain Campground has both tent and trailer sites, a trailer sewage disposal station, service station, wayside facility with a camp store, gift shop, picnic ground, showers, laundry, ice, firewood, a self-guiding nature trail, and conducted programs in the summer. This campground usually closes in late October. Amphitheater; hikes in summer. Alt. 3,300

81.1 **Doyles River Trail** takes you to the upper falls, 2.7 miles round trip.

84.1 **Jones Run** is a good place to park for a rewarding hike of 3.6 miles, round trip to the 42 foot Jones Run Falls. The reward: mosses and flowering plants growing on the water-sprayed cliff.

84.8 **Blackrock Summit Parking** is the start of a one-mile round trip hike to Blackrock and outstanding views.

94.2 **Turk Gap Parking Area** is east of the Drive near a crossing of the Appalachian Trail.

98.9 **Calf Mountain Overlook** provides a spectacular 360 degree view.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

Follow signs toward Downtown to the Visitor Center (610 E Main Street) to get travel information, same-day lodging assistance and more! Open daily. www.VisitCharlottesville.org. Toll free (877) 386-1103.

ATTRACTIONS

Barboursville Vineyards & Historic Ruins - 30 min E of Pkwy, Rt 33 at Rt 20. Tastings daily at Virginia's most honored winery, fine dining at Palladio Restaurant. Details & Calendar of Events. www.barboursvillewine.com Reservations (540) 832-3824.

Monticello, Home of Thomas Jefferson - 2 miles SE on Rt 53 off Rt 20 & I-64. Guided house tours daily. Gardens & plantation community tours available mid-April thru Oct. Museum shop. 931 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, Charlottesville VA. www.monticello.org (434) 984-9822.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

English Inn - US 29N & US 250 bypass. Std & king rms. Incl. Full breakfast buffet, 24 hrs coffee/tea, heated indoor pool. Ask about packages & discounts. 2000 Morton Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22903. www.englishinncharlottesville.com (800) 786-5400 or (434) 971-9900.

Hilton Garden Inn Charlottesville - Mile 0, I-64E to exit 124. Restaurant, indoor pool, free HSA, near Monticello & Downtown. www.stayHGI.com (434) 979-4442.

Super 8 Motel - Jct US 29N & US 250 bypass. Continental breakfast. Cable TV HBO. Interior corridors. 390 Greenbriar Dr. Charlottesville, VA 22901. (800) 800-8000 or (434) 973-0888.

LOUISA, VA

52 miles east of Parkway, Exit Milepost 0

Small Country Campground - 20 miles E of Charlottesville @ exit 136 off I-64. Open year round. Wi-Fi/TV, 50 amp. Lake, pool. www.smallcountry.com (540) 967-2431.

CROZET, VA

10 miles East of Parkway, Exit Milepost 0

Montfair Resort Farm - 12 miles from Parkway. 9 miles N. of Crozet. Eco-friendly vacation cottages by lake, pets welcome. Hiking, fishing, canoe, mtn. bikes. www.montfairresortfarm.com (434) 823-5202.

STAUNTON, VA

Staunton's historic downtown delights visitors with its vibrant arts scene & great restaurants. The amazing architecture & compact downtown make for great walking & exploring opportunities. www.VisitStaunton.com (540) 332-3972.

Hampton Inn Staunton - 15 mins from MP 0, I-64W to I-81S, exit 220. Luxury rooms, free hot breakfast, fitness room, pool. (540) 886-7000.

Stonewall Jackson Hotel - In historic downtown Staunton, 15 minutes from the Parkway, we offer 124 cozy guestrooms & restaurant. www.stonewalljacksonhotel.com (540) 885-4848.

104.8 **Rockfish (South) Entrance Station** is staffed by the Park Service.

105.4 **Rockfish Gap. Junction Skyline Drive**, Blue Ridge Parkway, and US 250, west (on US 250) 4 mi. to Waynesboro, 15 mi. to Staunton. East (on 250) 20 to Charlottesville. I-64 also crosses the mountains here. Rockfish Gap starts, or ends Skyline Drive, depending on which way you are heading. The Drive runs directly into Blue Ridge Parkway, also administered by the National Park Service.

THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Many visitors want to know how to have the maximum experience on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Some folks like the first warm days of spring with ample wild-flowers in bloom while others like the crisp days of fall under the golden canopy of tulip poplar trees. Some would maximize their Parkway experience on motorcycles or bicycles, while others are content with the automobile, although perhaps with the top down. Some enjoy staying in the car as much as possible while others venture onto the paths and trails, away from the motor road.

Without a doubt, however, the Parkway experience is a unique one and very different from our day to day experiences. In this day and age, people are busy and time is valuable. People are inundated with information and want to be “connected” to their

sources of information as much as possible. Increasingly, people are also satisfied with getting their experiences from secondary sources, rather than the real thing. A Parkway experience defies all of these trends. At its best, a Parkway experience needs to be just the opposite... slow and relaxed, unconnected from the rest of the world’s hectic information, and real... lots of sunshine, wind, and close-up views of the cultural and natural world of the Blue Ridge.

This special road hugs the crest of the world’s oldest mountain range and winds through the coves and forest slopes that make up so much of southern Appalachia. That kind of experience tends to stamp an impression on your mind... it should be an experience that is unforgettable.

During your Parkway experience, keep in mind the pride, enjoyment, and responsibility that go along with it. Your pride in this place, whether you are a neighbor enjoying an afternoon drive or here from outside the region for the first time, is important and helps in protecting the Parkway. Your enjoyment may come from the streams, trails, wildlife, and historic structures, or from the intangible things like cool air, vistas, or the absolute serenity of the place. Your responsibility comes in the stewardship that is required of all visitors to all National Park sites. This place cannot stay the way we know it without community, regional, and individual help.

It has been noted that “too many places we see in America today look like too many places we see in America today.” Interstates, inner cities, subdivisions... all look very much alike no matter where you are in our country. But America’s national parks aren’t like that. They are places where visitors have unique experiences, remarkable experiences, and experiences that are unattainable anywhere else.

However you choose to “maximize” your Parkway experience this year, do it thoughtfully, do it safely, and take full advantage of all that this special place has to offer.



At each Parkway entrance a directional sign indicates ‘north’ or ‘south’. North, toward the north end of the Parkway, leads to Shenandoah National Park. South, toward the south end of the Parkway, leads to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Outstanding scenery and recreational opportunities make the Blue Ridge Parkway one of the most popular units of the National Park System. “America’s Favorite Drive” winds its way 469 miles through mountain meadows and past seemingly endless vistas. Split-rail fences, old farmsteads and historic structures complement spectacular views of distant mountains and neighboring valleys.

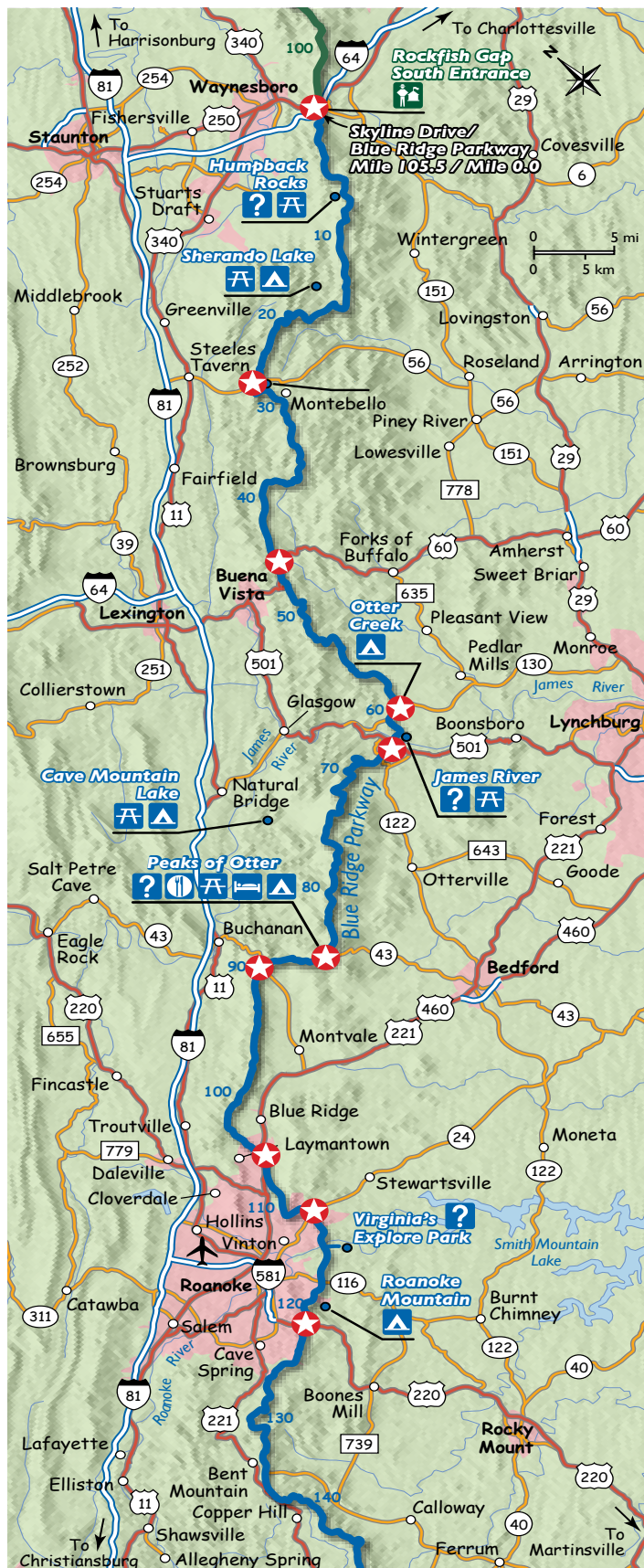
The Parkway incorporates several recreation areas, some exceeding 6,000 acres. These parks within the Parkway have visitor centers, campgrounds, picnic areas, trails and, in many instances, concessioner-operated lodges, restaurants and other facilities.

Building the Parkway through mountainous terrain was a monumental labor. Authorized in the 1930s as a Depression-era public works project, the Parkway was more than a half-century in the making. It was the nation’s first, and ultimately longest, rural parkway, connecting Shenandoah National Park in Virginia with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina. Enduring standards for parkway engineering and design were pioneered here.

Gas Availability

No gasoline is available on the parkway. Gas is available not far off the Parkway at any of these US or State Highway Intersections:

<u>Virginia</u>		<u>North Carolina</u>	
US 250	— MP 0	US 21	— MP 229.7
US 60	— MP 45.6	NC 18	— MP 248.1
VA 130	— MP 61.6	NC 16	— MP 261.2
US 501	— MP 63.9	US 321	— MP 291.9
US 460	— MP 106	NC 181	— MP 312
VA 24	— MP 112.2	NC 226	— MP 330.9
US 220	— MP 121.4	US 70	— MP 382.4
US 58	— MP 177.7	US 74A	— MP 384.7
US 52	— MP 199.4	US 25	— MP 388.1
VA 89	— MP 215.8	NC 191	— MP 393.6
		US 276	— MP 411.9
		US 74/23	— MP 443.1
		US 19	— MP 455.7



MAP KEY: Refer to page 13 for explanation of symbols



The Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 0, I-64 & US 250 to Milepost 140

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Rockfish Gap - Junction Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive, US 250 Crossover. West 4 miles to Waynesboro, 15 mi. to Staunton and 60 miles to Monterey. East 20 mi. to Charlottesville. Alt. 1,909. Aftn. VA Exit US 250, MP 0.

Staunton KOA - MP 0, I-64 W to Exit 94, 9.5 mi. S on Rt 340 to Rt 655. Cabins, tents, RVs, fishing, pool year round, Wi-Fi. www.walnuthillskoia.com (540) 337-3920.

NELSON COUNTY, VA

From MP 0, 13.5, 16 or 27, explore 471 miles of wineries, breweries, cidery, unique lodging, restaurants & shopping. Info: Nelson County Dept of Tourism, PO Box 636, Dept. BRPA, Lovingston, VA 22949. www.nelsoncounty.com. For free travel & event information, e-mail: info@nelsoncounty.org (434) 263-7015.

Nelson Scenic Loop - connects Mileposts 13.7 to 27.2. Download map and plan your visit to the Rockfish Valley. www.nelsonscenicloop.com; www.rockfishvalley.org.

GRAND CAVERNS, VA

From MP 0, 4 miles West of the Parkway via US 250 and 12 miles North via US 340.

Grand Caverns - America's oldest continuously operated show cave & voted #2 in America by Parade magazine. Experience a powerful example of nature's handiwork. Open daily. www.grandcaverns.com (888) 430-CAVE.

WAYNESBORO, VA

4 miles west of Parkway via US 250 or I-64. Shops, restaurants, gas, and outdoor recreation. Information center located at exit 99 off of I-64. www.VisitWaynesboro.net or (540) 942-6512.

Points to Ponder CREEKS & RIVERS!

The Blue Ridge Parkway protects the headwaters of many local and regional watersheds. Early map-makers carefully marked the water courses coming down from the mountains and tumbling through the Piedmont to the ocean. None is more dramatic than the Linville River, falling through its steep gorge at Milepost 316. The region also boasts of North America's oldest watercourse, ironically called the "New River."

HUMPBACK ROCKS

Travelers heading south from Rockfish Gap experience a scenic drive through a mountain forest interspersed with agricultural lands. Climbing and descending ridge tops and gaps offers magnificent views of the Shenandoah Valley to the west and Rockfish Valley to the east, along with the flora and fauna of Appalachian hardwood forests. This is a region that was once cleared for agriculture, trade routes, timber harvesting, and subsistence living. Now it supports mature forests, designated wilderness, US Forest Service lands, and the return of many species of wildlife not seen in years.

Humpback Rocks at Milepost 5.8 is perhaps the best representation of the varied combination of natural and cultural resources anywhere along the Parkway corridor. The prominent rock outcrop was a landmark guiding wagon trains over the Howardsville Turnpike in the 1840s. A portion of the historic trace still exists. This was a major route across the narrow Blue Ridge until railroads came through the mountain gaps. The view from "the rocks" is spectacular any time of the year.

Adjacent to Humpback Rocks Visitor Center, an outdoor farm museum is surrounded by nearly 3,000 acres of predominantly forested lands. Early Parkway designers collected buildings from nearby and assembled them here in an arrangement that allows for an easy stroll along the pathway. The farm museum consists of a single-room log cabin and a series of outbuildings that represent elements of regional architecture of the late nineteenth century. Costumed interpreters provide demonstrations, including weaving, basket making and gardening. Interpretation focuses on and emphasizes the generalized life styles of subsistence farmers.

A visit to Humpback Rocks will help travelers better understand the difficulties and advantages associated with farming and living in these mountains and get a sense of how transportation routes across the mountains linked residents and communities in the region. Participate in "hands on" cultural demonstrations depicting domestic and farm chores including gardening and music. The activities here are designed to paint a picture of one style of family life in the mountains and reveal the difficulties of subsistence farming in the nineteenth century.

ATTRACTIONS

P. Buckley Moss Museum - Exhibiting works by internationally renowned artist P. Buckley Moss. Free admission. Guided tours. Gift Shop. I-64 at Exit 94 in Waynesboro (US 340 South). Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information: www.pbuckleymoss.com or (800) 343-8643.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Days Inn Waynesboro - I-64 exit 94. 5 miles from Parkway. Newly renovated oversized guest rooms boast panoramic mountain views. Complimentary continental breakfast & outdoor pool. 2060 Rosser Ave. (540) 943-1101.

Hampton Inn - Luxury rooms, free hot breakfast, free high speed wireless internet access, indoor pool, fitness room, near hospital. Suites available. Near P. Buckley Moss Museum. (540) 213-9500.

Super 8 Waynesboro - I-64, exit 94. 2045 Rosser Ave., 5 miles from Parkway. Nice clean rooms with free continental breakfast, free wireless internet & computer in lobby for guest use. E-mail super8waynesboro@gmail.com or (540) 943-3888.

5-9.3 Humpback Rocks. 800 acres. Visitor Center and mountain farm exhibit (Milepost 5.8), Picnic area, comfort station (Milepost 8.4)

8.8 Greenstone Parking Overlook.
Self-guiding nature trail.

13.5 Reeds Gap. Route 664.

Cabin Creekwood - "Your Truly Restful Getaway!" 2 miles west of Parkway on Rt. 664. Year round, quiet, secluded, fully furnished resort, mt. cabins. Pool. 44 Creekwood Ln., Lyndhurst, VA 22952. www.cabincreekwood.com. (888) 942-2246.



Humpback Rocks Interpreter with visitors



Magnificent views from every angle!

WINTERGREEN, VA

1 mile east on Route 664, exit at Milepost 13.5.

Wintergreen Resort - Lodging, dining, 45 holes of golf, tennis, pools, skiing, snowboarding, tubing, ice skating, spa, hiking, fishing. www.wintergreenresort.com (434) 325-2200, (800) 266-2444.

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VA 814 to Sherando Lake. (4.5 mi.) in George Washington National Forest. Swimming, picnicking, camping.

LOVE, VA

West of Parkway, exit at Milepost 16.

Royal Oaks Cabins - Love, VA. Exit at Milepost 16, 500 ft west on Route 814. Royal Oaks Cabins Store, Deli, Gifts, Weddings - "Come in Love. Stay in Love. Leave in Love." Experience Love in our 9 cabins and 3 large chalets with mtn. views, fireplaces, hot tubs, equipped kitchens, Free Wi-Fi, TV/VCR/DVD. Open year round. www.vacabins.com (800) 410-0627.

27

Tye River Gap. Rt. 56 Crossover, west to Vesuvius, Steeles Tavern, east to Montebello. Alt. 2,969

STEELES TAVERN, VA

West of Parkway on VA 56, exit at Milepost 27.

Osceola Mill Restaurant & Inn - Water-powered mill, now serves as a fine dining restaurant, B&B and Crabtree Falls cabin rentals built by the McCormicks, inventors of the reaper. Featured restaurant and B&B National Geographic Mag. July/09. MP 27, 5 min RT 56 W www.osceolamill.com (540) 377-6455.

Sugar Tree Inn - 3/4 mi W. of MP 27 is a haven of natural beauty called The Sugar Tree. Set on 28 acres at 2800 feet, the inn is a place of peace and tranquility. Relax in rustic elegance and enjoy 40-mile views from our front porch or hot tub. Wood-burning fireplaces in every room. A full country breakfast is included; gourmet dining is available with 24 hours advance reservation. www.sugartreeinn.com (800) 377-2197.

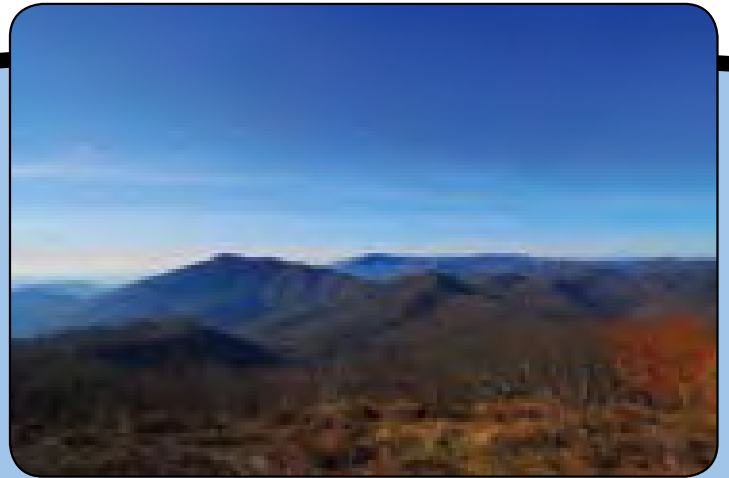
Nelson County, VA

Experience
the Sunrise
Side of the
Blue Ridge

From milepost 0 of the Blue Ridge Parkway to the mighty James River, plan to experience a getaway full of adventure and relaxation. Remember how to have fun in our 471 square mile playground, then rest at a unique local bed and breakfast or cabin.

Relax and unwind as you marvel at Nature's bounty. Whether it's the pink and white of the spring apple blossoms or the spectacular fall foliage, the backdrop is picture perfect for your vacation.

Be entertained with the simple things – take time to relax, enjoy the scenery, the local music scene or the farm-to-the-table culinary delights from local restaurants, wineries, breweries, cidery or distillery.



Nelson County Tourism
Post Office Box 636
Dept. BRPD • Lovingson, VA 22949

www.nelsoncounty.com

For free travel and event information:
email: info@nelsoncounty.org or call: 434-263-7015

MONTEBELLO, VA

2.5 miles east of Parkway on VA 56, exit at MP 27.

Dutch Haus B&B - Log House B&B, Exit MP 27 - Rt 56E 3 mi., turn L onto 667. Cozy rooms, TV & pvt. bath, free Wi-Fi, \$85 per couple includes full breakfast. www.dutchhaus.com (540) 377-2119.

Montebello Resort - Exit MP 27, Rt 56 East 3 miles. Full service campground with shaded sites for RV's, campers, tents (open Apr-Oct). Cabin rentals available year round. Fee-based trout ponds, no license required. Country store w/fuel, groceries & many gift items, open year round. For more info, visit www.MontebelloVA.com. For reservations call (540) 377-2650.

34.4 Yankee Horse Parking Area. Logging Railroad Exhibit.

AMHERST COUNTY

From the Blue Ridge Mountains to the James River, so many ways to relax. So much to see and do - Come visit, you'll LOVE IT TOO! Play golf, hike, have dinner; buy antiques or visit a museum - Come fall in love with Amherst, VA., the Beauty of the Blue Ridge. www.countyofamherst.com (434) 946-9366.

AMHERST, VA

20 miles east of Parkway via US 60, exit at Milepost 45.6.

Hardings Clocks & Music Boxes - Rt. 130 E to traffic light US 29 N. Business. 5 Miles on right. Over 1000 clocks and musicals. Low prices. We ship and engrave. www.hardingsclocks.com (434) 946-7386.



The Blue Ridge Parkway - north of Buena Vista, VA

45.6 US-60 Crossover. East to Amherst, West to Buena Vista and Lexington.

BUENA VISTA, VA

Milepost 45.6 - US 60 Crossover West to Buena Vista.

Glen Maury Park Campground - 10th St., 5 miles from Parkway. 315 acres with 52 sites or 250 units, group camping. Clean modern facilities. LP gas. (800) 555-8845.

Buena Vista, Lexington & Rockbridge County

From Blue Ridge Mountain scenery to vibrant living history, Buena Vista, Lexington and Rockbridge County has something for everyone

Visitors to Buena Vista can't help but enjoy the mountain vistas while relaxing at one of the many music festivals at Glen Maury Park or playing a round of golf at The Vista Links 18-hole championship course.

Named the Coolest Small Town in America, Lexington is a picturesque college town offering a downtown filled with wonderful specialty shops and fine restaurants. Take a guided horse-drawn carriage tour through the historic district then visit the George C. Marshall Museum, Lee Chapel and Stonewall Jackson House.

A tour of Rockbridge County inevitably leads to the Natural Bridge, one of Virginia's most cherished natural wonders, and the Virginia Safari Park, where you can feed exotic animals by hand. Afterwards, relax over a glass of award-winning wine at Rockbridge Vineyard or sample unique Virginia varietals at Lexington Valley Vineyard.



Call the Visitor Center toll free to request a free travel guide
1-877-453-9822 or visit our web site: www.lexingtonvirginia.com

OAK HILL, WV

Located in the middle of West Virginia whitewater rafting country.

River Expeditions - Visit West Virginia's New River Gorge - adventure, nature, history, and culture await. River Expeditions offers rafting, cabins, camping and more. (800) 463-9873.

LEXINGTON, BUENA VISTA & ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

Natural Wonders, Great American Heroes & Charming Towns! Featuring the homes and final resting places of "Stonewall" Jackson and Robert E. Lee, breathtaking Blue Ridge Mountain scenery, and a charming downtown that offers abundant eateries, locally-owned shops and cozy B&B's. www.lexingtonvirginia.com. (877) 453-9822.

ATTRACTIONS

Stonewall Jackson House - 8 E. Washington St. Discover the man who became a legend. Guided tours, garden and museum shop. www.stonewalljackson.org. (540) 463-2552.

FOOD & LODGING

Economy Inn - 65 Econo Lane, Lexington. 8 miles from Parkway, MP 30. Great rates and views! www.economyinn.com
Toll Free (866) 998-8650.

Hampton Inn - Col Alto, 401 E. Nelson St., Lexington MP 45. Historic manor rooms and modern rooms. Pool. www.hampton-inn.com/hi/lexington-historic (540) 463-2223.



Relax at Otter Creek Campground

60.8

Otter Creek. Restaurant, campground, gift/craft shop.

61.6

Rt 130 Crossover East to Lynchburg 20 mi. West to Glasgow 9 mi. and Natural Bridge 15 mi.

63.7

Visitor Center and exhibits. Self-guiding nature trail.

NATURAL BRIDGE, VA

15 miles west of Parkway via US 501 or VA 130, exit at Milepost 61.6 or 63.7. I-81 Exits 175 or 180.

Lynchburg, VA

We
invite you
to discover
Lynchburg.

Looking for adventure...Civil War sites... exciting festivals...or just a relaxing get-away in the foothills of the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains? Look no further than Lynchburg, Virginia! 'Fresh and funky' sites, an historic riverfront downtown, eclectic shopping, and now Snowflex, the only year-round, outdoor snow sports slope in the nation, have transformed Lynchburg into a true destination of choice! You'll discover unparalleled history, thrilling recreation, vibrant arts, award-winning wineries, gracious dining and superior accommodations, all encircled by such renowned attractions as the National D-Day Memorial, Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, Natural Bridge, Appomattox Courthouse National Historical Park, Patrick Henry's Red Hill, and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Exciting family deals and value-added lodging packages help make Lynchburg the perfect spot to nestle down a few extra days and see all Central Virginia has to offer.



Lynchburg Regional
Convention &
Visitors Bureau
12th & Church Street
800-732-5821

www.DiscoverLynchburg.org
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Black Bears abound in the mountains.

ATTRACTIONS

The Natural Bridge - Striking? Majestic? Visit the monumental National Historic Landmark & discover why photos don't do it justice, nor words describe it, and why the awe-struck Thomas Jefferson bought it. Follow the Cedar Creek Trail beyond The Natural Bridge to the Monacan Indian Village, and Lace Falls. Get up close to hundreds of butterflies, NEW "Butterflies at the Bridge." Also visit Caverns, a Toy Museum, and Wax Museum - all on one admission! Off the Blue Ridge Parkway (MP 61.6 & 63.7); I-81 exits 175 & 180. Hotel package deals & tickets at www.NaturalBridgeOffers.com (540) 291-2121.

Natural Bridge Zoological Park - Discover the largest & most complete collection of birds & animals in the state of Virginia. Ride on an elephant, stand next to a giraffe, see a huge white tiger, hug baby llamas & donkeys. Enjoy monkeys, gibbons, & mandrill baboons. See Himalayan bears, pink flamingos, colorful macaws, huge alligators. Feed, pet, & photograph tame animals in Virginia's largest petting area. Safari gift shop, free picnic areas. Off I-81 between exits 175 & 180. 15 minutes off Parkway. Daily 9-6pm. www.naturalbridgezoo.com. (540) 291-2420.

Virginia Safari Park - 180 acre drive-through zoo. Hundreds of free-roaming animals in very natural setting. 3 miles of winding safari roads through fields & woodland. Drive through & feed deer, elk, zebras, antelope, camels, giraffe, bison & many more. 4 mi. N of Natural Bridge on Rt. 11. Left @ NB KOA. Open March-Nov. www.virginiasafaripark.com (540) 291-3205.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Natural Bridge Hotel & Conference Center - Located adjacent to The Natural Bridge & Cedar Creek Trail, and has accommodations to fit any budget; rooms with balconies, mountain views, and a veranda to take in the Blue Ridge vista; Colonial Dining Room & Red Fox Tavern; and facilities to accommodate groups, weddings, meetings, reunions. Off the Blue Ridge Parkway (MP 61.6 & 63.7); I-81 exits 175 & 180. Hotel package deals from \$85/dbl occ (1-night, country breakfast, admission); www.NaturalBridgeOffers.com (540) 291-2121.

Natural Bridge KOA Campground - Rt. 130 west to The Natural Bridge, Rt. 11 North 4.5 miles, RV-tent-kabin. Mar-Nov. www.naturalbridgekoa.com (800) 562-8514.

Bedford, VA

The majestic Peaks of Otter are best seen from the mountain's base in Bedford

Just minutes away from the legendary Peaks of Otter, Bedford offers delightful diversions from your travels along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Five wineries scattered throughout Bedford from the slopes of the Peaks of Otter to the shores of Smith Mountain Lake comprise the Bedford Wine Trail.

Thomas Jefferson's amazing retreat which he designed and built, Poplar Forest, provides an intriguing glimpse into his personal life. Other American heroes are remembered at The National D-Day Memorial, an extraordinary-moving tribute in the community which suffered the largest casualties per-capita on D-Day. The Bedford City/County Museum, housed in the historic Masonic Temple offers exhibits including what the Washington Post hailed as one of the best displays in the state dealing with the heritage of Virginia's Indians. Historic Centertown offers shops, restaurants, Art Galleries and cafes in a delightful historic old fashioned downtown. Smith Mountain Lake offers boat cruises aboard the Virginia Dare and many other recreational offerings. Begin your stay at the Bedford Welcome Center, open daily. To reach Bedford from the Parkway exit at MP 121.4 (Rt. 460 East), MP 63.8 (Hwy 501) or Milepost 86 (Route 43 East) at the Peaks of Otter. Follow signs to the Visitor's Center.



Bedford Area Welcome Center - adjoining the entrance to the National D-Day memorial at the junction of Routes 460 & Hwy 122.

Toll Free: 1-877-447-3257 • www.visitbedford.com

LYNCHBURG, VA

"Discover History, Natural Beauty, Arts and Culture in Every Direction!" Lynchburg offers Six Historic Districts and many historical, cultural, and natural attractions located near the Blue Ridge Parkway. Specialty shopping, antiques, fine restaurants, and more than 2,200 guest rooms, including Bed & Breakfasts. Stop by our Visitor Information Center located at 12th & Church Streets. www.DiscoverLynchburg.org E-mail: tourism@lynchburgchamber.org. (800) 732-5821 or (434) 847-1811.

Thunder Ridge Parking Area. Ten minute loop trail to superb view of Arnold's Valley. Alt. 3,485.

High Point on the Parkway in Virginia. Apple Orchard Mountain. (El. 4,229.) Alt. 3,950.

Fallingwater Cascades National Scenic Trail. Divided into two sections or may be hiked as one continuous loop. Fallingwater Cascades section is a 1.5 mile loop of moderate hiking. Flat Top section is more strenuous, 2.5 miles to summit and 4.4 mi. to Peaks Picnic Area on VA 43.

Peaks of Otter Area, 5,000 acres. Three Peaks-Sharp Top [El. 3,875], Flat Top [El. 4,004], and Harkening Hill [El. 3,364]. Visitor Center, self-guided trail, historic farm interpretive programs. Picnic area, campground, restrooms.

APPOMATTOX, VA

"Where our Nation Reunited" ... featuring civil war sites, beautiful architecture, antiquing, outdoor recreation, and so much more. www.tourappomattox.com. (877) BLU-GREY.

BEDFORD, VA

Exit via VA 43 at the Peaks of Otter and take a peek at Bedford's orchards, potteries, country inns, arts, & shops. The Welcome Center is located at 816 Burks Hill Rd. (Hwy 460 & 122 - near the D-Day Memorial), Bedford, VA 24523 www.visitbedford.com (877) HI-PEAKS or (540) 587-5681.



Sharp Top Mountain | Peaks of Otter



Visitors to the Peaks of Otter gain a sense of both the history of community and the history of tourism in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. The community had its beginning in 1766 when Thomas Wood settled here from Pennsylvania. By the mid 1800s, there were twenty families, a school, and a church integrated into the business of tourism, providing food and labor for a large resort hotel.

Polly Woods' early tavern or "ordinary" provided the basic necessities for travelers as early as 1840 and is preserved at the Peaks of Otter as well. Visitors will get a sense that many of the things attracting them to the Peaks of Otter today have attracted visitors for centuries. Prominent historical figures have visited or written about the Peaks of Otter, signifying its importance as a natural landmark in Virginia's Blue Ridge.

The Johnson Farm provides opportunities for insight into community life in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, with hands on living history demonstrations that convey a sense of visiting an occupied family home. The farmhouse is perhaps the Parkway's best example of a log cabin home that was enlarged successively, clap boarded and otherwise modified to reflect the evolution and development of Appalachian homes. The Johnson farm represents what may be thought of as "middle class" life in the mountains, providing a significant contrast to log homes selectively preserved by Parkway planners, and breaking down the stereotypes often associated with mountain residents.

Natural history also abounds at the Peaks of Otter, an area that is representative of the hardwood forests common along the mid range elevations of the Parkway. The area is also home to rare plants and animal species and an extensive trail system offers visitors access to these areas. A hike to the top of Sharp Top, one of the three "peaks", is a long standing tradition dating back over a century. Overnight lodging and food service makes the Peaks especially attractive.

What attracts visitors today, abundant wildlife, the high mountains, cool summer temperatures, and diversity of natural resources, have made the Peaks of Otter a hunting destination for humans for 10,000 years and a destination for travelers for centuries. Newly developed exhibits in the visitor center convey this in more detail.

Points to Ponder

WEATHER

The Blue Ridge Parkway is a place of extremes, varying greatly in elevation, ecosystems, and climatic conditions. Weather changes can occur rapidly, so be prepared when clouds roll in. Watching weather roll in while standing at a Parkway overlook can be a grand and interesting experience.

ATTRACTIONS

Bedford Welcome Center - 816 Burks Hill Road (Hwy 460 & 122 - near the D-Day Memorial), Bedford, VA 24523. Toll free 1-877-HI PEAKS, (540) 587-5681.

National D-Day Memorial - 9 acre complex with English garden, landing scene, Victory Arch. Guided tours/school programs with reservation. Admission fee. www.dday.org (540) 586-DDAY.

Peaks of Otter Winery & Orchards - Seasonal or by appt. Free tours, tastings & animal visits. Farm vacation rental house. Website: www.johnsonsOrchards.com. (540) 586-3707.

Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest - Designed, built by Jefferson as his retreat. Open March 15 - December 15, 7 days a week. 10-4. Restoration/archaeology in progress. Located near Lynchburg. www.poplarforest.org. Call (434) 525-1806.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Days Inn of Bedford - 921 Blue Ridge Ave. Bedford, VA. Beautiful views of the Peaks of Otter Mountains. 11 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway. (540) 586-8286.

Loft on Lawyers Row - 1840's era. Centertown Bedford building accommodates family of 5. Period decor, cable/Wi-Fi, full kitchen, fireplace, pet friendly. www.loftonlawyersrow.com. (540) 874-4840.

Olde Liberty Station Restaurant - Your ticket for casual dining. 12 mi. from MP 86; Open 11-10 M-Th, 11-11 Fri, Noon-11 Sat., 1st Class Dining in beautifully restored train station. Great prices. (540) 587-9377.

Otter's Den B & B - Circa 1797. Bedford's oldest B&B. 43S, 2 mi from MP 86. Rustic, 23 acres, full breakfast, scenic 40 mi. views. www.ottersden.net (540) 586-2204.

Vanquility Acres Inn - Rt 43S 8 mi. to Rt 838. 10 acre farm, beautiful views of Blue Ridge mountains, fishing, lake, AC, fireplaces, cable TV, WI, suites w/priv. baths, full breakfast. www.vanquilityacresinn.com (540) 587-9113.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Bedford Hardware - 126 S. Bridge St. Centertown Bedford. Authentic old hardware store - all you'd expect plus local art, knives, more! www.bedfordhardwarestore.com (540) 586-8811.

Virginia's Roanoke Valley

Capital
of Virginia's
Blue Ridge
Mountains

Roanoke Valley
Visitor Information
Center (Parkway
Milepost 120)
101 Shenandoah Ave., NE
Roanoke VA 24016

Sign up to receive
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www.VisitRoanokeVA.com

It's a Blue Ridge Day!

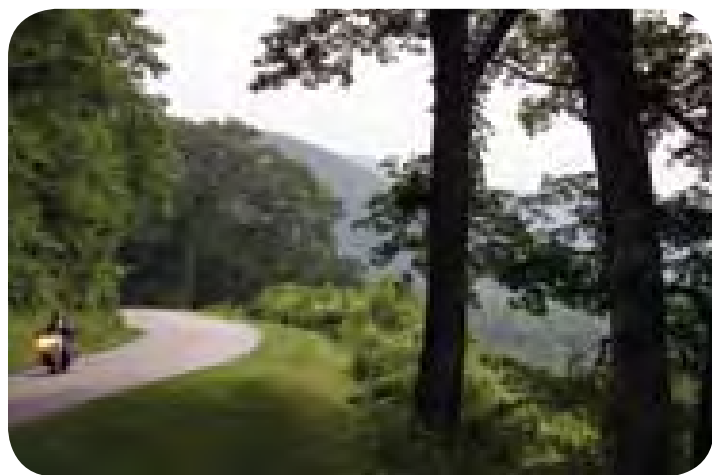
The Roanoke Valley is the perfect choice for your mountain vacation getaway. The Valley is the largest community along the Blue Ridge Parkway offering amenities for everyone. Discover our family friendly attractions and railroad heritage from rail photography to the full-scale steam engines. Experience a vibrant arts scene with our newest attraction, the Taubman Museum of Art, for a glimpse of modern and regional art exhibits.

Take a stroll through our downtown shopping district to find a treasure out of the ordinary. Find a tasty treat to complement your visit at any of our dining options ranging from the traditional southern cuisine to elegant fine dining.

Stop by our Visitor Information Center open daily 9am – 5pm. Follow directional signs from Parkway Milepost 120. A Visitor Services staff member will help you plan your perfect "Blue Ridge Day". Ask for our discounts and specials.



(800) 635-5535 • www.VisitRoanokeVA.com



Peaceful driving on meandering roads

Gross' Orchard & Apple Valley Homeplace - Vacation home rental. Open year-round. \$75 per couple per night. Mountain grown fruit & produce. Bedford, VA. Rt. 43 in Apple Valley. U-pick or U-select. Apple Festival 3rd Sat. in Oct. (540) 586-2436.

86 **VA 43 East to Bedford** 10 miles and Smith Mountain Lake via VA 43 and VA 122.

Peaks of Otter Lodge - Motel and restaurant on the Parkway at Milepost 86. Open seasonally. Special buffets on Friday nights and Sundays. Rooms have two double beds, private bath and breathtaking views. Gift shops & country store open May-October. Write P.O. Box 489, Bedford, VA 24523 for information or reservations. www.peaksofotter.com (540) 586-1081.

90.9 **Bearwallow Gap.** VA 43, 4 miles to Buchanan. Alt. 2,258.

BOTETOURT COUNTY, VA

Just off the Parkway. Paddle the Upper James River Water Trail, hike the Appalachian Trail, visit our wine trail, and enjoy the downtowns of Buchanan, Fincastle & Troutville. www.visitbotetourt.org. (540) 473-1167.

BUCHANAN, VA

Town of Buchanan 4 miles from Parkway milepost 90.9. Shop, Stroll & Dine in downtown Buchanan! Explore our downtown historic district with structures dating from 1750 - 1950. Enjoy shops filled with antiques, B&B's, art, furniture, collectibles, restaurants and more! Walk our Swinging Bridge or paddle the James River. Discover Buchanan's 4 VA Civil War Trail Sites. Enjoy our Civil War Weekend April 27-29 & Fall Festival on Saturday, October 6th. www.townofbuchanan.com. buchananva@verizon.net or (540) 254-1212.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Middle Creek Campground - Exit VA 43N, R on Rt 11, R on Arcadia Rd, 6.3 mi. Pool, swim pond, hiking, fishing, RV, tent cabins, LP, Laundry Apr 1- Nov 30 www.middlecreekcampground.com (540) 254-2550.

Wattstull Inn & Restaurant - AAA. Hilltop location with scenic views. 8 mi S of Natural Bridge. From Parkway exit via Rt. 43. Phones, TV, AC, pool. www.wattstullinn.net (540) 254-1551.

106 **Junction Parkway and US 460.** 9 mi. southwest to Roanoke, VA. 21 mi. northeast to Bedford, Lynchburg and Appomattox, VA.

VINTON, VA

The Parkway - A Part of The Community. Convenient full service shopping, restaurants, festivals and events, farmers' market, history museum. www.vintonva.gov or (540) 983-0613.

112.2 **Junction Parkway and VA 24.** 5 miles south to Roanoke. Nearest access to Smith Mountain Lake via VA. 24 & 122.

Booker T. Washington National Monument - 20 mi from MP 121. Birthplace of noted educator & founder of Tuskegee Institute. Rte. 220S, left on Rte. 697. Left on Rte. 122N. (540) 721-2094.

Westlake Waterfront Inn - Loc on Smith Mtn. Lake, MP 121. All rooms waterfront. Boat rentals. Scenic/clean/private. Mar-Nov, Free internet. www.Westlake-Waterfront-Inn.com (540) 721-3307.

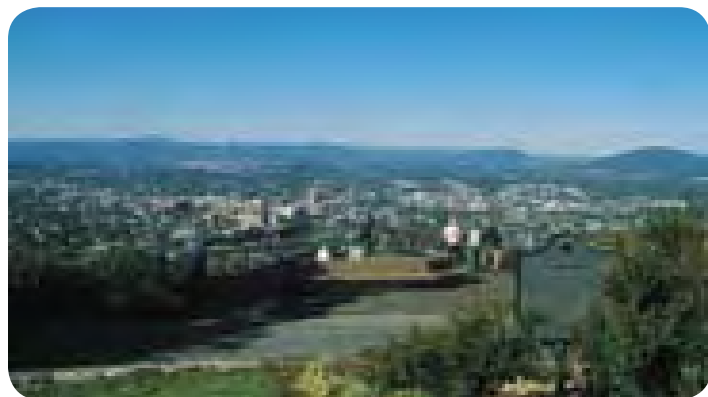
114.9 **Roanoke River Overlook.** Trail.

115 **Visitor Center**, gift shop, public restrooms, and a media center with videos on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Exhibit area with historic information and features of the Roanoke Valley. The center piece of the exhibit area is a large scale topographical map of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Picnic areas are available along with a short walking trail and mountain biking trails.

120 **Mill Mountain Discovery Center**- Located on top of Mill Mountain, exit Milepost 120. An environmental education and regional information center providing nature programs, hands-on exhibits, and visitor information. Open 6 days a week year round. (April-October: Monday-Saturday: 10am-4pm) (November-March: Monday-Saturday Noon-4pm). (540) 853-1236.



The Blue Ridge Parkway is a bird watcher's paradise



View the Roanoke Valley

120.3 **Roanoke Mountain Loop Rd.** 4 mi. one way road, around Mountain. Steep grades. Impressive views from summit. No trailers.

120.4 **Roanoke Mountain.** Campground 1.3 mi. on spur road to Mill Mountain, trails.

PAINT BANK, VA

35 miles west of Roanoke via Rt 311

Depot Lodge B&B - Swinging Bridge Restaurant, retail, Hwy 311, Paint Bank, VA. Restored depot, cabin on the creek, & caboose.
www.thedepotlodge.com (800) 970-3376.

ROANOKE, VA

The Roanoke Valley, known as the "Capital of the Blue Ridge," is the largest metropolitan area along the Parkway in Virginia. Take a short drive off the Parkway to see our Historic Farmers' Market shopping district, Transportation Museum, Zoo, Taubman Museum of Art, Caverns, Unique shopping and much more.
Address: RVCVB, 101 Shenandoah Ave., NE, Roanoke VA 24016.
www.VisitRoanokeVa.com (800) 635-5535 (540) 342-6025.

ATTRACTIONS

Taubman Museum of Art - bringing art exhibitions to the Blue Ridge and educational programming to schools & residents. Come experience the wonder! www.taubmanmuseum.org.

Virginia Museum of Transportation - Downtown Roanoke. Trains, antique vehicles, cars, model train layout, museum store. Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5. www.vmt.org (540) 342-5670.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Apple Valley Motel - US 220S. Exit Milepost 121. Cable TV, A/C, phones, spacious, clean rooms. Major credit cards accepted. 5063 Franklin Road, Roanoke, VA 24014. (540) 989-0675.

Bent Mountain Lodge B & B - MP 136. 10 suites/ all with pri. baths, 20 min. to Floyd, Va./20 min. to Roanoke, Va. Non-smoking rooms, cont. breakfast. 15K sq. ft. lodge. (540) 651-2525.
www.bentmountainlodgebedandbreakfast.com.

Cambria Suites Roanoke - 301 Reserve Avenue. 5.8 miles from Parkway MP 122. Oversized suites with superior amenities and free covered parking. (540) 400-6226.

Colony House Motor Lodge - 3560 Franklin Rd. Roanoke. 2 mi off Parkway on US 220. Suites available. HBO, ESPN, pool, Free Continental breakfast. Meeting Room available. Shopping and good restaurants nearby. (540) 345-0411 or (866) 203-5850.

Holiday Inn Tanglewood - Roanoke, 4468 Starkey Rd., 2 M from MP 121. Best Views in the Valley. Renovated 2009. Micro, fridges, Restaurant, Lounge. (540) 774-4400.

Holiday Inn Valley View - 3315 Ordway Dr. 6 miles from BRP MP 121. 154 rooms, restaurant, meeting rooms. Rt. 220N/581 to exit 3W. (540) 362-4500 or (888) 465-4329.

Quality Inn - 220 North, Milepost 121. Free breakfast, cable TV, HBO, restaurants nearby, free HSWI. 3816 Franklin Road, Roanoke VA 24014, Tanglewood Mall. (540) 989-4000.

Roanoker Restaurant - Est.1941. Homestyle breakfast - lunch - dinner. Fresh veg, breads, salad, sandwiches, seafood. Daily specials. Reasonable prices. To go shop. Child menu. Open Tues-Sunday. Exit Milepost 121 onto 220N to I-581, exit Wonju St., left on Colonial Ave. 7 miles from Parkway. (540) 344-7746.

Sleep Inn - Tanglewood Mall - Easy access from Parkway @ MP 121; 1.5 miles take US 220 north to Route 419 west; on left. Suites available. Ample shopping & rest. nearby. (540) 772-1500.

121.4 **Junction Parkway and US 220**, 5 mi. north to Roanoke. 5 mi. south to Boones Mill. 21 mi. to Rocky Mount, 45 mi. to Martinsville. Smith Mountain Lake by way of US 220 to Rocky Mount and Va. Rte. 40.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Choose from a diverse selection of attractions: outdoor adventures: boating, camping, & hiking; cultural & historic experiences. Franklin County Tourism www.visitfranklincountyva.org (540) 483-9293.

129.6 **Roanoke Valley Parkway Overlook.**
Fine View of Roanoke.



Roanoke Valley Overlook



MAP KEY: Refer to page 13 for explanation of symbols



Milepost 140 to Milepost 276.4 at Deep Gap, NC US 421

144 Devils Backbone Parking Overlook. Fine view.

144.8 Pine Spur Parking Overlook. Named for the white pine which is the tree depicted on Parkway emblem. Alt. 2,703.

154.5 Smart View. 500 acres, hiking trails, large picnic grounds, comfort stations, drinking water. The cabin home of T.T. Trail is picturesque.

CHRISTIANSBURG, VA

Located 20 miles north of Parkway via Rt. 8, exit at Milepost 165.2. 20 miles south of Roanoke via I-81, exits 114 & 118.

Budget Inn - Rt 8, 304 W Main St. Christiansburg downtown. Exit 114 off I-81. Nice & clean, Wi-Fi, restaurants nearby. www.mybudgetinn.com (540) 382-6625.

The Farmhouse Restaurant - 285 Ridinger Street, NW Christiansburg, VA. Let us entice you with our slow roasted prime rib. Call (540) 382-4253.

The Oaks Victorian Inn - 311 East Main St. in Christiansburg, VA. Award winning Four Diamond Select Registry B&B. www.theoaksvictorianinn.com (540) 381-1500.

Quality Inn - Exit 118C of I-81, 20 miles from Parkway. Next to Cracker Barrel. Free breakfast & internet. Seasonal pool. (540) 382-2055 or (800) 4CHOICE.

RADFORD, VA

Located 20 miles north of Parkway via Rt. 8, exit at Milepost 165.2. 25 miles south of Roanoke via I-81, exits 105 & 109.

Nesselrod Bed and Breakfast - overlooks the historic New River at 7535 Lee Hwy in Radford, VA. Our venue hosts weddings, concerts and social events. www.nesselrod.com (540) 731-4970

Radford Visitor's Center - Rt. 8 to I-81 Exit 109. "Find it in Radford" - biking, birding, kayaking, tubing, and living history at Ingles Farm and Glencoe Museum - all in & along the New River! Also home to unique shops, restaurants, the Civil War Trail, Radford University and the Highlanders. www.visitradford.com. (540) 267-3153.

For Blue Ridge Parkway information, including road conditions or closings, please visit www.nps.gov/blri



Spectacular Parkway sunset | Floyd County, VA

PEMBROKE, VA

40 miles west of I-81 from Christiansburg via Rt US 460

Mountain Lake Hotel - The hit movie "Dirty Dancing" was filmed at this unique mountaintop retreat! Hiking, boating, fishing, tennis, entertainment, mountain bikes, gift shop, and more! For a great family vacation, have the time of your life at Mountain Lake! www.mountainlakehotel.com. (800) 346-3334.

FERRUM, VA

East of Parkway via Rts. 640 & 602, exit Milepost 152 or via Rts 860 & 40, exit Milepost 159.

Blue Ridge Farm Museum - Route 40. 1800 VA-GR farm complex w/ livestock & interpreters of farm life. Mid-May-Mid-August Saturday 10-5, Sunday 1-5. www.blueridgeinstitute.org (540) 365-4416.

Blue Ridge Institute and Museum - Route 40. State Center for Blue Ridge Folklore. Changing exhibits on folk life and folk art. Mon-Sat 10-4 www.blueridgeinstitute.org (540) 365-4416.

165.2 Tuggle Gap. VA. Rt. 8 Crossover. East 6 mi. to Woolwine, VA; 16 mi. to Fairy Stone State Park. Swimming, boating, picnicking. North 6 mi. to Floyd, 20 mi. to Christiansburg.

FLOYD, VA & FLOYD COUNTY

Welcome to Floyd! Enjoy mountain music, handmade arts and crafts, local foods and shops. Floyd County Chamber, P.O. Box 510, Floyd, VA 24091 or www.visitfloyd.org. (540) 745-4407.

ATTRACTIONS

Chateau Morrisette - Milepost 171.5. West on Black Ridge Rd, left on Winery Rd. Timber-frame winery with spectacular view. Year-round tours, tasting, sales, gift shop Mon-Thurs 10-5, Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5. Restaurant open for lunch & dinner. Check website for hours. A must see destination! www.thedogs.com (540) 593-2865.

The Jacksonville Center for the Arts - 220 Parkway Ln (Rt. 8). From MP 165, go N on Rt. 8 for 5.5 miles. Galleries, studios, gift shop, classes and more. www.jacksonvillecenter.org (866) 787-8806.

Floyd County, VA

The scenic Town of Floyd is 6 miles east of the Parkway. Take VA 8 at Milepost 165.

Experience the vivid landscapes, stunning colors, complex textures, and hallowed harmonies of Floyd County. Come to explore, shop, dine, or relax. Along our 40 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway, enjoy historic Mabry Mill, picnic or hike at Rocky Knob, Smartsview, and RockCastle Gorge National Recreation Trail, or visit nearby wineries.

Then at Milepost 165, head to the Town of Floyd and its art studios and galleries, colorful specialty shops, popular restaurants, fresh local foods, and music venues with live mountain and roots music from Wednesday to Sunday.

Floyd County evokes simpler times with old mills, rock churches and historic cemeteries. Hike to the top of Buffalo Mountain, one of the most biologically unique habitats in Virginia and take in the panoramic view from nearly 4,000 feet. Plan your day or long weekend in Floyd County. Settle in for a restful evening at a local B&B, hotel, lodge or campground.



866-787-8806 • www.floydcova.org/visitors

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Ambrosia Farm B&B and Pottery - 5 mi West of MP 171.5. Historic log-built inn, fireplaces, lovely views, porches, wineries nearby, pottery studio. www.ambrosiafarm.net (540) 745-6363.

Bella La Vita Inn B&B - 1.7 mi west of BRP between MP 161-162, Extraordinary affordable accommodations. www.bellalavitainn.com (540) 745-2541.

Blue Ridge Restaurant - Across from the courthouse in Floyd, VA. 6 miles from Parkway Milepost 164. Open 7 days a week. Good homestyle cooking, delis, breakfast every morning, daily specials, real mashed potatoes, and desserts prepared daily. Come by and enjoy the small town atmosphere and good food at the Blue Ridge Restaurant. (540) 745-2147.

Buffalo Mountain Cottage - King pillow-top bed, kitchen, gas fire logs, Jacuzzi, satellite TV @ MP 174.2, 4 mi. from Mabry Mill & Chateau Morrisette. www.brpk.com/cottage. (540) 593-4107.

Hotel Floyd - 120 Wilson St. Downtown Floyd, 6 miles off MP165.2. Green hotel, 16 unique rooms themed after Floyd's character. Pet friendly! www.hotelfloyd.com. (540) 745-6080.

Oak Haven Lodge - Comfortable, affordable, overnight accommodations. 7 mi. from MP 164 on Route 8. Lovely 12-room lodge. www.oakhavenlodge.com. (540) 745-5716.



Mabry Mill millstones

Pine Tavern Lodge - Est. 1927. 1 1/2 mi. from stoplight on US 221 N. Nicely furnished rooms & 1 cottage. No credit cards. Open year-round. (540) 745-4428.

Stonewall Bed & Breakfast - Spacious three-level log home set in a native mountain forest. We specialize in country hospitality and provide a country experience in the down home B&B style. www.stonewallbed.com. (540) 745-2861.

Stoney Meadow Inn B&B - 0.6 mile from Parkway. MP 152 Spacious rms, excellent food. 25 acres woods & pond. Open year round. M/C, VISA, Discover. www.stonemeadowinn.com (877) 344-1088.

Patrick County, VA

"Experience
the Simple
Life"

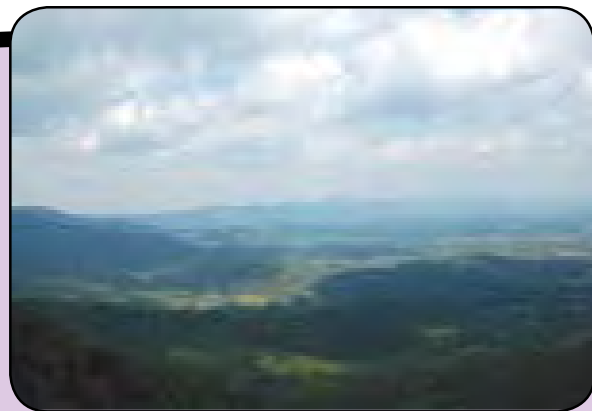
For a 30 mile stretch, between Mileposts 162.9 to 192.5, the Blue Ridge Parkway weaves through Patrick County, nestled in the shadows of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Whether you are searching for an adrenaline rush or escaping the rush of every day life, there is a destination awaiting you.

Enjoy kayaking the Dan in Kibler Valley, trout fishing in our cool mountain streams, hiking the rugged mountain at Rock Castle Gorge, evening strolls along the beach at Fairy Stone State Park, music at our many jam sessions along The Crooked Road and reliving yesterday when you visit our historical covered bridges. Patrick County abounds with opportunities to satisfy your desire, so enjoy our many events and festivals that take place throughout the year.

After a fun filled day, renew yourself at a cozy B&B, campground, cabin, motel or our luxurious Primland resort.

Call our office or
visit our website
for a free brochure.

Patrick County
Tourism Office
106 Rucker Street,
Room 218
Stuart, VA 24171



276-694-8367 • www.visitpatrickcounty.org

MABRY MILL & ROCKY KNOB



The cultural sites, facilities, and adjacent farms throughout the Rocky Knob area speak to us of a settled landscape. Farming has been a way of life in southwest Virginia for generations, and continues here where a drive off the Parkway into crossroads communities will demonstrate. You will also be rewarded with great views as well!

Travelers see the daily patterns of life here on the high plateau at Puckett's Cabin, and, of course, at Mabry Mill. The Parkway has played a significant role in influencing change in the area. Seeing how people have interacted with the landscape over time is fascinating for those who slow down and experience the pace of life on or off the Parkway. The rural countryside experience is a delight, whether during the height of the rosebay rhododendron bloom, or during the combination of fall harvest and fall leaf color along the plateau.

Ed and Lizzy Mabry's nearly century old gristmill graces the pages of countless calendars and postcards. It is arguably the most

picturesque spot on the entire Blue Ridge Parkway. Ed built this mill and the Mabrys ground corn for their neighbors for three decades, creating a community gathering place for the folks who called Meadows of Dan home. Although the mill itself is the focal point of the area, visitors are reminded that Ed Mabry was talented in many other areas as well, adding a wheelwright shop, sawmill and blacksmith shop to his enterprise in addition to a two-story frame house. Parkway designers of the 1930s preferred the look of rustic cabins and dismantled the Mabry's home in favor of bringing in the Matthews' log cabin from nearby.

Cultural history demonstrations are offered in summer and early fall at the nearby blacksmith shop and Matthews Cabin. The sights and sounds of rural life in Appalachia, community, mountain industry, and the change from an agricultural to an industrial society resonate from this place on a regular basis during the summer season.

Rangers and volunteers staff Matthew's Cabin daily in the visitor season, often carding, spinning and making baskets while orienting visitors to the area. Blacksmith demonstrations are presented several days weekly in the blacksmith shop. On weekends in October, visitors delight at the sight and smells of apple butter made over an open fire. This is one of the most popular gathering places anywhere on the Parkway. Old time music has filled the air here for decades on Sunday afternoons. Flat-footing is encouraged!

A network of trails through the 3,500 acre Rock Castle Gorge, just a few miles north, offers access to some of the most botanically diverse areas of the Parkway. Trails into the Gorge are accessible from several points, including the Rocky Knob campground, located at Milepost 167.

Carroll County, VA

Exit
Parkway at
MP 199.4
Fancy Gap
Carroll
County's
Gateway

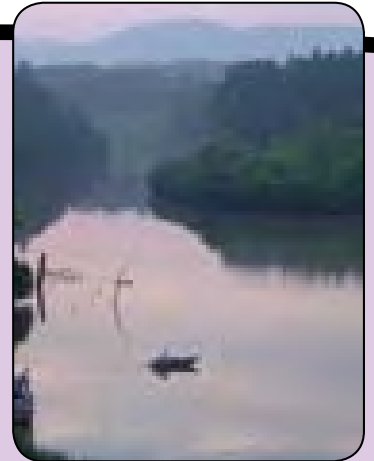
Carroll County Welcomes You!!!

Located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Plateau and in the middle of Virginia's music heritage trail "The Crooked Road", we are a region steeped in traditions: music, crafts, history, and plenty of outdoor splendors.

Whether you are looking for an adrenaline rush or escaping the rush from the every day, there is a destination awaiting you in beautiful Carroll County, Virginia.

We offer 36 miles of spectacular scenery along the Blue Ridge Parkway including some of the most popular venues along all the parkway; "Ground Hog Mountain Overlook", "Orleana Puckett Cabin", "The Blue Ridge Music Center" just to name a few.

Exit off of the parkway at MP 199.4 Fancy Gap and head toward the Town of Hillsville to experience many more of Carroll County's Treasures: Southwest Virginia Regional Farmers Market, Historic Downtown Hillsville, The New River Trail State Park, Crooked Creek Fee Fishing and Wildlife area, The Devil's Den Nature Preserve and many more treasures await you in beautiful Carroll County Virginia where many say "Visit for a day. Stay for a lifetime."



Carroll County
Office of Tourism
Blue Ridge Plateau
Regional Visitor Center
235 Farmers Market Dr.
Hillsville, VA 24343

888-785-2781 • It'sOurStyle.com

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Floyd Artists Association - 203 S Locust St, across from Floyd Country Store. Co-op gallery featuring local artists, paintings, jewelry, more. www.floydartists.com.

Harvest Moon Food Store - Offering a unique array of gourmet and health foods, supplements, gifts, toiletries, wine and beer. Supporting over 30 local producers with selections of local and organic produce, meats, wine, cheese, eggs and fresh bread. Floyd, VA. www.harvestmoonfoods.com (540) 745-4366.

167-174 Rocky Knob, 4,800 acres. Picnic area, comfort stations, campground, visitor center (Milepost 169). 15 miles of trails including Rock Castle Gorge National Recreational Trail. Alt. 3,572.

Pickett's Thickett - Milepost 170.4. 3 houses on 95 acres. 3 BR & 4 BR, AC, pond, fully equipped, very private. Near winery & Mabry Mill. Call (336) 292-0999.

Rocky Knob Cabins - MP 174 near Mabry Mill. Historic rustic cabins tucked in a secluded glade. Equipped with a kitchenette & centrally located bath house. Perfect for retreats & reunions. May-Oct. (540) 593-3503.

WILLIS, VA

9 miles west of Parkway on Rt. 799, exit at MP 174



Rocky Knob Visitor Center

Daddy Rabbit's Campground - Milepost 174, 4 miles west on 799 to 727. Camping cabins, tents, full hookups, metered LP gas, hot showers, laundry. Open April 15-Nov. 1. (540) 789-4150.

WOOLWINE, VA

Located 6 miles east of Parkway, via Rt. 8.

Dutchies View B&B - 6 miles from BRP on Route 8, MP 165, 10448 Woolwine Hwy. 6 lrg rms w/pvt baths. Million dollar view. www.dutchiesview.com (276) 930-3701.

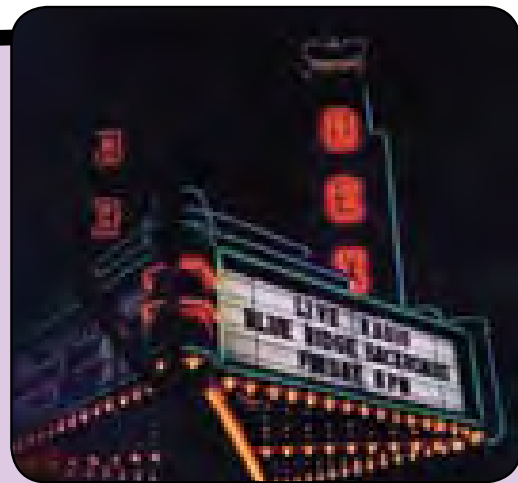
Galax, VA

Dubbed
one of the 10
Best Driving
Vacations by
USA Today.

Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and just 7 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway, via Rt. 89 exit at MP 215, Galax is close enough for a leisurely drive from several metropolitan areas, but far enough to escape the toil and turmoil of urban living.

Once a furniture and textile town, Galax has evolved into an eclectic blend of small businesses offering unique shopping, enticing dining, and a musical heritage unlike any other. This hamlet is a preeminent destination on the Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, dubbed one of the 10 Best Driving Vacations by USA Today. Be it Bluegrass and Old Time music in the Spring, BBQ and Beach Music in July, or the World's Oldest and Largest Old Fiddler's Convention in August, you'll have a toe tappin' knee slappin' good time during our special events. Whether a day trip for a fun adventure or a weekend stay to explore all that Galax has to offer, visitors find themselves enchanted with the area and wanting to return again and again, and we welcome it.

Galax Visitor's Center
110 East Grayson St.
Galax, VA 24333



The Historic Rex Theater - Downtown Galax

www.visitgalax.com • 888-217-8823 • 276-238-8130

Mountain Rose Inn - Rt 8 MP 165/ 6 mi. South to Rt 40. Left 2 mi. Award-winning Victorian B&B circa 1901. 5 large rooms w/ baths, A/C, antiques, fireplaces, porches. Pool, trout stream, private 100 acres with hiking. Gourmet 4-course breakfast. www.mountainrose-inn.com. (888) 930-1057.

176.1 Mabry Mill. Self-guiding, features restored mill and exhibits on rural life in Appalachia.

MEADOWS OF DAN, VA

Just off Parkway on US 58, exit at Milepost 177.7

Blue Ridge Visitor Center - at Parkway exit Meadows of Dan MP 177.7. Maps, brochures, travel guides, lodging. www.patrickchamber.com (276) 694-6012.

ATTRACTIONS

Chateau Morrisette - Milepost 171.5. West on Black Ridge Rd, left on Winery Rd. Timber-frame winery with spectacular view. Year-round tours, tasting, sales, gift shop Mon-Thurs 10-5, Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5. Restaurant open for lunch & dinner. Check website for hours. A must see destination! www.thedogs.com (540) 593-2865.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Blue Ridge Motel - Adjct. Parkway. 75 yds west on US 58 Milepost 177.7. Color TV, elect. heat, AC, carpet, tubs & showers. Lovely lg. rooms, low rates. Clean and quiet. VISA-MC. Open all year. (276) 952-2244.

Blue Ridge Mountain Farm - near Mabry Mill, MP 174.2. Private, beautiful cabin. Kitchen, TV, Wi-Fi, deck. Near wineries. www.BlueRidgeMountainFarm.com (540) 593-3333.

Mabry Mill Restaurant & Gift Shop - Country fare menu. Renowned buckwheat pancakes and homemade cobbler. Breakfast all day. Arts & edibles. 8-6 daily May-Oct. www.mabrymillrestaurant.com (276) 952-2947.

Meadows of Dan Campground - US Bus. 58W & BR Pkwy. MP 177.7. Clean-Quiet-Peaceful. At 3,000 ft. Full hookups, bath-house, dump stat. Separate wooded tent area. Pets on leash-CG only. Furnished cozy or luxury log cabin rentals, some w/whirlpools & gas log fireplaces. No pets in cabins. Open year round. www.meadowsofdancampground.com. (866) 952-2292.

Primland Resort - Meadows of Dan, VA. 4 miles from Parkway MP 177. Luxury lodge & conference center, restaurants, cottages, golf, wing shooting, fly fishing, sporting clays, horseback riding, etc. www.primland.com (866) 960-7746.

Woodberry Inn - MP 174.1 - 16 lovely rooms, full service restaurant and bar. Clean and peaceful. Open all year. www.woodberryinn.com (540) 593-2567.



Music seems to be a natural part of these mountains – practically inseparable from those who call this special place home. No where is that heritage felt more strongly than here on the banks of Chestnut Creek and in the shadow of Fisher Peak.

The people of these mountains have created and kept alive some of the richest traditions of folk music and dance in our nation, much of it being commercially recorded in the 1920s and 1930s. The region is nationally recognized as a center of traditional Blue Ridge Music. The music here arises from diverse ethnic groups, European and African, and has evolved over generations into distinct styles with distinct identities. It reflects community, personal values, and cultural connections to the wider world.

Some of the music here is very similar to the nineteenth century styles dominated by fiddle and banjo, reminiscent of the "marriage" of these two instruments on the new American frontier. It is a mistake, however, to think that the music of these mountains has been stagnant and unchanging for all of the years people have lived here playing and listening to it. It was brought to the mountains with the early settlers but in many cases, became uniquely American, with a blended style resulting from varied influences.

The Blue Ridge Music Center is managed cooperatively by the National Park Service and The National Council for the Traditional Arts, (a non-profit organization). Its purpose is to honor and preserve the rich musical traditions of the Blue Ridge.

Concerts take place in the outdoor amphitheater on weekends during the summer season and indoors in the fall. The new, permanent exhibit called "The Roots of American Music" is available for your enjoyment.

Please join us for Mid-day Mountain music in the breezeway of the Visitor Center. Local musicians volunteer to perform most days. Call for information as times vary. Free admission.

*SO RELAX, ENJOY THE MUSIC, CONCERTS
AND MORE AT THE BLUE RIDGE MUSIC CENTER,
A PLACE WE THINK YOU WILL AGREE, IS NEAR TO THE
HEART OF AMERICA AND ITS MUSIC.*

SHOPPING

Meadows Mercantile - and Christmas In The Meadows - Unique gifts/ornaments, T-shirts/Hats, candles, quilts, books, cards & toys. US 58 & Parkway. www.meadowsmercantile.com (276) 952-6282.

Poor Farmers Farm - Largest & most unique Country Store. Gifts, Heritage Lace & quilts, free samples of Joyce's Homemade Fudge & homegrown produce. 5 miles east on US 58 from Parkway MP 177.7. Open all year! www.poorfarmersfarm.net (276) 952-2560.

177.7 **US 58 Crossover.** 22 mi. west to Hillsville. East to Stuart, Martinsville, and Danville.

PATRICK COUNTY, VA

Located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains where natural beauty, outdoor recreation and history blend. For more information on accommodations and events: Patrick County Tourism Division, PO Box 466, Stuart, VA 24171 or econdev@co.patrick.va.us or visit us at: www.co.patrick.va.us (276) 694-8367.

MARTINSVILLE, VA

30 miles east of Parkway MP 177.7 on US 58. Martinsville-Henry County Visitor Center, 54 W. Church St. History, art, recreation, & more. You'll Love the Pace! www.VisitMartinsville.com (888) PACE-4-YU.

188.8 **Groundhog Mountain Parking Overlook**, high point affording 360 degree view. Observation tower. Examples of various types of old chestnut rail fences. Picnic area, Comfort station. Alt. 3,030.



Puckett Cabin 1 Milepost 189.9

189.9 **Puckett Cabin** home of Orleana Hawks Puckett, storied local midwife. Alt. 2,850.

ARARAT, VA

5 miles south of Parkway, exit at Milepost 192.

Wolf Creek Farm - Exit MP 192, VA 771 Willis Gap Rd. Lt. @ The Hollow, Rt. @ Rabbit Ridge to Gid Collins. Children welcome! Fishing lake, pool, play area. Campfire, hayride, privacy! www.wolfcreekfarmva.com (800) 416-9653.

Wytheville, Va

Wytheville is located at the crossroads of Interstates 77 & 81, just 30 minutes from the Fancy Gap entrance to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Wytheville Convention & Visitors Bureau
975 Tazewell Street
Wytheville, VA 24382

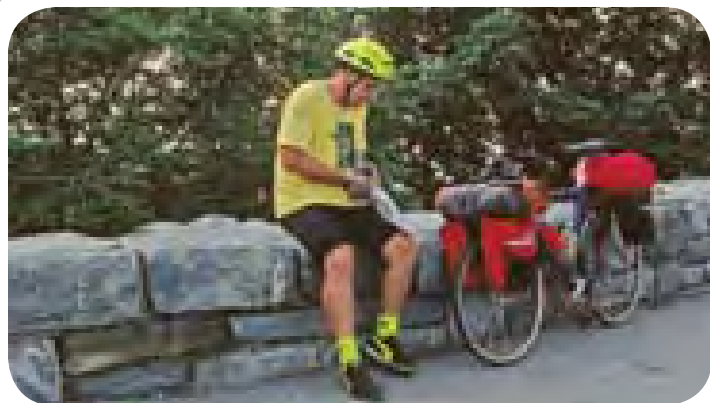
When you discover all that Wytheville has to enjoy, you'll see why it's called a "Small Town with a Big Experience." Located at the crossroads of Interstates 77 & 81 in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Wytheville offers a variety of interesting attractions for all ages surrounded by the beauty of a wealth of outdoor recreation. From wineries and gardens to a dinner theatre featuring all musicals, from historic museums and an Indian village to a 45-acre animal park, whether it's a scenic drive, a round of golf or shopping, there's something for the entire family.

Accommodations range from all-suite hotels to budget motels, luxurious bed & breakfasts and cabins as well as numerous campgrounds.

Over 60 restaurants offer a variety to dining choices with local flavor and national chains. Come and experience the beauty, history and variety that make this small town unique.



Toll-free: 877-347-8307 • www.VisitWytheville.com • cvb@wytheville.org



Share the road with bicyclists - wait for good visibility when passing.

CARROLL COUNTY, VA

In the heart of the Blue Ridge Plateau, in the middle of VA's famous Crooked Road, and known for scenic mountain vistas plus mountain views and streams. Hiking, fishing, golfing, canoeing, bird-watching, flea markets, gun shows, mountain music and annual festivals are just a few of our many attractions. Our Visitor Center is located at Exit 14 off I-77 only 10 miles from the BRP at Fancy Gap. Contact: Carroll County Tourism, 605-1 Pine Street, Hillsville, VA 24343, www.VisitTheBlueRidge.com (276) 730-3100 or Toll Free: (888) 785-2781.

Blue Cat on the New - Offering tipi & primitive camping, canoe, kayak, bike & tube rental. Guided fishing & wildlife trips. Bike & boat shuttle service. www.bluecatonthenew.com
Two locations. (276) 766-3729 - Draper, (276) 744-2027 - Fries.

Lake Ridge RV Resort - 8736 Double Cabin Road, Best kept secret in Va. Enjoy waterslides, mini golf, pools, peaceful, cabin, RV, tent, M/C, Visa. (276) 766-3703.

199.5 Fancy Gap, US 52 Crossover, 8 mi. north to Hillsville, VA, 1.5 miles to I-77, 20 mi. to Wytheville, VA, 33 mi. to Pulaski, VA, 14 mi. south to Mt. Airy, NC. Alt 2,920.

HILLSVILLE, VA

Historic Hillsville Virginia, state and national historic district, Preserve America Community, site of the 1912 Courthouse Shootout, eateries and shops www.townofhillsville.com (276) 728-2128.

New Beginnings Personal Retreat - MP 190, single private cottage, specialty breakfast, pond, horses, pastures. www.newbeginningsretreat.org (276) 398-2695.

FANCY GAP, VA

Exit Parkway at MP 199.5. Hwy 52. I-77 Exit #8.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Days Inn - 1 1/2 mile from Parkway at Exit 8 I-77. 60 new rooms, HBO, ESPN, remote control TV. Restaurants, antique & craft shops, golf nearby. AARP & corp. rate. (276) 728-5101 or (800) DAYS INN.

Fancy Gap/Blue Ridge Parkway KOA - 47 Fox Trail Loop, MP 199.5, 1/2 mile from Parkway entrance. Free cable TV, Wi-Fi & swimming pool. Open Mar. 1-Nov. 15. (800) 562-1876.

SW Virginia's Artisan Gateway

Southwest Virginia is home to parks and trails with endless vistas and enlightenment around every river bend or over the next peak.

Southwest Virginia offers a "sense of place" that only exists here, that can only be experienced by being here, and that is hard to leave once you are here. There's music, the sounds of America's heritage, celebrated around the world. There are crafts handmade by artisans carrying on a tradition of quality forged hundreds of years ago. Outdoor recreation abounds. Southwest Virginia is home to parks and trails with endless vistas and enlightenment around every river bend or over the next peak. While Southwest Virginia is in fact 19 individual counties with four independent cities, to our visitors it's simply one remarkable experience. For more information, visit www.myswva.org.

Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway is a great place to start your Southwest Virginia adventure. Visit us in Abingdon just off Interstate 81 at Exit 14 or online at www.heartwoodvirginia.org.

Southwest Virginia
Cultural Heritage Foundation
One Heartwood Circle
Abingdon, VA 24210



www.myswva.org
www.heartwoodvirginia.org

Fancy Gap Cabins & Campground - MP 202.5. Parkway frontage motel rooms w/scenic views. Sewered RV sites. Camping cabins. MC/Visa/Discover. Pet friendly. www.fancygapcabins.com (276) 728-7664.

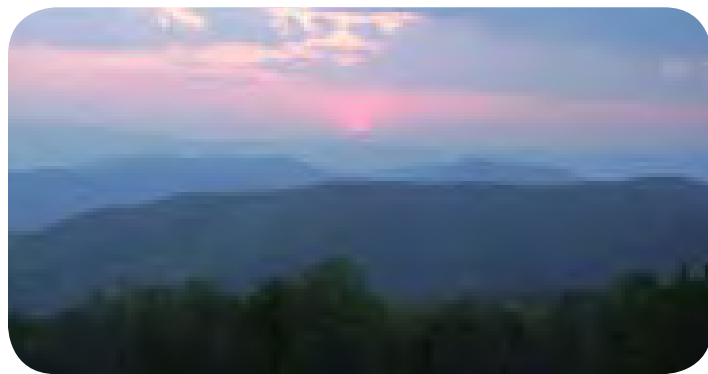
Grassy Creek Caboozes - Refurbished RR cabooses w/2 person Jacuzzi's, satellite TV, decks, great views. Just 1.5m off BRP at MP 193.5. Open year round. Call (276) 398-1100.

The Inn and Cottages at Orchard Gap - MP 195 overlooking the Blue Ridge Parkway. A Bed and Breakfast in the tradition of a classic Virginia Inn. Relax with a massage on site or just enjoy the breathtaking views from our front porch rocking chairs. Plan a romantic getaway with your spouse. www.innatorchardgap.com (276) 398-3206.

Lonesome Pine Cabins - These authentic log cabins of yesteryear, with views for miles, with in-room Jacuzzi & fireplace, are ideal for your relaxation. Located between Milepost 193 & 194 Blue Ridge Parkway. Open year round. www.lonesomepinecabins.net Call (276) 398-3332.

Mountain Top Motel - Hwy 52/Blue Ridge Parkway, Mile marker 208. Fancy Gap, VA. A restaurant adj., wireless internet. Only a mile from I-77. (276) 728-9414.

Snow Mountain Properties - Cabins along the Parkway, sleep 2-13 ppl, some w/ amazing views, others w/total privacy, some units pet friendly. www.snowmp.com (888) 223-1627.



Always a beautiful sunrise on the Blue Ridge Parkway

RECREATION

Skyland Lakes Golf Club - Milepost 202.2 at Rt. 608, bordering Parkway. Public 18-hole golf course around mountains and lakes. Accommodations on site. (276) 728-4923.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Fancy Gap Dress Shop - Name brands, discount prices for whole family: dresses, sportswear, golf apparel, nurses' uniforms, jewelry, accessories. Open Monday-Saturday 9-5. (276) 728-7130.

Peaceful Heart Alpacas & Farm Store - On Pkwy, MP 204. Meet our alpacas. Luxurious alpaca clothes, fiber, yarn & handcrafts. Fiber art classes: spin, weave & more. www.peacefulheartalpacas.com (276) 728-4950.

Mount Airy, NC

Visit Andy Griffith's hometown, the ideal town that was the inspiration for Mayberry.

Located in the Yadkin Valley Wine Region- Home to over 27 Wineries!

NC Exit Parkway at Milepost 199.5, Hwy 52 South. 12 miles south of Fancy Gap, VA. Visit Andy Griffith's hometown, the ideal American town that was the inspiration for Mayberry. You'll find some things that the television show captured, some great entertainment, shopping, dining, wineries and a peaceful, scenic setting.



Wonderful shopping downtown and at Colonial Mayberry Mall.

It's Like Coming Home Again.

www.visitmayberry.com

Visit the Andy Griffith Museum located at The Andy Griffith Playhouse. Also include Wine Tastings and Tours at The Old North State Winery and tours at The Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. Other Mayberry Attractions include Squad Car Tours, Wally's Service Station and Floyd's Barbershop.

Also featuring a Summer Concert Series at the Blackmon Amphitheatre. Bluegrass shows and jams weekly in downtown Mount Airy.

Visit the Mount Airy Visitor's Center located at 200 N. Main Street next to Barney's Restaurant. Open 7 Days a Week:
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5pm • Sat: 10am-4pm • Sunday: 1pm-4pm



Blue Ridge Music Center

Treasure Potts Antiques and Garden Shoppes - Int. of Hwy. 52 and BRP at MP 199.5. Period furniture, pottery, clocks, lamps, china. Plants and garden accessories. Make sure and visit the Gap Deli (276) 728-3880.

213 **Blue Ridge Music Center** - Outdoor stage and amphitheater features regularly scheduled seasonal performances (June-September) of old-time and bluegrass music. (276) 236-5309. Visitor Center open daily Summer-October. Visit www.blueridgemusiccenter.net for concert schedule.

215 **VA 89 Crossover.** 7 mi. North to Galax.

GALAX, VA

Exit 215 - 7 miles N on Rt 89. Live radio show each Friday night from the Rex Theater. Downtown shops, area museum, New River Trail. www.visitgalax.com (276) 238-8130.

Deer Creek RV Resort - MP 215 3/4 mile N on Rt. 89. Left on Edmonds Rd #613, 2.5 miles on Right. Full hook-ups, Big Rig Friendly, bathhouse, laundry, Rally Center. Clubs welcome. Free Wi-Fi & cable TV. Open year-round. www.deercreekrvresort.com Toll Free (866) 342-0300.

Fiddler's Roost Bed & Breakfast Cabins - MP 214 next to Blue Ridge Music Amphitheatre. Breathtaking mountain views! Couples hot tubs. www.FiddlersRoostCabins.com (276) 236-1212.

Blue Ridge Travel Association - Free travel guide of the attractions, accommodations and events for locations along I-77 and I-81, and scenic byways of the mountains of Virginia. www.virginiablueridge.org (800) 446-9670.

FRIES, VA

Exit 215 - N on Rt 89, left on 58 then right on Fries Rd.

Fries New River Trail RV Park - full hookups, Wi-Fi. Located 15 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway. www.friesrvpark.com (276) 233-1178 or (276) 744-7566.

Surry County, NC

Milepost
229 Hwy 21 to
Elkin and Mile
Post 199.5 Hwy
52 South

Elkin - Mount Airy - Dobson - Pilot Mountain

It's our very gracious, very spirited and festive nature that makes Surry a delightful place to visit for a day or two or more. From Mayberry to Merlot...from cruise-ins to mandolins...from scenic wonder...to wonderful dining, Surry is a rich blend of Southern pleasures. Visit one of over 30 Yadkin Valley wineries and savor the rich history of our region.



www.versurry.com
1-877-SAVOR-YV

WYTHEVILLE, VA

Something for everyone including an animal park, dinner theatre, wineries, interesting trails, Indian village, outdoor recreation, shopping, motels, cabins, B&Bs, over 60 restaurants & more!
www.VisitWytheville.com. 1-877-347-8307.

Big Walker Lookout - Observation tower, scenic views, hiking trails, cafe & craft/novelty shop. Exit at Fancy Gap - US 52 North, past Wytheville to Big Walker. Open all year. (276) 663-4016.
www.scenicbeauty-va.com.

ABINGDON, VA

I-81 Exits 14, 17, 19. "Entertain your Senses!" In the great Virginia tradition, Abingdon, chartered in 1778, offers something for everyone! Information: Abingdon Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 335 Cummings St, Abingdon, VA 24210. (276) 676-2292 or (800) 435-3440.

Barter Theatre - Professional live theatre - 18 productions, two historic stages, one great experience. 127 W. Main St., Abingdon, VA. I-81 exit 17. For tickets call (276) 628-3991 or visit www.bartertheatre.com

The Crooked Road - Virginia's Heritage Music Trail. Visit the place where America's Music was born and lives on.
www.thecrookedroad.org (276) 492-2085.

Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway

A great place to start your Southwest Virginia adventure. I-81 Exit 14. www.heartwoodvirginia.org.

William King Museum - 415 Academy Dr., Abingdon. Museum galleries, arts education, outdoor sculpture garden, museum store.
www.williamkingmuseum.org. (276) 628-5005.

GRAYSON COUNTY, VA

Perfect place to enjoy the stunning mountain beauty & home to the highest mtns in Virginia. The best festivals in Virginia.
www.graysoncountyva.com. (276) 773-2000.

BRISTOL, VA/TN

Located on I-81 at the Tennessee/Virginia state line

Bristol Caverns - 5 miles southeast of Bristol on US 421. Only 8 miles from I-81 Exit 3. A journey through the caverns will take you through millions of years of timeless beauty. Largest and most beautiful in Smoky Mountain region. Open daily. (423) 878-2011.

PENNINGTON GAP, VA

40 miles west of Kingsport, TN via Rts. 23 & 58.

Old VA Hand Hewn Log Homes - Mfg. authentic hand hewn log homes of 6"x12" with dovetail corners; optional chink joint or on log. New 8"x8" planed round or D log with dovetail corner. Hqts. & Sales Office US Hwy 58 near DOT, Pennington Gap, VA 24277. Company owned log guest cabin available for overnight lodging. Call for Reservations. (276) 546-5647.



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Abingdon, VA

We've
been
entertaining
folks for over
two hundred
years—let us
entertain your
senses!

Abingdon, Virginia— Let us "Entertain Your Senses". Wake up here real soon and we will make your dreams come true. Founded in 1778, Abingdon is home to the world-famed Barter Theatre, the William King Museum & the Arts Depot. The Historic District hosts Sinking Spring Cemetery tour, Main Street's antique shops and galleries. Enjoy music under the stars at the town's many concerts, featuring world famous musicians. Each August the Virginia Highlands Festival voted one of the Nation's Top 100 Events showcases antiques, arts, crafts, and more. Other Abingdon events include Plumb Alley Day, the Highlands Jazz Festival and Overmountain Victory Trail's Annual September Revolutionary War Reenactment. Outdoor enthusiasts will love the Virginia Creeper National Recreation Trail, and the nearby Mount Rogers National Recreation Area. NASCAR fans will find the Bristol Motor Speedway only a few minutes away. Abingdon has accommodations in every price range, superb dining, shopping—including items from around the world—and so much more!



Visitors Center
open
9:00 to 5:00
Daily

Abingdon Convention & Visitors Bureau
335 Cummings Street • Abingdon, VA 24210
1-888-489-4144 • 276-676-2282 • 276-676-3076 Fax

www.abingdon.com

Points to Ponder

MOUNTAINS & THEIR NAMES

Beginning at Afton Mountain, Virginia, the Blue Ridge Parkway meanders down the narrow Blue Ridge for the first 355 miles before taking travelers into more rugged mountain chains. The Blacks, Craggies, Pisgah Ledge, and Balsams form wave after wave of complex mountains, dominating the landscape and the views.

MT. AIRY, NC

Exit Parkway at Milepost 199.5, Hwy 52 South. 12 miles south of Fancy Gap, VA. Visit Andy Griffith's hometown and inspiration for the fictional town of "Mayberry." Visit the Andy Griffith Collection, squad car tours, regional museum, Floyd's Barbershop, Wally Service Station, historic downtown, Andy Griffith Playhouse and homeplace, Pilot Mountain State Park, historic homes & the world's largest open-face granite quarry. Bluegrass shows/jams weekly. (800) 948-0949 or check out www.visitmayberry.com for visitor information.

ATTRACTIONS

Good Life Outfitter - 248 N. Main Street, Mount Airy, NC, Good Stuff for the Outdoors. Enjoy the Good Life, The North Face, Carhartt. www.GoodLifeOutfitter.com (336) 789-2404.

Historic Gertrude Smith House - 708 N Main St., 2 blocks north of downtown business district. Tourist information, exhibits, guided tours. Follow signs and experience hometown hospitality. Hours: M, W, Fri., Sat.: 11-4, other days by appt. www.visitmountairy.com (336) 786-6856 or (800) 576-0231.

Main · Oak Emporium - Outdoor gear, unique gifts, gourmet foods & wine. Restaurant, historic renovation. Corner of Main, Oak & City Hall Streets. Open 7 days. www.mainoakemporium.com (336) 789-2404.

Mt. Airy Museum of Regional History - Over 30,000 sf. of exhibit space including Andy Griffith, Siamese twins, & Donna Fargo. Tues-Sat., admission. www.northcarolinamuseum.org (336) 786-4478.

Round Peak Vineyards - MP 215, NC 89, Lowgap, 765 Round Peak Church Rd. 9 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway at I-77, Exit 100, Rt 89. Open daily Sun to Fri 12-5; Sat 11-6. (336) 352-5595.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Hampton Inn - Exit 101 off I-77 to I-74 exit 11 to US 601 North. 1 1/2 mile on right. Award winning hotel! Email address: mtanc_hampton@hilton.com. Call (336) 789-5999. (800) 565-5249.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Exit 101 off I-77 to I-74, exit 11 to US 601 North. 1 1/4 miles on left. Newest hotel in Mount Airy. Call (336) 719-1731.

Knights Inn - Exit 100 off I-77. Right (Hwy 89 East) 6 miles straight, 2nd light right (52 Bypass N). 1/4 mile on left. Free breakfast. www.knightsinn.com (336) 786-8387.

Mayberry Motor Inn - Exit off I-77. Right (Hwy 89 East) 6 miles straight, 2nd light right (52 Bypass N) 1/2 mile on left. Gazebo, tastefully decorated. (336) 786-4109.

SURRY COUNTY, NC

Surry NC, S of the Parkway on Hwys. 21, 18, 89 and 52. Lodging, restaurants, shopping, wineries, outdoor recreation, and more! www.versurry.com (877) 999-8390.

DOBSON, NC

21 miles south of Parkway via I-77S. Exit Milepost 199.5 or 215.

Hampton Inn & Suites - MP 119.5 US 52 to I-77 S exit 93. Wine bar, indoor pool, exercise room, hot breakfast, meeting rooms. www.hamptoninn.com (336) 353-9400.

Shelton Vineyards and Harvest Grill - 199.5 US 52 to I-77S to NC exit 93 and follow the signs. Estate winery, offering tours and tastings daily. Restaurant serving lunch and dinner Mon-Sat, lunch on Sun. www.sheltonvineyards.com. (336) 366-4724.

PILOT MOUNTAIN, NC

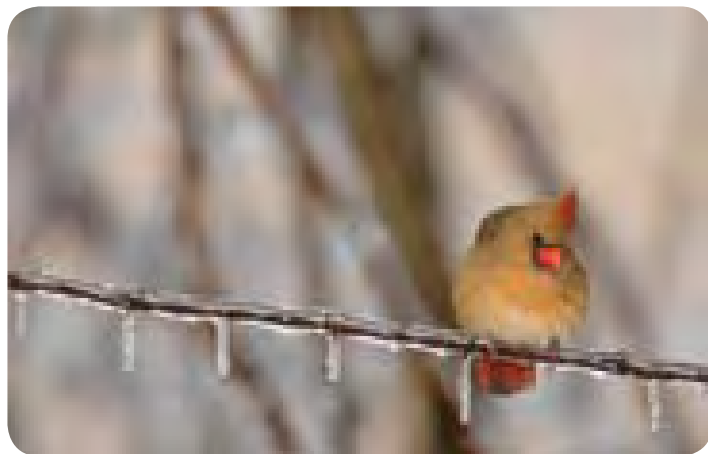
10 miles south of Mt. Airy, via US 52.

Pilot Knob Inn - Tobacco barn cabins & Honeymoon suites, whirlpools, fireplaces on 100+ acres, lake with boating & fishing, Pilot Mtn 1 mile off Hwy 52. Full breakfast & sauna. www.pilotknobinn.com (336) 325-2502.

PINNACLE, NC

Exit at MP 199, via US 52 S, 5 miles SSE of the town of Pilot Mountain, near Pilot Mountain State Park.

Jomeokee Park - 30 mi. off Parkway on US 52. Exit 129, R to 1st road on right. Open Apr.-Nov. Quiet, peaceful, tent camping. 54 back-in 40', 20-amp & H2O, sights, nice, clean, BH w/hot H2O, gorgeous view of Pilot Mtn. 3 30-amp drive thrus. No full hookups.



Female Northern Cardinal atop icy barbed-wire fence



MAP KEY: Refer to page 13 for explanation of symbols



Milepost 199.5 US 52 at Fancy Gap, VA to Milepost 355.4, NC 128 to Mount Mitchell State Park

216.9 NC - VA State Line. Alt. 2,547.

217.5 **Cumberland Knob.** 1,000 acres, picnic area, comfort stations, drinking water. 15-minute loop trail to Cumberland Knob. (Elev. 2,855). Loop trail into Gully Creek Gorge. 2 hours.

218.6 **Fox Hunters Paradise.** Overlook and parking area. A one-minute walk on a paved trail takes you to a rock pedestrian overlook near the spot where old-time hunters listened to their hounds. Alt. 2,805.

229 **US 21 Crossover.** West 7 mi. to Sparta, NC., 17 mi to Independence, VA. East 4 Mi. to Roaring Gap, NC.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY, NC

Alleghany County Visitor Center is just a few miles off the BRP in downtown Sparta. Slow down. Breathe easy. Stay as busy or un-busy as you want to be. Conquer a mountain or play checkers on the front porch. Find out where to stay, dine, hike, explore, canoe, fish, shop and play. www.sparta-nc.com (800) 376-5473.

GLADE VALLEY, NC

North of the Parkway via US 21, exit at MP 229.

Blue Ridge B & B - at MP 225/226, 5905 Mtn View Rd. 28627. Homestyle feel, comfy rooms, easy access off BRP, full breakfast, internet, satellite TV, VI/MC. www.blueridgebandb.net (336) 657-3000.

Glade Valley B & B - 1.5 miles from MP 229 at Rt. 21. A custom designed log home w/private baths, views & great homemade country breakfast. www.gladevalley.com or call (800) 538-3508.

JONESVILLE, NC

Exit at Milepost 229, South of Parkway on US 21, via I-77 South, Exit 82. Welcome Center open Mon-Sat. 8:30am-8:00pm, Sun 12-8:00pm. www.visittheyadkinvalley.com (877) 728-6798.

SPARTA, NC

North of Parkway on US 21. Exit at MP 229 or 248.

Alleghany Inn - 341 N Main St, Sparta, NC 28675. 64 Rooms - Free Wireless Internet - Cable TV 60+ chan, guest laundry. Restaurant on site. Reserve online: www.AlleghanyInn.com or (888) 372-2501.

Blue Ridge Gallery of Fine Art & Joe Edwards Christmas Tree Farm - Mahogany Rock Rd. L on Pine Swamp, L on Gallery Lane. Wine tasting, wire-wrapped jewelry, paintings, pottery, ornaments, photography and trees. www.blueridgefineart.com (336) 372-1711.

Harmony Hill B&B - 1740 Halsey Knob Rd. 30 min. away. 360 degree views, 5 guest rooms with private baths. Sit on the porch, sip a glass of wine, and enjoy! www.harmonyhillbnb.com

Mountain Hearth Lodge & Cabins - 110 Mtn. Hearth Dr., steps from the Pkwy. MP 231.5, 20 acres of rustic elegance. www.MountainHearthLodge.com (336) 372-8743.

238.5 Doughton Park, 7,000 acres - Picnic area (Milepost 241), campground (Milepost 239), trailer sites, comfort stations, drinking water, 30 miles of trail. At Milepost 238.5 is the picturesque Brinegar Cabin. Be sure to visit Wildcat Rocks (Milepost 241.1), to view the Caudill House, a survivor from a community largely destroyed by an early 20th century flood.

248.1 NC 18 Crossover 2 Mi. west of Laurel Springs. 24 mi. east to North Wilkesboro, NC.

PINEY CREEK, NC

US 21 to Rt 93. Exit Parkway at MP 229.

RiverCamp USA - 2221 Kings Creek Rd. Piney Creek, NC. MP 248, 18N to 113N, follow signs. Located on the New River, FHU, 30/50 amps, river and pull-thru sites, group area, canoe, kayak, and tube rentals, store. www.rivercampusa.com (336) 359-CAMP (2267).

LAUREL SPRINGS, NC

Just north of Parkway on NC 18, exit at MP 248.

Cabins on Laurel Creek - 2900 S Laurel Fork Rd. MP 250. 3 pet-friendly cabins in peaceful location overlooking pond & pastures. www.cabinsonlaurelcreek.com. (336) 207-7677.

Freeborne's Eatery & Lodge - Hwy 18 S Laurel Springs, MP 248. 18 rooms with full service restaurant, bar, store, MC & Visa. Reservations call (336) 359-8008.

Miller's Camping - 1 mile N of Hwy 18 on Parkway Milepost 247. Full hook-ups, store, mountain-made crafts, hot showers, & laundry. (336) 359-2828.

Station's Inn Motorcycle Resort - 17-room motel. Restaurant - lunch & dinner. Bar, cold beer, wine store. Motorcycle gifts, boots, maps, stickers. Info - www.stationsinn.com or call (336) 359-2888.

Thistle Meadow Winery - Tours, tasting, by reservation only. 64 wines, most variety in NC. Allow 1 hr please. MP 246. 294 Elk Knob Rd, if lost call (800) 233-1505.

Wild Woody's Campground & Amazing Antique Store - on Hwy 18, just off Parkway - must see to believe! Buy, sell, trade, & rent cozy campers. Campground on trout stream, showers, beer, wine, ice cream, snacks, rare records, candles. Open May-Dec, Thurs-Sun 11am til dark. (336) 984-8088 - H (336) 359-8432.

Alleghany County, NC

NC 18 offers an alternative route for Parkway travelers through the Alleghany countryside and the town of Sparta. Leave and return to the Parkway at Mileposts 217.3 and 248. Sparta is also accessible via US 21 at Milepost 229.6.

Alleghany County
Chamber of Commerce
and Visitors' Center
58 South Main Street
Sparta NC 28675

There is still a place where you drive lazily along 2-lane country roads. Where forever stretches out from scenic vistas. Where creeks teem with wild trout. Where stars shine bright in a dark sky and summer sleepers snuggle under blankets during cool mountain nights.

Discover the land where the Blue Ridge Parkway began. Take a back road along pastures of grazing cattle and Christmas tree fields. Brake for wild turkey and deer.

Discover the world's second oldest river — the New River. Navigate a canoe or float downstream and let it take you where it will. Stalk the elusive small-mouth bass and musky that inhabit its waters.

Discover the sound of mountain music. Tap your foot to a fiddle tune. Swing your partner at a Saturday barn dance.

Discover small-town life where folks still wave to strangers and where you are always welcome.

Discover a new perspective.

Discover Alleghany County and Sparta, North Carolina.



1-800-372-5473
www.CoolSparta.com

ASHE COUNTY, NC

Fiddle around in Ashe County! Scenic views, attractions, crafts, shopping, golf, canoeing and lodging. For lodging and information contact Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 31, West Jefferson, NC 28694. (336) 846-9550 or toll-free (888) 343-2743.

259 Northwest Trading Post offers crafts and packaged food gifts from North Carolina's northwestern counties.

GLENDALE SPRINGS, NC

100 yards west of Northwest Trading post, MP 259.

ATTRACTIONS

Northwest Trading Post - MP 259 50+ years this charming country gift shop has featured "HAND MADE IN THE USA" timeless craftsmanship in one magical historic venue. (336) 982-2543.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Mountain View Lodge - MP 256, Eight new cabins & one beautiful lodge, perfect for both small and large groups. Cabin amenities include kitchens, bedroom with king and queen size bed, large loft, cable TV, VCR/DVD, Jacuzzi tubs, fireplace, and decks with rockers and swings. www.mtnviewlodge.com (336) 207-7767.

Raccoon Holler Camping Area - Between Mileposts 257 & 258 just off NC 16. Beautifully shaded, full hookups, swimming, fishing. Open April 15 til Nov 1. www.raccoonholler.com (336) 982-2706.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Greenhouse Crafts Shop - 1/4 mile west of Trading Post. Beautiful gifts, crafts, books, CDs, instruments, garden. Open 7 days. (336) 982-2618.

Zaloo's Canoes - Cool off! The kids will love it. 5 minutes off Parkway. Safe - Scenic 1-5 hour tube and canoe trips on the New River. Best family adventure on the Parkway. Go west at the North West Trading Post MP 259 for one half mile then right on Hwy 16 for 3 miles. Glendale Springs. www.zaloos.com. (800) 535-4027.

261 **NC 16 Crossover.** West 12 mi. to Jefferson, 14 mi to West Jefferson, 26 mi to Grassy Creek. East 20 mi. to North Wilkesboro.

JEFFERSON, NC

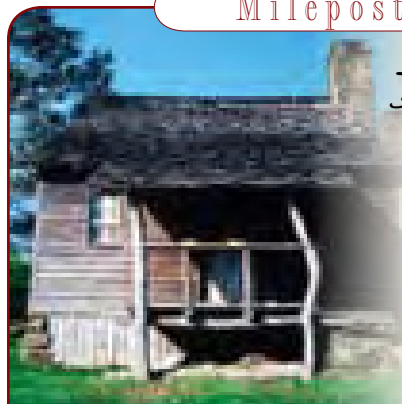
12 miles north of Parkway via NC 16, exit at MP 261.

Buffalo Tavern B&B - 958 W. Buffalo Road, W Jefferson, NC. MP 261, 4 rooms, full breakfast, mountain views, 1872 farm house. www.buffalotavern.com (877) 615-9678.

Best Western Eldreth Inn - Hwys. 221 & 88. AAA/3 Diamond. Comfortable country hospitality. Take NC 16 to US 221 south to Jefferson. Kings, queens, x-long double beds, & non-smoking rooms available. Cable TV/HBO. Rocking chairs on balconies. View of Mt. Jefferson; next to the shopping center; near New River canoeing, frescoes, cheese factory. Open all year. For reservations & information, call (800) 221-8802 or (336) 246-8845.

Jefferson Landing - Hwy 16/89, 2 miles from parkway MP 261. Championship golf, restaurant w/delightful accommodations overlooking Mt. Jefferson. www.jeffersonlandingclub.com (800) 292-6274.

Milepost 238



DOUGHTON
PARK &
BRINEGAR
CABIN

Rolling ridgetop meadows and steep mountainsides characterize the Doughton Park area. Remote mountain places like this were settled in the mid-to-late 1800s by growing families seeking more land by moving farther up the mountain creeks and valleys, while remaining in proximity to parents, grandparents, and other relatives. While people in many other parts of the country were rushing into the modern ways of the 20th century, these close-knit families—like the Brinegars, Caudills, Joines, Crouses and Pruitts—still raised most of their own food, built their own homes, and lived well into the 1900s without modern conveniences.

Martin Brinegar and Caroline Joines were married in 1878 and built a log cabin near Caroline's parents' home. It still stands here on the ridge along with their springhouse and granary. Here they raised and provided for their three children. Below the Brinegar cabin is Basin Cove. Settled in the 1880s by Harrison Caudill, Basin Cove grew into a community of 20 families with a store, church, and school. In 1916 a torrential flash flood and mud slide, cascading down the valley, destroyed all but one home and killed several people. The community was never rebuilt.

Today, Parkway visitors can experience the ruggedness and beauty of life here. Glimpse Basin Cove and the remaining cabin from Wildcat Rocks near Bluffs lodge. Or hike some of the more than 30 miles of trails that meander through the meadows and climb the steep hillsides. The Brinegar cabin is open several days a week during the summer and fall. Visitors can tour a demonstration garden and the cabin, and see exhibits, learning how Caroline made her family's clothes from the flax she grew and sheep she raised herself.

For Blue Ridge Parkway information, including road conditions or closings, please visit www.nps.gov/blri

WEST JEFFERSON, NC

West Jefferson may be best known for its arts district which is located in the middle of a beautiful historic downtown. The 15 murals create a walking tour through the downtown reflecting the area's history and unique mountain character. Nearby is the New River, one of the area's natural wonders, ideal for canoeing, kayaking, fly fishing and tubing. www.visitwestjefferson.org. (800) 801-3441.

Mountain Aire Golf Club - Beautiful 18 hole public golf course. Great condition, reasonable rates. Exit Parkway at Glendale Springs or Deep Gap. 1104 Golf Course Rd, West Jefferson, NC 28694. www.mountainaire.com (336) 877-4716.

Mountain Aire Seafood & Steak - Jct. 16 & Milepost 261. Go 1/2 mile N on Hwy 16. Locally owned & operated. Credit cards accepted. www.mountainaireseafood.com (336) 982-3060 FAX (336) 982-3043.

Nation's Inn of Ashe County - 9 miles from Parkway. MP 261. Continental breakfast, Ashe County hospitality. M/C, VS, DS, AX. www.nationsinn.com (336) 246-2080 or (800) 801-3441.

Sally Mae's Emporium - 10 miles from Parkway MP 261. 7000 sq. ft of antiques, pottery, local art & gifts. (336) 846-9069. www.sallymaesemporium.com.

268 **Benge Gap.**

272 **E.B. Jeffress Park.** Picnic area, Comfort station, trail to Cascades.

WILKESBORO, NC

20 miles southeast of Parkway via US 421 exit at Milepost 276.4.

Addison Inn - Hwy 421N in Wilkesboro, NC 20 miles SE of Parkway. Complimentary cont. breakfast, pool, free HSIA, pet friendly. 115 units. www.addisoninn.com. (336) 838-1000. (800) 672-7218.

Holiday Inn Express - Hwy 421, 20 miles from Parkway. Newly renovated hotel, hot breakfast, pool, HSIA. www.hiexpress.com/wilkesboronc Call (336) 838-1800.

Wilkes Heritage Museum - Includes Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame. 100 E. Main St. Tues-Sat 10-4. Guided & self-guided tours, special events. Admission charged. www.wilkesheritagemuseum.com (336) 667-3171.

WILKES COUNTY, NC

The Blue Ridge Parkway is our northern county line. Exit at Mileposts 248.2 (NC 18), 261 (NC 16), or 276.4 (US 421). Information: PO Box 727, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659 E-mail: chamber@wilkesnc.org. Web: www.wilkesnc.org Phone (336) 838-8662; FAX (336) 838-3728.

276.4 **Deep Gap.** US 421 Crossover. W. 11 mi. to Boone. E 26 miles to North Wilkesboro.

FLEETWOOD, NC

6 miles north of Parkway via US 221, exit at MP 276.4.

Wilkes County, Nc

Discover the wonderful recreational opportunities such as W. Kerr Scott Reservoir's camping, boating, bird watching, hiking and mountain biking the seven-mile Dark Mountain Trail.

Wilkes County, located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains is filled with the sweet sounds of Americana music and heritage drama featured at the many concerts and festivals in the region. Visitors will relish the fruits of our harvest produced from the river fed soils at our local orchards and enjoy touring acres of vineyards and tasting the palate-tempting wines.

Discover the wonderful recreational opportunities such as W. Kerr Scott Reservoir's camping, boating, bird watching, hiking and mountain biking the seven-mile Dark Mountain Trail. If you're adventurous, test your strength at mountain climbing or your endurance with trout fishing the cool streams at Stone Mountain State National Park. If relaxed atmosphere is your choice, spend time with wildlife as you canoe down miles of rippling waters on Yadkin River.

If you want to spend some time here, there are beautiful quiet, private and very affordable accommodations available. "Explore Wilkes" — you may decide to stay!

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North Wilkesboro, NC 28659
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Fleetwood Falls® - A quiet place nestled in the mountains, along the New River, with lakes, streams, nature trails. Real estate for sale. Open all year. 9 1/2 miles NW of Parkway off Hwy. 221 on State Road 1106. For information and reservations: PO Box 128, Fleetwood, NC 28626 www.fleetwoodfalls.com (336) 877-1110.

WINSTON-SALEM, NC

South of Parkway via US 421, exit at Milepost 276.4 or Milepost 199.5, US 52 South.

Old Salem - Restored 18th-19th century town with 80 buildings on 100+ acres; decorative arts, award-winning heirloom gardens, shopping, dining, picnic tables. 1.5 hours from Parkway. 9:00-5:00 Tues-Sat; 1:00-5:00 Sunday. www.oldsalem.org (336) 721-7300.

GREENSBORO, NC

Come explore the historic grounds of the Revolutionary War battlefields at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park. From one treasure to another, take a free tour of Replacements, Ltd. with over 13 million pieces of inventory. To pack in even more, spend time in our revitalized downtown - home to art galleries, theatres, restaurants, our minor league ballpark and exceptional historical museum. In the summer, be sure to cool off at Wet 'n Wild water park. www.visitgreensboronc.com or (800) 344-2282.

VALDESE, NC

Historic Valdese, founded in 1893 by the Waldenses, provides a relaxing and enjoyable day anytime. Visit our museums, art galleries, antique shops, outdoor drama, and the Waldensian Winery. Go to www.visitvaldese.com or call (828) 879-2126.

Waldensian Heritage Wines - Valdese, NC. Fruity tasting wines. "Life is short, drink good wine." E-mail: waldensianheritagewines@embarqmail.com. (828) 879-3202.

CALDWELL COUNTY, NC

Home to 20 miles of furniture stores located along U.S. 321 - a required destination for any serious shopper looking for furniture bargains. Visit downtown Lenoir filled with sculpture, eateries and shops. Located thirty minutes south of Blowing Rock at Milepost 294. www.explore Caldwell.com (800) 737-0782.

ELIZABETHTON, TN

"Birthplace of American Democracy," two state parks, largest rhododendron gardens in U.S., oldest frame house in TN, 134' covered bridge. Enjoy the outdoors, camping, water sports & hiking. www.tourcartercounty.com. (423) 547-3850.

291.9 US 221/321 Crossover. 7 mi. north to Boone, 2 mi. south to Blowing Rock.

BOONE, NC

7 miles north of Parkway, via US 221/321, exit MP 291.9.

Watauga County Tourism Development Authority - Simple Pleasures & Mountain Values! Explore one of America's premier outdoor recreation and relaxation destinations. Visit www.exploreboonearea.com.

Elizabethton/Carter County, TN

Follow the trail to a new discovery. Visit Carter County!

Get lost in beautiful picturesque landscapes of Roan Mountain State Park and the Cherokee National Forest, or dare to explore the Watauga River with trophy trout fishing, flat water kayaking, or white water rafting. Challenge yourself to an easy-to-moderate hike on the Appalachian Trail, or enjoy a family picnic on Watauga Lake with water activities in abundance. Discover your new favorite bed & breakfast, or share the stars with nature and take advantage of the many available RV Parks and campgrounds. Experience history as it comes to life in Liberty!

Tennessee's Official Outdoor Drama. Find the hidden gems that are exclusive to historic Elizabethton/Carter County.

Start your discovery today!

Annual events

Native American Festival - June 2-3

www.sycamoreshoalstn.gov

46th Annual Covered Bridge Celebration - June 7-9

www.elizabethtonchamber.com

Rhododendron Festival - June 14-17

www.roanmountain.com

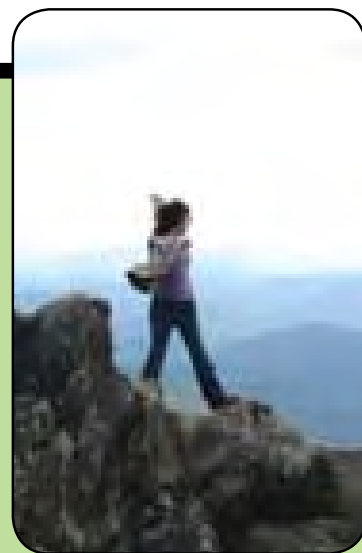
"Liberty! Saga of Sycamore Shoals" - July 12-14, 19-21, 26-28

Tennessee's Official Outdoor Drama, depicting the early events in NE TN

Antiquing; Exclusive local dining and restaurants; Numerous cabins and hotels are available.

For more Info:

www.tourcartercounty.com



ATTRACTIONS

An Appalachian Summer Festival - Annual multi-arts festival featuring music, dance, theatre and visual arts at Appalachian State University. Annually during July. For information on events call: (800) 841-ARTS.

Horn in the West & Hickory Ridge Living History Museum - 591 Horn in the West Dr. 3 miles N on Hwy 321 in the heart of Boone, NC. The oldest Revolutionary War Drama. Call (828) 264-2120.

Milepost 294



As unlikely as it sounds, blue jeans, farming and fine art largely define this country estate - turned Parkway recreation area. Moses Cone and his wife Bertha built what was then known as Flat Top Manor at the turn of the twentieth century. The son of a German Jewish immigrant who came to America as a peddler, Moses and his brother Caesar fashioned a textile empire, making them the leading producers of denim in the world. Visitors here will gain an understanding of the influence of this textile giant, and the role that the landscape architecture movement and country estate movement of the nineteenth century had on life in the Appalachian mountains.

In the 1890s and early 1900s, Cone fashioned this country place at Blowing Rock with its 23-room Colonial Revival mansion as a health retreat from the rigors of his business empire and as a way to showcase his new-found wealth. He built approximately twenty five miles of well-planned and exquisitely maintained carriage roads and two lakes. On Flat Top Mountain and Rich Mountain he and Bertha raised cattle and sheep and planted tens of thousands of apple trees. Soon after Bertha's death, the family offered the property to the Parkway with the understanding that it would be operated as a "public park and pleasuring ground."

Today the manor and the entire estate are one of the most heavily used areas along the Parkway and home to the Parkway Craft Center. Carriage roads are popular for hiking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing, especially by residents of the Boone/Blowing Rock area. While adjacent development has degraded some views from the estate, overall it retains most of the elements and the atmosphere of the premier county estate that it was. During the summer and fall, National Park Service staff provides frequent tours of the house. They also offer guided walks to the Cone Cemetery and occasional short talks on the manor porch. The manor house is both a good starting point and a highlight of any visit. Browse the bookstore and the craft center, with its assortment of contemporary and traditional crafts. Craft demonstrations are offered frequently in the summer.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

The Boone-Blowing Rock Area Lodging Association - Please visit our website www.highcountrylodging.com for lodging choices and information about the High Country Area around Boone and Blowing Rock.

Comfort Suites - 1184 Hwy 105, 6 miles from Parkway. 96 suite hotel rooms, heat, indoor pool, exercise and game rooms. Hot breakfast. (888) 854-5959.

Courtyard by Marriott - 1050 Hwy 105 Boone, NC 28607. Brand new hotel in the High Country of NC. www.courtyard.com/hkybn Phone (828) 265-7676.

Crestwood Resort and Spa - MP 295. 5 min. down Shulls Mill Rd. Incredible views, restaurant, lodging, pool. www.crestwoodresortandspa.com. (828) 963-6646.

Fairfield Inn & Suites - 2060 Blowing Rock Rd. 5 miles from Parkway. Continental breakfast. Call (800) 228-2800.

Foscoe Rentals - Cabins, Condos and Vacation Homes centrally located to Boone, Banner Elk and Blowing Rock. www.foscoerentals.com (800) 723-7341.

Hidden Valley Motel - Hwy 105 in the Foscoe Valley between Boone and Banner Elk. Enjoy birds, blooms and butterflies in our country garden. www.hiddenvalleymotel.com or jim@hiddenvalleymotel.com. Call (828) 963-4372.

Holiday Inn Express - 6 mi. from Parkway. Complimentary hot breakfast. Suites, Jacuzzis, fireplace. Pool. Award winner. 1943 Blowing Rock Rd. www.expressboone.com (828) 264-2451.

Honey Bear Campground - MP 294, 2 miles south of Boone off Hwy 105. 229 Honey Bear Campground Rd. 80 beautiful sites w/ primitive to full hook-ups. www.honeybearcampground.com (828) 963-4586.

KOA Campground - From Boone, 194N 3 mi. Left on Ray Brown Rd. 1 mi. Beautiful view. Rec room, mini-golf, laundry, pool. 123 Harmony Mtn. Lane, Boone, NC 28607. (828) 264-7250.

Lovill House B & B - AAA 4 Diamond B&B in Boone on 421N. 6 Rooms/private baths/porch/11 acres. Full hot breakfast. www.lovillhouseinn.com (800) 849-9466.

Pepper's Restaurant - A local favorite since 1975. Featuring sandwiches, steaks and seafood, soup & salad bar and homemade desserts. Open 7 days. Located at the Shops at Shadowline near Harris-Teeter. www.peppers-restaurant.com. (828) 262-1250.

Willow Valley Resort - 3 miles off Hwy 105 from Boone. Eff. 1 br/2 br/3 br cabins & condos. Fully furn. Golf, tennis, pool, fireplaces. Excellent getaway. (828) 963-6551.

SHOPPING & RECREATION

Daniel Boone Native Gardens - 651 Horn in the West Dr. Visit www.danielboonegardens.org for information on events. (828) 264-6390.

Foscoe Fishing Co. - 8857 Hwy. 105 South - Come visit our new hand hewn log building located on the banks of the Watauga River. Stop in for gear, advice or book a guided fly fishing trip or instructional school. www.foscoefishing.com. (828) 963-6556.

River and Earth Adventures - Whitewater rafting, caving, canoe and kayak rentals/shuttles, outdoor adventures and ecotours. www.raftcavehike.com. (866) 411-RAFT (7238).

North Carolina High Country Host - A comprehensive source for vacation information on NC's Northwest Mountains. Contact for help in planning lodging, attractions, events, restaurants, and recreation in the High Country-Boone-Blowing Rock, Beech Mtn., Banner Elk, Linville, Sparta, West Jefferson, the Wilkesboros, and other communities. Visitor Center - NC High Country Host, 1700 Blowing Rock Rd., Boone, NC 28607. www.mountainsofnc.com, e-mail: info@highcountryhost.com, (800) 438-7500.

VALLE CRUCIS

via Rts US 421N or NC 194, 5 miles SW of Boone.

Mast General Store - Established 1883. Listed National Register of Historic Places. Authentic & nostalgic emporium located in pastoral setting 8 miles from Boone in the Valle Crucis community. Clothing, camping gear, shoes & boots, housewares & unique gifts. Hwy 194 (828) 963-6511. Also visit our downtown stores in Boone, Asheville, Hendersonville, Waynesville, Greenville, SC and Knoxville, TN. Visit online at www.mastgeneralstore.com.

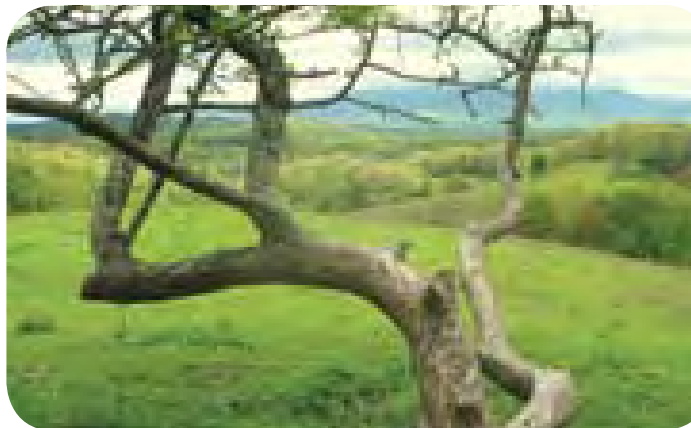
VILAS, NC

7 miles southwest of Boone, via Rts US 421N or NC 194

Vanderpool Campground - 7 miles west of Boone, just off Hwy 421, right on Vanderpool Rd. Open year-round. Full hook-ups, level ground. Pull-thrus for big rigs, Wi-Fi, propane, peaceful, natural setting, many trees, birds, small creek, laundry, bath house. 17 mi. to Mountain City, TN. (828) 297-3486

BLOWING ROCK, NC

Charming village on the Parkway. Exit Hwy 221 & 321. Lodging, dining and shops. Near attractions. Information: Blowing Rock Visitor Center, 159 Chestnut St. or PO Box 2445, Blowing Rock, NC 28605. www.BlowingRock.com (828) 295-4636.



Crooked Hawthorne

Boone, NC

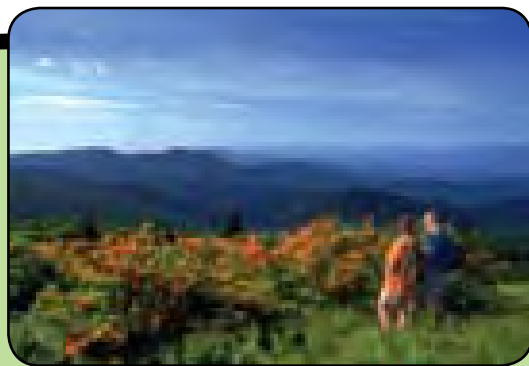
Here in the highest part of the Appalachian mountains, Daniel Boone once explored mountain trails.

Enjoy some of the most stunning views, thrilling outdoor activities, arts, family attractions and more along the Boone leg of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Each season has its own natural attractions, its own outdoor adventures and its own festivals and celebrations. Bike a country road, hike a scenic trail, fish a remote stream, or take a ride on an authentic narrow-gauge steam locomotive. With beautiful fall colors, three winter ski resorts and average summer temperatures in the 70s... our mountains are always in season!

Boone is the perfect place to spend the night. From relaxing bed & breakfasts to reliable hotel brands to resorts and spas, it's all here in the Heart of the High Country.

Come and see why Boone, NC has been a favorite parkway destination for 75 years!



Boone, NC
Exit at Milepost 291.9

(800) 852-9506 • www.ExploreBooneArea.com

ATTRACTIONS

The Blowing Rock - Breathtaking view 4090 feet above John's River Gorge. Prevailing winds return light objects thrown over the void. Hwy. 321 South, Blowing Rock, NC. www.theblowingrock.com.

Green Park Inn - This National Historic Register Hotel has been continuously operated as a food and lodging establishment since 1891. The imposing Victorian wood frame structure and Queen Anne period furnished public areas exist essentially as they were when first constructed. See and experience what vacation life was like in the High Country of yesteryear. This Grand Dame hotel is referred to as the jewel in the crown of the Blue Ridge. She is the last of the grand hotels that once covered the mountains. Just 3 miles south on Rte. 321 from the Boone/Blowing Rock exit. No admission fee. www.GreenParkInn.com.

Mystery Hill - Family fun center! Feel the strange pull. See water flow uphill. Hall of Mystery. 40 challenges. Heritage & Artifact Museums. Open all year. Hwy 221/321 North Blowing Rock. www.mysteryhill-nc.com. info@mysteryhill-nc.com. (828) 263-0507.

Tweetsie Railroad - North Carolina's first theme park. Relive the Old West aboard the historic steam-powered locomotive known as Tweetsie. Bring your family and enjoy entertaining shows, rides, shopping, mountain clogging, panning for gold and a deer park. Open 9AM-6PM Friday-Sunday in May. Memorial Day through Mid-August open seven days a week from 9AM-6PM. Mid-August through October open Friday-Sunday from 9AM-6PM. Located on Hwy 321 between Boone and Blowing Rock, NC. and from the Blue Ridge Parkway exit at Milepost 291, Boone exit. For more information call (800) 526-5740 or visit our web site: www.tweetsie.com.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Alpen Acres Motel - 1/4 mi. N. of Blue Ridge Parkway on Hwy 321 - scenic hilltop. Heated pool, free wireless, light morning snacks. Chalet for 2. AAA. www.alpenacres.com (888) 297-7981.

Alpine Village Inn - 297 Sunset Dr. Quaint cozy rooms & suites in the heart of town. AC, CCTV, & phones, Wi-Fi complimentary. Some fireplaces & Jacuzzi. Pet friendly rooms. www.alpine-village-inn.com (828) 295-7206.

Chetola Resort - Magnificent views on 87 acres. Chetola Lodge, Bob Timberlake Inn and spacious condominiums. Spa at Chetola Resort, Timberlake's Restaurant, fitness center, Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Lodge, golf, fishing, wing shooting packages. 500 N. Main Street, Blowing Rock, NC 28605. www.chetola.com (828) 295-5500 or (800) 243-8652.

Cliff Dwellers Inn - 116 Lakeview Terrace, Blowing Rock, NC 28605 - 60's-style inn with 23 rooms starting at \$89. www.cliffdwellers.com (828) 295-3098.

Points to Ponder EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Blue Ridge Parkway rangers conduct curriculum-based educational programs for about 30,000 school children in the region each year as part of Parks As Classrooms.

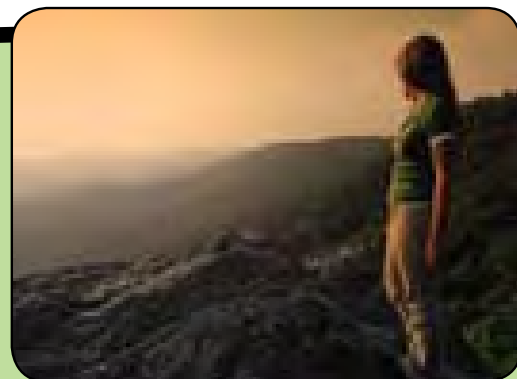
Blowing Rock, NC

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Just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, the village is a place where time-honored charm and tradition meet modern style and sophistication. With an array of shops and restaurants, the village offers something for all tastes and a wealth of hidden treasures along the way. And, visitors can enjoy year-round festivals and attractions including Tweetsie Railroad and The Blowing Rock, as well as a wide array of outdoor adventures from horseback riding to skiing at Appalachian Ski Mountain.



Blowing Rock — Crown of the Blue Ridge

For more information on Blowing Rock, call 877-750-INFO (4636) or visit www.BlowingRock.com

Gideon Ridge Inn - 202 Gideon Ridge Rd. Beautiful stone Inn with great views & gardens. B&B 10 rooms & suites. \$150-\$330. www.gideonridge.com (828) 295-3644.

Green Park Inn - Full service National Historic Register hotel continuously operated since 1891, with Laurel Room restaurant, fully licensed Divide Tavern, pool, massage services, and spacious public areas all in their original Victorian design. This imposing Queen Anne structure offers a variety of room types including private balcony suites overlooking the golf course and mountains beyond. Grand Ballroom, Garden Room and other event spaces for up to 200 guests. Fully renovated and restored in 2010. Experience the grandeur of a bygone era. Built straddling the Eastern Continental Divide just 3 miles south on 321 from the Blowing Rock/Boone exit. Wireless internet throughout, new telephone system, large screen CATV HDTVs, full complimentary breakfast, 80 rooms. www.GreenParkInn.com (828) 414-9230.

Hemlock Inn & Suites - "A Blowing Rock Tradition". Open all year. One of downtown's best locations. Located 2 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway. Hemlock Inn is one building off main street, within walking distance of shops, restaurants, and park. Kings with featherbed, queens, doubles and two room-suites are available. Handicap accessible rooms also available. All rooms have color cable TV, A/C, telephones, microwaves, small refrigerators and coffee pots. Suites have fully equipped kitchens. Gazebo with sitting area and fountain. www.hemlockinn.net (828) 295-7987.

Holiday Inn Express Blowing Rock - 1 mile South on 321. Rooms with King or 2 Queen beds, microwave, refrig. Complimentary hot breakfast, internet, indoor pool. www.holidayinnexpressbr.com (828) 295-4422.

MOUNTAIN MEMOS THE NEW RIVER

Do you know about the New River?

It may surprise you to find out that, with a name like the "New River," this is actually one of the world's oldest rivers. It carves a distinctive path through northwestern North Carolina and southwest Virginia, defining much of the area's geology and geography.

Especially on a map of Virginia, this river's most distinctive characteristic is readily apparent. Coming out of its headwaters in western North Carolina, the New flows north and west through the Blue Ridge and Alleghenies toward the Ohio River, eventually joining the Mississippi and emptying into the Gulf of Mexico. The course of this backwards-flowing river was apparently determined long before the Appalachian Mountains rose up around it.

The New River and the New River Valley form a distinct cultural and geological section of southwest Virginia and North Carolina.

It may be called the "New," but it's literally "older than the hills!"

NC High Country

The North
Carolina
High Country:
Home of the
first and last
link of the
Blue Ridge
Parkway

You might say the Parkway began and ended in the High Country. Our beautiful section of the Parkway begins at the Virginia/North Carolina border and includes Cumberland Knob, the area where construction first began, and the last link of the Parkway, Linn Cove Viaduct.

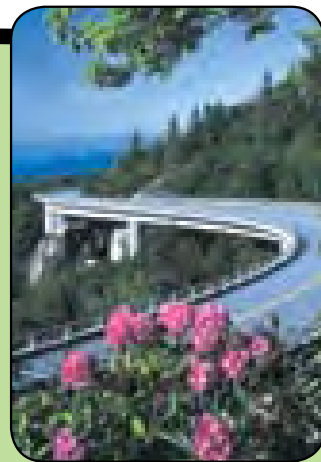
One of the most photographed, most celebrated sections of the Parkway, the High Country is also the home to many attractions and points of interest. High Country Host, the visitor welcome organization in the High Country, has compiled mile-post itineraries that begin at the VA/NC line and extend nearly to Mt. Mitchell. These itineraries are available at www.highcountryparkway.com.

Some of the interesting attractions you will see along our leg of the Parkway include: Doughton Park, Mountain Music Jamboree, Northwest Trading Post, Churches of the Frescoes, Mast General Store, Moses Cone Manor, Tweetsie Railroad, Julian Price Park and Price Lake, Grandfather Mountain, Linville Caverns, Emerald Village and The Orchard at Altapass. Spectacular views, great hiking trails, bird watching, shopping, outdoor adventure, and our famous Blue Ridge hospitality awaits you!

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Vacation Planner!
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1700 Blowing Rock Rd. • Boone, NC
www.mountainsofnc.com

www.ExploreBooneArea.com



Homestead Inn - 153 Morris St. in the heart of town. Open year round. Sun.-Thurs. discount. Quaint, cozy, immaculate rooms. A/C, flat screen TV, phones, coffee, fridge, micro, fireplaces, Jacuzzis. Efficiency avail. Free Wi-Fi. www.homestead-inn.com (828) 295-9559.

Jenkins Rentals - The finest vacation rentals in the Blowing Rock area. Homes with hot tubs, long range mountain views. www.jenkinsrentals.com (800) 438-7803.

Milepost 297

JULIAN PRICE MEMORIAL PARK



Julian Price purchased this land as a recreational retreat for his employees after establishing one of the nation's largest insurance companies. After his untimely death in 1946, his heirs left the land to the Blue Ridge Parkway as a memorial to a man who shared the natural beauty of the area with others.

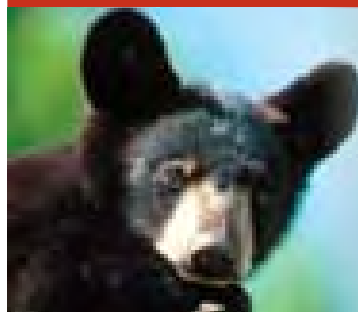
Today, visitors see the rebirth of a hardwood forest on hillsides where lumber companies cut virgin tracts of hemlock, poplar, and chestnut in the early 20th century. According to some, it was the "best boundary of timber in Carolina." Julian Price Memorial Park contains 4,200 acres with elevations ranging from 3,400 feet to nearly 4,000 feet.

Price Park is a haven for relaxation and recreation with the 47-acre Price Lake as its focal point. Visitors enjoy one of the most popular and largest picnic areas on the Parkway, along with camping, boating and fishing on Price Lake, and ample opportunities to explore the mountains on hiking trails. Grandfather Mountain, at 5,964 feet, rises majestically nearby.

The wilderness appeal of forested highlands and cold mountain streams at Price Park welcomes those who want to enjoy the outdoors. The Green Knob Trail, Boone Fork Trail, and Price Lake Trail offer ample hiking opportunities. The Tanawha Trail, perhaps the crowning achievement of all Parkway trails, stretches 13.5 miles from Price Park to Beacon Heights, paralleling the Parkway and rising along the slopes of Grandfather Mountain. A trek along the Tanawha Trail crosses fragile habitats and ecosystems, tunnels through laurel and rhododendron thickets, and crosses many boulder fields and cascading streams.

During the summer, rangers present programs on various topics at the amphitheater located in the campground. Whether delighting in the calm waters while driving across the dam, camping, picnicking, or experiencing the Parkway by foot, most visitors will understand why Price Park is one of the most popular of all Parkway stops.

Points to Ponder



WHERE ARE THE BEARS?

In both Virginia and North Carolina, the bear population is on the rise. Black bears are the largest mammals in the Appalachians, and like all wild animals, they tend to keep their distance from humans. Decades ago, visitors in many national parks saw more bears because the National Park Service did not know as much about managing bear populations as today. Specifically, unprotected garbage cans at overlooks and campgrounds attracted bears, caused problems with visitor safety, and problems with the overall health of the bear population. Today, on the Blue Ridge Parkway, we have bear-proof garbage cans and encourage visitors to take their trash back home. As a result, bears are acting more like bears!

Meadowbrook Inn - 711 Main Street - Spacious rooms & suites w/fireplaces & Jacuzzis. Restaurant, indoor pool, fitness center & complimentary breakfast. www.meadowbrook-inn.com or (800) 456-5456.

The Village Inns of Blowing Rock - Our 3 Inns are located within walking distance of Main Street. Rooms, suites & cottages available. Pet friendly. www.thevillageinnsofblowingrock.com (828) 295-3001.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Footsloggers - Sharing in your outdoor adventures for over 30 years. Hiking & climbing equipment, men's & ladies outer wear, footwear, paddle sports, eyewear. Come climb our 35' climbing tower - fun for all ages. Blowing Rock. (828) 262-5111. (828) 295-4453.

Parkway Craft Center - A shop of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, located in the Moses Cone Manor, Milepost 294, represents 400 artists of the Southern Appalachians on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Craft demonstrations offered from April to November. Open daily March 15 to November 30, 9-5 daily. Closed Thanksgiving. parkwaycraft@bellsouth.net (828) 295-7938.

292.7 **Moses H. Cone Memorial Park**, 3,600 acres. Many miles of horse and carriage trails, hiking, fishing.

294 **Historic Flat Top Manor House**; Parkway Craft Center; comfort station; visitor information, Park Store.

295 **Julian Price Memorial Park.** 4,344 acres. Campground, picnic area, lake, boating, fishing, trails. Alt. 3,400. Reservations for camping www.recreation.gov.

304.4 **Linn Cove Viaduct Information Center.** Visitor information, comfort station, publications. Trail access viaduct. Alt. 4,000.

305.2 **Junction Parkway and US 221.** 3 mi. west to Linville.

AVERY COUNTY, NC

Home of the Woolly Worm Festival. Christmas trees, top resorts & attractions, skiing hub. Located in the "High Country" in the western mountains of North Carolina. Avery County Chamber of Commerce, 4501 Tynecastle Hwy Unit #2, Banner Elk, NC 28604. Open Monday-Friday from 9-4 and Saturday & Sunday from 12-4. Website: www.averycounty.com. (800) 972-2183.

BANNER ELK, NC

10 miles north of Parkway on NC 184/194, exit at Milepost 305.2

Banner Elk Winery & Inn - Join us for wine tasting and tours Tuesday-Sunday from noon until 6:00. Enjoy our award-winning wines crafted from grapes grown in the High Country. You can stay for an afternoon with a picnic overlooking our pond, vineyards, and chipping & putting golf hole or for a weekend or longer at our exquisite estate inn located at the Winery. We look forward to your visit and are easily located 1 1/2 miles from the stoplight in Banner Elk. www.bannerelkwinery.com. (828) 260-1790, (828) 898-9090.

Best Western Mountain Lodge at Banner Elk - Located on Hwy. 184 only 7 miles from Milepost 304. Full service hotel. Seasonal packages. www.bestwesternbannerelk.com or call (877) 877-4553.



Flame Azalea

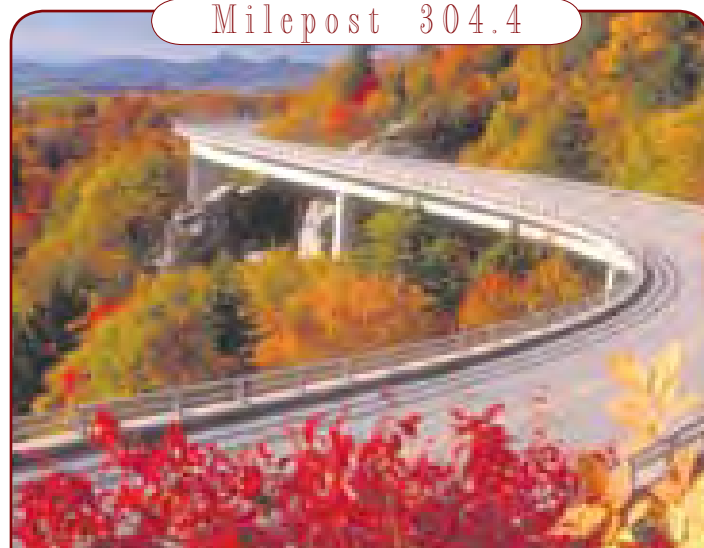
Smoketree Lodge - 12 miles south of Boone on Hwy 105. Nestled at the foot of Grandfather Mtn. Studio, one and two bedroom condos equipped with kitchenettes and DVD players. Heated indoor pool, saunas, Jacuzzi and cable TV. www.smoketree-lodge.com (800) 422-1880.

SUGAR MTN., NC

8 mi. from Parkway, exit MP 305.1, Hwy 221 S. to 184 N. Enjoy golf, tennis, hiking/biking, scenic lift rides, rafting, skiing, snowboarding, tubing, snowshoeing, and ice skating. Stay for one of our special events like the Shag at Sugar, Oktoberfest or Sugar-Fest. Ample lodging from efficiency to large homes, for information visit www.seesugar.com or call (866) 797-8427.

Sugar Mountain Accommodations Center - Located off Hwy 184 at the main entrance of Sugar Mtn. We offer delightful vacation chalets & condos all over Sugar Mtn. All properties are fully furnished & equipped including fireplaces & kitchens. Call 800-545-9475 for friendly assistance or book online anytime at www.staysugar.com.

Milepost 304.4



LINN COVE VIADUCT

A seven mile unfinished section of the Blue Ridge Parkway was delayed for twenty years as environmentalists, adjacent landowners, engineers, and architects put their skills together on how to preserve the scenic and fragile environment on the slopes of Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina. The resulting Linn Cove Viaduct is a symbol of pride to landscape architects and engineers for its marriage of beauty with utility and habitat protection.

Visitors here will gain an appreciation for the relationship between the building of the Linn Cove Viaduct and the overall Parkway design and engineering, as well as its role in protecting the fragile habitat on Grandfather Mountain.

From the first explosion of colorful wildflowers in the spring to the refreshing coolness of summer to the fall extravaganza of color to the beauty of snow covered peaks in winter, each season provides the traveler with a completely different Parkway experience.

Sugar Mountain Resort Accommodations - 3390 Tynecastle Hwy 184 at Sugar Mountain. Fully equipped homes, condos, cabins, on Mtn. Rent by day/wk/mo. Real estate sales. MLS. Book online 24/7. www.staysugarmountain.com. (800) 438-4555.

BEECH MTN., NC

Highest town in eastern US. Alt. 5506'. Temperatures rarely climb above 75 degrees. Enjoy golf, tennis, hiking and biking in summer and the finest skiing, tubing and snowboarding in the Southeast in winter. Country inns, chalets, condos, restaurants, shops and a general mercantile that serves as the center of town life. Beech Mtn. Chamber of Commerce, 403A Beech Mountain Parkway, Beech Mountain, NC 28604. www.beechmtn.com (800) 468-5506 or (828) 387-9283.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Banner Elk/Beech Mountain Rentals - Fully furnished homes by day/week or month. 1 to 6 bedrooms. Golf, tennis, pool. 3455 S. Beech Mountain Parkway. (828) 387-4291.

Beech Mountain Chalet Rentals - Furnished chalets. Golf, tennis, pool, ski. 1-6 Br. 405 Beech Mtn. Parkway, Beech Mtn. NC 28604. www.skibeechmountainnc.com (828) 387-4231, (800) 368-7404.

LINVILLE, NC

3 miles from Parkway on US 221, exit at MP 305.1.

ATTRACTIONS

56th Grandfather Mountain Highland Games - July 12-15, 2012. America's finest gathering of Scottish Clans. Music, dancing, pageantry, athletic & children's events. www.gmhg.org (828) 733-1333.

Grandfather Mountain - Grandfather's lofty heights offer guests opportunities for rejuvenation, excitement and family memories in a natural haven that will endure forever. Marvel at 360-degree views from the Mile High Swinging Bridge, stand eye-to-eye with bears, cougars, otters, an eagle and deer in natural habitats and interact with our friendly, knowledgeable staff. Two miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway Viaduct; one mile from Parkway. Take Linville Exit, MP 305 to US 221. Open daily 8 am to dusk (weather permitting in winter). www.grandfather.com Phone (828) 733-4337 or (800) 468-7325.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Pixie Motor Inn - Intersection of NC 105 and US 221. 25 Grade A units. Electric heat. Grade A Cafe nearby. Color television. Free ice for cooler. Air conditioned. (828) 733-2597.

The River Dog Coffeehouse & Cafe - World-class coffee and espresso, gourmet sandwiches, salads, served in Old Linville lodge atmosphere. B'fast, lunch. Wireless internet. Linville Village, 3.8 mi. frn Pkwy, U.S. 221 S. (828) 733-9333.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Everything Scottish - 3 miles on 221. Open every day all year. Scottish imports with bagpipes, kilts, jewelry, books, music & more. www.everythingscottish.com (888) 606-KILT.

308.2 Flat Rock Parking Area. Self-guiding nature trail to superb view of Linville Valley and Grandfather Mountain.

NEWLAND, NC

8 miles north of Spruce Pine off 19E, exit at Milepost 305.1.

Secluded Valley RV Campground - 8 miles North of Spruce Pine on 19E. 5 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway. 30 & 50 amp full hookups, children & pets welcome, level & spacious sites. www.secludedvalleyrvcampground.com (828) 765-4810.

PINEOLA, NC

2 miles north of Parkway on US 221, exit at Milepost 305.1 or 312.

Christa's Country Corner - General store, deli, ice cream, clothing and gifts. Choose and cut Christmas trees. Straight across from Entrance/Exit. Mile Marker 312 Morganton - Pineola Exit. (828) 733-3353.

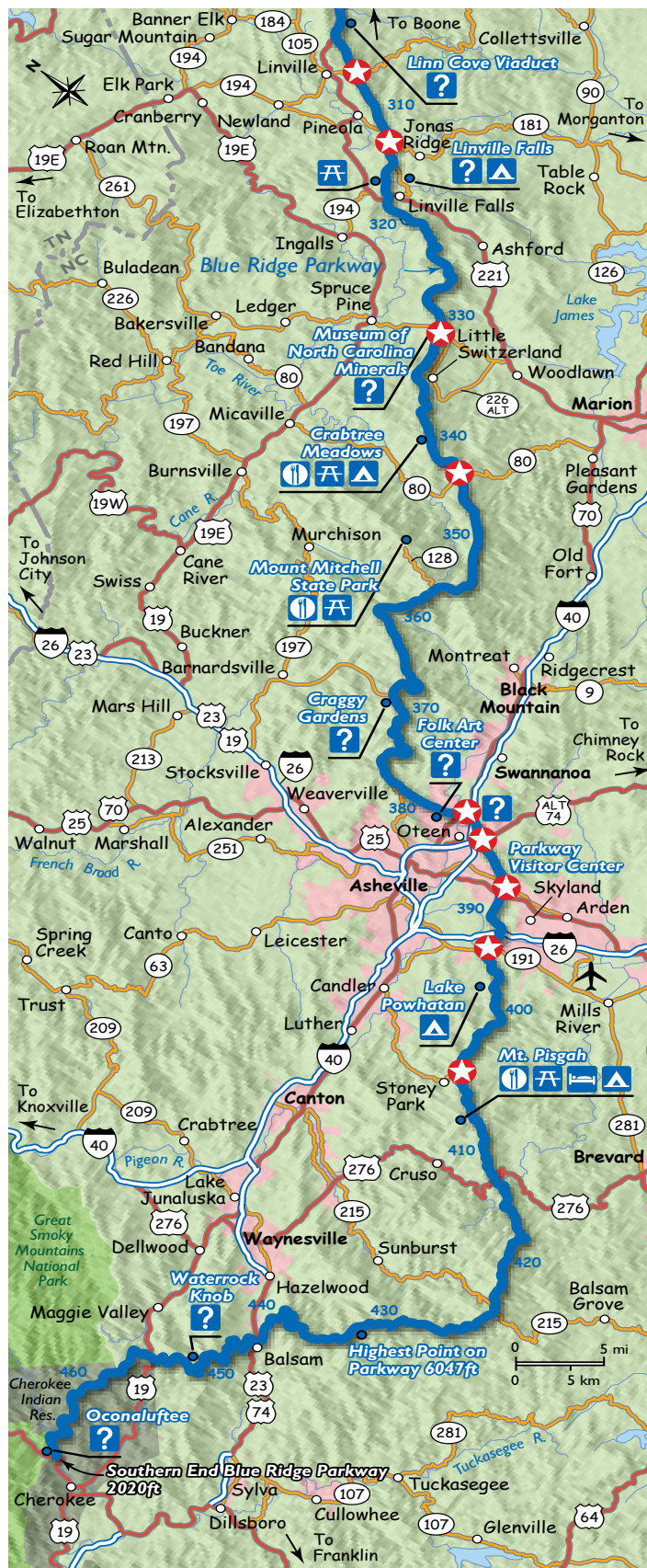
Down by the River Campground - 292 River Campground Rd. At MP 312, Right on Hwy 181 North, 1 mile down on left. 30 & 50 amp service, hot showers, spacious, level sites, laundry. (May-Oct.) www.downbytherivercampground.com (828) 733-5057.

Pineola Inn - US 221 3 mi. S of Linville. 1.5 mi off Milepost 312. 40 rooms, clean, reasonable rates, AC, CATV, microfridges, log cabins, honeymoon suites with Jacuzzis, cross country skiing, sales & rentals. www.PineolaInn.com (828) 733-4979 or 733-2008.

312 NC 181 Crossover, 32 miles southeast to Morganton, 2 mi. north to Pineola.



Boone Fork Overlook - Price Lake



MAP KEY: Refer to page 13 for explanation of symbols



Milepost 305.2, US 221 at Grandfather Mountain to Milepost 412.2

CROSSNORE, NC

6 miles south of Linville off Hwy 221, exit at Milepost 305.9 or 312.

Crossnore Weavers & Gallery - "A working museum." Traditional hand woven textiles produced since 1920. Open Mon-Sat. Off Hwy 221 in Crossnore. (800) 374-4660. www.crossnoreweavers.org

316.3 Linville Falls. Visitor Center. Campground and picnic area. Trail to overlooks of falls and gorge. For camping reservations www.recreation.gov.

316.4 Linville River Parking Area. One of the Parkway's largest stone arch bridges. Three spans of 80 feet each. Fish in Linville River. Picnic area. Comfort Station. Alt. 3,250. Take Spur Rd. to Linville Falls, campground and visitor center.

317.4 South 1 mi. to Linville Falls community.
24 mi. to Marion.

LINVILLE FALLS, NC

1 mile south of Parkway on US 221, exit at MP 317.4.

ATTRACTIONS

Linville Caverns - North Carolina's only show caverns. Open daily March thru November, Dec.-Jan.-Feb. weekends only. Courteous, experienced guides, outstanding gift shop. Located on US 221 between Linville and Marion, just 4 miles south of the Parkway-Exit Parkway at Milepost 317.4. Turn left on US 221 toward Linville Falls and Marion. Email: info@linvillecaverns.com (800) 419-0540. www.linvillecaverns.com

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Cross Creek Cabins - Five cozy log cabins, 2 miles from Parkway, MP 315. 1, 2, & 3 bedrooms, open all year and pet friendly. Quiet, peaceful, with ponds, creek, and walking distance to Linville "water" Falls & gorge entrance. M/C & Visa. www.crosscreekcabins.com (828) 765-9701.

The Inn At Blue Ridge - MP 317.4 - 5 mi South on Hwy 221. A beautiful Bed & Breakfast. 12 large rooms with fire-place, refrigerator, private deck & adjacent to golf course. www.theinnatblueridge.com (828) 756-7001 toll free (866) 756-7001.

Linville River Cottage - MP 317.4. North on US 221 - 3 miles, on Linville River. Full kitchen, washer & dryer, Sat TV w/DVR, fireplace. Sleeps four. www.LinvilleRiverCottage.com. (828) 733-4984.

Linville Falls Lodge & Cottages - MP 317.4, US 221S 1 mile to Rt. 183, left. Restaurant (ABC permit), Walk to falls & gorge. www.linvillefallsllodge.com (800) 634-4421.

Linville Falls Trailer Lodge & Campground - Milepost 317, left (south) on US 221, 500 ft. Beautifully shaded, full hookup sites. Separate wooded tent area. Cabin, trailer rental. Hot showers, playground, laundry. May 1-Nov. 1. www.linvillefalls.com (828) 765-2681.

Parkview Cabin - Romantic getaway two bedroom cabin with fireplace, & Jacuzzi. Full kitchen. Private mountain location. Wrap around deck with scenic views. (828) 765-4787.

Parkview Lodge - Milepost 316.4, 500 ft. south of Parkway on US 221. Private guest rooms, 1 bedroom suite, & secluded cabins available. TV, swimming pool, crafts, wine & beer shop. Free breakfast with guest room. Open all year. www.parkviewlodge.com. (828) 765-4787.

320.7 Chestoa View offers an unusually fine view from one of the many vertical cliffs on Humpback Mountain.

Bear Den Campground - Blue Ridge Parkway @ MP 324.8. 400 acres, 144 sites. Tents to RV's. Campin' cabins. Apr-Oct 31. 600 Bear Den Mtn. Rd., Spruce Pine, NC 28777. www.bear-den.com (828) 765-2888.

Creek Side Cabins - Blue Ridge Pkwy MP 324.8. Fully furnished with all amenities including Jacuzzi, fireplace. Cabins for 2-10 guests. Open yr. round. www.bear-den.com (828) 765-2888.



Chestoa View

LINVILLE FALLS

The colonial botanist Mark Catesby observed, described, and sketched the natural world of the Blue Ridge for seven years in the eighteenth century. His particular interest was the extensive network of streams and rivers arising along the mountains and gathering volume and speed as they descended to the coastal plain and beyond.

"The larger rivers in Carolina and Virginia," he wrote, "have their sources in the Appalachian Mountains, generally springing from rocks, and forming cascades and waterfalls... uniting into single streams... innumerable brooks and rivulets, all which contribute to form and supply the large rivers." Here at Linville Falls, Catesby's descriptions become real for the Parkway visitor.

The Linville River flows from its beginning point high on the steep slopes of Grandfather Mountain and cascades through two falls as it begins a nearly 2,000 foot descent through a rugged and spectacularly beautiful gorge. The Cherokee knew this river as "Eeseeh" or "river of cliffs," and a hike into the gorge leaves no doubt about the origin of the name.

Towering hemlocks, dense stands of rhododendron and native wildflowers grow along the trails that encircle the falls. Little wonder this is one of the Parkway's top destinations. And what awaits the visitor who hikes down from the visitor center at Linville? A forested gorge of virgin timber stands as pristine and primitive as in the days when only Native Americans called this place home. The aquatic and forest ecology and the unique geological stories told here make a visit special.

In the early days of Parkway planning, under the shade of a hemlock tree above the falls, philanthropist John D. Rockefeller was treated to a fine picnic lunch and convinced of the necessity of protecting this piece of Appalachian scenery. The lunch was spread out within earshot of sawmills that had already begun timbering the area. After some months of negotiations, Mr. Rockefeller agreed to "pick up the tab" for the Linville Falls property, ensuring protection for Parkway visitors today.

We may not immediately think of the Blue Ridge Parkway as a park rich in water resources. But from Native Americans to colonial botanists and 21st century tourists, the waterways and streams of the Blue Ridge have played a vital role in the overall ecology and unsurpassed beauty of our region. The Blue Ridge Parkway, like all national parks, is set aside to protect these special parts of our world.

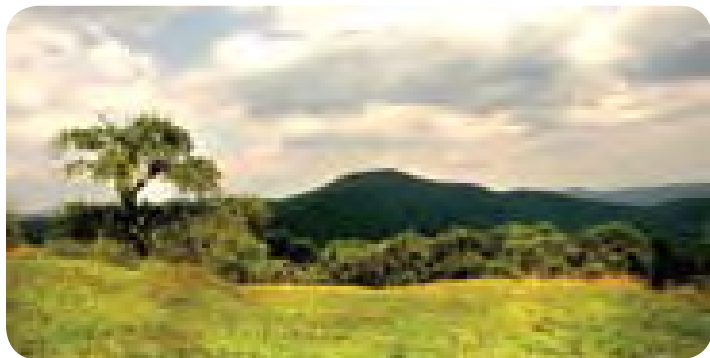
MARION, NC

24 miles from Parkway via US 221, exit at Milepost 317.4.

Buck Hill Campground - Hwy 19E, 8 miles from Parkway on Toe River, panoramic mountain views, hiking, trout fishing, Wi-Fi, TV/ Game Room, laundry, bath houses. buckhillrvcampground@gmail.com (828) 766-6162.

McDOWELL COUNTY, NC

You'll feel a change the minute you arrive in McDowell County. Our down-home southern welcome can bring a smile to even the most stressed out face. Our winding roads and mountain vistas are renowned for untying the knots in over-worked shoulders and we've yet to meet a pair of feet that could resist the toe-tapping sound of our mountain music. In McDowell County you won't find tourist glitz or big city sprawl. Just real people, real beauty and real fun. www.McDowellNC.org or (888) 233-6111.



Orchard at Altapass

The Altapass Orchard - MP 328, Family fun, storytelling, hayrides, free music - Sat, Sun, Wed-Friday, fudge, ice cream, gifts, apples, books, crafts, seasonal 5/15 - 10/31. (888) 765-9531.

331

NC 226 Crossover. 6 mi. north to Spruce Pine. 14 mi. south to Marion.

331

Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail - Commemorates the campaign leading up to the American victory at Kings Mountain in 1780. Route crosses the Blue Ridge Parkway at Gillespie Gap, near the Mineral Museum. Administered by the National Park Service. www.nps.gov/ovvi.

PENLAND, NC

8 miles north of Parkway via NC 226N, exit at Milepost 331.

Penland Gallery - At Penland School of Crafts in Mitchell County, featuring fine contemporary crafts and information about area studios. Open Tues-Sun from early March to mid-Dec. Exit Parkway at US 226; follow 226N 7.5 miles; turn onto Penland Rd; follow signs to Penland School. Call (828) 765-6211.

MITCHELL COUNTY, NC

Exit Milepost 331. Gem mining, gem & mineral shops, Gem & Mineral Festival, Rhododendron Festival, whitewater rafting, Appalachian Trail/Roan Mountain, Penland School of Crafts, NC's largest indoor recreational facility. For accommodations, event dates & attractions, contact: Chamber of Commerce, 79 Parkway Rd., Spruce Pine, NC 28777. Email: info@mitchell-county.com. Web site: www.mitchell-county.com (828) 765-9483 or (800) 227-3912.

McDowell County, NC

Gold, gems and other mountain treasures are less than 2 hours from Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Charlotte and Greenville/ Spartanburg!

Discover Our Natural Side!

There are NO BOUNDARIES when it comes to outdoor fun and recreation in our spectacular stretch along the Blue Ridge Parkway, with hiking and waterfall trails between Crabtree Falls and Linville Falls. Idyllic Little Switzerland, MP 334, hosts unique, locally owned restaurants, a general store, galleries and shops. Mine for gold and gems, cycle the Parkway or visit the Orchard at Altapass. Spirited? Ask about the Diamondback, not the snake!

Looking for a "great drive?" Linville Golf Club is minutes from MP 317.4/Hwy. 221S, as are Linville Caverns, great food & lodging. Then on to Marion, "Where Main Street Meets the Mountains," with vintage shops, galleries, restaurants and specialty stores.

Detour to Old Fort, MP 344/Hwy. 80-S(Rt. at Hwy. 70-W), a N.C. Mountain Trout Town known for its bluegrass traditions, railroad and Native American roots. Stop by our visitor center and railroad museum inside the historic train depot, c. 1881 at 25 West Main Street.

877-337- 6754 • www.blueridgedrives.org



Catawba River Greenway, Marion

Don't Miss:

- Linville Caverns
- Curtis Creek Recreation Area
- Point Lookout Trail (Bike or Hike)
- Historic Carson House
- South Creek Vineyard
- Catawba Falls
- Pristine Trout Streams
- Lake James - 6,510 acres
- 2 State Parks at Lake James
- Mountain Gateway Museum
- Davidson's Fort
- Catawba River Greenway

SPRUCE PINE, NC

6 miles north of Parkway via NC 226, exit at Milepost 331.

ATTRACTIONS

Museum of North Carolina Minerals - Junction of Parkway & NC 226. Features minerals found in North Carolina and regional geology. County Chamber of Commerce Office. Restrooms. Open daily year-round.

Gem Mountain - 13780 Hwy. 226S 1 mile from Parkway MP 331. Open March-December Monday-Saturday. As seen on the Learning and Travel channels. Gem mine rain or shine. www.gemmountain.com Call (888) 817-5829.

Plumtree Zipline Canopy Tours - off the Parkway at MP 331 near Spruce Pine. Fly through the trees on a 2.5 hour tour plus exceptional lunch. www.plumtreecanopytours.com (866) 699-2408.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Peak Mountain Cottages & Retreat Center - On 300 acres 7 miles N of Pkwy. Room to play or relax. Hiking trails, clear mtn streams. 460 Rabbit Hop Rd near Penland. Individuals, families or groups up to 25. www.peakmountaincottages.com (828) 765-9559.

Pinebridge Inn - 207 Pinebridge Ave. Former Harris school-house, built in the early 1900's. Modern amenities with historic charm. Gem mining and choose & cut Christmas tree packages. www.pinebridgeinn.com (800) 356-5059.

Pine Valley Motel - Clean, modern, rooms, apt. 42 unit - all first floor, micro/fridge in rooms. Free local calls. 2 Diamond AAA. 4 mi on NC 226N from MP 331 - Mineral Museum. Laundromat on site, wireless internet. Open all year. www.pinevalley.com (866) 671-2246.

Springmaid Mountain Campground/Cabins - Retreat, horses/tubing/fishing. 7 mi N of MP 331 @ 2171 Henredon Rd. Year round. www.springmaidmountain.com (888) 297-0725.



Mount Mitchell Observation Platform

Spruce Pine Campground - MP 331, NC 226N to Woody's Chair Shop, Dale Rd. left 1 mi. May 1-Oct full hook-ups, hot showers. PO Box 354, Spruce Pine, NC. www.sprucepinecampground.com e-mail: spcamp1@juno.com (828) 765-7007.

Spruce Pine Motel - Mineral Museum Exit. 226 N cross 19 E to downtown Spruce Pine, then R on Oak Ave. Clean and comfortable rooms at an affordable rate. 3 nt. special, DSL, pets w/fee, fridge/micro. (828) 765-9344.

Milepost 364



The name here is appropriate - Craggy Gardens. Twisted, jagged, rocky "craggs" give the place its name, but these high elevation summits are home to the most spectacular floral display along the 469 mile Parkway corridor. For generations, visitors have headed for the Craggies in mid to late June, typically the prime time for viewing the pink and purple blooms of Catawba rhododendrons that blanket much of the area.

In addition to the "rhodies," the Craggies turn red in the fall with a spectacular show of mountain ash berries that can cast a scarlet glow over the entire area. The same species dominates parts of the highlands of Scotland as well and "craggy" is a term that many of the early settlers brought from their homeland to describe the rugged Blue Ridge.

High elevations such as Craggy Gardens yield an abundance of wildflowers and rare plants. From a distance, treeless areas such as the craggies appear bare and have become known as "balds." There are two types of appalachian balds... grassy and heath. The former are dominated by grasses, wildflowers and occasional members of the heath family. Heath balds are typically home to low growing rhododendron, mountain laurel, blueberries and flame Azalea. Although these balds are disappearing for reasons that are unclear, both can still be found at the craggies. Because of the presence of rare and endangered plants, easily damaged by careless hikers, please stay on the trails - for their safety and for your own!

Harsh weather can invade these exposed, high elevation ridgetops, resulting in the gnarled forests of twisted beech, birch, and buckeye. At 5,500 feet elevation, weather conditions here are severe. Strong winds, ice storms, and the short growing season dwarf and twist anything that dares to grow here.

With or without warning, severe weather can come to the Craggies, so always be prepared for colder temperatures and high winds.



Craggy Gardens

Woody's Cottages - MP331, NC 226N. Approx 3 mi to Dale Rd, left 1 mi to Woody Lane. Fully furnished. Open Apr-Nov. Quiet wooded setting. 1 wk min. www.woodycottages.com. (828) 765-2418.

SHOPPING

Blue Ridge Soap Shed - See soap made. Enjoy 130 Varieties of handmade soap in retail shop. Open 10-5 Mon-Sat, April-December. 6/10th mi. from Parkway MP 331 on NC 226N toward Spruce Pine@179 Meadow View Rd. Web orders welcome year-round. Visit www.soapshed.com or call (828) 765-6001.

334 NC 226A Crossover to Little Switzerland.

LITTLE SWITZERLAND, NC

Just off Parkway on Rt. 226A, exit at Milepost 334.

ATTRACTIONS

Emerald Village - 3 miles from Little Switzerland (follow signs). Open 7 days April-October. Gem mining in a real mine! Underground museum, waterfall, & shops. Fun for the entire family! www.emeraldvillage.com (828) 765-6463.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Alpine Inn - Authentic mountain inn, estab. in 1929, with unsurpassed views. Sunrises. Quaint cozy rooms, all with views and balconies from most. All with private baths. Breakfast optional. Open late Apr.-early Nov. Reasonable rates! Exit at Little Switzerland from Parkway. Right on 226A, one mile. P.O. Box 477, Little Switzerland NC 28749. www.alpineinnnc.com (828) 765-5380.

Big Lynn Lodge - An old fashioned Mountain Inn that gives you home cooked dinner and breakfast in the price of your stay. Breathtaking view at 3100' elev. Golf, horseback riding, hiking, and gem mines nearby. Take the Spruce Pine exit, go left for 1 1/2 miles to the lodge. Open early April to the end of October. 42 units. Hwy 226A, Little Switzerland, NC 28749. Motorcycle friendly! info@biglynnlodge.com. www.biglynnlodge.com. Reservations: (800) 654-5232, Office (828) 765-4257.

Points to Ponder BICYCLING

There are wonderful bicycling opportunities on the Parkway itself and on all paved roads in campgrounds and picnic areas. Most park trails are narrow, steep, and winding and are not designed for safe use by both hikers and bicyclists. Dirt roads and trails designed specifically for off-road bicycles are numerous in the four national forests that the Parkway travels through. The Parkway is currently developing a General Management Plan that will guide park management for decades to come. The issue of bicycling is a part of this planning document (nps.gov/blri).

La Petite Chalet - A Bed & Breakfast lodging choice of excellence. Experience the charm of the village center. Across from the Switzerland Café. Book one or both rooms and have your own private upscale pied-a-terre. www.lapetitechalet.com (888) 828-1654.

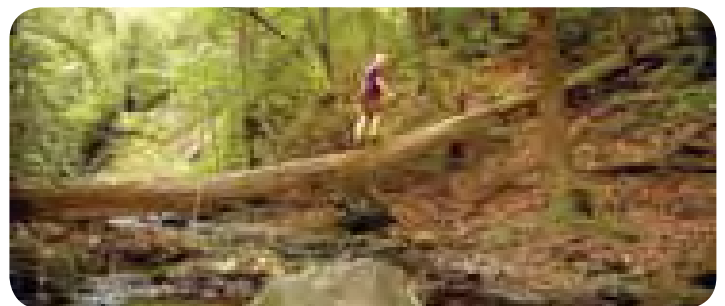
Switzerland Cafe & General Store - Hwy 226A, Milepost 334. Open 7 days. Breakfast, lunch & weekend dinners. Imported beers, wines & cheeses, picnic supplies, T-shirts, crafts. www.switzerlandcafe.com (828) 765-5289.

Switzerland Inn & Chalet Restaurant - Located directly on Parkway. Established in 1910. Variety of accommodations including mountain view suites, cottages & rooms in the main lodge. Chalet Restaurant serves three meals daily. Gracious casual atmosphere with old world charm. Tennis, golf privileges, swimming, shuffleboard, unique shops on property. Milepost 334. PO Box 399, Little Switzerland, NC 28749. www.switzerlandinn.com. (828) 765-2153 (800) 654-4026.

Timberline Vacation Rentals - 2-12 guests. Near Blue Ridge Pkwy. Golf or lakeside. Fully furnished. Pets Welcome. www.TimberlineNC.com (800) 321-4342.

339.5 Crabtree Falls. 250 acres. Hiking, camping, comfort station, drinking water, information, Wi-Fi. 40 minute walk to Crabtree Falls.

340.4 Crabtree Falls, picnic area.



Crabtree Falls



Relax at Craggy Gardens Visitor Center 1 Milepost 364.4

344 **Buck Creek Gap**, NC 80 Crossover. North 16 mi. to Burnsville, south 16 miles to Marion.

BURNSVILLE, NC

Enjoy small town charm with Bed & Breakfasts, inns, handmade crafts, shops, summer theatre, golf, hiking, camping, musical events & festivals on Burnsville's Town Square.

www.yanceychamber.com (800) 948-1632.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Clear Creek Guest Ranch - Horseback riding, home cooked meals, cook-outs, pool & hot tubs. Fishing, tubing, golf, & whitewater.

www.clearcreekranch.com (800) 651-4510.

The Historic Nu Wray Inn - Est. 1833. Hearty "family-style" breakfast. Join famous travelers Mark Twain, Elvis Presley & others. www.NuWrayInn.com (828) 682-2329.

SHOPPING & RECREATION

Mount Mitchell Golf Club - 18-hole public course. Full service clubhouse. 2 mi from Pkwy MP 344. Vacation rentals. www.mountmitchellgolf.com. (828) 675-4923.

Something Special Gift Shop - Downtown Burnsville. A unique shop in a country store setting. Mon.-Sat. 9-6. www.somethingspecialgiftshop.com. (828) 682-9101.

355.4 NC 128. To Mount Mitchell State Park. Highest Peak in Eastern U.S.A., Observation Tower, Tent Camping Area, Trails, Nature Study, Picnic Area, Natural History Museum, Restaurant. (May-October).

364.4 Craggy Gardens Visitor Center. Information, exhibits, publications. (May-October) Trails.

MARS HILL/MADISON COUNTY, NC

North of Asheville, via I-26/ US 25 & 70/US 19 & 23

Nantahala Outdoor Center - Visit Asheville's favorite outfitter now located at The Grove Park Inn. Shop the best brands in outdoor gear, apparel and accessories. Get outside and experience the mountains with family-friendly to high-adventure private guide services. Over 40 years experience in whitewater rafting, kayaking, hiking, fly fishing, mountain biking and canopy tours. Custom tours also available. Open year round. Visit www.noc.com. (800) 232-7238.

Blue Ridge National Heritage Area

Start your journey through the lush green forests and mystical blue mountains of the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area at the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center.

Two Great Ways to Explore the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area

Located just outside Asheville, N.C., at Parkway Milepost 384, the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center features two information desks, museum-quality exhibits, a 22-foot interactive map and an award-winning 24-minute movie about the Parkway and the unique culture of the Western North Carolina mountains. Kiosks and a gift shop also welcome visitors to learn more about the many things to see and do on the Parkway and in our historical, quaint small towns throughout Western North Carolina.

Expand your journey with the purchase of the Go Blue Ridge Card. This multi-attraction pass, available at the Visitor Center, can save you up to 35% over individual ticket prices at more than 30 of the area's top attractions.

The Blue Ridge National Heritage Area — protecting, preserving and celebrating one of the most beautiful regions on earth and the cultural heritage of the people who shaped its history and traditions.



Blue Ridge National Heritage Area
Offices at the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center
195 Hemphill Knob Road • Asheville, NC 28803

828.298.5330
www.blueridgeheritage.com

367.6 **Spur to Craggy Gardens.** Picnic area, Comfort Station, trails.

376.6 **NC 694, Ox Creek Road.** Scenic Elk Mountain Highway. 8 miles to Weaverville. 7 miles to Asheville.

WEAVERVILLE, NC

10 miles north of Asheville on US 19-23.

Dry Ridge Inn B&B - A relaxed small town B&B. 10 minutes from downtown Asheville, the Biltmore, and the Parkway. www.dryridgeinn.com/blue (800) 839-3899.

Ox-Ford Farm B&B Inn - Original working mountain farm. Cattle, sheep, poultry. Very private, beautiful location. Great breakfast. 2 mi. MP 375 www.ox-fordfarm.com (828) 658-2500.

377.4 **NC 694. Town Mountain Road.** 7 Miles to Asheville.

BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC

"The Front Porch of WNC." Unique craft shops, large antique malls, Old Depot Craft Center, Bed & Breakfasts, variety of restaurants. Hiking, biking trails, camping, festivals, nightly music clubs. Chamber of Commerce, 201 E. State St. (828) 669-2300.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Mama Gertie's Hideaway Campground - MP 382.6 Go East on Hwy. 70, Six miles to Patton Cove, turn right. Go 1/2 mile thru residential area. RV sites, tenting, cabins, exceptionally clean, open all year. www.mamagerties.com (877) 686-4258.

SHOPPING & RECREATION

Carolina Foam Fabric & Home Decor - I-40 Exit 64 behind Pizza Hut, 5 miles east of Parkway on I-40. Area's largest selection of dress, upholstery and drapery fabric. (828) 669-2400.

Town Hardware & General Store - Three historic buildings full of old-fashioned tools, toys and housewares plus lots more. Open 7 days/wk. 103 W. State Street, Black Mountain. www.townhardware.com (828) 669-7723.

Tyson Furniture - More than 300 lines of fine furniture & accessories. Discounted prices. Nationwide delivery. 9-5:30 Mon-Sat. I-40 exit 64 Black Mtn. www.tysonfurniture.com (828) 669-5000.

382.0 **Folk Art Center** - Parkway information station, publications. Headquarters of Southern Highland Craft Guild, craft sales, demonstrations and exhibits, interpretive talks and other programs, conferences, craft library, auditorium and Guild offices. Hours: Daily 9-5. Hours extended in summer. (handicapped friendly).

382.6 **Junction Parkway and US 70.** West 1 mi. to Oteen, 5 mi. to Asheville. East 10 mi. to Black Mountain.

384 **Blue Ridge Parkway Headquarters** is located just off the Parkway at Milepost 383. Information may be obtained by writing to this address: 199 Hemphill Knob Rd, Asheville, NC 28803 or calling (828) 298-0398. Detailed information may be found on the National Park Service's Parkway Web Site at www.nps.gov/blri Brochures also available in French, German & Spanish.

384 **Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center** - Information desk, museum quality exhibits, a 22-foot interactive map and a dramatic 24-minute Parkway movie. Open daily 9-5. www.blueridgeheritage.com. (828) 298-5330.

384.7 **US 74A Crossover.** West 3 mi. to Asheville. East to Chimney Rock, Bat Cave, Gerton, and Lake Lure.

CHIMNEY ROCK & GERTON, NC

25 miles SE of Asheville on US 64/74A, exit at Milepost 384.7.

ATTRACTIONS

Bubba O'Leary's General Store & Outfitters - Visit Bubba the dog at his charming, old-timey store. Play checkers or enjoy a little coke, penny candy, and 10¢ coffee. Downtown Chimney Rock. www.bubbaolearys.com (828) 625-2479.

Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park - incredible 75-mile views of Hickory Nut Gorge and Lake Lure. Something for everyone from the family-friendly Great Woodland Adventure to the adventurous Four Seasons trail. Stroll the Hickory Nut Falls trail to stand under our 404' falls. Pet friendly. Seasonal hours. 40 min. from Asheville. www.chimneyrockpark.com (800) 277-9611.

Note: The Park is undergoing trail upgrades to improve accessibility for this and future generations. Visit www.chimneyrockpark.com/progress for important information.



Folk Art Center | Asheville, NC

FOOD, LODGING, & RECREATION

Chimney Rock Inn - Cozy rooms, private cottages with full kitchens. Jacuzzis, fireplaces, heated pool, beautiful gardens riverside. www.chimneyrockinn.net (800) 625-2003.

Hickory Nut Falls Family Campground - Tent, pop up, TR & MH. W&S 15 & 30 amp. Gm/Ld rm, hot showers. Apr-Oct. PO Box 97, Chimney Rock, NC. www.hickorynutfallsfamilycampground.com (828) 625-4014.

Valley Court Riverside Motel - King beds, A/C, heat, ceiling fans, private balcony over river and view of Chimney Rock Park. www.valleycourt.net (828) 625-4166.

LAKE LURE, NC

28 miles southeast of Asheville on US 74A, exit at Milepost 384.7.

Fox Run Townhouses - Lake Lure. Townhouses with full kitchens, fireplaces, washer/dryers and Jacuzzi tubs, golf, tennis and water activities. www.8664myvacation.com (866) 469-8222.

Lodge on Lake Lure - 17 rooms with lake views, private balconies, fireplaces. The only Lodge actually on Lake Lure! Includes a full breakfast each morning. www.lodgeonlakelure.com (800) 733-2785.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NC

Chimney Rock, Lake Lure, Rutherfordton, Forest City, Spindale - Small town America. Scenic mountain beauty in rural setting. Golf, tennis, hiking, swimming, camping, shopping. Lodging information call (800) 849-5998 www.rutherfordtourism.com.

ASHEVILLE, NC

This mountain resort city at Milepost 382.6 of the Blue Ridge Parkway beckons lovers of festivals, the outdoors, fine restaurants, distinctive shopping, and Biltmore Estate, a 250-room French Renaissance chateau. The Visitors Center at Exit 4C off I-240 is open every day 8:30 am to 5:30 pm M-F and 9-5 Sat. & Sun. www.exploreasheville.com (828) 258-6101.

ATTRACTIONS

Biltmore Estate - Enjoy once-in-a-lifetime experiences at Biltmore in Asheville, NC. Explore our refuge from the everyday at America's largest home®, magnificent gardens, winery, farm, restaurants, and shops. For a complete escape, relax in luxurious comfort at our Four-Star Inn on Biltmore Estate®, the only accommodations on estate grounds. Open daily. Annual events include: Festival of Flowers; Summer Evening Concerts; Flower Carpet; Christmas at Biltmore; and Candlelight Christmas Evenings. Located on US 25, just north of the Parkway and I-40. Plan your getaway online at www.biltmore.com or call 1-877-BILTMORE.

The North Carolina Arboretum - Entrance at MP 393. Enjoy gardens that reflect the southern Appalachian culture, trails, and bonsai collection. www.ncarboretum.org (828) 665-2492.

WNC Farmers Market - 570 Brevard Rd. Asheville Exit 47 I-40. Exit 33 I-26. Open daily. Enjoy local produce, crafts, plants and restaurant. FREE. www.wncfarmersmarket.org (828) 253-1691.

WNC Nature Center - MP 382.6, 75 Gashes Creek Rd. 60+ native species of the Southern Appalachians. Cougars, bears, otters, red wolves & more! 10-5 daily. www.wncnaturecenter.com (828) 298-5600.

Asheville, NC

Discover a destination with a style and rhythm all its own. Asheville. Any way you like it.

This is no ordinary mountain vacation. Here, surprises wait around every corner, filling your senses with art, architecture and cuisine that mix mountain with modern, classic with country, elegant with unexpected. It's a place of beauty, both natural and man-made, both of which will inspire you. In Asheville, you'll discover a destination with a style and rhythm all its own, inviting you to enrich your life with a vacation experience of your own design.

Make your first stop the Asheville Visitor Center at 36 Montford Ave., where you can take advantage of a visitor concierge service to help you book your room, purchase Asheville souvenirs, hop aboard a trolley for a historic guided tour of the Asheville area or ride around downtown on a Segway.

Asheville invites you to experience something more here – something as unique as you are. It's a place unlike any other on earth. Let us share who we are with you. It's pure Asheville. Any way you like it.



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Autumn brings a spectacular display of color to the mountains

FINE ARTS & CRAFTS

Bellagio - showcases exquisite collections of distinctive clothing, jewelry and decorative accessories by acclaimed American artists in an opulent boutique setting. This gallery is located steps away from its sister gallery, New Morning Gallery. 5 Biltmore Plaza, Exit Milepost 388.8. For more info www.bellagioarttowear.com e-mail: bellagioart2wear@bellsouth.net (800) 933-4438.

Blue Spiral 1 - presents contemporary Southeastern fine art and crafts through over 25 annual exhibitions in a stunning three-level, 14,00 sq. ft. setting. The gallery features the work of one hundred regional artists. This spacious gallery is located in downtown Asheville, one block South of Pack Square. 38 Biltmore Ave; Exit Milepost 388.8. E-mail: info@bluespiral1.com. For more info (828) 251-0202. www.bluespiral1.com.

Folk Art Center - Milepost 382. Home facility of the Southern Highland Craft Guild. Features craft shop of regional crafts, 3 exhibition galleries, daily craft demonstrations, special events. Parkway information and bookstore. National Park Service programs during season. Open daily 9-6 April-Dec; 9-5 Jan-March. Web site: www.southernhighlandguild.org (828) 298-7928.

Grand Bohemian Art Gallery - This unique gallery showcases over 100 works of art by local, regional & internationally recognized artists designed to inspire the collector in all of us. Located in Biltmore Village. (888) 717-8756.

New Morning Gallery - A fine crafts destination for over 30 years, offers a unique selection of hand-crafted furniture, home accessories, pottery, glass, jewelry, garden sculpture and other imaginative gifts by American artisans in a 12,500 sq. ft. setting. The gallery is located in Historic Biltmore Village, two blocks from Biltmore Estate's entrance. 7 Boston Way; Exit Milepost 388.8. e-mail: newmorning@bellsouth.net; For more info: (800) 933-4438. www.newmorninggallerync.com.

Stuart Nye Hand Wrought Jewelry - World famous handcrafters of sterling, copper & brass jewelry. Visitors may see craftsmen at work Monday thru Friday 8:00-11:30 & 12:30-3:30. 1 mile west of Parkway on US 70 at 940 Tunnel Rd. No charge. Web: www.stuartnye.com

Blue Ridge National Heritage Area - Protecting, preserving & celebrating one of the most beautiful regions on earth, and the cultural heritage of those who shaped its history & traditions. Located in the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center, 195 Hemphill Knob Rd. www.blueridgeheritage.com (828) 298-5330.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

1847 Blake House Inn B&B - 150 Royal Pines Drive, S. Asheville - 3.5 mi from MP 388.8 - Pet & child-friendly. www.blakehouse.com (888) 353-5227.

Asheville Biltmore Fairfield Inn & Suites - Left onto 191, less than 2 miles on your left. Complimentary hot breakfast, Wi-Fi, and indoor pool. www.ashevillebiltmorefairfieldinn.com.

Asheville Cabins of Willow Winds - 25 Luxury cabins, 38 acres adjacent to B.R. Parkway & Mountain to Sea Trail. www.ashevillecabins.com (800) 235-2474.

Asheville East KOA Campground - 6 1/2 miles from Parkway. Go east on Hwy 70. Camping Kabins, lodges, RV & tent sites. 2 fishing lakes, pool, trout stream on 55 acres. Open year-round. www.ashevilleeastkoa.com (828) 686-3121 or (800) 562-5907.

Asheville West KOA - New Owners, New Attitude, New Fun! I-40 Exit 37, Minutes to Biltmore House, Gem Mining, River Rafting, Music, Arts & Crafts - Full Hookups, Tents & Kabins. (800) 562-9015.

Baymont Inn Biltmore - I-40 Exit 50 or 50B. Near Biltmore Estate & Biltmore Village. 2 miles north from Blue Ridge Parkway on US 25. Indoor pool & spa. Free Cont. Breakfast. AAA, AARP. (828) 274-2022 or toll free (877) 229-6668.

Bear Creek RV Park - Exit Rt. 191 from Parkway; I-40 Exit 47; or I-26 Exit 2. 3 miles north of Parkway off Rt. 191. 5 mins. Biltmore House. 90 full hookups, paved sites, pool, laundry. Open year round. www.ashevillebearcreek.com (800) 833-0798.

Bent Creek Lodge - 10 Parkway Crs. MP 394, Exit for NC Arboretum then 1/2 mile south on 191. Elegantly rustic lodge, mt. views, comfy beds, hiking trails, fireplace & great breakfast. 10 mi. to Asheville. www.bentcreekncc.com (877) 231-6574.

Points to Ponder

WERE SETTLERS ISOLATED?

Many settlers lived in remote hollows with little connection to urban areas while others developed communities. Places on the Parkway today that seem remote and contain only one or two buildings were, in some cases, connected to communities off of the mountain by well traveled roads. In Virginia, numerous "turnpikes" or toll roads were built across the narrow Blue Ridge during the 1840s and 1850s, connecting the Shenandoah Valley with coastal cities. By the late 1800s, industrialization brought factories and growth to many towns at the foot of the mountains, and some residents moved to these areas for jobs and better living conditions.

Campfire Lodgings - 7 mi. from dwt. Asheville. Mtn. top camping, full service RV sites, yurts & cliff house. Open year-round.
www.campfirelodgings.com (828) 658-8012.

Chestnut Street Inn - 176 East Chestnut Street. 1905 Grand Colonial Revival home is only a 5 block walk to downtown Asheville's many restaurants and shops, minutes from the Biltmore Estate and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Indulge yourself in our most distinctive, fully restored home. Its award-winning architectural charm includes accents of the original staircase, "courting bench," mantles, & beautiful large outdoor porches. Each guest room offers queen and king bed, private bath, antiques, luxury linens, soaps, custom robes and our homemade 3-course gourmet breakfast.
www.chestnutstreetinn.com (828) 285-0705.

Country Inn & Suites - 199 Tunnel Road. 3 miles from Parkway. 100% non-smoking, indoor pool & spa, free hot breakfast, 1 mile from downtown. (828) 254-4311.

Country Inn & Suites - I-26 Exit 33. 1 mile from Parkway. Free deluxe continental breakfast. Close to Biltmore Square Mall & Biltmore Estate. Outdoor heated pool, 2 room suites, some w/whirlpool. (828) 670-9000.

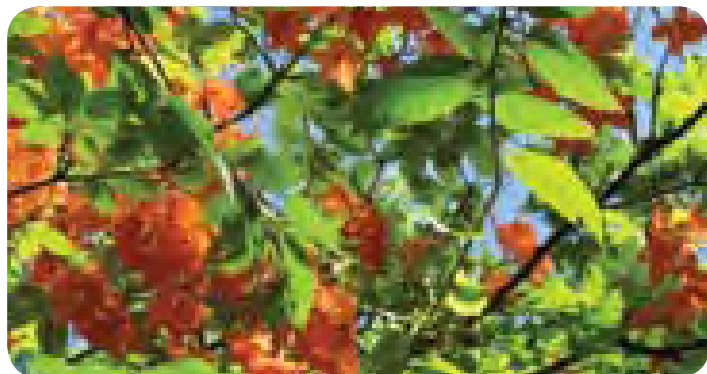
Courtyard by Marriott - 1 Buckstone Place. Exit Milepost 382, go 2.5 miles west on US 70. Breakfast buffet, indoor pool, spa, fitness center. www.courtyardasheville.com (800) 321-2211 or (828) 281-0041.

Crowne Plaza Resort Asheville - 1 mile from downtown Asheville exit 3A, 5 minutes from Parkway. Golf, tennis, restaurant, HBO, outdoor pool, lounge and wireless internet. In room "Sleep Advantage." www.crowneplaza.com/asheville (800) 733-3211.

Econo Lodge-Airport - Located at I-26 exit 40. Minutes to Blue Ridge Parkway, Biltmore House, airport, & WNC Agriculture Center. DSL wire & wireless. Cable TV. (828) 684-1200.

Econo Lodge Asheville - 190 Tunnel Rd M.P. 382.6 go 2.5 miles West on US 70. Motel is on right. MicroFridge. Wireless internet. Close to Asheville Mall, Biltmore Estate & Civic Center. Restaurant adj. (828) 254-9521.

Grand Bohemian Hotel Asheville - Located in Biltmore Village just steps away from the Biltmore Estate. 11 Boston Way, 3 miles from Parkway. Red Stag Grill, Spa & Art Gallery. (888) 717-8756.

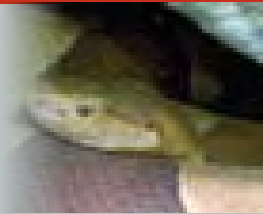


Early Spring gives birth to beautiful, bright Azaleas

Points to Ponder

SNAKES

Like all wild animals, snakes tend to shy away from humans. They play an important role in the ecosystem, feeding on small rodents and helping to keep those populations in balance. In these mountains, we have only two types of poisonous snakes, Copperhead and Timber Rattler. Chances are that you will not see any snakes while walking Parkway trails. On cool summer mornings or evenings, snakes will look for the warmest places such as rocks, pavement, or any place where the sun is beaming down through the canopy. Be aware, be alert, and stay on the trails!



Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa - 290 Macon Ave. via Charlotte St. Exit from downtown I-240. Historic inn on 140 acres. (828) 252-2711. Reservations: (800) 438-5800.

GuestHouse International Inn Biltmore - I-40 to exit 50 or exit 50B. Nearest to Biltmore Estate & Biltmore Village. 2 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway. Outdoor pool, deluxe Cont. breakfast. (828) 274-0101 or (800) 465-4329.

Hampton Inn Biltmore Square - Exit Milepost 393.6, go 2.5 miles north on Highway 191. Free Breakfast, indoor pool, spa. Close to Biltmore Square Mall and Biltmore Estate. www.ashevillehamptoninns.com (828) 667-2022.

Hampton Inn Tunnel Rd - Exit Milepost 382.6, go 2.5 miles west on US 70. Hotel is on the right. Free breakfast bar, indoor pool, spa, fitness center. Close to Asheville Mall and Biltmore Estate. www.ashevillehamptoninns.com (828) 255-9220.

Holiday Inn Biltmore East at the Blue Ridge Parkway - Exit one mile on US 70 East, hotel located on left. Mountain view rooms, pet friendly rooms, free hot breakfast & full service restaurant with cocktail service, fitness center, scenic seasonal heated outdoor pool. Only 7 minutes to Biltmore Estate and Downtown Asheville. www.biltmorehotels.com e-mail: hieast@ioa.com. (828) 298-5611.

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites - I-26 exit 33. Free hot continental breakfast, 1 mile from Parkway, pool, indoor heated spa, fitness center. (828) 665-6519.

Homewood Suites by Hilton - 88 Tunnel Rd - Exit milepost 382.6, go 3 miles west on US 70. Hotel is on right. Free Full breakfast, spacious suites, indoor pool. Close to Asheville Mall and Biltmore Estate www.ashevillehomewoodsuites.com (828) 252-5400.

The Mountaineer Inn - 155 Tunnel Rd. 1½ miles from Parkway MP 332.6. Clean, quiet rooms away from traffic, cont breakfast. Coffee & refrigerators in rooms. 1 mile from center of downtown & mall. www.mtinnasheville.homestead.com (800) 255-4080.

North Lodge on Oakland - 84 Oakland Rd, six-room elegant Inn, private baths, downtown 1 mile North, Biltmore Estate 1 mile South, MP 389, 5% disc for AAA, AARP members, www.northlodge.com (800) 282-3602.

Ramada Inn - 1/2 mile off Parkway at US 74 and I-240 Exit 8. 178 rooms, suites with kitchenettes and Jacuzzis. Playground area, pool, free continental breakfast. (828) 298-9141.

Ramada Biltmore West - I-40 Exit 44 Left ~ Indoor/outdoor pool, game room, complimentary hot breakfast, Wi-Fi, putt-putt. www.the.ramada.com/24033. (828) 667-4501.

Sleep Inn West - I-40, Exit 44 left, Near Cracker Barrel. Biltmore Estate and Biltmore Village 6 Mi. Blue Ridge Parkway 4 Mi. FREE Wireless Internet, FREE Hot Breakfast. Biltmore Packages Available. www.ashevillessleepinn.com (828) 670-7600 or (866) 901-1033.

SpringHill Suites by Marriott - 2 Buckstone Place Exit Milepost 382 go 2.5 miles west on US 70. Free Breakfast, indoor pool, studio suites. Be sure to check out our Bike the Blue Ridge Package or ask about our special Blue Ridge Parkway discount rates. www.springhillsuitesasheville.com (828) 253-4666.

Sweet Peas Hostel - 23 Rankin Ave., Asheville. Beds starting at \$28 - in the heart of downtown. Clean, comfortable, showers, kitchen, laundry, Wi-Fi/comp. www.sweetpeashostel.com (828) 285-8488.

Vacation in Asheville - Vacation rentals including B&B's, cottages, & cabins. Close to downtown & Parkway. www.VacationInAsheville.com. Toll-free (866) 858-0863.

SHOPPING & RECREATION

Rug & Home - Internationally Famous. Uncompromisingly luxurious. Rug & Home is the world's ultimate destination for home décor. Experience 200,000 square feet of space in three great locations, with more than 50,000 unique rugs, furniture, art and accessories. We offer an extensive and unique line of sofas, dining, gathering and breakfast tables, buffets, accent pieces, lamps, mirrors and artwork galore. A designer's dreamland, Rug & Home has become a true destination for all. Featured in Southern Living and voted National Rug Retailer of the Year – an entirely new world of shopping awaits you! Our Asheville, NC showroom is located at I-26 exit 33 behind Ethan Allen - open 7 days a week. For more information, visit www.rugandhome.com or call (828) 667-4585, toll free (888) 881-RUGS.

Shoji Spa & Lodge - Relax at Asheville's only outdoor hot tub spa. Reap the benefits of the cold plunge, unwind in our sauna and stay at The Lodge. 26 massage therapists. 8 min. from town. www.shojiretreats.com. By appt. Call now! (828) 299-0999.

Points to Ponder TUNNELS

Because of the generally higher and more rugged elevation of the mountains in North Carolina, there are twenty six tunnels on the Parkway in that state, but only one in Virginia.

388.8 US 25 Crossover. North 5 mi. to Asheville.

393.6 NC 191 Crossover. 6 miles north to Asheville.
20 miles south to Hendersonville.

Blue Ridge Mountain Host - Free comprehensive guide to the heart of NC's Blue Ridge Mountains - what to see and do, where to stay and eat, and more. Go to www.ncblueridge.com or call (800) 807-3391.

FLETCHER, NC

Located on US 25, halfway between Asheville and Hendersonville. Exit at Milepost 388.8.

Foam & Fabric - Hwy 25, 6 miles south of Blue Ridge Parkway. Area's largest selection of dress, upholstery, and drapery fabric. Open six days 9:00 to 5:30. (828) 684-0801.

Rutledge Lake RV Park - Exit 40 off I-26. 2 miles from Asheville airport. 170 Rutledge Rd. Go to www.rutledgelake.com e-mail us at rutledgelakepark@bellsouth.net or call (828) 654-7873.

HISTORIC HENDERSONVILLE AND FLAT ROCK AREA, NC

Carl Sandburg Home, Flat Rock Playhouse, Historic Main Street, Village of Flat Rock, Farmers Curb Market, Historic Depot & Model Railroad, WNC Air Museum, Historic Johnson Farm, Waterfalls, Mineral Museum, three NC State Forests, golf, hiking, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, camping, shopping, antiques, summer camps, and historic sites. Near Chimney Rock Park, Lake Lure, and Biltmore Estate. Events: Garden Jubilee and Carl Sandburg Music Festival on Memorial Day Weekend; July 4th Celebration; NC Apple Festival on Labor Day weekend; Summer evenings Music on Main Street, Street Dances. Visit us on the internet at www.historichendersonville.org. Call (800) 828-4244 for FREE 52 page MOUNTAIN SEASONS VACATION PLANNER.

Mill House Lodge - Exit 53 I-26. 1-3 BR units, lake with canoes, kitchens, cable, pool, close to Sandburg Home, Flat Rock Playhouse. Open year-round. www.millhouselodge.com (800) 736-6073.

POLK COUNTY, NC

First Peak of the Blue Ridge. I-26E, Exits 59 & 67. Explore gorges, hiking, birding, waterfalls, kayaking, scenic drives & historic small towns - Saluda, Tryon & Columbus. Enjoy horse shows, wineries, inspired shops/galleries, local restaurants & year-round events. Rejuvenate at historic inns, cozy cabins & hotels. www.firstpeakblueridge.org. (800) 440-7848.

COLUMBUS, NC

I-26E, Exit 67 or Hwy 74, Exit 163. Foothills town: restaurants, Sat. farmer's mkt at Historic Courthouse Apr-Nov, Civil War marker, County History Museum, hiking, parks, hotel. Annual events: July 4th & Fall Farm Fest. www.columbusnc.com or call (800) 440-7848.



Picture-perfect Looking Glass Rock 1 Milepost 417

SALUDA, NC

I-26 East to Exit 59. A storybook mountain town unchanged by time. Tree-lined Main St. has 100 year-old general stores, delicious restaurants, antique shops, unique galleries, outdoor guides/out-fitters, & historic B&Bs. Stunning views, waterfalls, hiking, game lands, & Green River tubing/kayaking. Events: Arts Fest 3rd Sat. in May, Coon Dog Day 1st Sat. after 7/4. www.saluda.com, info@saluda.com, (800) 440-7848.

TRYON, NC

South of Asheville & convenient to Biltmore Estate, experience unspoiled parks, hiking trails & waterfalls, extensive art galleries, crafts & antiques shopping, wineries, cycling, & equestrian events. Home to Historic Country Inns, fine dining, Blue Ridge BBQ Festival, Nina Simone. www.ExploreTryon.com (877) 44-TRYON.

405.5 NC 151. 15 miles north to Candler.

408.6 Mount Pisgah. Campground w/showers, picnic area, trails, (May-November). Mount Pisgah was part of the 100,000-acre estate bought in the late 1800's by George W. Vanderbilt. The first forestry school in America was established on the estate. A large part of the woodland, the first large tract of managed forest in this country, became the nucleus of Pisgah National Forest. For camping reservations www.recreation.gov

Pisgah Inn - "Peak of the Parkway", elevation 5,000 ft., Milepost 408 on Parkway. Open March thru early November. Mountain handicrafts. Delicious food. Featuring Country Ham and Mountain Trout. Delightful overnight accommodations, with panoramic view. P.O. Drawer 749, Waynesville, NC 28786. (828) 235-8228.

412.2 Wagon Road Gap. US 276 Crossover. South 18 mi. to Brevard, north 8 mi. to Cruso, 22 mi. to Waynesville.

417 Looking Glass Rock. So named because it reflects light brilliantly when water and ice are on the rock's granite face.

Hendersonville, NC

It's easy to find year 'round activities for the entire family in Hendersonville, North Carolina!

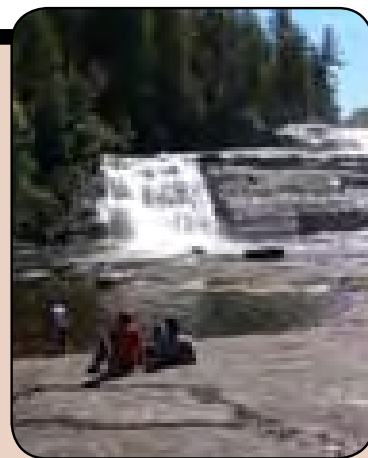
Historic Hendersonville & Flat Rock area offers Cool Mountains and Warm Southern Welcomes. The ideal retreat, and a great family vacation value, features many attractions with free admission for all ages and interests - a quality destination for multi-generational reunions, weddings, meetings and special occasions.

Festivals, outdoor recreation, historical sites, golf, children's activities, historic districts, dining, and a variety of lodging choices will make your visit memorable. Escape from life's hectic pace to Flat Rock Playhouse - the State Theatre of NC, Carl Sandburg Home NHS and DuPont State Forest waterfalls. Enjoy our summer evening concerts series downtown showcasing traditional mountain heritage music, square and clog dancing Monday nights and beach, oldies and rock 'n roll dance party Friday nights. We invite you to experience our charming and historic mountain city.

Visitor Information Center:
Open 7 days -
362 days a year:
Monday - Friday: 9 - 5
Saturday, Sunday &
Holidays: 10 - 5

Visitor Information Center
201 S. Main Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

For more information and Free Vacation Planner
Call 828-693-9708 • 800-828-4244
www.historichendersonville.org



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Milepost 355.4, NC 128 to Mount Mitchell State Park to Great Smoky Mountains National Park

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY, NC

Enchanted forests, exhilarating mountains, adventurous rivers, & more than 250 magical waterfalls. Escape from the world in a cool, quiet wonderland. It's only natural for your family vacation.
www.visitwaterfalls.com Call (800) 648-4523.

BREVARD, NC

18 miles south of Parkway, exit Milepost 412.

Inn at Brevard - Lodging, dining, cocktails. B and B. Euro-pean cuisine. 15 antique furnished rooms. Private baths, home-made country breakfast. 315 East Main St., Brevard, NC 28712.
www.theinnatbrevard.com (828) 884-2105. fax: (828) 885-7996.
Email: brevard@theinnatbrevard.com.

The Pines Country Inn - Truly a country inn where guests are treated like family at Grandma's house. Full breakfast served every day. Located between Brevard & Hendersonville off Hwy 64. 1780 Hart Rd. Pisgah Forest, NC 28768. Open May thru Oct. Make reservations early. (828) 877-3131.

Trout House Falls Waterfront Vacation Rentals - the secluded "Waterfall Cabin," the private "Stream Home," and luxury "River-front Fishing Cottage" will sleep 14. Located 12 mi South of Brevard in Transylvania County, known as the "Land of the Waterfalls." 250+ waterfalls, 6 State & Federal Parks to explore - Come see us!
www.TroutHouseFalls.com (704) 691-2131.

418.8 Graveyard Fields Overlook. Loop trail of moderate difficulty, 2.3 miles, to Yellowstone Falls.

422.4 Devil's Courthouse Parking Area. Strenuous 1/2 mile hike to "Courthouse" for 360 degree view. Sensitive habitat area. Please stay on trail.

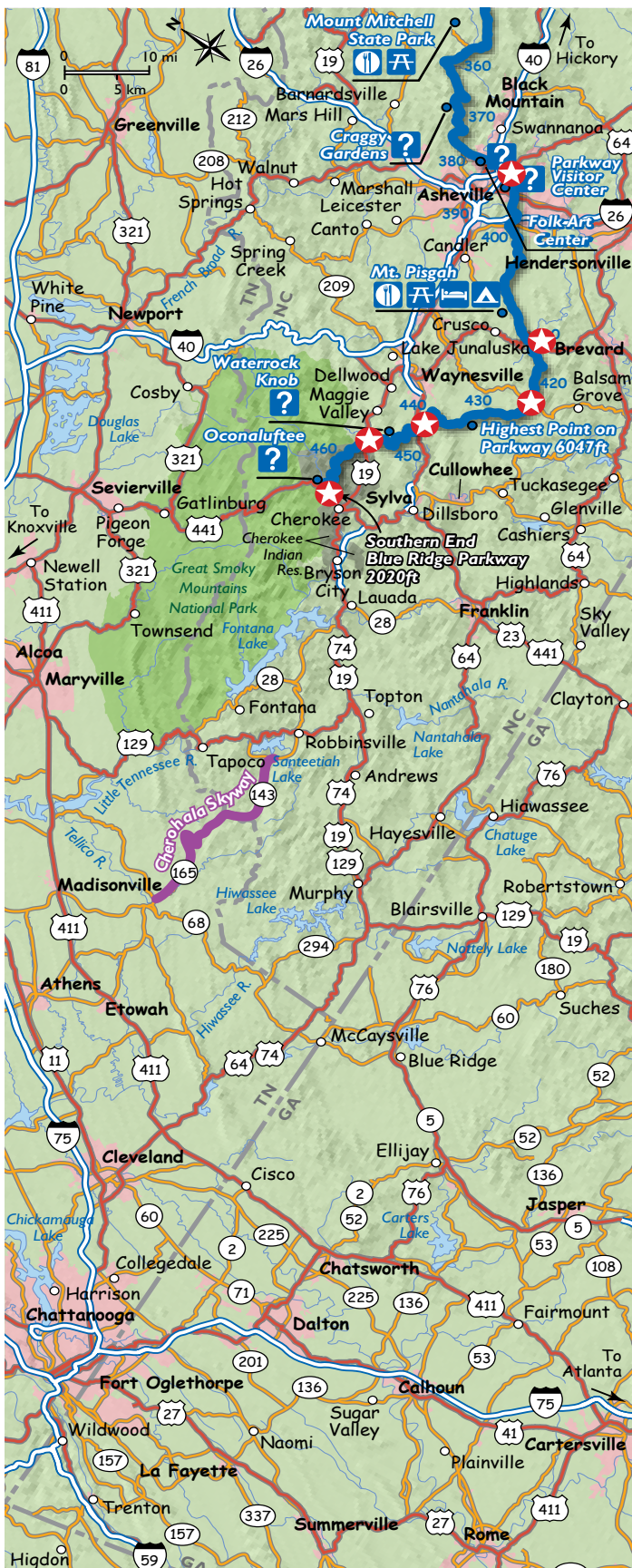
LAKE TOXAWAY, NC

15 miles west of Brevard on US 64, exit at Milepost 423.2.

Cabins at Seven Foxes - 5 wildlife-themed, private, fully equipped cabins on 7 acres. Pet friendly. Open year-round. Fireplaces, porches, Jacuzzi. www.sevenfoxes.com (828) 877-6333.

Blue Ridge Mountains Motorcoach Resort - Class A only. In the land of lakes, waterfalls & majestic trails. www.orarealty-brm.com. www.outdoor-resorts.com/blueridge. (888) 466-9350.

Vacation Rentals - Premier vacation homes at the largest private mountain lake in NC. Kid/pet friendly, hiking, fishing. www.lake-toxaway.com (866) 966-4029.



MAP KEY: Refer to page 13 for explanation of symbols

SAPPHIRE, NC

20 miles west of Brevard on US 64, exit at Milepost 423.2.

Woodlands Inn - 14 themed guest rooms & suites, full breakfast, Jacuzzi, private baths, pet friendly. Year-round. www.woodlandsinn.net (828) 966-4709.

423.3 Beech Gap. NC 215 Crossover. North 24 miles to Waynesville, south 17 miles to Rosman.

HIGHLANDS, NC

Highlands Visitor Center - 269 Oak Street, Highlands, NC MP 450. **Highlands**, elevation 4118 ft., a mountain respite for over a century. Nestled in the Nantahala National Forest, it is a place to commune with nature or be pampered by the finest of vacation resort amenities. Highlands features world class spa facilities and is well known for its outstanding restaurants, several awarded Wine Spectator status. Accommodations range from quaint, historic bed & breakfasts, cabins and private home rentals to larger inns and hotels. www.highlandschamber.org (828) 526-2112.

Fire Mountain Inn & Cabins - Highlands NC. One of the most unique & spectacular mountaintop hideaways in America. Fantastic views, fireplaces, Jacuzzi's, pet friendly. www.firemt.com (800) 775-4446.

431.0 Haywood-Jackson Overlook. 1 1/2 mile self-guided loop trail, of moderate difficulty, to summit of Richland Balsam.

431.4 Richland Balsam Overlook. Highest point on Blue Ridge Parkway motor road. Alt. 6,047.

HAYWOOD COUNTY, NC

Maggie Valley/Waynesville: Your Smoky Mountain Vacation Destination in Western North Carolina. For information visit: www.visitncsmokies.com or call (800) 334-9036.



Looking Glass Falls, NC

Transylvania County/Brevard

Land
of
Waterfalls

Exit the Blue Ridge Parkway at mile marker 412 and discover a whole new world. Winding down US 276 through Pisgah National Forest, you will pass the Cradle of Forestry, Sliding Rock and enter into the one of Transylvania County's most iconic landscapes. The lush foliage and spectacular waterfalls may recall a storybook fantasy, but the opportunities for adventure and relaxation are very real. In all, Transylvania County is home to over 150,000 acres of public lands, represented by Pisgah National Forest, DuPont State Forest and Gorges State Park. Of course, not all of our attractions are on the wild side. Just beyond the forest is the charming, historic city of Brevard, voted one of the "Coolest Small Towns in America," by Budget Travel. Here you'll find vibrant local art, culture, outstanding restaurants and the soaring melodies of the Brevard Music Center.



Start your adventure today at
www.visitwaterfalls.com or
by calling 1-800-648-4523.

WAYNESVILLE, NC

27 miles west of Asheville via US 19-23-74, or exit at Milepost 423.2 or 443.1.

FOOD, LODGING & CAMPING

Andon-Reid Inn Bed & Breakfast - 92 Daisy Ave. MP 440. Waynesville's Finest. Breathtaking mountain views, Jacuzzis, fireplaces, Wi-Fi, 5 rooms. www.andonreidinn.com (800) 293-6190.

Best Western-Smoky Mountain Inn - 130 Shiloh Trl, 4 miles from Parkway. Exit 98 off Hwy 23-74. Panoramic mountain view, comp. cont. breakfast. Ref/Mwave in rooms. Free HSA. www.bwsmokymountaininn.com (800) 218-2121.

Creekwood Farm RV Park - 4696 Jonathan Creek Rd. 10 miles from Parkway MP 443. Great RV park beside Jonathan Creek. www.creekwoodfarmrv.com (800) 862-8110.

The Waynesville Inn Golf Resort & Spa - MP 445, 5 min. from Pkwy - Beautiful rooms, 27 holes of golf, restaurants, & spa services. www.thewaynesvilleinn.com (800) 627-6250.

443.1 Balsam Gap. US 74-23 Crossover.
East 7 mi. to Waynesville, west 12 mi. to Sylva.

 www.twitter.com/BRParkwayAssoc

 www.facebook.com/blueridgeparkwayassociation



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly

BALSAM, NC

Just off Parkway on US 23-74, exit at MP 443.1.

Balsam Mountain Inn - Turn right from Parkway exit; follow signs to Balsam and its Inn, just as it was 100 years ago! (only a 1990 renovation provided each room a private bath). Chosen by the National Geographic and the Appalachian Regional Commission "as representative of the Region's rich, diverse and, in many cases undiscovered treasures." www.BalsamMountainInn.net. Stay a night, a week, or just come and look; Hall gallery presents local artist and artisans' works. (855) 456-9498.

Moonshine Creek Campground - Cool & secluded, back to nature camping on beautiful rambling creek. RV & tent, camping cabins, campfires & hot showers. Off US 74/23 turn at Balsam Hwy sign, follow signs to campground. www.moonshinecreekcampground.com (828) 586-6666.

Highlands, NC

Find bliss
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To find out more contact the Visitor's Center at
visitor@highlandschamber.org.



Waterrock Knob 1 Milepost 451.2

SYLVA & DILLSBORO, NC

14 miles west on US 23-74, exit at Milepost 443.1.

Best Western Plus River Escape Inn & Suites - US 74 Exit 81. Spacious rooms overlooking Tuckasegee River available. Wi-Fi, full breakfast, indoor pool, astounding views. www.bwriverescape.com (828) 586-6060.

Dogwood Crafters - Craft Coop, a showcase of handmade arts and crafts since 1976. 90 Webster St. Dillsboro, NC. www.dogwoodcrafters.com (828) 586-2248.

JACKSON COUNTY, NC

Highest point on Blue Ridge Parkway is here! Free map to 10 trails & 19 waterfalls. 1400+ rooms, restaurants, and walk-about towns. Welcome Center, Main St., Sylva. www.mountainlovers.com (800) 962-1911.

FRANKLIN & MACON CO., NC

US 23, 441, 64, NC 28. Gem and ruby mines. Scenic waterfalls. For more information on accommodations and attractions, please write or call the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce, 425 Porter Street, Franklin, NC 28734. (828) 524-3161 (800) 336-7829.

Fun Factory In the Smokies - Hwy 441 S, Franklin, NC. Monday - Saturday. Fun Factory is 56,000 square ft. of fun for everyone! www.thefactory.bz (886) 482-2386.

451.2 Waterrock Knob Parking Overlook. Visitor Information Center, Comfort Station. 4-State view including fine panorama of the Great Smoky Mountains. Trail, with pedestrian overlooks, to the Knob.

455.7 Soco Gap, US 19 Crossover. 12 miles west to Cherokee, 5 miles east to Maggie Valley.

MAGGIE VALLEY, NC

US 19, Eastern entrance to the Great Smokies and a wonderland of scenic beauty. Please contact the Maggie Valley CVB/Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 279, Maggie Valley NC 28751. (2961 Soco Road). Email cmaggie@maggievalley.org. Web page: www.maggievalley.org (800) Maggie-1 or (828) 926-1686.

For Blue Ridge Parkway information, including road conditions or closings, please visit www.nps.gov/blri

Jackson County, NC

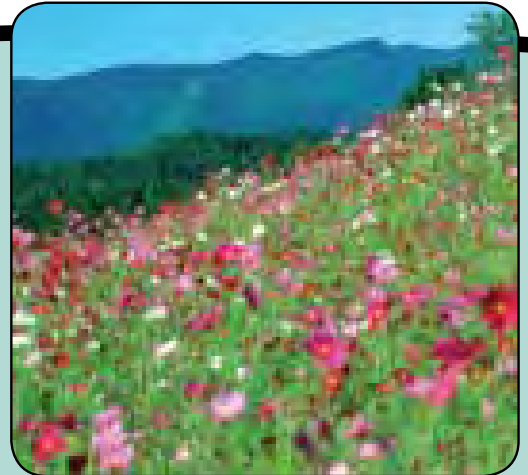
Located
30 miles SW
of Asheville,
I-40 Exit 27 or
Blue Ridge
Parkway
Milepost Exit
443.1.

Nestled in the Blue Ridge, Balsam and Smoky mountains, Jackson County is a scenic wonderland. Enjoy fine resorts, delightful historic inns, and friendly B&Bs. Explore the mountain arts and craft galleries in Dillsboro and Sylva. Browse for antiques in Cashiers. Listen to waterfalls. Take in a round of golf. Try fly-fishing. Gaze at the breathtaking views. Visit the mountain heritage museums and sites. Wade in a creek. Raft or tube down a river. With a variety of family oriented special events and festivals each season there is something for all ages to enjoy. Mountain lovers love Jackson County.

Call for a new Visitors Guide, with lodging information and map with directions to 20 waterfalls, 10 hiking trails, scenic mountain golf, rafting and outdoor fun. Or, come by the Jackson County Travel & Tourism Authority, located in the historic Hooper House, 773 West Main Street, Sylva, NC 28779

800.962.1911

www.Mountainlovers.com



ATTRACTIONS

Wheels Through Time Museum - 62 Vintage Ln. Thurs.-Mon. 9am-5pm. 5 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway. Over 300 rare and historic machines back to 1903. www.WheelsThroughTime.com (828) 926-6266.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

A Holiday Motel - 4 mi from Pkwy, walk to eat, shop & entertain. Clean & comfy rooms with friendly hospitality. Wi-Fi/Coffee/Fridge. Pool/Grills/Picnic/Rocking chairs. www.holidaymotel.net (877) 686-4386.

Abbey Inn Motel - Closest Maggie motel to Pkwy & Deal's Gap. 5 mi. Smoky Mtn. views from 4,200' high. FREE in-room coffee, phone, fridge, HiWi/cable TV/HBO. Some kitchens. Picnic area, grills. Quiet & secluded on 2 wooded acres. Near all attractions. Pets possible. V, MC. www.abbeyinn.com. (800) 545-5853.

Best Western Mountainbrook Inn - Hwy19 - 4 miles from Parkway. Great mountain view. 15 miles from casino, outdoor pool & hot tub. New rooms. Reservation (800) 213-1914.

Boyd Mountain Log Cabins - Secluded on 130 acres near Maggie Valley, with full kitchens, central heat & AC, fireplaces, Cable TV & Wi-Fi. Offering fishing, hiking, fire pits, volleyball and a Christmas Tree Farm with Choose 'N Cut on premises. Open all year. www.boydmountain.com. (828) 926-1575.

Cataloochee Ranch - 5000' atop the Great Smokies. Direct entrance into Park. Rustic luxury in 2 lodges & 11 private cabins. Fireplaces, ranch-style meals, horses, tennis, fishing, hiking. Skiing in winter. (828) 926-1401 or (800) 868-1401.

Country Cabins - 5 mi off PKWY in Maggie Valley with authentic log cabins. Peaceful mountain retreat. Fireplaces, porches, hot-tubs. Open all year. Pet Friendly. www.countrycabinsmv.com (828) 926-0612 or (888) 222-4611.

Jonathan Creek Inn and Villas - Beautiful creekside setting with spectacular mountain views. Creekside, whirlpool and fireplace rooms. Creekside villa rentals w/fireplace & private hot tub, Indoor heated pool, hot tub, playground. AAA three diamond property in Maggie Valley. www.jonathancreekinn.com (800) 577-7812.

Maggie Valley Area Lodging Association - Affordable motel rooms, cabins, cottages and vacation rentals. Visit our web site www.visitmaggie.com to find your perfect home away from home in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina.

Meadowlark Motel - 5 miles from Pkwy. Pets OK, Wi-Fi. Great lg. yard, pavilion, firepit, pool, cont. brkft, grills, creek. www.meadowlarkmotel.com (888) 326-1717.

Mountain Joy Cottages - 3 miles off Parkway in Maggie Valley. 1-4 bedroom cabins w/fireplaces, full kitchens, porch w/rockers, indoor pool, romantic cottages w/Jacuzzi. Across from Maggie's old homestead. www.mountainjoycottages.com (828) 926-1257.

Maggie Valley/Waynesville, Nc

Plan your
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everything.

We invite you to North Carolina's Smoky Mountains, one of the most beautiful spots on earth. Come to Maggie Valley, Waynesville, Canton, Clyde, Lake Junaluska, and you'll find small town Main Streets, a thriving arts community, eclectic dining, museums and the grandeur of the highest mountains in the East.

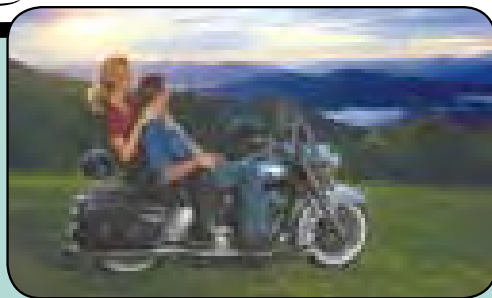
Enjoy the great outdoors in any number of ways: on a motorcycle or on horseback, rafting down a river or fly-fishing, having a picnic with the Elk in Cataloochee Valley or exploring historic sites, golfing while surrounded by mountain peaks or hiking to the top of them. In the winter months hit the slopes at Cataloochee Ski Area.

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Tourism Development
Authority
44 N Main St.
Waynesville, NC 28786

Want to add History, Scenery, Romance, or Family Fun to your getaway? Maggie Valley, Waynesville, Canton, Clyde, and Lake Junaluska are the perfect location! Within a short driving distance of Asheville and Cherokee North Carolina, making it a perfect central location for your vacation.

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www.VisitNCsmokies.com

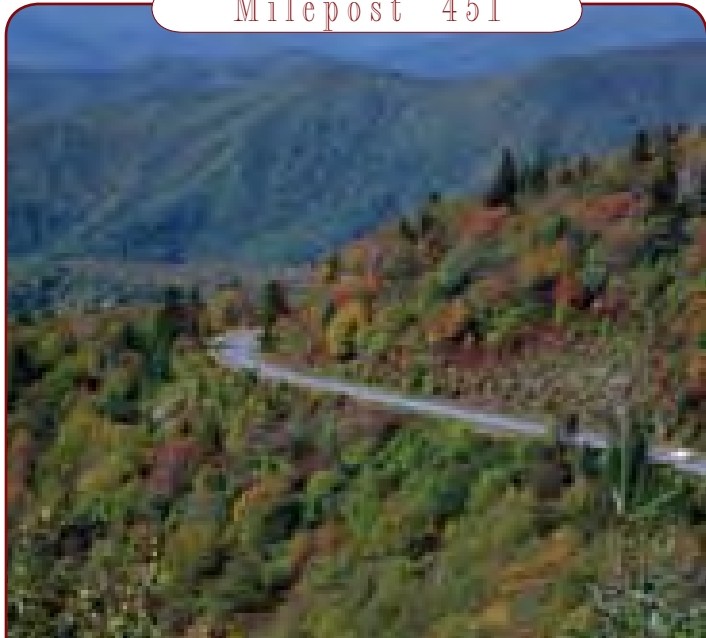
To learn more, view our 2012 Visitors Guide
online at VisitNCsmokies.com



Ramada Limited - Hwy 19, 3 miles from Parkway. Great mountain view-creekside rooms. 1/2 mile from Ghost Town. New Rooms, DLx Breakfast, Reservation (828) 926-7800.

Riders Roost Rest. & Fireside Cottages - Open all year. Serving breakfast, lunch & dinner. Cozy cabins sleep 10, fantastic view, kitchen, fireplace, cable TV, front porch, Jacuzzi & stream. Located 1.4 mi from Parkway, close to attractions & Cherokee. (828) 926-1730.

Milepost 451



WATERROCK KNOB

You've entered "high country" at the Parkway's southern end, and Waterrock Knob is one of the best examples of the rugged nature of the area. The Plott Balsam and Great Balsam ranges meet at Waterrock, rising in elevation to 6,292 feet. It is the second highest of all Parkway peaks and one of the highest in the eastern United States.

Waterrock Knob is known for its beautiful long range views of several major mountain chains in the Appalachians, including the Great Smoky Mountains, Pisgah Ridge, Nantahala, Cowee, and the Blue Ridge Ranges. With a nearly 360 degree vantage point, it is uniquely suited for viewing sunrises and sunsets, especially during the equinoxes in March and September.

The name Waterrock Knob comes from a spring located on the hillside at a place called "camp rock". Generations of explorers, hunters, and loggers have rested here and enjoyed the cool waters.

A small visitor center with interpretive displays introduces visitors to the area's rugged terrain and tremendous scenic qualities. Stories of black bear and the endangered fir trees are told as well.

The .6 mile Waterrock Knob Trail takes you up to the summit, yielding even more spectacular views from the higher elevation

458.2 Heintooga Ridge Rd. Spur to Mile High Overlook. 12 miles to Great Smoky Mtns. National Park Campground.

461.9 Big Witch Overlook

469.1 Junction Parkway and US 441. 2 miles south to Cherokee, 29 miles north to Gatlinburg. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is located equally in North Carolina and Tennessee. The Park's 507,168 acres may be viewed from paved roads and many wilderness trails. Information bulletin board. Oconaluftee Visitor Center near Parkway & US 441.

CHEROKEE, NC

At the southern entrance/exit to Parkway. Home of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Museums, cultural and family attractions, motels, campgrounds, restaurants, shops, famous outdoor drama "Unto These Hills" and Harrah's Cherokee Casino. Complete information at downtown Visitor Center, PO Box 460, Cherokee, NC 28719. Web Page: www.cherokee-nc.com Toll-free (800) 438-1601.

ATTRACTIONS

Oconaluftee Indian Village - US Hwy 441, Cherokee Indian Reservation. A replica Indian Village of the 1750 period. Guided tours and lectures. Live demonstrations of Cherokee crafts and skills. View the Seven-sided Council House replica, as well as typical 18th century Cherokee homes. Open daily May thru late October. Admission charged. Reservations available online via website, Visit: www.cherokee-nc.com Toll Free: (866) 554-4557.

Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual Inc. - The most outstanding Indian owned and operated arts and crafts cooperative in the United States. Open Daily. Highway 441 North of Cherokee, NC. (828) 497-3103.

Santa's Land - Family fun with a Christmas theme. Rides, zoo, entertainment, Santa, gift shops, food, playgrounds, old-time crafts. www.santaslandnc.com (828) 497-9191.



Family Fun every season!

Unto These Hills - An outdoor drama portraying the history of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians documenting their infamous "Trail of Tears" removal to the West. In its 63rd season, performed nightly, except Sundays, in the beautiful outdoor Mountainside Theatre. June thru August, 2012. US Hwy 441 Cherokee, NC 28719. Admission charged. Reservations available online via website, Visit: www.cherokee-nc.com. Toll Free: (866) 554-4557.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Baymont Inn Cherokee - 1455 Aquoni Rd near the southern entrance of the Blue Ridge Parkway & the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. (828) 497-2102.

Chestnut Tree Inn - 154 rooms with free hot breakfast. Great restaurant, indoor/outdoor pools, guest laundry, free Wi-Fi. www.magnusonhotels.com (828) 497-9181.

Fairfield Inn & Suites - 100 rooms & suites across from Harrah's Casino on US 19 north. Continental breakfast, indoor pool, meeting space. www.hgmhotel.com (828) 497-0400.

Magnuson Hotel Great Smokies Inn - 152 rooms, excellent restaurant, gift shop. Located at 441 North & Acquoni Rd. near entrance to Blue Ridge Parkway. www.magnusonhotels.com (828) 497-2020.

Microtel Inn & Suites - Award-winning Wyndham Rewards Hotel. 63 interior rooms, pet friendly. Outdoor saltwater pool & picnic area. Free breakfast & Wi-Fi. Near Harrah's Casino & downtown Cherokee, Blue Ridge Parkway & National Park. Restaurants adj. www.microtelcherokee.com (828) 497-7800.

Mountaineer Motel - "Best Lil' Motel in Cherokee!" 8 very clean rooms. All w/ m/w & ref. sat. TV, pool. Friendly & quiet. Low rates. Native owners. US441S (828) 497-2453.

Panther Creek Cabins - Premier creekside cabins, fireplace, rocking chairs, Jacuzzis, kitchens, hiking trails & picnic areas. Wrights Creek Rd. www.PantherCreekResort.com Toll free 866-282-0884.

Quality Inn - 121 queen/king rms. Private balconies on the Oconaluftee River. Riverfront and whirlpool suites available. Free cont. breakfast & casino shuttle. (828) 497-4702.

Yogi™ in the Smokies - 317 Galamore Bridge Road, Enjoy being a kid with your kids. Cabins, RV, and tent sites, pool, fun activities, Yogi hayrides. We are right on the Raven Fork River which is stocked with trout regularly by the Cherokee Tribe! M/C, Visa. (828) 497-9151.

BLAIRSVILLE, GA

50 miles southwest of Franklin, NC. On US 76 in Northeast Georgia, surrounded by Chattahoochee National Forest.

Magnolia Manor - Formerly Nottley Dam B & B. Grand reopening – spring of 2012! Call for details, reservations – (706) 745-7939.

SWAIN COUNTY, NC

Your base camp for family adventure. Enjoy pristine mountain beauty, white water rafting, Fontana Lake, trout fishing, horseback riding, excursion train, shopping or just relaxing. Rich Cherokee and Southern Appalachian history. Accommodations include inns, B&Bs, cabins, motels and campgrounds. Call (800) 867-9246 or visit www.greatsmokies.com.

Cherokee, NC

We're
looking
for you.

Find yourself a world away in Cherokee,
the original homeland of the Cherokee Indians
dating back 11,000 years.

At the southern entrance of the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, discover the history, culture and traditions of a civilization older than the Inca, Maya, Egyptians and Romans through song, legend, art, dance, ceremony and period regalia. Cherokee presents some of the most significant and culturally authentic Native American events in the U.S. including the annual Festival of Native Peoples.

Visit cultural sites and enjoy cultural festivals, camping, tubing, hiking, biking, birding, waterfalls, water mills, a pioneer village, cultural attractions, nostalgic shops and motor lodges, art galleries, quality campgrounds, family fun parks, more than 30 miles of untamed trout waters, the new 18-hole Robert Trent Jones II golf course and Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Hotel. Several local restaurants offer hungry travelers traditional Cherokee Indian dinners. For a full list of free things to do in Cherokee, visit www.cherokee-nc.com/free.

Cherokee
Welcome Center
498 Tsali Blvd.
Cherokee, NC 28719



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Email: travel@nc-cherokee.com

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, located in the states of North Carolina and Tennessee, encompasses 815 square miles of which 95 percent are forested. World renowned for the diversity of its plant and animal resources, the beauty of its ancient mountains, the quality of its remnants of southern Appalachian mountain culture, and the depth and integrity of the wilderness sanctuary within its boundaries, it is one of the largest protected areas in the East. The park is open year-round. Visitor centers at Sugarlands, Oconaluftee, and Cades Cove are open all year, except Christmas Day. There is no entrance fee due to restructions in deeds that transferred state highways to the Park.

What to See and Do - Much of what the Smokies offers, including wildflowers, flowering trees, colorful fall foliage, mountain vistas, and historic buildings can be seen from your car. There are abundant opportunities for hiking, bicycling, and camping in the Park.

Cable Mill in Cades Cove - Open from March 17 through the Sunday following Thanksgiving 9:00-5:00. Located inside the park near the mid-point of the 11-mile, one-way Cades Cove Loop Rd. Exhibits - Water-powered grist mill.

Mingus Mill - Open From March 17 through the Sunday following Thanksgiving 9:00-5:00. Located inside the park, 2 miles north of Cherokee, NC, on US 441. Exhibits - Turbine-powered grist mill.

Camping - Reservations can be made at www.recreation.gov or (877) 444-6777

Horse Camps - Open from 4/1/12 through 11/14/12. The reservations for both the horse camps and front country camping are made at www.recreation.gov or (877) 444-6777.

For More information contact: Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 107 Park Headquarters Road Gatlinburg, TN 37738
Phone (865)436-1200 www.nps.gov/grsm.
Visitor Information Recorded Message - (865) 436-1200

Elevations in the park range from 800 feet to 6,643 feet and topography affects local weather. Temperatures are 10 to 20 degrees cooler on the mountaintops.

■ **Spring** brings unpredictable weather, particularly in higher elevations. Snow may fall in March, but by May daytime highs often reach the 80s. Nighttime temperatures vary from below freezing in March to the 50s in May. Rainfall is common during the season.

■ **Summer** is hot and humid, but more pleasant in higher elevations. July and August highs reach the 80s and 90s. Evening lows are in the 60s and 70s. Afternoon showers and thunderstorms are common.



Ridge upon ridge of endless forest straddling the border between North Carolina and Tennessee, Great Smoky Mountains National Park is one of the largest protected areas in the Eastern United States and attracts over nine million visitors each year. Once a part of the Cherokee homeland, the Smokies today are a hiker's paradise with over 800 miles of trails.

VISITOR CENTERS

(Open all year, with varying seasonal hours)

Cades Cove Visitor Center - Located inside the park near the mid-point of the 11-mile, one-way Cades Cove Loop Road.

Oconaluftee Visitor Center - Located inside the park, 2 miles north of Cherokee, NC, on US 441.

Sugarlands Visitor Center - Located inside the park, 2 miles south of Gatlinburg on US 441.

Gatlinburg Welcome Center - Located in Gatlinburg on US 441 south.

Gatlinburg Welcome Center at the Aquarium - Located at Ripleys Aquarium of the Smokies

Sevierville Visitor Center - Located on TN 66, 1 mile south of I-40. Exit 407.

Townsend Visitor Center -

Located in Townsend, Tennessee, on US 321.

Clingmans Dome Visitor Contact Station -

Located near the parking area. Open April 1 through November 31.

■ **Fall** has warm days and cool nights and is the driest period. Frosts occur starting in late September. Daytime highs are in the 70s and 80s during September, falling to the 50s and 60s in early November. By November, nighttime lows are usually near freezing and snow is possible.

■ **Winter** is generally moderate, but extreme conditions can occur. It is not unusual to have warm temperatures in the low elevations and snow in the higher areas. Half the days in the winter have high temperatures of 50 degrees or more. Nighttime lows are normally at or below freezing, but can drop to -20°F at high elevation. In the lowlands, snows of 1" or more occur 1-5 times a year.



Hiking shoes are a must when visiting The Blue Ridge Parkway

BRYSON CITY, NC

10 miles west of Cherokee on US 19-74, exit at Milepost 469.1.

ATTRACTIONS

Great Smoky Mountains Railroad - 15 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway MP 469.1. Round-trip scenic excursions take you from historic depot through the beautiful countryside. Variety of train excursions & special event trains. Dine in First Class Cars or take it all in while riding in an open air gondola! Step on board for your next rail adventure! Seasonal schedule April-December. Information & reservations www.gsmr.com or (800) 872-4681.

Nantahala Gorge Canopy Tours - off the Parkway at terminus to Bryson City. Experience a soaring adventure through the trees with ziplines and sky bridges. River rafting also available. www.nantahalagorgecanopytours.com (877) 398-6222.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Sleep Inn - US-74 Exit 67. Near Great Smoky Mountains Railroad and Nantahala Whitewater Rafting. Free cont. breakfast and hi speed wireless internet. Seasonal outdoor pool. www.sleepinnbrysoncitync.com. (866) 939-0998.

Fryemont Inn - 245 Fryemont St., Bryson City, NC. National Register of Historic Places. All rates include dinner & breakfast. Open mid-April to Thanksgiving. From \$125/nt for 2. (800) 845-4879.

FONTANA, NC

Located in the heart of the Smokies, between Asheville and Knoxville.

Fontana Village Resort - Great Smoky Mountain Destination. Cabins, lodge rooms & camping. Conference space, pools, horseback riding, hiking, biking, restaurants, boat rentals @ Fontana Lake Marina & more. www.FontanaVillage.com (828) 498-2211.

GATLINBURG, TN

Amid the splendor of the Smoky Mountains, Gatlinburg embodies the simple goodness of small town life to millions of visitors yearly. Come see why; you've never been closer. www.gatlinburg.com (800) 568-4748.

ATTRACTIONS

Christ in the Smokies - Experience the greatest story ever told, realistic life-size scenes from the life of Christ. Rare gems & coins plus the awe-inspiring face of Christ sculpture. www.christinthesmokies.com (865) 436-5155.

Ober Gatlinburg - Ride the 120 passenger Aerial Tramway to indoor ice skating, Alpine Slide, scenic chairlift, black bear habitat, otters, water rides, shops & more! www.obergatlinburg.com (865) 436-5423.

Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies - America's #1 aquarium! Big sharks, penguins & thousands of exotic sea creatures. www.ripleysaquariumofthesmokies.com (888) 240-1358.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Brookside Resort - Streamside rooms, pillow top beds, whirlpool tubs, pool with waterfall. Near Aquarium. (800) 251-9597. www.brooksideresort.com or e-mail: info@brooksideresort.com.

Comfort Inn - On the river between #1 & #2 traffic lights on the Parkway. 4 blocks before Ripley's Aquarium. All rooms have private balconies on river. Free continental breakfast. (865) 436-5047.

Mountain Laurel Chalets - Over 100 chalets in the mountains near the National Park entrance. One to 12 bedrooms, many with pool table, hot tub, view. Clubhouse privileges with swimming, tennis. Website: www.mtnlaurelchalets.com. (800) 626-3431.

Mountain Rentals of Gatlinburg - More room, more fun & experiences you remember. Guest rewards, concierge, vacation deals. www.MountainChalets.com (877) 701-7278.

Points to Ponder

MOUNTAIN GATHERING PLACES

European settlers in the Blue Ridge, and in other parts of rural America, typically used trees, the most common natural resource, to build their first homes. There were many homes here in the past, but over the years few of them have survived. Some simply deteriorated due to age, some were removed to build the Parkway, and many families upgraded their cabins by covering them with siding. Natural disasters such as the 1916 flood devastated older communities. At places like Rockcastle Gorge (Milepost 169), Basin Cove (Milepost 245), and the Peaks of Otter (Milepost 86), communities of several dozen families lived and worked, some living in log houses, others in framed farm houses.

Points to Ponder

THINGS TO DO

Today's visitors to the Blue Ridge Parkway can enjoy the scenery in ways that early designers of the road could not imagine. From overnight backpacking along the Appalachian Trail in Virginia to short stops at overlooks, the Parkway accommodates more visitors than any other unit of America's National Park System. Crowds and congestion, however, are rare except during October weekends.

Rocky Top Village Inn - 89 units, outdoor heated pool, micro-waves, refrigerators, free continental breakfast & free high speed wireless internet. 1 block from main Parkway. (800) 553-7738.

Ski Mountain Chalet & Condo Rentals - 1-12 bedrooms, Fully furnished, tls, linens, kitchens, fireplaces. Some units have hot tubs, saunas, whirlpools & pool tables. All have access to recreational areas with tennis courts & pools in season. 416 Ski Mtn. Rd., Gatlinburg, TN 37738 www.skimtnchalets.com (865) 436-7846 or (800) 824-4077.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

G. Webb Gallery - Watercolours & prints that tell the story of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Located in a 1910 homeplace. Open year-round. www.gwebbgallery.com. (865) 436-3639.

PIGEON FORGE, TN

Variety of music, shopping, attractions, restaurants, and accommodations, plus Dollywood and the Great Smoky Mountains.

Website: www.mypigeonforge.com **Call 1-800-251-9100.**

ATTRACTIONS

Titanic Museum Attraction - 2134 Parkway, Pigeon Forge. 2012 is the year of Titanic! USA Today says..."not to be missed!" www.titanicpigeonforge.com (800) 381-7670.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Days Inn - 2760 Parkway, Pigeon Forge TN 37863. Between lights 3 & 4, close to the malls. Restaurants, attractions, great mountains, scenery. Free continental breakfast.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Christmas Place - at Bell Tower Square - 2470 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN. The South's largest Christmas village. www.christmasplace.com (800) 445-3396.

HARTFORD, TN

Exit I-40 exit #447, near the NC/TN state line.

Pigeon River Gorge Zipline Canopy Tours - off the Parkway MP 443 to Hartford, TN. Fly across the river & thru the trees. River rafting services also available with Wildwater Rafting. www.pigeonrivercanopytours.com. (888) 482-7328.

TOWNSEND, TN

25 mi. west of Gatlinburg via Rt. 321.

Tuckaleechee Caverns - 25 miles west of Gatlinburg on US Hwy 321 & Tenn. Hwy 73. One of the greatest natural attractions of the Great Smokies. Open (March 15-Nov. 15) 9am-5pm (March & Nov. 10am-5pm). Rated a Diamond attraction by AAA. (865) 448-2274.

SWEETWATER, TN

North of Chattanooga on I-75, Exit 60.

Lost Sea - U.S. Registered Natural Landmark. Cavern tour and glass-bottom boat ride. Exit I-75 at Sweetwater. Open daily 9 a.m. Adults \$17.95, Children 5-12 \$7.95, 4 & under Free. (423) 337-6616.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why can't we bicycle on the trails?

A: *There are wonderful bicycling opportunities on the Parkway itself and on all paved roads in campgrounds and picnic areas. Most park trails are narrow, steep, and winding and are not designed for safe use by both hikers and bicyclists. Dirt roads and trails designed specifically for off-road bicycles are numerous in the four US National Forests that the Parkway travels through and in partner facilities such as Virginia's Explore Park near Roanoke. The Parkway is currently developing a General Management Plan that will guide park management for decades to come. The issue of bicycling is a part of this planning document.*

Q: Who built the Parkway?

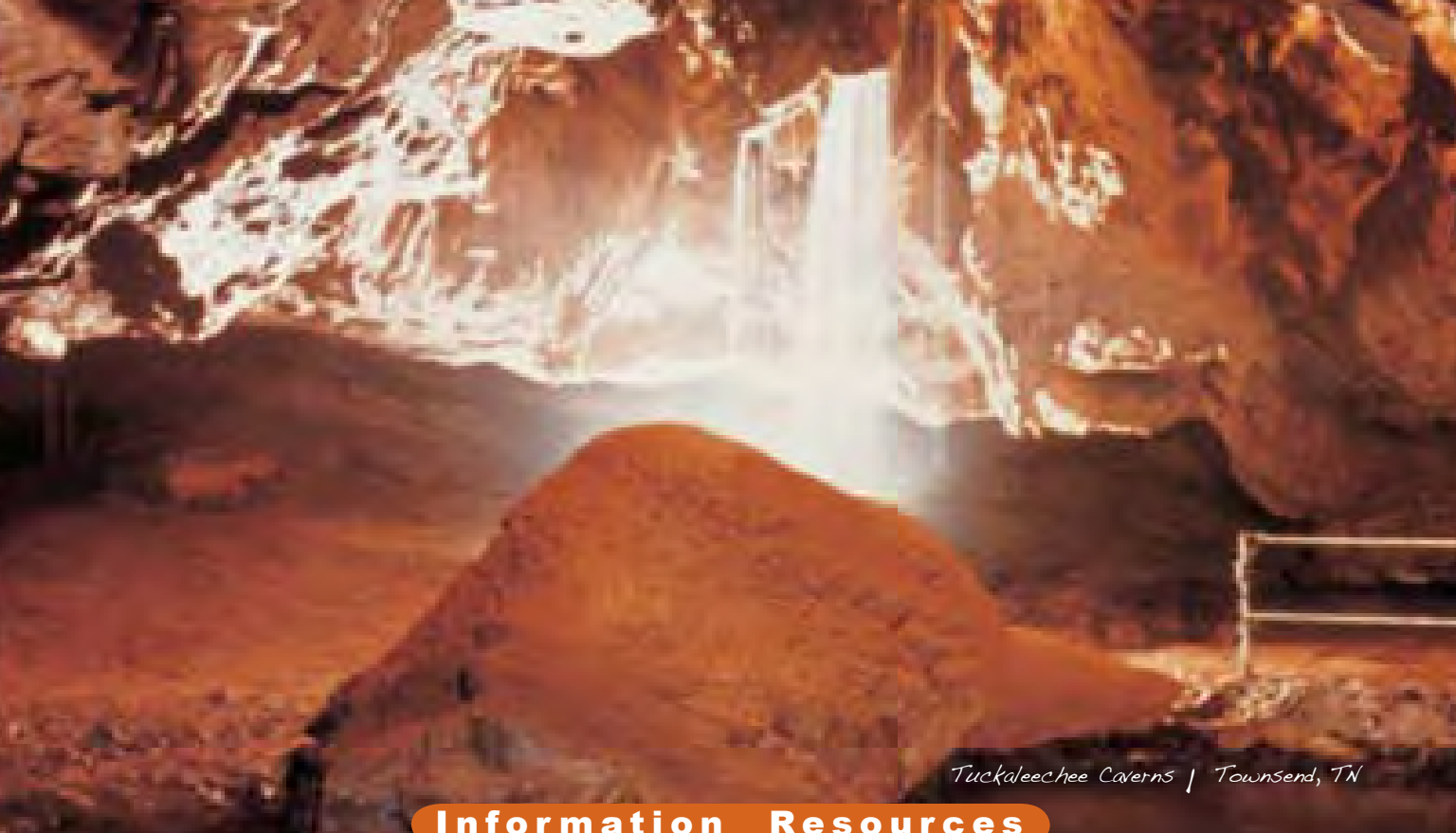
A: *The Parkway was a product of the Great Depression era work programs and designed to connect Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains National Parks by way of a recreational motor road. A variety of federal programs, the Virginia and North Carolina Highway Departments, and private contractors saw the project to completion. The Civilian Conservation Corps had a number of camps along the Parkway route and their primary responsibility was in landscaping, and building trails, picnic areas, campgrounds and some buildings. Italian and Spanish stone masons were employed by private contractors to complete much of the beautiful stone work seen in many areas. About half of the Parkway was opened to traffic by World War II and, except for one section, the rest was completed through the 1950s and 1960s. The section around Grandfather Mountain, containing the Linn Cove Viaduct, was completed in 1987, finishing the Parkway from end to end.*



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