

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

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Brad Roberts, Buildings and Grounds Branch Chief

Words with a Ranger

As branch chief of buildings and grounds, I oversee a talented and dedicated team responsible for maintaining 10 campgrounds, 11 picnic areas, and more than 360 structures here in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It may not be the first thing you notice as you take in the scenery, but our team works hard year-round to make sure all kinds of critical park facilities stay clean, safe, and structurally sound.

I began my 31-year career in the Smokies at the age of 16 as a Job Corps member serving in Oconaluftee and then as a 'student in training' before I was eventually hired as a permanent staff member. Between then and now, I've worked as a laborer, maintenance worker, work leader, sign maker, building utility supervisor, and maintenance mechanic supervisor.

If you've ever enjoyed a campground or picnic area in the Smokies, chances are your experience was made possible by a custodial or grounds employee. These staff members perform vital services like cleaning bathrooms, removing trash,

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Vacation homes constructed just prior to the creation of the national park are preserved in the Daisy Town area of Elkmont. Thirteen renovated cabins were recently reopened for visitors to explore. *Image by Susan Milinkovich.*

Windows into the Past

Historic structures help tell the Smokies story

The Great Smoky Mountains are home to an amazing diversity of wildlife, more than 100 species of native trees, and some of the largest stands of old-growth forest in the eastern United States. While much of this mountain range may seem like a rugged wilderness, human stories have been embedded within this landscape even longer than the park's very oldest blackgum tree.

"For thousands of years, there has been a human footprint on this land," said Interpretive Ranger Brad Free. Today, traces of these stories can still be found in everything from the routes of trails first created by Cherokee people to the many historic homes, schools, churches, and mills maintained by the park's Forever Places preservation crew.

"Over a hundred structures have become tangible pieces of evidence

that show us how life was here in the Smokies," said Free. "It doesn't give us the whole picture, but it does give us a foundation on which to gain more knowledge of the folks who once lived here."

Historic buildings recently renovated and reopened to the public include more than a dozen cabins in the Daisy Town area of Elkmont as well as the Walker Sisters Cabin near Metcalf Bottoms. Cades Cove, Cataloochee, and Oconaluftee also offer opportunities to explore the Smokies' rich cultural history. Several structures in these areas date to the 1800s, and nearly all make use of materials sourced nearby.

To learn more, talk to a volunteer or ranger, pick up a book in a park bookstore, or visit nps.gov/grsm. You can also visit Elkmont during Daisy Town Day (see page 3) or dive into the Daisy Town scavenger hunt on page 11.



PARKING TAG REQUIRED!

Parking in the Smokies for more than 15 minutes requires a valid parking tag (annual tag pictured).

For more info, scan code with camera app



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SMOKIES TRIP PLANNER



Visitor centers

Sugarlands, Oconaluftee, and Cades Cove: open 9 a.m.–5 p.m. September through November; 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. December.
Clingmans Dome: open 10 a.m.–6 p.m. September through October; 10 a.m.–5 p.m. November. Closed December.
GSM Institute at Tremont: open 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Tuesday–Saturday through December 16. Tuesday–Friday only after December 16.



Road closures

• **Cades Cove Loop Road** is closed to vehicles on Wednesdays from May 3 through September 27 to allow for walking and biking.
• Many secondary and higher-elevation roads close in late fall and remain closed through winter. Refer to the map on pages 6-7 for closing dates.
• All roads are subject to temporary closure due to dangerous driving conditions.



Shuttle services

Local shuttle services offer convenient transportation to and from the park's most iconic destinations. Routes, schedules, pricing, and pick-up/drop-off locations vary. Visit go.nps.gov/GRSMShuttles for a list of authorized concessioners.



Park weather

In autumn, a pattern of warm, sunny days and crisp, clear nights emerges by mid-September. However, cool, rainy days may also occur. Snow may fall at higher elevations beginning in November.

As winter arrives, days can be sunny and 65°F or snowy with highs in the 20s. Snows of an inch or more may occur at lower elevations.



Camping in the national park

The National Park Service maintains developed campgrounds at ten locations in the park. There are no showers, and hookups are only available at Look Rock Campground (ten campsites include electric and water hookups). There are circuits for special medical uses at Cades Cove, Elkmont, and Smokemont.

Campsite reservations are required at all park campgrounds. Sites may be reserved up to six months in advance.

Make your reservation online at recreation.gov or call 877.444.6777.

Site occupancy is limited to six people and two vehicles (a trailer = one vehicle). The maximum stay is 14 days.

Campsites for larger groups are available at Big Creek, Cades Cove, Cataloochee, Cosby, Deep Creek, Elkmont, and Smokemont. Reservations are required and may be secured up to a year in advance. For more information, visit nps.gov/grsm.

Site	No. of Sites	Elevation	Expected Open Dates 2023	Nightly Fees	Max RV Length
Abrams Creek	16	1,125'	4/28 – 10/29	\$30	12'
Balsam Mountain	42	5,310'	5/12 – 6/4 6/17 – 10/9	\$30	30'
Big Creek	12	1,700'	4/7 – 10/29	\$30	tents only
Cades Cove	159	1,807'	open year-round	\$30	35'–40'
Cataloochee	27	2,610'	4/7 – 10/29	\$30	31'
Cosby	157	2,459'	4/7 – 10/29	\$30	25'
Deep Creek	92	1,800'	4/7 – 10/29	\$30	26'
Elkmont	220	2,150'	3/10 – 11/26	\$30	32'–35'
Look Rock	68	2,600'	4/28-10/29	\$30-36	no limit
Smokemont	142	2,198'	open year-round	\$30	35'–40'



Firewood

To prevent the spread of destructive pests, only USDA- or state-certified heat-treated firewood may be brought into the park. Campers may gather dead and down wood in the park for campfires.



Picnic areas

Picnic areas at Cades Cove, Deep Creek, Greenbrier, and Metcalf Bottoms are open year-round. Heintoooga closes Oct. 9. Big Creek, Cosby, and Look Rock close Oct. 30. Collins Creek and the pavillion at Twin Creeks close Oct. 31. Chimneys closes Nov. 27. Picnic pavilions may be reserved for a fee at recreation.gov. Some restroom facilities at picnic areas may be closed.



Accommodations

LeConte Lodge (accessible by trail only, closes Nov. 22) provides the only lodging in the park. Advanced reservations required. 865.429.5704 or lecontelodge.com



Services

There are no gas stations, charging stations, showers, or restaurants in the national park.



For rent

The Appalachian Clubhouse and Spence Cabin at Elkmont can be reserved for daytime events at recreation.gov through October 31.



Pets in the park

Pets are allowed in frontcountry campgrounds and along roads as long as they are restrained at all times. Pets are not allowed on park trails, except for Gatlinburg and Oconaluftee River trails. Pets must be kept in control on a leash no longer than six feet.

SMOKIES GUIDE

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Bicycling

Most park roads are too narrow and heavily traveled for safe or enjoyable bicycling. Bicycles are permitted on park roads but prohibited on trails except Gatlinburg, Oconaluftee River, and lower Deep Creek and Indian Creek trails. Helmets are required by law for persons age 16 and under and strongly recommended for all.

Cades Cove Loop Road is open exclusively to cyclists and pedestrians on Wednesdays from May 3 through September 27. Bikes may be rented at the Cades Cove Campground Store 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m. until November 30. Bike rental opens early at 7 a.m. on vehicle-free Wednesdays. 865.448.9034.



Horseback riding

Some 550 miles of park trails are open to horses. See park trail map for trails and rules. Horse camps are available at Anthony Creek, Big Creek, Cataloochee, Round Bottom, and Tow String. Make reservations at recreation.gov.

Three concession horseback riding stables offer rides from March through November.

- **Cades Cove** 865.448.9009 cadescovestables.com
- **Smokemont** 828.497.2373 smokemontridingstable.com
- **Sugarlands** 865.436.5470 sugarlandsstables.com



Fishing

Fishing is permitted year-round in the park, but a Tennessee or North Carolina fishing license is required. Either state license is valid throughout the park, and no trout stamp is required. Fishing with bait is prohibited. Special permits are required for the Qualla Boundary and Gatlinburg, and licenses are available in nearby towns. A free fishing map with a complete list of all park fishing regulations is available at visitor centers.



Backcountry camping

Camping can be an exciting adventure for those who are properly equipped and informed. To facilitate this activity, the NPS maintains more than 800 miles of trails and more than 100 backcountry campsites and shelters throughout the park. One of the greatest challenges is deciding where to go. Here are some tools to help.

1. Get the map. Go online to view the park's official trail map (go.nps.gov/GRSMmaps), which shows all park trails, campsites, and shelters. Park rules and regulations are also listed here. You can purchase the printed version of the trail map for \$1 at any park visitor center or online at SmokiesInformation.org.

2. Plan your trip. Call or stop by the park's Backcountry Office

from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for trip planning help. The office is located in Sugarlands Visitor Center, two miles south of Gatlinburg on US 441. 865.436.1297.

3. Get a permit. Make your reservation and get your permit through the Backcountry Office at Sugarlands Visitor Center (*by phone or in person*) or online at smokiespermits.nps.gov.

Reservations and permits are required for all overnight stays in the backcountry. The cost is \$8 per person per night. Reservations may be made up to 30 days in advance. Backcountry camping permit holders are not exempt from parking tag requirements.

Fall hikers should be especially aware of abrupt weather changes and the danger of hypothermia—the dangerous lowering of body temperature. The combination of rain, cold, and wind (especially at the higher elevations) is extremely dangerous.

See page 4 for more hiking tips and trip essentials.



Special events and ranger activities

See page 5 for ranger activities and visit go.nps.gov/GRSMcalendar for a full calendar of events.

- **Select weekends in September and November:** Sorghum-making demonstrations at Cades Cove Visitor Center, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- **September 16:** Stargazing Party at Cades Cove Orientation Shelter, sunset (weather allowing).
- **September 23:** Mountain Life Festival at the Mountain Farm Museum, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- **November 4:** Daisy Town Day at Elkmont Historic District, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
- **December 9:** Festival of Christmas Past, Present, and Future at Sugarlands Visitor Center, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- **December 9:** Holiday Homecoming at Oconaluftee Visitor Center, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.



Learn the BARK principles so you and your pet can have a safe and fun visit any time you go to a national park.

Take the BARK pledge:



Bag and bin your pet's waste



Always leash your pet



Respect wildlife



Know where you can go

The only two pet-friendly trails in the Smokies are Gatlinburg Trail in TN and Oconaluftee River Trail in NC.

Check out the BARK ranger products at SmokiesInformation.org

GSMNP BY THE NUMBERS



12 million+
visitors per year



1,000+
new to science
species found in
the park



31 species of
salamanders



69 species of
mammals



9,900+
species of insects



16 mtns. higher
than 6,000'



Keep it **SMOKIES SMART**:

- S** Stay hydrated
- M** Map your hike
- A** Always wear proper clothing/footwear
- R** Remember your flashlight
- T** Turn back when conditions change

Tell someone where you're going, stay on established trails, pack the essentials, and know what to do in case of an emergency.

Let the NPS Backcountry Office help you plan and prepare for your hike. Call 865.436.1297, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

PACK ESSENTIALS

- **Navigation**—map, compass, and knowledge of how to use them
- **Water and food**
- **Extra layers**
- **Rain gear** and pack cover or waterproof bags
- **Headlamp** or flashlight
- **Traction support** like hiking poles or microspikes
- **Emergency whistle**
- **First aid kit**
- **Sun protection** with sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat

FOR A LONGER HIKE

- **Repair kit** with multi-tool or knife
- **Fire starter**
- **Shelter**—emergency tent or tarp



IN AN EMERGENCY

- Call 911 if you can acquire a signal.
- Remain with any injured parties until help arrives. Use what basic first-aid techniques you know, but do not attempt invasive intervention unless you are medically trained.
- Use an emergency whistle to issue a series of three spaced blasts every few minutes to alert rescue crews. If you are in an open area, display brightly colored clothing or gear.

YOUR CELL PHONE IS **NOT**

- a light
- a map
- a survival kit
- always going to have service



RANGER ACTIVITIES

NORTH DISTRICT (near Gatlinburg, TN)	WHEN?	MEETING LOCATION	DURATION/ ACCESSIBILITY
Ranger’s Choice: Get immersed in the Smokies on a hike or settle in for a porch talk with a ranger while learning about the history and ecology of the park.	Daily 11 a.m., 2 p.m.	Sugarlands Visitor Center patio	1.5 hours
The Beauty of the Appalachian Highlands: Join a ranger at 5,000 feet to discover what is so unique about the Smokies’ high-elevation ecosystem. Program subjects may include wildlife, history, or walking the Appalachian Trail.	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 11 a.m.	Newfound Gap	45 minutes
A Blast into the Past—Daisy Town: Learn how these now-empty cabins were once full of lively early Smokies tourists who helped shape the national park.	Friday 12 p.m.	Elkmont Historic District (Baumann Cabin, first cabin to the left)	1.5 hours

SEPTEMBER 10 – OCTOBER 31, 2023



SOUTH DISTRICT (near Cherokee, NC)	WHEN?	MEETING LOCATION	DURATION/ ACCESSIBILITY
Wild about the Smokies: Get the inside scoop on where to spot wildlife like bears and elk in the park and how to do it safely! Discover the tools scientists use to study animals.	Daily 3 p.m.	Oconaluftee Visitor Center Porch	30 minutes ♿
Down on the Farm: Steep yourself in history and see how families survived in the Smokies with demonstrations including blacksmithing, fencing, and gardening. Program topic varies.	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 1–3 p.m.	Mountain Farm Museum	Drop-in, 15 minutes ♿
Waterfall Walk: Breathe in the crisp mountain air on this easy, ranger-guided walk along Deep Creek. Junior Rangers and families alike will spy exciting waterfalls and wildlife through the fall foliage.	Monday, Tuesday 12 p.m.	Deep Creek Trailhead	1 hour



For a full list of programs for the public, please visit:

go.nps.gov/GRSMcalendar

CADES COVE (near Townsend, TN)	WHEN?	MEETING LOCATION	DURATION/ ACCESSIBILITY
Blacksmith Demonstrations: Learn about the art of blacksmithing and how it supported the Cades Cove community.	Friday, Saturday 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	Blacksmith shop near Cable Mill	Drop-in, 15 minutes
Precious Memories: Explore the history and impact of the Primitive Baptist Church in Cades Cove.	Tuesday, Thursday 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m.	Primitive Baptist Church	30 minutes
Crafts in the Cove: Learn about traditional Appalachian crafts made by members of the Cades Cove community. Make something yourself to take home!	Sunday 1–3 p.m.	Cable Mill	Drop-in, 15 minutes
Cove Life: Visit a historic cabin to learn about daily life as it once was in Cades Cove. A ranger will remain on site after the program until 11 a.m.	Monday 9 a.m.	John Oliver Cabin	30 minutes ♿

Driving distances and estimated times

All driving times may vary due to traffic conditions.

Cherokee, NC to:

- Gatlinburg: 34 miles (1 hour)
- Cades Cove: 58 miles (2 hours)
- Newfound Gap: 18 miles (½ hour)
- Clingmans Dome: 25 miles (¾ hour)
- Cataloochee: 39 miles (1½ hours)
- Deep Creek: 14 miles (½ hour)

Townsend, TN to:

- Cades Cove: 9 miles (¼ hour)
- Newfound Gap: 34 miles (1¼ hours)
- Gatlinburg: 22 miles (¾ hour)
- Cherokee: 52 miles (1½ hours)
- Look Rock: 18 miles (½ hour)
- Cataloochee: 87 miles (3 hours)

Gatlinburg, TN to:

- Cherokee: 34 miles (1 hour)
- Cades Cove: 27 miles (1 hour)
- Newfound Gap: 16 miles (½ hour)
- Clingmans Dome: 23 miles (¾ hour)
- Cataloochee: 65 miles (2½ hours)
- Greenbrier Cove: 6 miles (¼ hour)
- Deep Creek: 48 miles (1½ hours)

Parking tag purchase locations within the park

Automated Fee Machines

- 24 hours per day
- Credit/debit only
- Daily and weekly tags only

Visitor Centers

- Business hours (page 2)
- Cash or credit/debit
- Daily, weekly, and annual tags available

Sugarlands Visitor Center



Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area



GSM Institute at Tremont



Cades Cove Loop Entrance



Cades Cove Visitor Center



Newfound Gap Parking Area



Clingmans Dome Visitor Center
(closed in winter)



Oconaluftee Visitor Center



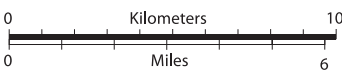
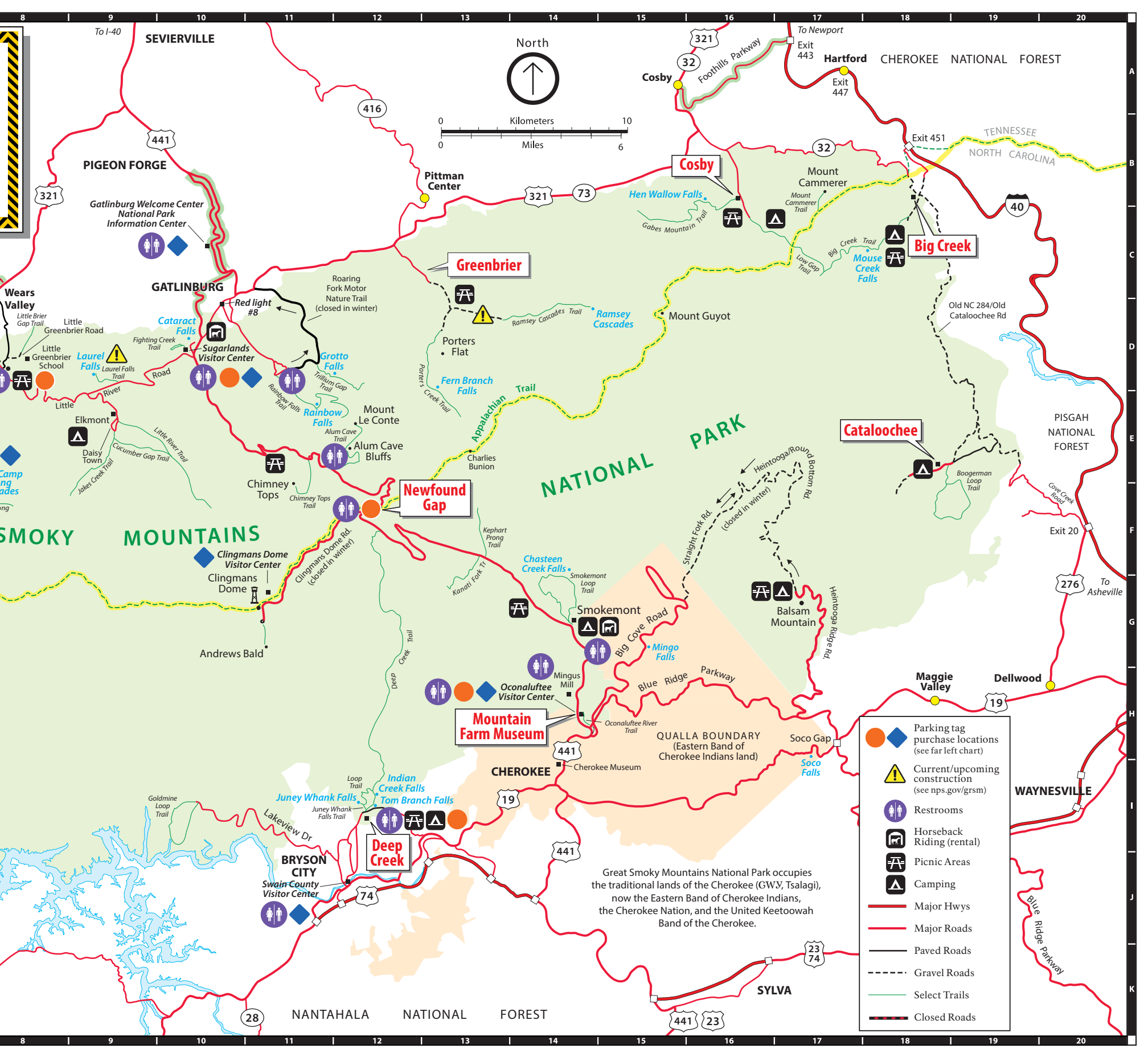
Deep Creek Picnic Area



Parking tags are available outside the park at Townsend Visitor Center, Gatlinburg Welcome Center, Swain County Visitor Center, and select area businesses.

For all purchase locations, see go.nps.gov/GRSMfees.





- Parking tag purchase locations (see far left chart)
- Current/upcoming construction (see nps.gov/grsm)
- Restrooms
- Horseback Riding (rental)
- Picnic Areas
- Camping
- Major Hwys
- Major Roads
- Paved Roads
- Gravel Roads
- Select Trails
- Closed Roads

Great Smoky Mountains National Park occupies the traditional lands of the Cherokee (GWS, Tsalagi), now the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Cherokee Nation, and the United Keetoowah Band of the Cherokee.

Words with a Ranger

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and patrolling for litter. They also clear ashes from fire rings, clean grills, repair camping pads, top off gravel, mow, manage fallen leaves, and keep drainage ditches clear and free of obstructions.

Meanwhile, our buildings staff stay busy maintaining any structure in the park with four walls and a door. This includes everything from bustling visitor centers and public restrooms to ranger stations and administrative offices. The Forever Places crew is specifically dedicated to preserving more than 100 historic cabins, mills, churches, schools, barns, and springhouses scattered from Cataloochee to Cades Cove. When carpenter bees, woodpeckers, shifting foundations, or falling trees cause damage, these skilled artisans swing into action using period-appropriate techniques and locally sourced materials.

Over the last few years, we've seen an unfortunate uptick in vandalism. Every time a window is broken or a wall is carved into, we lose an irreplaceable piece of the cultural fabric of the Smokies. Our staff take great pride in their work and often bring their own families here to share that connection. I encourage you to also take pride in this place and treat it as you might your own home. This park is your park. Enjoy it and help us pass it on to the next generation.



Raccoon and firewood pest illustrations on page 9 by Lisa Horstman. All others by Emma Oxford.

LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS

Writing on or carving into trees, stones, or structures can cause permanent damage—it's also a crime! Taking a photo is always a better way to remember your time in the Smokies and helps preserve the park for others too.



PARK SAFELY IN THE SMOKIES

Parked in marked 'no parking' area

All tires are not off roadway

Wedged between or behind barriers

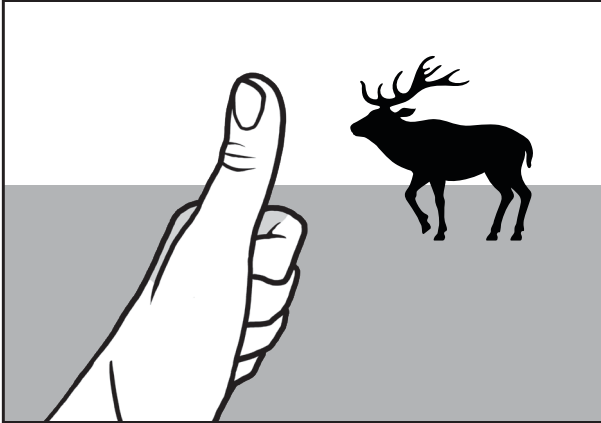
Parked in dirt/grass/mud

All tires are off roadway

Parked in correct area of lot

Parked in gravel pullout

ALWAYS USE THE RULE OF THUMB



When viewing wildlife, hold your arm out straight. If you can't cover the animal in your line of sight with your thumb, you're too close!



PLEASE LEAVE YOUR FIREWOOD AT HOME

Use only heat-treated or dead and down wood within the park. Harmful pests can hitchhike into the park on your firewood, which could kill millions of trees.

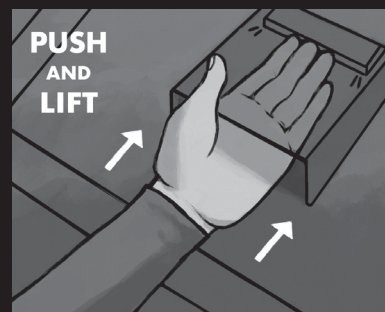
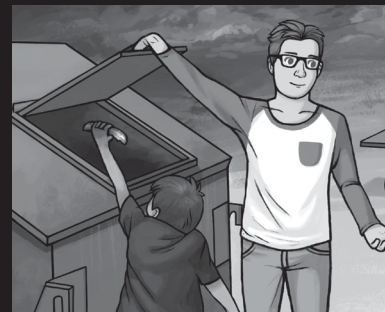


KEEP PETS ON DESIGNATED TRAILS

Remember that the Gatlinburg Trail and Oconaluftee River Trail are the *only* pet-friendly trails in the park. All pets must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet at all times.

BIN IT FOR THE BEARS

Help protect bears by packing out all trash and food waste and using bear-proof dumpsters in the park.



IF YOU LOVE THE SMOKIES

Join the park's partners in helping to protect this special place for future generations

Great Smoky Mountains Association

Great Smoky Mountains Association (GSMA) brings people of all backgrounds together as advocates and stewards to honor, sustain, and protect Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



GSMA operates the park's official bookstores, publishes books and other high-quality media about the Smokies, and supports the park's educational, scientific, and historical preservation efforts. Since 1953, GSMA has contributed more than \$47 million to the national park.

Become a GSMA member today by visiting SmokiesInformation.org or call us at 888.898.9102, ext. 257.

Interested in working in the park? GSMA is currently hiring for retail, information desk, and warehouse positions! Rates begin at \$15/hr. plus opportunities for monthly bonuses. Apply online at SmokiesInformation.org/employment.

GSMA members enjoy...



- Bi-annual *Smokies Life* journal
- *Smokies LIVE* e-newsletter
- Discounts at park bookstores and local businesses
- Exclusive group hikes and events



Friends of the Smokies

Since 1993, Friends of the Smokies has raised over \$85 million to assist GSMNP in providing visitors a safe, memorable experience while protecting the park's historic and natural resources. Every year, the park requests funding for projects and programs that would be unfulfilled without support from Friends.



- Examples include:**
- Trail rehabilitation
 - Preservation of historic structures
 - Facility repairs, upgrades, and renovations
 - Accessibility improvements
 - First responder equipment and training
 - Educational programs for 10,000+ students
 - Conservation and wildlife management



Learn more and become a 'Friend' at FriendsOfTheSmokies.org.

Discover Life in America

Discover Life in America (DLiA) is devoted to cataloging every living species in the Smokies through the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory. This ongoing project helps the National Park Service better understand and protect the 21,000 kinds of organisms documented in the Smokies, with more discovered every day.



DLiA also offers internship, volunteer, community science, and education opportunities that provide firsthand experiences in the Smokies, promote the importance of biodiversity, and foster stewardship of the natural world. Learn how you can support DLiA at dlia.org or call 865.430.4757.

Join the discovery!

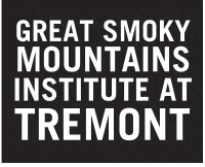
Record life in the park with the iNaturalist app! dlia.org





Tremont








Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont offers kids and adults an opportunity to connect with nature through immersive, multi-day experiences in the national park. Through residential workshops, summer camps, and school programs, Tremont promotes curiosity and inspires learning for thousands of individuals each year.



Adult workshops include the Southern Appalachian Naturalist Certification program, photography courses, backpacking adventures, community science, and professional development for teachers.

Visit gsmit.org for program information or to learn how you can support life-changing learning experiences in the Smokies.

GSMNP BY THE NUMBERS

 135 species of trees	 250+ species of birds	 2,900 miles of streams
 90+ historic structures	 3,400+ species of fungi	 500,000+ acres of land
		 848 miles of trails

- ☐ AN OLD THERMOMETER
- ☐ CRITTER PRINTS IN CEMENT
- ☐ A HAND-PAINTED CABINET
- ☐ A NARROW DOOR
- ☐ A HIDDEN BATHROOM
- ☐ AN OLD-FASHIONED CIRCULAR LIGHT SWITCH
- ☐ A CABIN WITH TICK MARKS NUMBERING THE LOGS TO MAKE IT EASIER TO REASSEMBLE
- ☐ A DOORWAY WITH PENCIL MARKS SHOWING THE HEIGHTS OF KIDS AND DOGS
- ☐ A BOARD IN THE CEILING THAT WAS MARKED FOR SHIPPING TO EUGENE GAYLAN, ELKMONT
- ☐ A CABIN WITH SO MANY ADDITIONS THAT IT HAS SEVEN DIFFERENT FLOOR LEVELS
- ☐ A WINDOW THE PRESERVATION CREW ADDED TO LET YOU SEE INTO THE WALL
- ☐ A BUILDING WITH MORE DOORS ON THE OUTSIDE THAN ON THE INSIDE



The **HISTORIC PRESERVATION CREW** makes sure the park's historic buildings stay safe for visitors and last into the future, taking care to preserve the quirky features that give the buildings character. One crew member made this list of features found in **DAISY TOWN** near **ELKMONT**. See how many you can find!

THIS ACTIVITY IS ADAPTED FROM GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK'S **NEW JR. RANGER ACTIVITY GUIDE!** WORK AS A TEAM TO FILL OUT THE GUIDE AND EARN A JR. RANGER CERTIFICATION. AVAILABLE AT ANY PARK VISITOR CENTER!

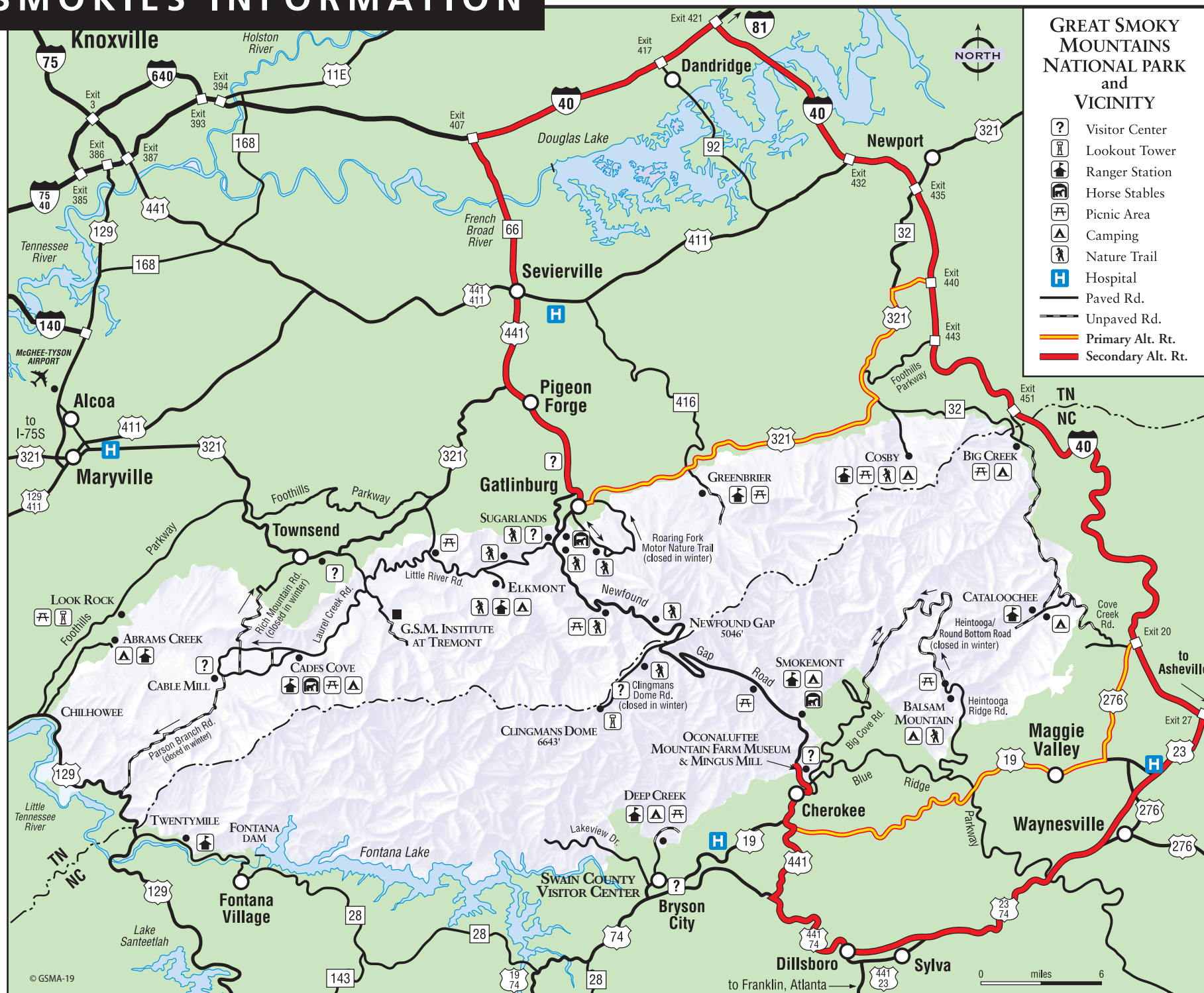


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SMOKIES INFORMATION

For more information, go to nps.gov/grsm



Information

General park info:
865.436.1200
nps.gov/grsm

Backcountry info:
865.436.1297
smokiespermits.nps.gov

Emergencies

911

Cherokee Police
828.497.4131

Gatlinburg Police
865.436.5181

Accessibility

Restrooms at Cades Cove, Oconaluftee, and Sugarlands visitor centers are fully accessible. For more information about accessibility, go to nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm.

[gov/grsm/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm](http://nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm).

Avoid the fine

A valid parking tag must be displayed when parked for more than 15 minutes anywhere

in the park. Pets are only permitted on the Gatlinburg and Oconaluftee River trails, which allow dogs on a leash. Persons feeding wildlife are subject to a \$5,000 fine. Picking

or digging plants is prohibited in the park.