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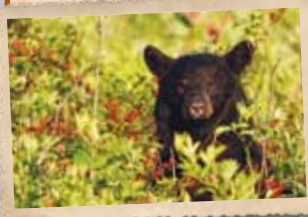
READY FOR A TENNESSEE ROAD TRIP? We've got you covered on the new, self-guided driving trails of the Discover Tennessee Trails & Byways. On the Tanasi Trail, the Tennessee River provides the backdrop for the fascinating stories of railroads, steamboats, Native Americans and settlers. You'll visit the country's largest underground lake, test your whitewater rafting skills, drive the breathtaking Cherokee Skyway National Scenic Byway and so much more. Pick up a self-guided map at the **Chattanooga Welcome Center** or visit **TanasiTrail.com**. You'll find the directions, stops and stories that make the Tanasi Trail a one-of-a-kind Tennessee road trip you won't want to miss.



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Welcome to the Rocky Top Trail.
 SEE THE DRIVING TOUR MAP ON PAGE 14.



Get to know the **SPIRIT OF APPALACHIA** on the Rocky Top Trail when you explore the culture, history and beauty of this region through its world-class attractions and "best-kept secret" spots outside the city limits.

From serious adventurers to shutterbugs and picnickers, the **NATURAL ATTRACTIONS** provide something for everyone. You'll visit Great Smoky Mountains National Park, explore an underground world, take a wildflower hike and see firsthand why this magical landscape draws nature-lovers from around the globe.

Bring your appetite for **SOUTHERN CUISINE**; enjoy a meal overlooking an apple orchard or a scenic lake, get an old-fashioned soda at a classic diner, eat lunch with a side of live music or make a reservation for fine dining, Rocky Top style.

Experience East Tennessee's **AMAZING STORIES** when you tour stately homes and museums, get a glimpse into early 20th-century mountain life, walk through settlers' forts and stroll vibrant historic districts. From the 1700s to the Civil War and coal mining, this trail's legends are complex and fascinating.

From start to finish, You'll have plenty of opportunities to experience and appreciate how history and the arts come together as you visit **CRAFTS COMMUNITIES**, artist studios and unique shops along the way.

Find the best of Tennessee on the Rocky Top: Smoky Peaks to Crafts & Creeks Trail.

TAKING IN THE TRAIL

- These 282 miles are full of historic sites, preserved homes and museums that bring the stories of the Rocky Top Trail to life. Many of them require **advance reservations, admission** or both to experience our history.
- Many historic buildings open their doors to visitors. Many properties remain as they have for over a century: **private residences**. Please be respectful of the private land and homeowners on our tour.
- This is a drive that promises an off-the-beaten-path Tennessee experience. What we can't promise is steady **cell phone service**. Don't be surprised if you don't always have a signal.
- The Rocky Top Trail features long, beautiful stretches of scenic driving. Make sure you **fill your tank** and **use the restroom** in the towns along the way. There will always be a "next town" on the route, but it may not be within the next few miles.
- While all of the roads on this trail are paved and maintained, wintertime in the mountains can make travel treacherous. Please be mindful of **weather conditions** as you plan your trip.
- **Bear Safety:** Bears are wild animals that are dangerous and unpredictable. **Never feed bears!** Never approach bears or allow them to approach you! Use binoculars, telephoto lens, or a spotting scope to view the animals.
- Don't forget to visit your favorite **online review sites** (like tripadvisor.com or yelp.com) and help us blaze a trail to these wonderful hidden gems.

The colorful stories and interesting facts you'll find along the Rocky Top Trail have been uncovered with the invaluable help of county tourism partners and historians in these communities.



Pictured on cover: Hikers in Cades Cove; Craftswoman at Dollywood, Pigeon Forge; Gatlinburg stream. Pictured above: Dogwood artist, Knoxville; Black bear in Great Smoky Mountains National Park; Whitewater rafting; Smoky Mountain Music History Mural, Maryville; Bloomin' Barbeque & Bluegrass Festival, Sevierville.

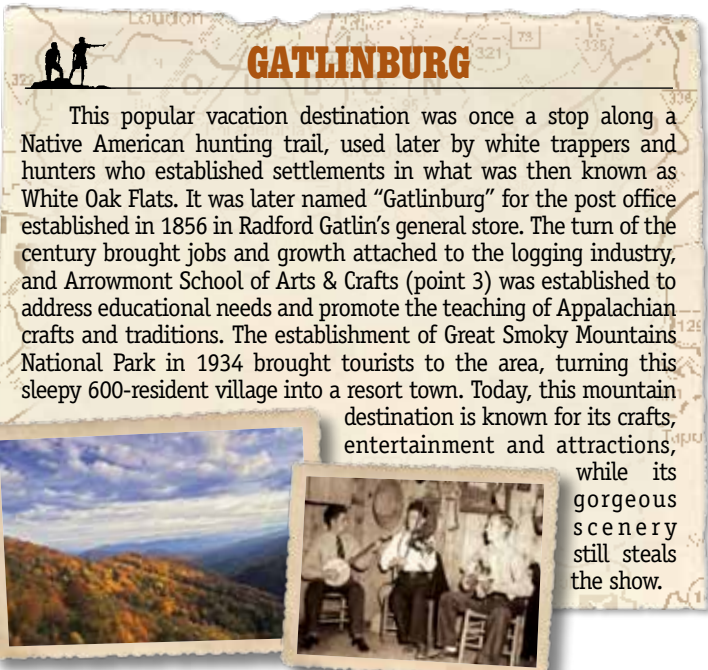


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- AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE
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- MOTORCOACH-FRIENDLY
- MOTORCYCLE ROUTE
- NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
- PICTURE SPOT
- STATE-OWNED HISTORIC SITE
- TENNESSEE MAIN STREET PROGRAM
- (R) RIGHT
- (L) LEFT

Find more information at RockyTopTrail.com.



GATLINBURG

This popular vacation destination was once a stop along a Native American hunting trail, used later by white trappers and hunters who established settlements in what was then known as White Oak Flats. It was later named "Gatlinburg" for the post office established in 1856 in Radford Gatlin's general store. The turn of the century brought jobs and growth attached to the logging industry, and Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts (point 3) was established to address educational needs and promote the teaching of Appalachian crafts and traditions. The establishment of Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1934 brought tourists to the area, turning this sleepy 600-resident village into a resort town. Today, this mountain destination is known for its crafts, entertainment and attractions, while its gorgeous scenery still steals the show.



DIRECTIONS

1. **Gatlinburg / Great Smoky Mountains National Park Welcome Center**
 S US Hwy 441/
 1011 Banner Rd.
 Gatlinburg
 865-436-0519
See pts. 2-7 & 10-12 on foot or by trolley; Park & Ride Trolley services available here.

Abbreviation Key:
 R RIGHT
 L LEFT
 N NORTH
 S SOUTH
 E EAST
 W WEST
 Int. INTERSECTION

2. **Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre – (R)** Ready for a laugh? This hysterical vaudevillian live comedy show is the longest running theatrical attraction in Gatlinburg. *Shows nightly, April-Dec.*

3. **Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts – (L)** The five galleries of this nationally recognized center for contemporary arts



Continue on Parkway to light #5 and int. of River Rd. Turn R on Greystone Heights Rd., park in garage on L to visit pt. 4.

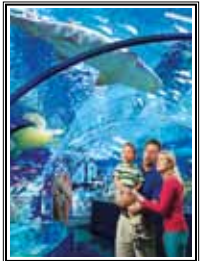
88 River Rd., Gatlinburg
 888-240-1358
Need a ride? The Gatlinburg Mass Transit Center at pt. 4 is the trolley hub for rides through town, the National Park, Crafts Community and Dollywood. Ask about an All-Day Trolley Pass.
 576 Parkway
 Gatlinburg
 865-436-0535

628 Parkway/The Village
 Gatlinburg
 865-436-4724

755 Parkway
 Gatlinburg
 865-436-5133

and crafts are popular stops for tourists and collectors alike. Check out the center's class schedule and return to hone your skills with the staff and artists in residence.

4. **Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies – (R)** Get up close and personal with a shark and a giant sea turtle, or watch the penguins play at America's No. 1 aquarium, featuring a 1.4 million-gallon, world-class saltwater aquarium filled with more than 10,000 exotic sea creatures.



5. **Martha Jane Huskey Ogle Cabin – (L)** Stop at this historic 1807 structure on the Arrowmont campus for a glimpse into the past. This home belonged to the town's first permanent settler, a widow with seven children who farmed the land claimed by her husband before his death. It is the oldest remaining structure in the city. *Open June-Oct.*



6. **Pancake Pantry – (L)** Said to be Tennessee's oldest pancake house, this Gatlinburg institution has been serving up favorites for over 50 years. Stop in from breakfast to late lunch.



Did You Know?
 You'll see a lot of pancake houses in this area — they date back to the frontier culture. Using only basic ingredients, they were affordable and easy for pioneers to prepare. Some settlers even fried them on their hoe blades over an open flame, earning them the name "hoecake."

7. **Gatlinburg Inn – (R)** "Rocky Top," the trail's namesake song, was written in 1967 by Felice and Boudleaux Bryant in this 1930s-era inn. The inn also appears in the movie, *A Walk in the Spring Rain*, (1970) starring Ingrid Bergman, Anthony



Drive 0.3 mile to light #8, turn L on Historic Nature Trail. Go 0.6 mile, go through int. onto Cherokee Orchard Rd. Continue approx. 2 miles to pt. 8.
 Cherokee Orchard Rd.
 Gatlinburg, 865-436-1200

OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail from pt. 8, turn R, continue on Cherokee Orchard Rd. Veer R on Loop Rd. (one-way), go 0.9 mile. Turn R on Roaring Fork Rd., begin pt. 9 (one-way drive).
 Roaring Fork Rd.
 Gatlinburg, 865-436-1200
 Drive ends 0.6 mile from downtown at light #1A on US-321 just to R of pt. 14. Turn L on US-321, return to light #3. Turn L, continue on Parkway to rejoin main trail at pt. 10.

BACK ON TRAIL

To stay on main trail from pt. 8, turn L on Cherokee Orchard Rd., return to light #8 in downtown. Turn L on Parkway to pt. 10. (Park in back.)
 903 Parkway
 Gatlinburg
 865-436-6995

Continue on Parkway for 0.2 mile to pt. 11. Park in back.
 1001 Parkway
 Gatlinburg
 865-436-5423

8. **Noah "Bud" Ogle Self-Guiding Nature Trail – (R)** Take a walking tour of an authentic mountain farmstead and surrounding hardwood forest.



9. **Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail –** Slow down and cruise this 6-mile, one-way driving journey through the forest to enjoy the historic buildings and scenic beauty of the area. This drive offers rushing mountain streams, glimpses of old-growth forest, and a number of well-preserved log cabins, grist mills and other historic buildings. Along the way is the trailhead for the popular **Grotto Falls** and a "wet weather" waterfall called **Place of a Thousand Drips**. *Closed in winter. Buses, trailers & motor homes not permitted on trail.*



10. **Ole Smoky Distillery – (R)** Visit Tennessee's first legal moonshine distillery to sample and buy authentic spirits, created from recipes over 200 years old. Learn about the area's moonshine history and try the original mountain moonshine mixture, made with local corn. See why this fascinating stop was featured on *The Today Show*.



11. **Ober Gatlinburg – (R)** Enjoy the great view of the Great Smoky Mountains, and look out over the city of Gatlinburg from this sky-high aerial tramway. At the top of the ride, you'll find fun for everyone: year-round ice skating, an alpine slide, snow sports, dining and shopping. Don't miss the **Smoky Mountain Wildlife Encounter**, where you'll meet some of the area's native species, including black bears.



Continue on Parkway for 2 blocks to pt. 12.
 1138 Parkway
 Gatlinburg
 865-277-8209

12. **Nantahala Outdoor Center's Great Outpost – (L)** If you're planning for outdoor adventure on the Rocky Top Trail, this is the place for gear. Designed by the team responsible for Bass Pro Shops, this LEED-certified outfitter features a large selection of camping, hiking, fishing and canoeing supplies. There's so much to see here that the shop offers guided tours.



Continue on Parkway through light #10 and into Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Go 1.7 miles on US-441, turn R on Little River Rd. Turn R into parking lot for pt. 13.
 107 Park Headquarters Rd.
 Gatlinburg
 865-436-1200

13. Sugarlands Visitor Center

Even if you don't hike or camp in **Great Smoky Mountains National Park**, drive two miles into the park to this stop. Watch the free 20-minute film for an overview of this 800-square-mile national park and American treasure; pick up a park map; have your questions answered by a ranger; purchase books and guides to the park. Behind the center is a short and easy nature walk to the smallest waterfall in the Smokies, **Cataract Falls**. This entrance to



FELICE & BOUDLEAUX BRYANT

This songwriting power-duo met in Milwaukee in 1945, when Felice was an elevator operator in the hotel where Boudleaux, a traveling musician, was performing. They were married just a few days later. The duo found songwriting success in Nashville, composing songs for the Everly Brothers, with hits like "Wake Up, Little Susie," "All I Have To Do Is Dream," and "Bye Bye Love," which had been rejected 30 times by various artists. Before settling in Gatlinburg, the couple vacationed at the Gatlinburg Inn (point 7), where they fell in love with the fresh mountain air and the Smokies' peaks steeped in fog. This view inspired "Rocky Top," the unofficial anthem of the Smoky Mountains, and rallying cry of the University of Tennessee Volunteers (see page 20). The song was completed in 15 minutes and was recorded by the Osborne Brothers in 1968; it is now one of the official songs of the State of Tennessee. The Bryants' songs have been recorded by many famous American artists including Buddy Holly, Little Jimmy Dickens, Elvis Presley, Chet Atkins, The Carter Family, Buck Owens, Tony Bennett and Lawrence Welk.



the park is one of the most popular, leading to favorite attractions like **Cades Cove**, **Newfound Gap** and the road to **Clingmans Dome**, the highest point in the park.



Over nine million people visit Great Smoky Mountains National Park each year, making it the most visited national park in the country.

Exit pt. 13 parking lot, turn L on Little River Rd. Turn L on US-441, go back to Gatlinburg and light #10. Turn L on Ski Mtn. Rd., turn R on River Rd. Go 1 mile back to light at Aquarium (pt. 4). Turn L at light back onto Parkway, move immediately to R lane. Veer R at light #3 onto US-321/E. Parkway, go 0.6 mile. Turn R on Pine Ln. into Winery Sq. to pt. 14.

461 Brookside Village Way Gatlinburg, 865-430-5515 Return to E. Parkway, turn R. Go 2.2 miles, turn L on Glades Rd. to begin pt. 15.

Pts. 16-19 are highlights along Arts & Crafts Trail.

14. Salt & Pepper Museum – (L) What's a road trip without an unusual collection or two? Check out this museum in **Winery Square**

to see more than 20,000 sets of salt and pepper shakers from all over the world; you'll also view the world's largest pepper mill collection. *Admission charged.*



15. Great Smoky Arts & Crafts Community Trail – (L) This 8-mile loop is more than an arts district; it's a window into an Appalachian artist's way of life. See craftsmen and artisans at work in the 120 shops and studio spaces that dot this drive. From copper, gold

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APPALACHIAN ARTS & CRAFTS

The people of Appalachia trace their heritage back to close-knit communities isolated from other towns by mountainous terrain. Isolation meant resourcefulness — the earliest of the now-famous Appalachian arts and crafts were functional everyday items made by hand and made to last. Quilts, furniture, cookware, textiles, tools, toys and more were created using just the natural materials available nearby. Transportation improved in the early 20th century, giving the communities better access to consumer products and materials. The need for artful self-sufficiency began to fade. Several arts and crafts institutions were founded in the area by philanthropic organizations in order to preserve Appalachian traditions and create a unique kind of industry for the largely poor area — Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts (point 3) is one such place. Once created out of necessity, these objects took on the role of folk art in the mid-century, and in the 1960s became an important part of the Folk Art Movement. Artists from all over the U.S. took an interest in the region's arts culture, creating today's tradition-inspired arts.



Continue 1.3 miles on Glades Rd. to pt. 16. 623 Glades Rd. Gatlinburg 865-430-7828

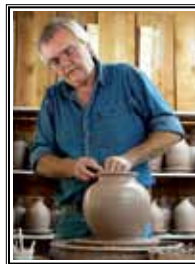
Drive 0.2 mile on Glades Rd. to pt. 17. 670 Glades Rd. Gatlinburg 865-436-8988 Ogle's Broom Shop 670 Glades Rd. Gatlinburg 865-430-4402 The Cliff Dwellers 668 Glades Rd. Gatlinburg 865-436-6921 Ownby's Woodcraft 704 Glades Rd. Gatlinburg 865-436-5254

Drive 0.8 mile on Glades Rd. to pt. 18. 1003 Glades Rd. Gatlinburg 888-728-5687

In approx. 0.5 mile, turn R on Buckhorn Rd. to enjoy more artistic paradise. Pt. 19 is just 0.2 mile ahead. 555 Buckhorn Rd. Gatlinburg 865-436-3808 Buckhorn Rd. is the dividing line between Gatlinburg and Pittman Center.

and Lucite to leather, painting and pottery, this area features compelling work in a true artistic community. This is a great place to pick up souvenirs, gifts and mementos. A brochure of all the artists is available at points 1 and 4.

16. Alewine Pottery – (L) Potter Robert Alewine trekked to Gatlinburg in the 1970s to try his hand at pottery; his distinctive work has become a local staple. Find a piece for your collection.



17. Jim Gray Gallery – (R) Visit this century-old former church for fine art and handmade crafts by this iconic landscape and portrait artist. Behind the gallery is **Ogle's Broom Shop**, home of a third-generation broom maker offering functional and decorative brooms and hiking sticks. Next door is **The Cliff Dwellers**, a 1930s cliff-side home to six gallery artists showing and selling works in watercolor, glass, decorative paper, weaving and pottery. Next to Jim Gray, find beautiful wood items at **Ownby's Woodcraft**.



The Cliff Dwellers building was built in downtown Gatlinburg by artist Louis E. Jones; the chalet-style structure served as Jones' home, gallery and studio until his retirement. Local artist Jim Gray and his son moved the building here in the 1990s and lovingly restored it for use as a gallery.

18. Paul Murray Studio & Gallery – (L) This artist captures the everyday lives of the Southern Appalachian mountain culture in gorgeous pencil and painted works.



19. The Wild Plum Tea Room – (R) This Austrian-style tea room is the perfect place to stop for lunch in between galleries. The menu features wine, beer and children's options. *Open Mon.-Sat., March-mid Dec.*



Continue 1 mile on Buckhorn Rd. to pt. 20. 2140 Tudor Mountain Rd. Gatlinburg/Pittman Center 865-436-4668

20. Buckhorn Inn – (L) Elegance and period charm mix with grand views of the Smokies at this classic 1938 inn. Stop here to experience one of the largest meditation labyrinths in the U.S., open to people of all faiths and creeds from sunrise to sunset. *Evening dining open to public.*



The Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Sevierville region is the "Destination Wedding Capital of the South." Vows are exchanged near mountain peaks, under canopies of trees, as well as in scores of wedding chapels.



21. Historic Pittman Center – Off the highway, time seems to stand still as this "Preserve America" community provides a unique blend of historic structures, culture and natural scenic beauty.



Continue on Buckhorn Rd. to end of Arts & Crafts Trail loop. Turn L on US-321 into Pittman Center. Go 0.6 mile to pt. 22.

22. Greenbrier Entrance – (R) In spring, this area of **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** is renowned for its wildflowers. The drive from here to the **Ramsey Cascades Trailhead** provides good wildflower viewing from your car, while the **Porters Creek Trail** makes a good wildflower walk. *Picnic area & trout fishing available year-round; limited park access.*



Return to US-321, cross road onto Hills Creek Rd. Go 0.6 mile to pt. 23. Cross bridge, turn L on Emerts Cove Rd., enjoy drive along river to cemetery. Hills Creek Rd./Emerts Cove Rd. Pittman Center

23. Emerts Cove Covered Bridge – This bridge is dedicated to the area's first family of settlers. Frederick Emert was a Revolutionary War soldier who found this haven in 1784, calling it Emerts Cove. Go another one-half mile to visit **Emerts Cove Cemetery**, where he is buried.



Continue on Emerts Cove Rd. to TN-416, turn L. Go 0.8 mile, turn R onto Webb Creek Rd. to pt. 24. 2839 Webb Creek Rd. Pittman Center 865-436-5499

24. Pittman Center City Hall – (L) In the early 1900s, a health and education campus was established to provide



GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

The idea to create a national park in these mountains started in the late 1890s with the movement to preserve land and resources in the Southern Appalachians. The location is halfway between Knoxville and Asheville, North Carolina where the park's supporters — mostly recreational motorists interested in preserving beautiful driving routes — were largely based. In 1926, President Calvin Coolidge signed the bill that established Great Smoky Mountains National Park; raising the funds, however, was the responsibility of the states and private citizens. The Spellman Rockefeller Memorial Fund was a major donor, and even school children pledged their pennies. The park was chartered by Congress in 1934 and formally dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1940. It is now the most visited national park in the country.

services for what was then an isolated community. City hall is housed in the original Pittman Center School Home Economics Building. It overlooks a quiet two-lane road and a clear peaceful stream.

Return to TN-416 turn L. Go 2 miles, turn L on US-321. Go 0.2 mile to pt. 25. 2455 E. Parkway Pittman Center 865-436-4515

25. Pittman Center Heritage Museum – (L) Located in the new elementary school, this museum tells the story of the town's cultural heritage. If you're here outside of regular school hours, the view from the parking area is worth the trip on its own.



Turn L on US-321, go 0.7 mile to pt. 26. 2635 E. Parkway Gatlinburg 865-621-4005

26. Vintage & Variety – (L) Stop here for antiques, collectibles, and other resale items.



During prohibition in the 1930s, the town of Cosby was known as "The Moonshine Capital of the World." Learn more on the White Lightning: Thunder Road to Rebels Trail.

Continue on N US-321 for 8.5 miles, turn R on Baxter Rd. Go 0.3 mile, turn L on Laurel Springs Rd. Go 0.3 mile, make sharp L on Troll Mountain Way. Drive up hill to pt. 27. Call ahead to visit. 150 Troll Mountain Way Cosby 423-487-2537

27. Trolls of 5 Arts Studio – When the Arensbak family came to the area from Denmark in 1949, they continued to share Danish troll folklore to delight their children. Their father, Ken, made trolls for them out



of forest materials; now a specialty, the handmade treasures have been produced for over 50 years and are sold around the world. Call ahead to visit.

Return to US-321, turn R, go 2.4 miles. At int. of US-321 & TN-32, turn R to go S on TN-32. Go 1.2 miles, turn R on Cosby Park Rd. to pt. 28. Off Hwy 32 Cosby

28. Great Smoky Mountains National Park Cosby Campground – This out-of-the-way spot is a favorite among locals and long-time Smokies visitors for camping, picnicking, and hiking. Try the popular 2-mile **Hen Wallow Falls** day hike, or the 1.4 mile walk to **Sutton Ridge Overlook** for spectacular views. More ambitious hikers should plan for the 12-mile, fairly strenuous round-trip hike to the **Mt. Cammerer Fire Tower** via the **Low Gap Trailhead**; views from the 4,928-foot summit are stunning. The hikes originate from the Cosby picnic area.



Return to TN-32, turn L. Go 1.2 miles back through int. of TN-32 & US-321 to pt. 29.

4381 Cosby Hwy Cosby 423-625-9675

29. Smoky Mountain Visitors Center on Cosby (L)

OFF-TRAIL
To go off trail from pt. 29, turn L on US-321, go 1.7 miles to pt. 30. Foothills Pkwy. Cosby
Return to US-321, turn R. Go 0.9 mile to rejoin main trail at pt. 31.

30. Foothills Parkway (East) – Take a scenic detour down this historic highway project running parallel to Tennessee's boundary of **Great Smoky Mountains National Park**. Enjoy beautiful mountain views to the south and the valley to the north; a 6-mile drive takes you to I-40.



Rafting is a popular outdoor activity for visitors to Rocky Top, and nearby Hartford is a great place to start. Catch an exhilarating class 3 and 4 ride on the rapids of the Pigeon River, enjoy a calming family float, or even take to the trees for a zip line adventure. Find your thrills in the outdoor listings on page 16.

BACK ON TRAIL
To stay on main trail from pt. 29, turn L on US-321 go 2 miles to pt. 31. 3892 Cosby Hwy, Cosby 423-487-3866

31. Holloway's Country Home – (R) Representing centuries of rural tradition, shop here for original and vintage quilts, or pick up a kit and supplies.



Continue NE on Cosby Hwy/US-321 for 1.6 miles to pt. 32. 3460 Cosby Hwy Cosby 423-487-2710

32. Carver's Orchard & Applehouse Restaurant – (R) This 60-year-old roadside wonder overlooks 40,000 apple trees. Locals and travelers return often for a country breakfast or catfish dinner, served with crispy

apple fritters, apple butter and apple cider. Browse the farmers market for many seasonal favorites, and find an Appalachian treasure at the gift shop.



Continue NE on Cosby Hwy/US-321 for 2.4 miles to pt. 33.

2912 Cosby Hwy, Cosby 423-487-2875

Interstate Access: I-40, exit 435

33. Front Porch Mexican Restaurant – (R) This famous off-the-wall spot has fajitas and steaks, plus excellent bluegrass. It's where the locals eat and relax. *Open Fri. & Sat. evenings.*



TRIPADVISOR.COM: While Mexican & bluegrass may sound like an unlikely combo, believe me, it works! The food is homemade, made to order, using recipes [the owner's] mother-in-law handed down... There is no place this original or as much fun in the Smokies.



Turn R on Cosby Hwy/US-321, go 0.6 mile. Turn R on US-321, then immediate L. Go 5.9 miles, cross over I-40, go 1 mile to pt. 34.

34. Cocke County Tourism & Chamber of Commerce (R)



433B Prospect Ave. Newport 423-625-9675

EAST TENNESSEE CROSSING NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

East Tennessee Crossing (Hwy 25E) stretches 83 miles in Tennessee from the Cumberland Gap, southeast to the Cherokee National Forest. It has been used since prehistoric times by pioneer travelers, hunters and tourists alike, and is as well traveled as it is named. It has been known as the **Cherokee Warriors' Path**, originally cut by bison and used by Native American tribes. It was also called **Wilderness Road**, an important route for settlers from the East Coast colonies moving west into "new" lands. In the early 1900s, it was known as the **Dixie Highway**, the first paved route connecting the North and the South for automobile travel. Later, it was known as **Thunder Road** for the fast and furious trips taken by moonshiners under the cover of darkness, transporting homemade, untaxed liquor during prohibition in the 1920s. You'll travel a portion of the byway through Newport (points 34 and 36).

National Scenic Byways are designated as such based on their archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic qualities. There are 150 nationally designated byway routes in 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, with five located in Tennessee.

OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail from pt. 34, turn R on US-321, go 0.4 mile. Turn R on E. Broadway/US-321, go 0.3 mile. Turn L on McMahan Ave./US-321, go 2 miles. Turn L on N TN-160, go approx. 10 miles. Turn R on Briar Thicket Rd., go 0.7 mile to pt. 35. 255 Briar Thicket Rd., Bybee 865-919-5072

Return to TN-160, turn L. Go approx. 10 miles, turn R on McMahan Ave./US-321. Go 2 miles, turn R on E. Broadway/US-321/25. Go 0.3 mile, continue through int. on N US-25W/W US-70. Go 1.6 miles to rejoin main trail at pt. 36.

BACK ON TRAIL

To stay on main trail from pt. 34, turn R on US-321, go 0.4 mile. Turn L on Broadway/N US-25W (East Tennessee Crossing National Scenic Byway), go 1.6 miles to pt. 36. 642 W Hwy 25/70 Newport, 423-623-6181
Continue on US-25 for 2.8 miles, traveling under I-40. Turn L on S US-411/TN-35, go 5.4 miles to pt. 37. 3901 Hwy 411 Dandridge 865-509-3485
Café: 865-509-2361

35. Briarwood Auto Safari – (L) Drive your car or ride the tractor-pulled wagon on this 4-mile safari through beautiful hills and pasture lands, where you'll see animals from six continents. Take plenty of time to study their behavior from the safety of your own car, and bring your camera. Get up close and personal with friendlier animals in the petting zoo.



36. The Farm Market & Garden Center – (R) This Appalachian country restaurant and market is sure to please. Sit down to a farm breakfast featuring double-yolked eggs, home-churned butter, fresh meat and fresh-picked berries; take home a handcrafted fishing pole and fresh produce, and definitely stay for a legendary dessert.



37. Bush Beans Visitor Center – (L) Discover the home of the "No. 1 Baked Beans in the World" when you visit the A.J. Bush & Company general store, founded in 1897. Now a museum, gift shop, theatre and family café, see Jay Bush and his dog Duke on the big screen; walk through the canning process — literally — in a giant replica; learn your weight in beans and snap a photo with Duke. Make sure you try the pinto bean pie. *Open Mon.-Sat.*



OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail from pt. 37, turn L out of parking lot, turn R onto N TN-92. Go 9.2 miles to pt. 38.

Park & walk to visit pts. 38 & 39.

Get Downtown Dandridge Self-guided Walking Tour brochure here: Downtown Dandridge Visitor Center 137 E. Main St. Dandridge 865-397-7420, ext 16

38. Historic Dandridge – Explore the eclectic boutiques and restaurants of the second-oldest town in the state; this charming downtown is a National Historic District featuring the 1845 **Jefferson County Courthouse** and four original taverns on the district's **walking tour**. The National Trust for Historic Preservation designated this one of the "2011 Dozen Distinctive Destinations," and *Blue Ridge Country Magazine* listed it as one of the "16 Friendliest Towns." *Visitor Center open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.*



The citizens of Dandridge saved their town from scheduled flooding in the 1940s by appealing to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt (pictured), pointing out that the town is the only place in the U.S. named for the country's first First lady, Martha Dandridge Washington.



545 E. Meeting St. Dandridge 865-397-2917

Retrace route to TN-92, turn R. Go 9.2 miles, turn R on US-411. Go 1.9 miles, turn L on Blowing Cave Rd. Go 1.2 miles to rejoin main trail at pt. 40.

BACK ON TRAIL

To stay on main trail from pt. 37, turn L onto US-411, go 1.9 miles. Turn L on Blowing Cave Rd., go 1.2 miles to pt. 40. 455 Blowing Cave Rd. Sevierville 865-453-5972

39. Spirit of the Hand – This is just one of the many highlights in Dandridge; this gallery of fine crafts features the work of over 150 artisans from around the region and across the country.



40. Forbidden Caverns – (R) Don't miss one of the greatest sights under the Smokies, where the temperature is always 58 degrees. This cave is visitor friendly and well lit — take an educational and entertaining guided tour to see sparkling clear waters, many grottoes, natural chimneys and picture-perfect rock formations. *Open April-Nov.*

41. Clint's BBQ & Country Cooking – (R) This Sevierville roadside favorite features d o w n - h o m e hospitality, good country cooking and live musical entertainment from proprietor Clint Carney and other special guests. You'll even find a train set to keep little ones busy.



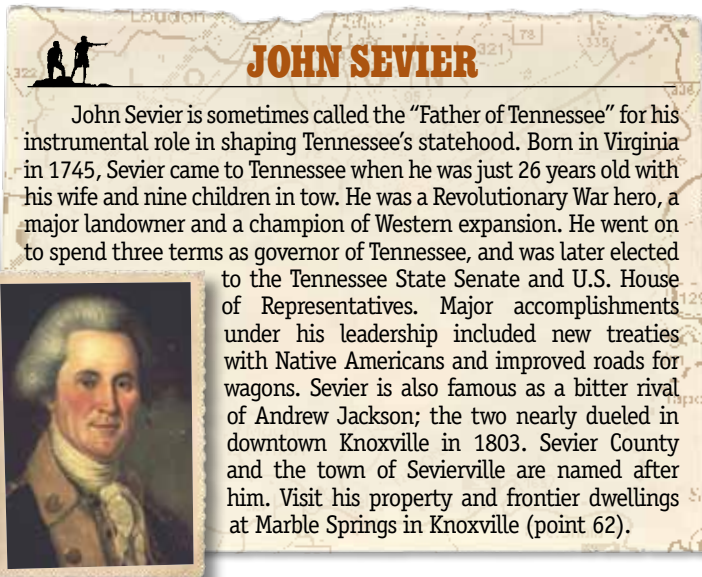
Turn R on US-411, go 4.5 miles. Turn L into entrance of Gatlinburg-Pigeon Forge Airport to pt. 42. 135 Air Museum Way Sevierville 865-908-0171

42. Tennessee Museum of Aviation – (L) Visit this high-flying museum to see historic aircraft, including two World War II Thunderbolts. With dozens of planes, war exhibits and the airport next door, you never know what type of aircraft will be making a pit stop.




Turn L on US-411, go 1.2 miles. At light #16.2, turn L onto Gary Wade Blvd. Turn L into pt. 43 parking lot. 110 Gary Wade Blvd. Sevierville 865-453-6411

43. Sevierville Convention & Visitors Bureau (L)



JOHN SEVIER

John Sevier is sometimes called the “Father of Tennessee” for his instrumental role in shaping Tennessee’s statehood. Born in Virginia in 1745, Sevier came to Tennessee when he was just 26 years old with his wife and nine children in tow. He was a Revolutionary War hero, a major landowner and a champion of Western expansion. He went on to spend three terms as governor of Tennessee, and was later elected to the Tennessee State Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Major accomplishments under his leadership included new treaties with Native Americans and improved roads for wagons. Sevier is also famous as a bitter rival of Andrew Jackson; the two nearly duelled in downtown Knoxville in 1803. Sevier County and the town of Sevierville are named after him. Visit his property and frontier dwellings at Marble Springs in Knoxville (point 62).



Turn L on Gary Wade Blvd.; turn R on Bruce St. to light. Cross Parkway to pt. 44 on immediate L.
167 Bruce St.
Sevierville
423-453-4058

44. Sevier County Heritage Museum – (L) Visit this former post office for local history, from Woodland Indian artifacts to early settlers and farm implements they used; the collection also includes educational exhibits and tributes to local veterans from the Civil War through Korea.



Continue on Bruce St. to pt. 45. Park & walk to these downtown highlights:
Cherry Pit
115 Bruce St.
Sevierville, 865-453-4062
Loralei’s on Main
213 E. Main St.
Sevierville, 865-365-1217
D Garden
128 Court Ave.
Sevierville, 865-453-2282

45. Downtown Sevierville – Get ready for fun sites and great shopping. Snap a photo with the **bronze statue of Dolly Parton**, Sevierville’s hometown girl, in front of the 1896 **Sevier County Courthouse**. Visit the quaint shops including the **Cherry Pit**, named one of the top quilting stores in the nation by *Quilt Sampler Magazine*; **Loralei’s on Main**, a trendy gift shop; and **D Garden**, a hip florist and boutique.



Continue on Bruce St. past courthouse to light. Turn L on Forks of the River Pkwy./S US-441. Go 0.4 mile, veer R at light. Go 2.4 miles on Parkway/US-441 to light #12.6. Turn R, drive along river to pt. 46. Farmhouse is at rear of complex.
231 Apple Valley Rd.
Sevierville
800-421-4606
Apple Barn Winery:
865-428-6850

46. Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant – A 1920s farmhouse serves as the anchor restaurant for this working **apple orchard** complex, home to 4,000 apple trees. Every meal begins with fresh apple fritters, apple butter and signature non-alcoholic **Applewood Julep**. After your meal, tour the **Apple Barn Village**, including the **winery**;



see baked goods, candy and ice cream made before your eyes; then visit the general store for treats and souvenirs.

Return to Parkway, turn R. Cross river into Pigeon Forge. Turn R at light #5 to pt. 47.
1950 Parkway
Pigeon Forge
800-251-9100

47. City of Pigeon Forge Welcome Center


(R) Stop in for info about the area and view photos and memorabilia including a large unique collection of arrowheads and artifacts found within the city.

Did You Know?

There are more than a dozen live performance venues along the Parkway in Pigeon Forge, where entertainers display their craft ranging from music, comedy and magic to trick horseback riding and lumberjacking. Music genres span a wide range, from Broadway and rock ‘n’ roll to country, bluegrass and gospel.


In parking lot of pt. 47, drive over to pt. 48.
100 Music Rd.
Pigeon Forge
865-868-1800

48. WonderWorks – (R) Filled with more than 120 interactive adventures and hands-on exhibits that challenge the mind and body, this upside-down attraction is fun for everyone. Other activities include laser-tag, a ropes course and “The Wonders of Magic,” a variety show featuring critically acclaimed magician and illusionist, Terry Evanswood.




Turn R on Parkway, go 0.1 mile to pt. 49.
2134 Parkway
Pigeon Forge
800-381-7670.

49. Titanic Museum Attraction in Pigeon Forge – (R) Tour the world’s largest permanent Titanic Museum Attraction. The massive ship-shaped structure displays more than 300 priceless artifacts arranged over two decks. For the first time in the world, guests are able to walk the actual size of the grand staircase. Touch an iceberg, experience 28-degree water, and learn more about this legendary American tragedy. *Reservations recommended.*




Turn R on Parkway, go 0.8 mile to pt. 50.
2470 Parkway
Pigeon Forge
800-445-3396

50. The Incredible Christmas Place – (R) It’s Christmas all year long at the South’s largest Christmas shopping village. Be amazed by over 60 designer Christmas Trees, hundreds of unique and personalized ornaments, décor and other festive treats.




Turn R on Parkway, go approx. 1.4 miles to light #5 and pt. 51.
3106 Parkway
Pigeon Forge
877-293-0639

51. Flyaway Indoor Skydiving – (R) Experience human flight in this vertical wind tunnel. Pigeon Forge is one of only a handful of cities in the U.S. where you can enjoy the thrill of skydiving without jumping from a plane. Don’t miss your chance!




Turn R on Parkway, go 1.2 miles. Pass through light #8, turn L at next int. (Mill Creek Rd.). Cross median, enter pt. 52 parking lot on R.
3849 Parkway
Pigeon Forge
800-356-1676

52. Dolly Parton’s Dixie Stampede Dinner Attraction – (R) See why they call this “the most fun place to eat in the Smokies.” Enjoy a four-course feast with your fingers while watching thrilling horse riding stunts, spectacular special effects and some friendly North/South competition. Drop by throughout the day and enjoy a free, leisurely stroll alongside their **open-air stables** to sneak a peek at the magnificent horses. *Reservations suggested.*




Turn R on Parkway, back toward Sevierville. Turn R at light #7 to pt. 53. Pass water wheel to park.
175 Old Mill Ave.
Pigeon Forge
865-428-0771

53. The Old Mill District – (R) This 1830s structure is one of the most photographed mills in the country, and it still grinds the flour and meal used every day in the **Old Mill Restaurant** and **Old Mill Pottery House Café & Grille**. Pick up a bag of either at the **Old Mill General Store** and stroll the shops on the **Old Mill Square** for area crafts and goodies, including **Pigeon River Pottery**, first started in 1945 using local clays for their art. This is also a great place to park and take the trolley to Dollywood.



186 Old Mill Ave.
Pigeon Forge
865-429-7373

54. Pigeon Forge Trolley – (R) Just past the Old Mill Restaurant and across from Old Mill Square, choose your trolley journey: start your Dollywood adventure; head down the Parkway into Pigeon Forge and on to Sevierville; or travel back to



2700 Dollywood Parks Blvd.
Pigeon Forge
800-365-5996

Return to pt. 54; return to Parkway (N US-441), turn R. Go 4 miles to Collier Dr. (light #13.4), turn R. Go 0.4 mile to rejoin main trail at pt. 57.

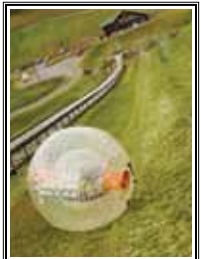
55. Dollywood® – Established in 1986, this Applause Award-winning theme park is famous for thrilling rides, live stage shows and so much more, all situated amid a beautiful mountain setting. Take a stroll through the past in **Craftsman’s Valley** to watch authentic crafters at work, then explore the rest of the park, where you’ll find something for everyone at the No. 1 ticketed attraction in Tennessee.



To go off trail from pt. 54, return to Parkway (N US-441), turn R. Go 2.3 miles to light #1. Turn R onto Sugar Hollow Rd., go 0.25 mile to pt. 56.
203 Sugar Hollow Rd.
Pigeon Forge, 865-428-2422

Turn R on Sugar Hollow Rd., turn R on Parkway. Go 1.7 miles back into Sevierville, turn R at light #13.4 onto Collier Dr. Go 0.4 mile to rejoin main trail at pt. 57.

56. Zorb® – (L) Pigeon Forge is the only place in the U.S. where you can experience “globe riding,” the sport of rolling down a hill in a large inflatable globe. To find the next closest Zorb, you would have to travel to New Zealand!



OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail from pt. 54, continue on Old Mill Ave. to stop sign. Turn R on Teaster Ln., then immediate L at light onto Veterans Blvd. Go approx. 1.4 miles, turn R at light onto McCarter Hollow Blvd. Follow signs to pt. 55.

OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail from pt. 54, return to Parkway (N US-441), turn R. Go 2.3 miles to light #1. Turn R onto Sugar Hollow Rd., go 0.25 mile to pt. 56.
203 Sugar Hollow Rd.
Pigeon Forge, 865-428-2422

Turn R on Sugar Hollow Rd., turn R on Parkway. Go 1.7 miles back into Sevierville, turn R at light #13.4 onto Collier Dr. Go 0.4 mile to rejoin main trail at pt. 57.

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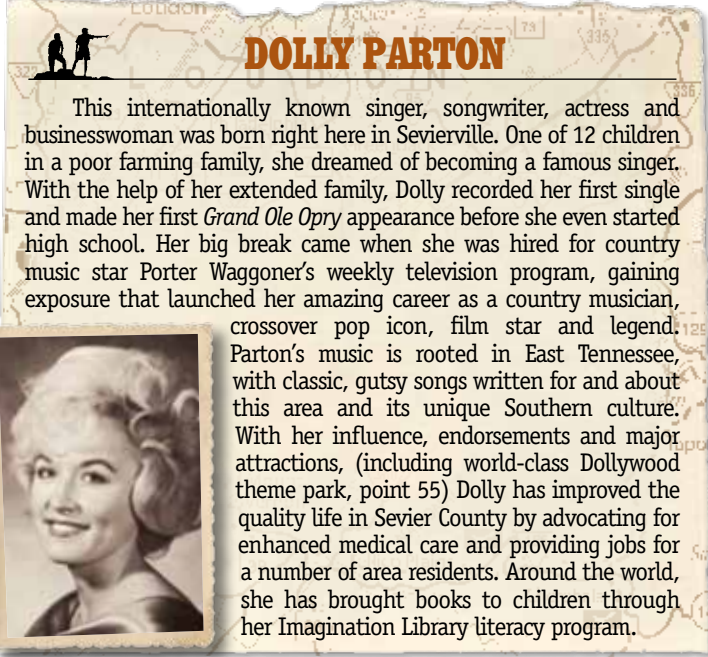
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203 Sugar Hollow Rd.
Pigeon Forge, 865-428-2422

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203 Sugar Hollow Rd.
Pigeon Forge, 865-428-2422

Turn R on Sugar Hollow Rd., turn R on Parkway. Go 1.7 miles back into Sevierville, turn R at light #13.4 onto Collier Dr. Go 0.4 mile to rejoin main trail at pt. 57.



DOLLY PARTON

This internationally known singer, songwriter, actress and businesswoman was born right here in Sevierville. One of 12 children in a poor farming family, she dreamed of becoming a famous singer. With the help of her extended family, Dolly recorded her first single and made her first *Grand Ole Opry* appearance before she even started high school. Her big break came when she was hired for country music star Porter Wagoner’s weekly television program, gaining exposure that launched her amazing career as a country musician, crossover pop icon, film star and legend. Parton’s music is rooted in East Tennessee, with classic, gutsy songs written for and about this area and its unique Southern culture. With her influence, endorsements and major attractions, (including world-class Dollywood theme park, point 55) Dolly has improved the quality life in Sevier County by advocating for enhanced medical care and providing jobs for a number of area residents. Around the world, she has brought books to children through her Imagination Library literacy program.



BACK ON TRAIL

To stay on main trail from pt. 54, return to Parkway (N US-441), turn R. Go 4 miles to Collier Dr. (light #13.4), turn R. Go 0.4 mile to pt. 57.

179 Collier Dr.
Sevierville
865-429-1601

57. Cirque de Chine at The Smoky Mountain Palace Theater – (L)

Visitors from all over the world give it the same review — this is one show you've just gotta see! A fusion of music, colorful costumes and extreme physical abilities, these are some of China's best acrobats in an extravagant exposition of skill and grace, suspense and danger, including flying motorcyclists racing inside a steel globe. *Matinee & evening shows, late March-early Jan.*



Renowned African-American carpenter, cabinetmaker and home builder Lewis Buckner was born a slave in a nearby county. He trained as an apprentice in Sevierville after the Civil War, and soon became a respected business owner in the area. With no two pieces exactly alike, his beautifully created furniture, mantels and cabinets are valuable heirlooms today.



Turn R on Collier Dr., turn R on Parkway/US-441.

In 1.6 miles, continue straight, follow signs to I-40. Pass through US-411, turn R on TN-66/Winfield Dunn Pkwy. Turn R at light #16.1 (Allensville Rd.). Turn L on Old Douglas Dam Rd., go 0.4 mile to pt. 58.

Old Douglas Dam Rd. Sevierville, 865-453-6315

58. Robert Tino Gallery – (L)

Inside the historic Riley Andes homeplace, this 1890s house is open daily as the gallery of local artist Robert Tino. View wonderful art and see the home's historical details — gingerbread work on the front porch, ornately carved



Continue on Old Douglas Dam Rd. to Winfield Dunn Pkwy./TN-66. Turn R, go 3.4 miles. Turn L in front of pt. 59.

2320 Winfield Dunn Pkwy.
Sevierville
865-453-5871

59. Smoky Mountain Knife Works & National Knife Museum – (L)

Over a million people visit the "world's largest knife showplace" every year. This place has blades for gourmet cooking, adventure camping, and game hunting to replicas of movie knives and historical weapons.



60. Knoxville – (L)

Founded in 1786, this is the largest city in East Tennessee, offering museums, historic homes, dining and entertainment. It's a great place to explore big-city attractions with a dose of small-town charm, with foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains as a backdrop.



Turn R on Winfield Dunn Pkwy. (toward Sevierville), go 0.5 mile. Turn R on Boyds Creek Hwy/TN-338, go 11.8 miles to Seymour.

Turn R on N US-441/Chapman Hwy, go 5.5 miles to light in front of Chapman Sq. Take ramp to TN-168/Gov. John Sevier Hwy, turn R on E TN-168/E. Gov. John Sevier Hwy. Go approx. 5.5 miles, turn R on Thorngrove Pk. Go 0.2 mile to pt. 61.

2614 Thorngrove Pk.
Knoxville
866-546-0745

Return to TN-168/Gov. John Sevier Hwy, turn L. Go approx. 8 miles on W TN-168, crossing Chapman Hwy to pt. 62.

1220 W. Gov. John Sevier Hwy, Knoxville
865-573-5508

Turn L on W TN-168, go 3.4 miles. Turn R at Pit Stop onto Circle Oak Dr., then R on N TN-33/Maryville Pk. Go 1.6 miles, turn R on Berry Rd. Turn R into pt. 63. Sultana memorial is 0.25 mile ahead.

Cemetery Rd.
Knoxville

61. Ramsey House Plantation – (L)

This 1797 home was built by Thomas Hope for Colonel Francis A. Ramsey, one of the founders of Blount College, now the University of Tennessee. His son, William B.A. Ramsey, was the first elected mayor of Knoxville. Visit over 100 acres, including a visitor center, gift shop, museum exhibits, picnic areas and heirloom gardens for strolling. Bring a picnic and enjoy the grounds, and don't miss your chance to tour a home that's over 200 years old.



62. Marble Springs – (L)

View the historic home of Tennessee Governor John Sevier (1745-1815), a true American frontiersman, soldier, and politician. Many Revolutionary War re-enactments take place on this site as well, and it's a great place for a picnic. *Open Wed.-Sun.*



63. Mt. Olive Cemetery – (R)

Find a memorial to the Sultana steamer ship, which tragically sank in April 1865 on the Mississippi River. Of the 1,547 people that died, 365 were

living room mantle and a beautifully crafted end table created by African-American master craftsman Lewis Buckner.

Return to TN-33, turn R. Go 1.8 miles, turn R on Ogle Ave. Continue on TN-33 for 0.3 mile to light. Turn R on Martin Mill Pk., turn L on W. Young High Pk. Go 0.4 mile, turn L onto US-441/Chapman Hwy. Go 0.2 mile to pt. 64.

4014 Chapman Hwy
Knoxville, 865-579-0510
Turn R on N US-441/Chapman Hwy. Just past 2nd light (Woodlawn Pk.), turn L onto Ft. Dickerson Rd. to pt. 65.
3000 Ft. Dickerson Rd.
Knoxville

OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail from pt. 65, return to Chapman Hwy, turn L. Go 0.6 mile, turn R on Blount Ave. Go 0.2 mile, turn R on Sevier Ave. Go 0.8 mile, turn L (before tracks) on Is. Home Ave. Go 0.7 mile, turn R, continue on Is. Home Ave. Veer L, go 1.4 mile to pt. 66.

2915 Island Home Ave.
Knoxville, 865-577-4717

Turn R on Is. Home Ave., go 0.6 mile. Turn R on Fisher Pl., go 0.2 mile. Turn R on Is. Home Blvd., turn L on Willis. Circle back down Is. Home Blvd., go 0.4 mile, turn R on Maplewood Dr. Continue straight on Is. Home Ave., go 0.7 mile, turn R onto Sevier Ave. Go 0.6 mile, turn R on Gay St. Cross bridge into downtown, turn R on Hill Ave. Go 1 block to rejoin main trail at pt. 67.

BACK ON TRAIL

To stay on main trail from pt. 65, return to Chapman Hwy, turn L. Go 0.6 mile, turn R on Blount Ave. Go 0.2 mile, turn L on Gay St. Cross bridge into downtown, turn R on Hill Ave. Go 1 block to pt. 67.

200 W. Hill Ave.
Knoxville, 865-525-2375

from this area. The disaster killed more crew and passengers than the *Titanic*, but received minimal press; it happened soon after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln and during the closing weeks of the Civil War.



64. Emery 5 & 10 – (R)

This is America's oldest family-owned 5 & 10 and is now a true 21st-century variety store. Since 1927, six generations of families have stocked the store with unusual items like Italian linens, German tin toys, and Dutch garden tools. Take plenty of time to look around and sample some sweets at the candy counter.



65. Fort Dickerson – (L)

This is one of 16 earthen forts and battery positions that protected Knoxville during the Civil War and is said to have the best preserved earthworks. From here, get a great view of the whole city, the high ridges beyond Fountain City and the Great Smoky foothills.



66. Ijams Nature Center – (L)

This 275-acre wildlife sanctuary and environmental learning center is one of Knoxville's jewels with forests, streams, caves and wetlands preserved and protected for all to enjoy. There are 10 miles of hiker-friendly trails, including a boardwalk along the Tennessee River. The visitor center showcases nature exhibits, past and present, of the area. *Mead's Quarry and Ross Marble Natural Area also open to mountain bikers.*



67. Blount Mansion – (R)

Tour the first frame house built west of the Allegheny Mountains. This was the home of William Blount, governor of the Southwest Territory, a Tennessee Senator, and a signer



WILLIAM BLOUNT

This North Carolina native was named by President George Washington as the territorial governor of the Southwest Territory — the area south of the Ohio River — in 1790. His primary responsibility was a daunting task: working out land treaties with surrounding Native American tribes. His personal and administrative home (point



67) is now surrounded by downtown Knoxville. Blount introduced Tennessee statehood in 1795 and was elected to represent the new state in the U.S. Senate while his friend and ally, John Sevier, was elected the first governor. Blount was later dismissed from the Senate for conspiring with the British and Native Americans to attack Spanish Florida. Back home in Tennessee, his reputation was untamished; he was elected to the Tennessee State Senate to represent Knoxville. Blount died in 1800.

of the U.S. Constitution. For a short time, it was administrative capital of the Southwest Territory; it was also the first building in the area with windows, prompting the Cherokee to name it "the house with many eyes."



In 1947, a New York reporter called Knoxville the ugliest city he had ever seen. Each April, the Dogwood Arts Festival celebrates the city's beauty with trails, a parade, art, music and more.

Turn R on Hill Ave., go 1 block across bridge. Turn R on Volunteer Landing Ln., drive down hill to pt. 68.

900 Volunteer Landing Ln.
Knoxville
865-523-0066

68. Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center – (L)

Learn about the region's outdoor opportunities at this recreational hub. Rent a bike, a boat or a stand-up paddleboard from **River Sports Outfitters** while shopping for premier outdoor brand gear and equipment.



Return to E. Hill Ave., turn R to pt. 69.
700 Hall of Fame Dr.
Knoxville
865-633-9000

69. Women's Basketball Hall of Fame – (L)

Stop in to shoot some hoops at the only facility of its kind in the world dedicated to women's basketball. This is a great stop for visitors of all ages, featuring an excellent collection of multimedia presentations, artifacts and hands-on experiences.



ROCKY TOP TRAIL CONTINUES IN KNOXVILLE ON PAGE 19.



FOOD & WINE



ALONG THE ROCKY TOP TRAIL

Here are just some of the many places to eat along the Rocky Top Trail. Find more options at RockyTopTrail.com. Restaurants are listed here by town, in the order it appears on the trail.

GATLINBURG

Blaine's Grill & Bar
Great American cuisine.
812 Parkway, 865-430-1978

**Coffee & Company
At the Village**
Locals' favorite coffeehouse.
634 Parkway, 865-430-4280

Hard Rock Cafe
Classic rock 'n' roll memorabilia;
wedding chapel on site!
515 Parkway, 865-430-7625

Howard's Restaurant
Hand-cut steaks, fresh mountain
trout, Southern entrees.
976 Parkway, 865-436-3600

Log Cabin Pancake House
Since '79, breakfast anytime and
lunch buffet; free parking.
327 Historic Nature Trail
865-436-7894

Pancake Pantry
(See pg. 2, pt. 6)
628 Parkway/The Village
865-436-4724

Peddler Steakhouse
Gatlinburg tradition; cut-to-order
steaks, generous salad bar.
820 River Rd., 865-436-2300

COSBY

Cosby BBQ Pit
Last food joint before entering
national park from Cosby side.
4414 Hooper Hwy/Hwy 321
423-487-5438

Carver's Applehouse Restaurant
(See pg. 6, pt. 32)
3460 Cosby Hwy, 423-487-2710

Front Porch Mexican Restaurant
(See pg. 6, pt. 33)
2912 Cosby Hwy, 423-487-2875

NEWPORT

Brandywine Creek Steakhouse
Steaks, chicken and burgers. Ask
them to "throw you a roll."
1071 W Hwy 25/70, 423-623-1913

Fox & Hounds Restaurant

Steak, seafood, chicken, soups
and serious sandwiches. Lunch,
Mon.-Fri.; supper, Mon.-Sat.
127 Fox & Hound Way, 423-623-9161

The Farm Market
(See pg. 7, pt. 36)
642 W Hwy 25/70, 423-623-6181

DANDRIDGE

Angelos' at the Point
Dinner with exceptional views of
Douglas Lake.
122 Boat Dock Dr., 865-484-0484

Bush Beans Visitor Center Café
(See pg. 7, pt. 37)
3901 Hwy 411, 865-509-2361

Southern Comfort Café
Comfort food with a twist.
149 E. Main St., 865-940-1616

**Tinsley-Bible Drug Store &
Soda Fountain**
Celebrating over 100 years; try the
"Bible Burger."
1224 Gay St., 865-397-3444

SEVIERVILLE

**Applewood Farmhouse
Restaurant**
(See pg. 8, pt. 46)
231 Apple Valley Rd., 800-421-4606

Frank Allen's Market
Breakfast and lunch from the
griddle. "Best burgers in town."
930 Parkway, 865-453-3617

The Diner
Buffalo, elk and bison burgers;
wait staff wears '50s attire.
550 Winfield Dunn Pkwy.
865-908-1904

The Tin Roof Café
Grilled Panini, fresh desserts,
Italian sodas and snow cream!
304 Apple Valley Rd., 865-365-0515

**Tony Gore's Smoky Mountain
BBQ & Grill**
Incredible BBQ; amazing desserts.
1818 Winfield Dunn Pkwy.
865-428-7771

PIGEON FORGE

**Kinkaku Japanese Steak &
Sushi House**
Hibachi cooking.
3152 Parkway, 865-774-7598

Log Cabin Pancake House
Hearty meals with friendly people.
4235 Parkway, 865-453-5748

Mama's Farmhouse Restaurant
Southern cooking served family
style; all you can eat.
208 Pickel St., 865-908-4646

**Old Mill Restaurant/Old Mill
Pottery House Café & Grille**
(See pg. 9, pt. 53)
175 Old Mill Ave., 865-428-0771

**The Partridge & Pear at
Christmas Place**
(See pg. 8, pt. 50) Rustic, regional
cuisine; Christmas-themed decor.
2480 Parkway, 800-917-4263

SEYMOUR

Willie's Restaurant
Italian, pizza and desserts.
11621 Chapman Hwy, 865-773-0170

KNOXVILLE

Aubrey's Restaurant
Family-friendly; Southern cuisine.
102 S. Campbell Station Rd.
865-671-2233

Lakeside Tavern
(See pg. 22, pt. 89)
10911 Concord Park Dr., 865-671-2980

Long's Drug Store
(See pg. 22, pt. 87)
4604 Kingston Pk., 865-588-9218

Market Square

(See pg. 20, pt. 77)
Charming cafés, pubs and more in
center of downtown.

Northshore Brasserie
French Belgian cuisine.
9430 S. Northshore Dr.
865-539-5188

Seasons Café
Innovative American cuisine;
Tues.-Sun.
12740 Kingston Pk., 865-671-3679

Sullivan's Fine Food
Rocky Hill icon.
7545 S. Northshore Dr., 865-694-9696

The Grill at Highlands Row
(See pg. 22, pt. 88)
4705 Old Kingston Pk., 865-851-7722

LENOIR CITY

Calhoun's Restaurant
(See pg. 22, pt. 92)
4550 City Park Dr., 865-988-9838

Good Eats Café & Bakery
(See pg. 23, pt. 94)
123 E. Broadway St., 865-816-3316

LOUDON

Mark's Diner
(See pg. 23, pt. 97)
502 Grove St., 865-458-2231

Riverwalk Grille at Carmichael Inn
(See pg. 23, pt. 98)
600 Hackberry St., 865-657-3222

GREENBACK

Greenback Drug Co. & Diner
(See pg. 24, pt. 103)
6729 Morganton Rd., 865-856-2614

WHAT DID WE MISS?

The information in this brochure represents just a few treasures along Tennessee backroads. Check out RockyTopTrail.com for complete travel planning along this trail. While there, you'll see a link to Facebook where you can share your experiences. You can also post reviews on sites like Yelp.com or TripAdvisor.com. Be a trail blazer — help us build our trails and keep them updated.

FOOD & WINE CONTINUED

FRIENDSVILLE

Jacque's Whistle Stop Café
(See pg. 24, pt. 105)
110 W. College St., 865-995-0823

MARYVILLE AREA

Foothills Milling Company
Superb fine dining for dinner;
elegant, friendly atmosphere.
315 S. Washington St., 865-977-8434

Hot Rod's '50s Diner
Classic and specialty burgers.
373 Hannum St., Alcoa
865-984-7171

**Lemon Grass Thai Cuisine
& Sushi Bar**
912 W. Lamar Alexander Pkwy.
865-681-8785

Sullivan's Downtown
(See pg. 24, pt. 107)
121 W. Broadway Ave., 865-681-3334

Tomato Head
Pizza, calzones, quesadillas,
sandwiches, soups and salads that
stimulate your appetite and mind.
211 W. Broadway, 865-981-1080

Vienna Coffeehouse
Fresh, locally roasted, specialty
coffees and more.
321 High St., 865-233-1060

TOWNSEND

Black Bear Café
Fresh-made sandwiches and salads,
baked goods, tasty dinners.
7621 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy.
865-448-8887

Carriage House Restaurant
Excellent buffet and home-style
menu; delicious fried chicken and
scrumptious desserts.
8310 Hwy 73, 865-448-2263

Dancing Bear Restaurant
(See pg. 25, pt. 115)
Reservations recommended.
133 Apple Valley Way
800-369-0111

Miss Lily's Cafe

Try Tennessee's most delicious
Rueben or the "Hillbilly Philly!"
122 Depot Rd., 865-448-1924

Riverstone Family Restaurant
Fabulous catfish and burgers;
occasional live music on weekends.
8503 Hwy 73, 865-448-8816

WEARS VALLEY

Grandmothers Kitchen
Plenty of great country food for
breakfast and lunch.
3030 Wears Valley Rd., 865-428-7237

WINERIES

Tennessee has 40 wineries state-
wide, and our trails practically
lead you to their door. These eight
are along the Rocky Top Trail.

Apple Barn Winery
(See pg. 8, pt. 46)
220 Apple Valley Rd., Sevierville
865-428-6850

Blue Slip Winery
(See pgs. 19 & 20, pt. 76)
105B W. Jackson Ave., Knoxville
865-249-7808

Bootleggers Homemade Wine
903 Parkway, Ste 108, Gatlinburg
865-221-1589

Hillside Winery
229 Collier Dr., Sevierville
865-908-8482

Mountain Valley Winery
2174 Parkway, Pigeon Forge
866-453-6334

Smoky Mountain Winery
450 Cherry St., Gatlinburg
865-436-7551

Sugarland Cellars
1133 Parkway, Gatlinburg
865-325-1110

Tennessee Valley Winery
(See pg. 23, pt. 95)
15606 Hotchkiss Valley Rd. E.
Loudon, 888-889-9463

AREA LODGING



There are many wonderful hotels
and bed & breakfasts (B&B) along
Rocky Top. Find a complete list at
RockyTopTrail.com. Accommodations are listed in trail order, beginning in
Gatlinburg. Call ahead for most lodging reservations.

**Gatlinburg Summit
Condominiums**
1260 Ski View Dr., Gatlinburg
800-967-4567

**Greystone Lodge at the
Aquarium**
559 Parkway, Gatlinburg
800-451-9202

Laurel Springs Lodge B&B
204 Hill St., Gatlinburg
865-430-9211

Mountain Laurel Chalets
440 Ski Mountain Rd.
Gatlinburg, 800-315-4965

Rocky Top Village Inn
311 Historic Nature Trail
Gatlinburg, 800-553-7738

Buckhorn Inn
(See pg. 5, pt. 20)
2140 Tudor Mountain Rd.
Pittman Center, 865-436-4668

**Creekwalk Inn B&B at
Whisperwood Farm Retreat**
166 Middle Creek Rd., Cosby
423-487-4000

**Christopher Place –
An Intimate Resort**
1500 Pinnacles Way, Newport
423-623-6555

French Broad River Dude Ranch
461 Old River Rd., Del Rio
423-487-3147

Clarion Inn Willow River
1990 Winfield Dunn Pkwy.
Sevierville, 865-429-7600
800-610-0565

Hidden Mountain Resorts
475 Apple Valley Rd., Sevierville
865-453-9850, 866-227-5291

Oak Haven Resort
1947 Old Knoxville Hwy, Sevierville
865-428-2009, 800-652-2611

Wilderness at the Smokies
1424 Old Knoxville Hwy, Sevierville
865-429-0625, 877-325-9453

For a complete list of
Pigeon Forge lodging go to
MyPigeonForge.com

For a complete list of **Knoxville
lodging** go to Knoxville.org/Stay

**Lake Tellico Lodge at
Yellowwood**
700 Summit Hill Dr., Greenback
865-809-3327

Butterfly Gap Retreat
4366 Butterfly Gap Rd., Maryville
865-984-6021

Chilhowee Inn B&B
5291 Old Walland Hwy, Walland
865-980-5623

Twin Valley B&B Horse Ranch
2848 Old Chilhowee Rd., Walland
865-984-0980

Dancing Bear Lodge
(See pg. 25, pt. 115)
133 Apple Valley Way, Townsend
800-369-0111

Gracehill B&B
1169 Little Roundtop Way
Townsend, 866-448-3070
865-448-3070

Highland Manor Inn
7766 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy.
Townsend, 800-213-9462

Richmont Inn B&B
220 Winterberry Ln., Townsend
865-448-6751



Would you rather be the ultimate adventurer
and go camping in this beautiful region? There
are so many choices on the Rocky Top Trail. For
a complete list of **camping and RV sites**, go
to RockyTopTrail.com.



The "real" Rocky Top, for many, is the rocky outcropping in the Great Smoky Mountains on the Appalachian Trail at the Tennessee-North Carolina border (see point 124). The Newport area claims a Rocky Top; it's also a nickname for East Tennessee, the city of Knoxville and UT's sport venues. For locals, Rocky Top is simply a state of mind that is "home sweet home to me."

Numbers in dark blue circles correspond to numbered Points of Interest throughout this guide.

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 - 🌳 Protected Lands:
Land Trust for Tennessee
Foothills Land Conservancy
 - Main Trail
 - ⋯ Off-Trail Highlight
- All locations on map are approximate. Map is not to scale.

tennessee
welcome centers
I-40, mile marker 446, W bound
Cocke Co. (Hartford)
423-487-3258

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NWR - National Wildlife Refuge
SF - State Forest
SNA - State Natural Area
WMA - Wildlife Management Area
Base map by Richard Quin

KNOXVILLE/GREAT SMOKY MTNS AREA SELF-GUIDED DRIVING TOUR

Find out more at RockyTopTrail.com

WATCH FOR THESE SIGNS ALONG THE ROCKY TOP TRAIL ROUTE.

DISCOVER TENNESSEE
TRAILS & BYWAYS

ROCKY TOP
SMOKY PEAKS TO CRAFTS & CREEKS TRAIL

ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS ALONG THE ROCKY TOP TRAIL

The Rocky Top Trail has outdoor opportunities at every turn. This guide provides you with several options, but for more ways to enjoy the great outdoors, go to RockyTopTrail.com.

OFF-ROAD ADVENTURES

Bluff Mountain Adventures

Guided ATV rides.
2186 Parkway, Pigeon Forge
866-428-7711

Foxfire Mountain Adventures

Safari tours.
3757 Thomas Ln., Sevierville
865-453-1998

Outdoor Adventures of the Smokies

Hummer tours and more.
910 Parkway, Sevierville
865-429-8757

Wildwater Pigeon Adventure

Jeep® tours.
1004 Parkway, Ste. 401, Gatlinburg
865-436-3829

HIKING

(Also see State & National Parks/Forests)

A Walk in the Woods

Guided nature walks and hikes.
Gatlinburg, 865-436-8283

Appalachian Trail

2,175-mile footpath through 14 eastern states. Access: GSMNP/Clingmans Dome and Newfound Gap (pgs. 3 & 4, pt. 13), near Newport (pg. 6, pt. 34), near Townsend (pg. 26, pt. 120).

Ijams Nature Center

(See pg. 11, pt. 66)
2915 Island Home Ave., Knoxville
865-577-4717

Smoky Mountain Llama Treks

Sevierville, 865-428-6042

HORSEBACK RIDING

Adventure Park at Five Oaks

1628 Parkway, Sevierville
865-453-8644

Cades Cove Stables

8224 Hwy 73, Townsend
865-448-6286

Douglas Lakeview Stables

1650 Providence Rd., Sevierville
865-428-3587

GSMNP

Authorized suppliers near Sugarlands (pg. 3, pt. 13) and Cades Cove (pg. 27, pt. 124).
865-436-1200

Smoky Mountain Riding Stables

1720 E. Parkway, Gatlinburg
865-436-5634

MARINAS

ON DOUGLAS LAKE

Swann's Marina

Boat rentals and cabins.
2515 Swann's Marina, Dandridge
865-397-2182

The Point Resort

Restaurant, lakefront suites, cabins and RV resort.
122 Boat Dock Dr., Dandridge
865-484-0484

ON TENNESSEE RIVER

Fort Loudon Marina

(See pg. 22, pt. 92)
5200 City Park Dr., Lenoir City
865-986-5536

Volunteer Landing Marina

Paddleboat, waverunner and pontoon rentals; overnight stays.
956 Volunteer Landing Ln. Knoxville,
865-633-5004

ON FT. LOUDON LAKE

Concord Park & Marina

(See pg. 22, pt. 89)
10915 S. Northshore Dr., Knoxville
865-966-5831

SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

Ober Gatlinburg

(See pg. 3, pt. 11)
1001 Parkway, Gatlinburg
865-436-5423

ZIP LINES

CLIMB Works Canopy

155 Branam Hollow Rd., Gatlinburg/
Pittman Center, 865-325-8116

Gatlinburg Ziplines

125 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg
865-430-9475

Pigeon River Canopy Tours

3555 Hartford Rd., Hartford
866-699-2375

Wahoo Zip Lines

605 Stockton Dr., Sevierville
865-453-7301

Wildwater Pigeon Adventure

1004 Parkway, Ste. 401, Gatlinburg
865-436-3829

Zippering in the Smokies

3595 Hartford Rd., Hartford
800-776-7238

RAFTING/CANOEING/TUBING

HARTFORD (off I-40, exit 447)

5 Rivers Adventures

888-297-9059

Appalachian Outdoors

423-532-0452

Big Creek Expeditions

423-487-0178

Nantahala Outdoor Center

800-232-7238

Outdoor Rafting Adventures

423-487-2085

Rafting in the Smokies

423-487-5252

Rapid Descent River Co.

423-487-2105

Rapid Expeditions

423-487-0160

Rip Roaring Adventures

423-487-0231

Smoky Mountain Outdoors

865-430-3838

USA Raft

423-487-4303

Wildwater Rafting

423-487-3307

SEVIERVILLE

Smoky Mountain River Romp

865-774-5994

KNOXVILLE

River Sports Outfitters

865-523-0066

MARYVILLE/TOWNSEND

Cowboy Tubing

865-448-6858

River John's Float Service

865-982-0793

River Rage

865-448-8000

River Rat Tubing & Kayak

865-448-8888

FARMS IN THE AREA



For complete list of homegrown attractions along the trail, go to RockyTopTrail.com. Please call before you visit; hours and crops are affected by weather and business conditions.

GATLINBURG

Gatlinburg Farmers Market – Sat., mid May-mid Nov. 705 E. Parkway (Alamo Steakhouse). 865-591-0660.

COSBY/NEWPORT AREA

Baxter's Orchard – Apples: Golden Delicious, Stayman Winesap, Rome Beauty; fresh-made cider. Daily, early Sept.-late Nov. 5446 E. Parkway, Cosby. 865-217-2281.

Carver's Orchard – (See pg. 6, pt. 32) 3460 Cosby Hwy, Cosby. 423-487-2710.

Newport Farmers Market of Cocke County – Sat. a.m. & Tue. p.m., May-Oct. 115 Mulberry St., Newport. 423-623-9272, 423-623-7531.

Smokey Mountain Honey Farm – Year-round. 341 Old 15th Rd., Del Rio. 423-487-2804.

Did You KNOW

A Century Farm is a farm that has been continuously owned by a family for 100 years or more. There are 118 certified Century Farms in the seven Tennessee counties that make up the Rocky Top Trail.

DANDRIDGE

Farmers Market – Produce, eggs, honey, breads and more. Sat. a.m. Downtown Dandridge.

SEVIERVILLE/PIGEON FORGE AREA

Mountain Mist Farms – U-pick blackberries, blueberries, raspberries. July-Labor Day. 710 Caney Creek Rd., Pigeon Forge. 865-258-3276.

Mountain View Orchard – Apples: 12+ varieties (mid Sept.-mid-Nov.). Butternut and acorn squash, cushaws, pumpkins, tomatoes, okra; apple butter, jams, bakery. 1701 Birch Dr., Sevierville. 865-429-8649.

Seymour Farmers Market – Sat., 7-11 a.m., June-fall. 11621 Chapman Hwy (1st Baptist Church), Seymour. 865-453-0130.

KNOXVILLE AREA

Black Oak Farms – Strawberries, okra, sweet corn, green beans, cantaloupes, muscadine grapes, watermelons, honey. 7235 Corryton Rd., Corryton. 865-687-6900.

Cliff Orchard Blueberries – Natural growing practices. July & Aug. 9721 Asheville Hwy, Strawberry Plains. 865-933-3942.

Dixie Lee Farmers Market – Fruit, vegetables, eggs, baked goods, preserves, jams, jellies, crafts. Sat., 9 a.m.-noon, May-Oct. 12740 Kingston Pk., Farragut. 865-816-3023.

King's Hydrofarm – Beans, blackberries, peas, peppers, raspberries, summer squash, tomatoes, eggs. U-pick and prepicked. Mon., Wed., & Sat. 3238 Tipton Station Rd. 865-660-9656, 865-691-4062.

Market Square Farmers Market – (See pg. 20, pt. 77) Wed., 11a.m.-2p.m.; Sat., 9a.m.-2p.m.; May-Nov. Market Sq.

The Fruit & Berry Patch – U-pick strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, peaches, apples, grapes, pumpkins; honey, hayrides. Year-round. 4407 McCloud Rd. 865-922-3779.

LENOIR CITY AREA

Lenoir City Farmers Market – Mid-June-July. 200 E. Broadway St. 865-755-1983.

Sweetwater Valley Farm – (See pg. 23, pt. 100) 17988 W. Lee Hwy, Philadelphia. 877-862-4332.

VONORE

Overhill Gardens – Native plants. 1404 Citico Rd. 423-295-2288.

GREENBACK

Maple Lane Farms – U-pick pumpkins; 8-acre corn maze. Mid-Sept.-mid-Oct. 1040 Maple Ln. 865-856-3517.

Milne Farm – U-pick grapes, muscadines, blackberries; apples, blueberries. Sat., Aug.-Sept. 6656 Morganton Rd. 865-856-2193.

MARYVILLE AREA

Falls Blueberry Farm – U-pick. Sun.-Tues. & Thurs. 111 Harmon Rd. 865-982-3457.

Honey Rock Herb Farm – Organic herbs, flowers and vegetables. Tues.-Sat., April-June. 113 Honey Rock Way, Louisville. 865-984-0954.

Liles Acres Organic Farm – Honey, eggs, organic produce; llama packing trips, llama fiber, angora rabbits and more. 2518 Tuckaleechee Pk. 865-981-2871.

Rutherford's Strawberries – U-pick. 3337 Mint Rd. 865-982-5891.

WEARS VALLEY

Wears Valley Produce Barn – March-Nov. 2881 Wears Valley Rd. 865-774-4055.

For wineries along Rocky Top, see page 13.

PROTECTED LANDS

Numerous parks, natural areas, farm lands and open space areas across the state have been protected by non-profit conservation organizations. The **Land Trust for Tennessee** (landtrusttn.org) works statewide; the **Foothills Land Conservancy** (FoothillsLand.org) focuses on the foothills region of the Great Smoky Mountains in East Tennessee. Both are equally dedicated to the preservation of the rich wildlife habitats, and the agricultural, scenic, and historical resources of the state for future generations. Contact these groups to learn more about protecting Tennessee's beautiful natural and cultural landscapes.

STATE & NATIONAL PARKS/FORESTS

Cherokee National Forest

Canoeing and hiking.
423-638-4109

Fort Loudoun State Historic Park

(See pg. 24, pt. 101)
338 Ft. Loudoun Rd., Vonore
423-884-6217

Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP)

Hiking, horseback riding, fishing, birding and photography; find info at park entry points along trail:

Gatlinburg Welcome Center

(See pg. 2, pt. 1)

Sugarlands Visitor Center

(See pg. 3, pt. 13)

Townsend Visitor Center

(See pg. 26, pt. 120)

Martha Sundquist State Forest

WMA*; hiking, hunting and fishing.
1250 Hwy 73, Newport, 423-625-9675

Did You KNOW

Knoxville has over 50 miles of paved public greenways (ci.knoxville.tn.us/greenways); Volunteer Landing is a great starting point. To rent a bike, visit:

Outdoor Knoxville Adventure Center

(See pg. 11, pt. 68)
Bike and boat rentals, retail and info on all things outdoor.

900 Volunteer Landing Ln.

Knoxville, 865-523-0066

CAVES

Forbidden Caverns

(See pg. 7, pt. 40)
455 Blowing Cave Rd., Sevierville
865-453-5972

Tuckaleechee Caverns

(See pg. 26, pt. 117)
825 Cavern Rd., Townsend
865-448-2274

FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN THE AREA



SEPT. CONTINUED

Smoky Mountain Fiddler's Convention – Loudon – 2nd Fri. & Sat.
Heritage Day – Pittman Center – 3rd Sat.
Fall Heritage Festival & Old Timers Day – Townsend – Last Fri. & Sat.
HoLa Festival – Knoxville – part of Hispanic Heritage Month
Scots-Irish Festival – Dandridge

OCTOBER

Newport Harvest Street Festival – Newport – 1st weekend
Foothills Fall Festival – Maryville – Mid-Oct
"On Cosby" Festival – Cosby – 3rd weekend
Craftsmen's Fair – Gatlinburg – Multiple weeks
Robert Tino's Smoky Mountain Homecoming – Sevierville
Oktoberfest – Wears Valley

NOVEMBER

SMOKY MOUNTAIN WINTERFEST
GATLINBURG / PIGEON FORGE / SEVIERVILLE
Nov.-Feb.

Annual Fine Craft Fair – Knoxville – 3rd weekend
Fantasy of Trees – Knoxville – Thanksgiving weekend
Christmas in the City – Knoxville – Late Nov.-Dec.

DECEMBER

Smoky Mountain Winterfest – Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge/Sevierville – Nov.-Feb.
Fantasy of Lights Parade – Gatlinburg – 1st Fri.
First Night Knoxville – Knoxville – New Year's Eve
New Year's Eve Ball Drop – Gatlinburg

See RockyTopTrail.com for a complete event listing.



Tennessee's Civil War Sesquicentennial commemorates the 150th anniversary of Tennessee's participation in the American Civil War. Tennessee ranks second in the country in number of battlefields, and presents a unique and powerful history to enthusiasts and curious visitors.

You'll also see signs along the Rocky Top Trail marking the Tennessee Civil War Trails, a collection of significant sites designed to help preserve and tell the complete story of Tennessee's Civil War legacy. To learn more about the Civil War Trails, visit tnvacation.com.



JANUARY

Smoky Mountain Winterfest – Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge/Sevierville – Nov.-Feb.

Wilderness Wildlife Week™ – Pigeon Forge

FEBRUARY

Winter Heritage Festival in the Smokies – Townsend – 1st weekend

Saddle Up! – Pigeon Forge

MARCH

Smoky Mountain Fiber Arts Festival – Townsend – Mid-March

A Mountain Quiltfest™ – Pigeon Forge

APRIL

DOGWOOD ARTS FESTIVAL – KNOXVILLE

All month

Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage – Gatlinburg – Late April

Music of the Mountains – Cosby – 3rd Sun.

Rossini Festival – Knoxville

MAY

Spring Festival & Old Timers Day – Townsend – 1st Fri. & Sat.

Bloomin' Barbeque & Bluegrass Festival – Sevierville – Mid-May

Smoky Mountain Highland Games – Maryville – Mid-May

Trout Fest – Townsend – Mid-May

Rockin' the Docks – Lenoir City – Sat. closest to Memorial Day

Cosby in the Park – Cosby Campground

Cosby Ramp Festival – Cosby

Dolly's Homecoming Parade – Pigeon Forge

International Biscuit Festival – Knoxville

JUNE

Lenoir City Arts & Crafts Festival – Lenoir City – 1st full weekend

Smoky Mountain Pottery Festival – Townsend – 1st Sat.

Kuumba Festival – Knoxville – African-American & Appalachian Arts

JULY

Fourth of July Celebrations – Many towns along the trail have a July 4th event. Visit RockyTopTrail.com to learn more.

- Festival on the Fourth – Knoxville
- Fourth of July Midnight Parade – Gatlinburg
- Rockin' the Docks – Lenoir City – Sat. closest to July 4th

Craftsmen's Fair – Gatlinburg – Multiple weeks

AUGUST

Jazz Festival – Knoxville

SEPTEMBER

Boomsday – Knoxville – Labor Day weekend

Fine Arts Festival – Gatlinburg – Labor Day weekend

Great Island Festival – Vonore – 2nd weekend

18th Century Trade Faire – Fort Loudoun State Historic Park

Sequoyah Arts & Crafts Festival – Sequoyah Birthplace Museum



ROCKY TOP TRAIL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11.

Turn R on Hill Ave. to light and pt. 70.
205 E. Hill Ave.
Knoxville
865-525-6514

70. James White's Fort – (R) Revolutionary War veteran James White was given a land grant of 1,000 acres for his service; he built his two-story log house on the present site of Knoxville in 1786. Today, this re-creation of his homestead is the city's most visited historic site, containing some of the original logs, pioneer artifacts and furnishings. See how people lived during the pioneer era through tours and hands-on interpretations of open-hearth cooking, blacksmithing and spinning.



Turn R on Hill Ave. to return to Gay St. Turn R on Gay St. to pt. 71.
601 S. Gay St., Knoxville
865-215-8824

Pts. 71-75 & 77 are located on or near Gay St. within walking distance.

Interstate Access:
I-40E, exit 388A or I-40W, exit 389 to James White Pkwy.; take 2nd pkwy. exit to Downtown/UT. Turn R on Gay St.

71. East Tennessee History Center – (L) See the first rifle of Davy Crockett, America's frontier hero and Tennessee's native son. Walk along a re-creation of the city's early 1900 street corner and climb aboard Streetcar No. 416. Stroll through the signature exhibit, "Voices of the Land: the People of East Tennessee," interpreting history and culture of the region's 35 counties over the last 250 years.



Knoxville's historic Andrew Johnson Hotel, near the Bijou and Tennessee Theatres, is the last place country star Hank Williams Sr. was seen alive, New Year's Eve 1952.



422 S. Gay St.
Knoxville
865-525-5265

72. Art Market Gallery – (R) This cooperative of local East Tennessee artists provides a vibrant marketplace for original art and fine crafts. Over 60 artists and craftspeople are represented here; works range from traditional to contemporary. Pick up a true East Tennessee original.



402 S. Gay St.
Knoxville
865-546-1336

73. Mast General Store – (R) Constructed in 1898 after Knoxville's "Million Dollar Fire", this building is a retail landmark. Its 2006 renovation maintained its general store roots, featuring clothing items, a

mercantile department of iron cookware, pottery, baskets and over 500 old-fashioned, hard-to-find candies. No matter what you're looking for, it's likely here.



In 1897, a small hotel fire spread quickly through Gay Street. At the time, it was the "pride of the city," with expensive buildings and high-class establishments. Due to extensive damage, it is known as the "Million Dollar Fire."



301 S. Gay St.
Knoxville
865-523-7263

74. Knoxville Visitor Center

(L) Learn all about the city's attractions here. This spot serves as a platform for all that is unique about Knoxville — gifts, music & food. Catch WDVX's live *Blue Plate Special* broadcast, free to all visitors. The acclaimed radio show has a worldwide fan base and has drawn an astonishing array of musicians, from local unknowns to major stars like banjo wizard Bela Fleck and Australian guitarist Tommy Emmanuel to play for the casual lunchtime crowd.



Continue on Gay St., cross E. Summit Hill Dr. to 100 block to pt. 75.
100 S. Gay St.
Knoxville
865-523-7543

75. The Emporium Center & Arts District – (R) This renovated space is Knoxville's first true arts center. It functions as the hub of the city's growing arts district in the 100 block, an area fully renovated in 2010 through a beautification project. Stroll the collection of gallery and studio spaces to see works by local artists as well as artists at work.



Turn R on W. Jackson Ave., continue to N. Central St. into heart of pt. 76.
Blue Slip Winery
105B W. Jackson Ave.
Knoxville
865-249-7808

76. Old City – This district is a vibrant evolution of what was once known as "the Bowery," historically a bawdy neighborhood of saloons, pool halls, houses of ill repute and gambling dens. It was later called "the Bottom," home to Greek immigrants and the African-American community in



the 19th and early 20th century; later, it became the notorious home to Knoxville's bootleggers during Prohibition. Today, the area is Knoxville's nightlife district, filled with an eclectic vibe of specialty bars, restaurants, live music venues and the Blue Slip Winery.



Market Square helped launch two of America's favorite musicians: Roy Acuff and Elvis Presley.



Turn R on N. Central St., turn R. on E. Summit Hill Dr. Turn L on S. Gay St., pass visitor center, turn R on Wall Ave. to pt. 77. Parking garage ahead on L. Between Wall Ave. & Union Ave. Knoxville



77. Market Square – (L) This historic square has served as Knoxville's farmers market, commercial center, political stage and a cultural spot since 1854. Today, you'll find something for everyone: stroll the sidewalks and duck into charming cafes, gift shops, pubs and more in this vibrant and eclectic district.



Continue on Wall Ave., turn R on Walnut, turn L on W. Summit Hill Dr. At 2nd light, turn L on Henley St./US-441/70. Merge quickly to extreme R, turn R onto Clinch Ave. to pts. 78 & 79. 810 Clinch Ave. Knoxville

78. World's Fair Park – This was the site of the 1982 World's Fair, a six-month exposition and global event featuring new technologies in energy and conservation. Attendance was recorded at 11,127,786 visitors; it was the last successful World's Fair held in the U.S. Today, the park is home to the **Knoxville Convention Center**, the **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial**, and more.



Park & walk to visit pts. 78-80; parking available at Holiday Inn garage or next to pt. 80. Other aspects of pt. 78 are below Clinch Ave. Cross viaduct, turn L to drive to Veterans Memorial and other points of interest. **Interstate Access:** I-40E, exit 388 to Henley St.

79. Sunsphere – (L) This world-famous sky tower was the centerpiece of the 1982 World's Fair. Today, it provides amazing views of downtown and has become the signature of Knoxville's skyline. Take the elevator up and head to the free, public observation deck for a 360° view, complete with information providing history and details about notable sights.



Prototypes of the first touch-screen computers were demonstrated during the 1982 World's Fair.

ROCKY TOP

If you are in the Knoxville area on a Saturday in the fall, you're going to be seeing a lot of orange, and it's not just the fall foliage. University of Tennessee fans are known nationwide as some of the most loyal and crazed team followers when it comes to college athletics, most notably football. Tailgating before home games is a beloved tradition, and all you need is a parking spot, food and friends to get revved up in the area around Neyland Stadium (point 82) before the big game. Who knows, you may even learn all of the words to "Rocky Top"!

*Wish that I was on ole rocky top,
Down in the Tennessee hills.
Ain't no smoggy smoke on rocky top,
Ain't no telephone bills.
Once there was a girl on rocky top,
Half bear the other half cat.
Wild as a mink, sweet as soda pop,
I still dream about that.
Rocky top, you'll always be
Home sweet home to me.
Good ole rocky top,
Rocky top Tennessee, rocky top
Tennessee.
Once two strangers climbed on
rocky top,
Lookin' for a moonshine still.
Strangers ain't come back from
rocky top,
Guess they never will.*

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*Corn won't grow at all on
rocky top,
Dirt's too rocky by far.
That's why all the folks on
rocky top
Get their corn from a jar.
Rocky top, you'll always be
Home sweet home to me.
Good ole rocky top,
Rocky top Tennessee, rocky top
Tennessee.
Now I've had years of cramped
up city life,
Trapped like a duck in a pen.
Now all I know is it's a pity life
Can't be simple again.
Rocky top, you'll always be
Home sweet home to me.
Good ole rocky top,
Rocky top Tennessee, rocky top
Tennessee.*

From pt. 79, cross viaduct, turn R on World's Fair Park Dr. to pt. 80. Knoxville Museum of Art 1050 World's Fair Park Dr. Knoxville 865-525-6101 Candy Factory 1060 World's Fair Park Dr. Knoxville 865-522-2049

80. Knoxville Museum of Art – (R) Get your fill of awe-inspiring works of contemporary 20th- and 21st-century art in four galleries dedicated to design, emerging artists, a wonderful permanent collection and thematic group exhibitions. Admission is free, and you'll find live music almost every Friday night. Walk next door for a sweet snack at the **Candy Factory**, home to some of the South's finest chocolates with a history dating to 1917.



Continue to end of World's Fair Park Dr., turn L on 11th St. Go 2 lights, turn R on Cumberland Ave. and begin your exploration through "Big Orange Country."

81. University of Tennessee (UT) Campus – Founded in 1794 as Blount College, this Tennessee education and research institution buzzes with energy, ideas and optimism. The university's Pride of the Southland Band began performing the Bryants' "Rocky Top," as a drill in the

1970s; since then, the tune has become a rallying cry for UT fans and one of the university's best-known traditions.



The "Tennessee Vols" nickname is a nod to Tennesseans' reputation to volunteer, solidified during the Mexican War when a request for 2,800 volunteers for military service resulted in 30,000 responses.

Go 0.2 mile on on Cumberland Ave., turn L on Phillip Fulmer Way. Go 2 blocks to pt. 82. Phillip Fulmer Way Knoxville

While on campus, visit points 82-84.

82. Neyland Stadium – (L) Vol fans will want to spend some time here, where "Rocky Top" is sung at its highest pitch by the most fevered faithful of Big Orange Country. The stadium is named after legendary coach Robert Neyland and has been in the same spot since the 1920s.



UT's Thompson-Boling Arena is the home of the Lady Vols, eight-time NCAA National Champions in women's basketball. The team was led until 2012 by Pat Summitt, the all-time winningest coach in NCAA basketball history, including both men's and women's teams. She is a member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (point 69) and in 2012 was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom — the nation's highest civilian honor — for her contributions both on and off the court.



At pt. 82, turn R on Peyton Manning Pass. At torchbearer, turn L on Volunteer Blvd. Take immediate L onto Circle Park Dr. to pt. 83. A free parking pass is required. 1327 Circle Park Dr. Knoxville 865-974-2144

83. Frank H. McClung Museum – (L) This acclaimed museum is a great place to learn about East Tennessee and the world around us. Established in the 1960s, its exhibits focus on anthropology, archaeology, decorative arts, and natural and local history, including the Battle of Fort Sanders. Experience all the site has to offer, and don't miss the museum shop for unique items and books for kids and adults.



Complete circle back to Volunteer Blvd., turn L. Go 1 block to Lake Loudoun Blvd., drive past arena. Turn R onto Neyland Dr., go 0.9 mile. Turn R onto Jacob Dr. at Vet School, to pt. 84. Corner of Neyland Dr. & Jacob Dr., Knoxville 865-974-8265

84. University of Tennessee Gardens – (R) Take a peaceful stroll along the trees, shrubs, flowers and other plants in this beautiful garden, a part of UT's Institute of Agriculture. Plant sales, a weekend farmers market and educational programs make

this a great year-round destination. Next door is the UT College of Veterinary Medicine's **War Dog Memorial**, commemorating canines that lost their lives in the line of duty.



Dr. William Bass, one of the nation's leading forensic anthropologists, established a nearby facility for the study of corpse decay, especially useful in murder investigations. The popular mystery author Patricia Cornwell is a repeat visitor and created a character based on Dr. Bass in her novel, The Body Farm. Visitor access is not permitted.



Return to Neyland Dr., turn R. At 4th light, turn L on Kingston Pk./US-11/70 to pt. 85 on immediate L. 2728 Kingston Pk. Knoxville 865-637-3163

85. Crescent Bend – (L) Also known as the Armstrong-Lockett House, this 1834 home was once the centerpiece of a 600-acre farm. Today, it displays decorative arts from the 17th and 18th centuries, including 1832 French wallpaper intended for President Andrew Jackson's Nashville home, valued at \$500,000. The superstitious Jacksons never hung it because it had been rescued from a burning barge. Stroll the grounds among the site's five magnificent fountains, nine beautiful terraces and formal Italian gardens.



Continue 0.4 mile on Kingston Pk. to pt. 86. 3148 Kingston Pk. Knoxville 865-684-7066

86. Bleak House / Confederate Memorial Hall – (L) Take a tour of this historic 1850s home, perched on the banks of the Tennessee River. Used as headquarters for Confederate General James Longstreet during the Civil War, it was attacked by Union cannon fire. Sketches of three young men killed there can still be seen on the walls inside; what appears to be blood is still visible on the wall and floor. Learn more about the Civil War in East Tennessee in this museum and event venue.



Bleak House is named for the 1853 Charles Dickens' novel of the same name.



Continue on Kingston Pk. for 1.5 miles to pt. 87 in Knox Plaza Shopping Center.

4604 Kingston Pk.
Knoxville
865-588-9218

87. Long's Drug Store – (L) Established in 1956, this is one of the last survivors of its American breed: the drugstore soda fountain, with both a lunch counter and pharmacy window in the same not-too-big room. Make a stop here for a bite to eat — locals rave about the breakfast grill.



URBANSPOON.COM: Talk about milkshakes! Man (Long's) are fantastic!

Turn L on Kingston Pk., at light, turn L on Forest Park. Go 1 block to pt. 88.

4705 Old Kingston Pk.
Knoxville
865-851-7722

88. The Grill at Highlands Row – (R) In the era just before literary and movie sensation *Gone with the Wind*, Highlands presented an Old South-theme meant to appeal to the thousands of motor tourists who followed the old Dixie Lee Highway through Knoxville on their way South. The restaurant was the grandest thing on Kingston Pike; it had its own color postcard. Even during local Prohibition, the owner served alcohol, and sometimes a live band performed. Stop in for Southern specialties.



Turn R on Old Kingston Pk., turn L on Colony. Turn R on Lyons View Pk., go 1.1 miles. Turn L on Northshore Dr./TN-332, go 6.5 miles. Travel under I-140 overpass, continue 3.5 miles to pt. 89.

Lakeside Tavern
10911 Concord Park Dr.
Knoxville, 865-671-2980

89. Lakeside Tavern – (R) This is a great spot for a romantic night out; make plans to dine here for exceptional American cuisine on the lake at **Concord Marina**.



Interstate Access: I-40/I-75, exit 383 (Papermill Dr.). Go 1.6 miles on Northshore Dr./TN-332 to int. with Lyons View Pk.

ADMIRAL FARRAGUT

War hero David G. Farragut was raised in Stoney Point, near Knoxville, in the area that now bears his name. Farragut's military career started at the age of 11, when he fought in the War of 1812 aboard the *Essex*, becoming the prize master of the ship at age 12. Farragut served in the U.S. Navy and sided with the Union in New York during the Civil War; his wartime accomplishments include opening the port of New Orleans for Union shipping and later overtaking the Mississippi River in Vicksburg. In January 1864, he was aboard the U.S.S. *Hartford* trying to take Mobile Bay for the Union when he said these now-legendary words: "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" leading a successful assault for the North. At the close of the Civil War, Farragut was named the nation's first admiral in 1866. Learn more about his life in the Farragut Folk Life Museum (point 90).



Continue 0.8 mile on S. Northshore Dr. Turn R on Concord Rd., go 1.2 miles. Veer L on S. Campbell Station Rd., go 0.7 mile. Turn L on Municipal Center Dr. to pt. 90.

11408 Municipal Center Dr.
Farragut
865-966-7057

90. Farragut Folklife Museum – Visit this museum, located in the Farragut Town Hall, for a treasure trove of photographs and artifacts that tell the story of the town and surrounding community, including items from the Battle of Campbell's Station and other events during the Civil War. Outside the museum, see the statue of Admiral Farragut, America's first U.S. Navy admiral and famous for the command, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" *Open Mon.-Fri.*



The intersection of Hwy 70 and Hwy 11 is known as Dixie Lee Junction. From the advent of automobile travel in the late 1920s until the Interstate System arrived in the 1960s, these were major cross-country routes, and this community developed as a "last chance" stop-over for tourists traveling south from Knoxville.

Return to Campbell Station Rd., turn L. Go 1 block, turn L on Kingston Pk./US-11/70. Go 4 miles, continue R on W US-70.

Go 2.7 miles, just before overpass, turn L on Creekwood Park Blvd. Go 1.3 miles to US-321 and pt. 91.
1075 N. Hwy 321
Lenoir City, 865-986-6822
Turn L on N US-321, go 2.4 miles. Cross US-11, continue 0.3 mile to pt. 92 overlook entrance.

Fort Loudoun Marina
5200 City Park Dr.
Lenoir City
865-986-5536

Calhoun's
4550 City Park Dr.
Lenoir City
865-988-9838

Return to US-321, turn L to return to US-11. Turn L on E. Broadway St./S US-11, go 0.5 mile. Turn L into bank parking lot and pt. 93.

200 E. Broadway St.
Lenoir City

Park & walk to visit pts. 93 & 94.

91. Loudon County Visitor's Bureau (L)

92. Fort Loudoun Marina / Scenic Overlook – (R) Located in **Lenoir City Park**, this marina on **Fort Loudoun Lake** is a great place to experience lake life. Catch great views from the dam, or take a seat at local favorite **Calhoun's** dock-side restaurant and experience some of the finest BBQ ribs around. You can even reserve a pontoon boat to do some exploring — just remember to place your Calhoun's order to go.



93. Historic Downtown Lenoir City – From the bank parking lot, walk to the Civil War marker to get a perspective on the community in the 1800s. Behind the bank is the **Lenoir Home**, the original 1820 home of Major William Lenoir, founder of Lenoir City. You'll also see the preserved ruins of the old **Cotton Mill** which was at one time the most prominent facility of the Lenoir Plantation.



Local lore has it that as Union troops threatened to burn the Lenoir Cotton Mill during the Civil War, Confederate-leaning Benjamin Ballard Lenoir, the major's son, walked through the Union ranks flashing a secret Masonic sign, and the troops spared the facility.

Lenoir City Museum
110 Depot St.
Lenoir City
865-986-2715

Good Eats Café & Bakery
123 E. Broadway St.
Lenoir City
865-816-3316

94. Lenoir City Museum – To the left of the Civil War marker is this Victorian cottage building from 1890 in the heart of Lenoir City. Make a stop and discover relics and documents from early 19th-century settlers. After you've taken your trip into history, sit down to a home-cooked meal at **Good Eats Café & Bakery** across the street. *Museum open Thurs.-Sat.*



Drive straight out of bank parking lot, crossing Broadway St. onto Kingston St. Go 2.2 miles, turn L on Hotchkiss Valley Rd. Go 3.9 miles to pt. 95.

15606 Hotchkiss Valley Rd. E., Loudon
888-889-9463

Interstate Access: I-75, exit 76. Take Sugarlimb Rd. to US-11.

95. Tennessee Valley Winery – (R) Perched on a bluff overlooking Loudon County, this winery offers more than award-winning wines; you'll find music most weekends during the summer and a lively festival in October. Stop in for a tasting and stock up on your favorites — wines sold here are made from grapes grown here. It's a true taste of Tennessee.



Turn R on Hotchkiss Valley Rd., turn L on Sugarlimb Rd./E TN-324. Cross I-75, go 2.4 miles. Turn R on S US-11, go 2.8 miles to pt. 96.

101 Mulberry St.
Loudon

Park & walk to visit pts. 96-98.

Mark's Diner
502 Grove St.
Loudon
865-458-2231

Tic-Toc Ice Cream Parlor
504 Grove St.
Loudon
865-408-9867

Riverwalk Grille at Carmichael Inn
600 Hackberry St.
Loudon
865-657-3222

Lyric Theatre
320 Grove St.
Loudon
865-458-9020

96. Historic Downtown Loudon – Explore this charming county seat, starting at the 1872 Colonial Revival-style **Loudon County Courthouse**.



97. Mark's Diner – Stop in for a sandwich and dessert, then head next door to **Tic-Toc Ice Cream Parlor**, a *Southern Living* favorite that puts a fresh spin on familiar classics. *Open March-Oct.*



98. Riverwalk Grille at Carmichael Inn – No trip to Loudon would be complete without seeing this historic stagecoach stop, now



TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Even by Depression standards, the Tennessee Valley was in bad shape in 1933. Years of farming had left soil eroded and depleted. The best timber had been cut. Change came in the form of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), one of the most innovative and comprehensive projects of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. While it encountered setbacks and criticism, TVA taught farmers to improve crop yields, helped replant overlogged forests and improved habitat for wildlife and fish. The most dramatic change in Valley life came from the TVA's dams, built to harness the rivers' power to generate electricity. Thousands of acres were flooded, creating 11,000 miles of public shoreline including Fort Loudoun Lake, Tellico Lake, Douglas Lake and four others collectively known as the "Great Lakes of the South." The TVA impacted communities all along the Rocky Top Trail, most broadly by bringing electricity that drew industries into the region, providing desperately needed jobs in hard economic times.



a restaurant. If you're visiting on the weekend, plan on dinner and a movie; check the schedule of the nearby **Lyric Theatre** for concerts or films.

99. Loudon County Chamber of Commerce

(L) Just up Grove Street past the Lyric Theatre, is this **historic train depot** built at the turn of the 20th century. Pick up brochures and other info about the area.



Continue out of town on S US-11 for 2 miles. Cross US-72, stay on US-11 for 3 miles to pt. 100.

17988 W. Lee Hwy
Philadelphia
877-862-4332

100. Sweetwater Valley Farm – (R) This working dairy farm is a must-see. Hear the cows moo, learn the ins and outs of milking and cheese making in the interactive museum and stop in the gift shop for tasty treats and fun souvenirs. It's the most visited site in the county; find out why!



FACEBOOK FAN FAVORITE

My dogs and I will be there this afternoon for ice cream, curds and cheese! YUM

Did You Know

The difference in spelling between Fort Loudoun and its namesake, the town of Loudon is likely due to a map maker's spelling error — one that has been repeated for 250 years.

From pt. 100, turn L on N US-11 to return to int. of US-11 & US-72. Turn R on E US-72, go 13 miles. Turn L on N US-411, go 2.3 miles. Turn R onto S TN-360, go 0.8 mile to pt. 101. 338 Ft. Loudoun Rd. Vonore 423-884-6217

101. Fort Loudoun State Historic Park – (L) This 1,200-acre site was once one of the earliest British settlements on the western frontier, built in 1756. Visit the museum and gift shop, and learn more about frontier life through reenactments and demonstrations. The fort and the 1794 **Tellico Blockhouse** overlook the **Tellico Reservoir**; it's a great place for scenic views and picnics.



Turn L on TN-360, go 0.3 mile to pt. 102. 576 Hwy 360 Vonore 423-884-6246

102. Sequoyah Birthplace Museum – (R) Stop here to discover the legendary work of Sequoyah, the man who created a writing system for the Cherokee people and helped preserve the traditions of a nation. This museum is a true national treasure that features interactive exhibits, artifacts and cultural history of the Cherokee tribe.



Turn L on TN-360 to return to US-411. Turn R on N US-411, go 6 miles. Turn L on N TN-95, go 2 miles. Turn L on Morganton Rd., go 0.2 mile to pt. 103.



Greenback Drug Co. & Diner 6729 Morganton Rd. Greenback 865-856-2614

Greenback Heritage Museum 6725 Morganton Rd. Greenback 865-856-8380

104. National Campground Meeting Place – (R) In 1873, churches met at this outdoor chapel to hold interdenominational meetings and encourage healing for broken relationships in families and communities split by the Civil War. Families would camp here during their stay. The chapel still has its original wood pews, stage and structure. Stroll around and explore.



Return to National Campground Rd., turn R. At TN-95, turn L, go 3.6 miles. Turn R on N US-321, go 3.5 miles. Turn L on Dunlap Hollow Rd., turn R on S. Farnum St. Go 1.1 miles into pt. 105. Turn L on W. College St. to café on R.

110 W. College St. Friendsville 865-995-0823

105. Friendsville – This sleepy town was founded by a group of Quakers from North Carolina in the 1790s. It became a hub for abolitionist activity in the area leading up to the Civil War, and served as a stop on the Underground Railroad. Stop in **Jacque's Whistle Stop Café** for the signature chargrilled chicken and homemade lemonade in a rustic but lively setting. Locals also rave about the desserts. The walls are covered in vintage pieces and antiques, and each one is for sale.



Continue 0.2 mile on College St. up hill and around sharp curve to W. Hill Ave. Turn L on W. Hill Ave. to pt. 106. Park in front of Civil War Trails marker.

503 W. Hill Ave. Friendsville

106. Friends Meetinghouse – (R) This church building, completed in 1878, was once a stop on the Underground Railroad, a network of houses, buildings, and "conductors" that helped escaped slaves move north to freedom. The Quaker congregation kept a nearby cave (since filled in) stocked with provisions for fugitive slaves, and later for volunteers en-route to join the Union Army in the Civil War.



Continue 0.2 mile on W. Hill Ave., turn R on S. Farnum St. Take immediate L on E. Main St./S TN-33. Go 0.7 mile, turn L on N US-321. Go 7.6 miles, cross over US-129 Bypass. Continue 0.7 mile, turn L on Broadway/US-411. Go 0.3 mile into pt. 107 to parking lot on R.

Sullivan's Downtown 121 W. Broadway Ave. Maryville, 865-681-3334

Capitol Coffee & Theatre 127 W. Broadway Ave. Maryville, 865-980-1966

Palace Theatre 113 W. Broadway Ave. Maryville, 865-983-3330

107. Downtown Maryville – Explore Broadway Avenue, tracing the ridgeline path of a major Cherokee trade route. Stop to admire the music-themed mural after you enjoy great casual fare at **Sullivan's Downtown**, located in a renovated department store; catch some caffeine at **Capitol Coffee** and explore the historic **Capitol Theatre** or the 1934 **Palace Theatre** for music and shows.



Did You Know

Maryville is named for William Blount's wife Mary Grainger Blount. Nearby Grainger County is also titled for her — the only Tennessee county honoring a woman.



Turn R on Cusick St., go 2 blocks. Turn L on Court St. Turn R on Court St. to pt. 108.

345 Court St. Maryville 865-273-5800

108. Blount County Courthouse – (R) The fifth and current courthouse was built in 1907 and cost just \$61,000.



SAM HOUSTON

This Maryville native is a fixture of Texas history, but his story begins here. As a teenager with less than six months of formal schooling and debts to repay, he landed a job as a teacher near the Little River in Tennessee. His schoolhouse overflowed with people of all ages interested in his colorful stories and personality. Houston later joined the military and became a part of Andrew Jackson's inner circle. It was Jackson's support that propelled him to the U.S. House of Representatives, then governor of Tennessee in 1827. Houston resigned from the governorship over a marital scandal; he fled further southwest and became president of the Republic of Texas, and then later governor of the state. When asked about some of his greatest accomplishments, Houston said: "When a young man in Tennessee, I kept a county school... I experienced a higher feeling of dignity and self-satisfaction than from any office or honor which I have since held."

Continue on Court St. to Lamar Alexander Pkwy./US-321. Turn L, go 0.2 mile to pt. 109.

502 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Maryville 800-597-2697

Continue on E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy., veer quickly to L lane, turn L on S. Washington St./US-411. Go 0.3 mile to pt. 110.

201 S. Washington St. Maryville, 865-983-2241

OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail from pt. 110, turn R on S. Washington St., take immediate L on E. Broadway Ave./TN-33. Go 1.9 miles, veer R on Wildwood Rd. Go 2.6 miles turn L on Old Sam Houston School Rd., just past church. Go 0.4 mile to pt. 111.

3650 Old Sam Houston School Rd., Maryville 865-983-1550

Turn L on Old Sam Houston School Rd., go 0.4 mile. Turn R on Wildwood Rd., go 2.6 miles. Turn L on E. Broadway Ave./TN-33, go 1.9 miles. Turn L on Washington St., go 0.4 mile to int. of US-321 & US-411. Veer L on US-321 toward Townsend and Smoky Mtns., go 0.3 mile to rejoin main trail pt. 112.

109. Maryville College – (R) Explore one of the oldest colleges in the South, operating on this site since 1869. It was the first college to award a degree to a woman in Tennessee, the first to award a Native American a degree, and admitted African-American students before the Civil War. Thirteen of its buildings are on the National Historic Register, including the oldest, Anderson Hall. The **Clayton Center for the Arts** hosts many performers and artists celebrating the culture of the Appalachian region.

110. Maryville Welcome Center/Blount County Chamber of Commerce (L)

111. Sam Houston Schoolhouse – (R) This schoolhouse museum, built in 1794, is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Tennessee historic site. At the age of 18, Sam Houston taught school in what is now a museum displaying artifacts and teaching tools used by Houston and other area educators.

BACK ON TRAIL To stay on trail from pt. 110, turn R on Washington St. Go approx. 0.4 mile to int. of US-321 & US-411, veer L on US-321 toward Townsend and Smoky Mtns. Continue 0.3 mile to pt. 112. 1006 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Maryville 865-454-4256

112. Thompson-Brown House / Blount County Museum – (R) Continue on your trip through history at this 19th-century Moravian-style log home, now home to the Blount County Historic Trust. Next door is the Blount County Museum, outfitted with a Civil War room focused on the county's role in the conflict.

OFF-TRAIL To go off trail from pt. 112, turn R on S US-321, go 9.4 miles to Foothills Pkwy. exit. Foothills Pkwy. Townsend After driving pkwy, return to US-321, turn R. Go 4.5 miles toward Townsend to rejoin main trail at pt. 114.

113. Foothills Parkway (West) – Take a scenic detour to experience unparalleled views of the Smokies and valley and ridge from the western section of Chilhowee Mountain. You'll find many scenic pull-offs along the way. About 10 miles into your drive, visit the observation tower at **Look Rock**, the section's highest point. At the end of the parkway, turn left on Hwy 129 to find yourself on the **Tail of the Dragon**, a favorite stretch for motorcycle and sports car drivers with 318 curves in just 11 miles, leading across Deals Gap into North Carolina.

BACK ON TRAIL To stay on main trail from pt. 112, turn R on US-321, go 14 miles to pt. 114. 7138 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Townsend 865-448-9878

114. Apple Valley Country Store – (R) This is so much more than a general store; it's a true culinary delight. Find fudge made on site, try a fried apple pie turnover or sit down in the restaurant for hearty apple dumplings. The gift shop is large and legendary — you're sure to find the perfect gift for someone special or yourself. Take your time and relax in a rocker on the porch.

115. Dancing Bear Lodge & Restaurant – (R) Looking for a fine dining option? This restaurant uses the best ingredients from the area for a tasteful and sophisticated experience with mountain tradition in mind. The lodge here is cozy and luxurious, providing premier accommodations in Smoky Mountain style. *Dinner only, Wed.-Sun.; reservations recommended.*

Turn R on US-321S, go 0.5 mile to pt. 116. Smoky Mountains Woodcarvers Supply 7321 Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Townsend 865-448-6350

116. Nawger Nob Arts Community – (L) Home of two annual crafts festivals, this is a center for arts in Townsend. The **Smoky Mountain Woodcarvers Supply** store features every tool you'll need to get started on a wood-carving project; they also offer classes to improve your skills. You'll find several small galleries adjacent to this stop, as well.

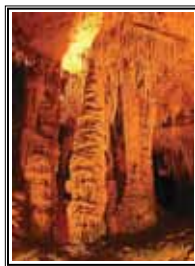


OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail from pt. 116, turn L on S US-321, go 0.3 mile. Turn R on Old Tuckaleechee Rd., go 0.8 mile. Take sharp L on Old Cades Cove Rd., go 0.8 mile. Turn L on Dry Valley Rd., go 0.5 mile. Veer L on Cavern Rd., go 0.4 mile to pt. 117. 825 Cavern Rd., Townsend 865-448-2274

Turn R on Cavern Rd., veer R on Dry Valley Rd. Turn R on Old Cades Cove Rd., turn R on Old Tuckaleechee Rd. Go 0.8 mile back to S US-321, turn R. Go 0.4 mile to rejoin main trail at pt. 118.

117. Tuckaleechee Caverns – Discover some of the best history lessons and stunning natural beauty at the "Greatest Sight Under the Smokies." Take a guided tour of these 20- to 30-million-year-old caverns to learn about caves, their animal residents, cave onyx, rock formations and more; you'll never forget gazing in wonder at the "Big Room," which is more than 400 feet long, 300 feet across, and 150 feet deep. *Open mid-March-mid-Nov.*



Did You Know? A cave is a natural underground void large enough for a human to enter. A cavern is a large cave formed chemically (e.g. by acid ground water). Tennessee has over 9,600 caves — more than any other state in the U.S.

BACK ON TRAIL

To stay on main trail from pt. 116, turn L on S US-321, go 0.7 mile to pt. 118. 7645 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy. Townsend 865-448-6647

118. Wood-N-Strings Dulcimer Shop – (L) The music of mountain dulcimers have graced the mountains and valleys of Appalachia for generations. Stop in and learn to play in just five minutes. Come on Saturday evenings mid-May through October and enjoy live music on the "Pickin' Porch."



Turn L on S US-321, go 0.2 mile to pt. 119. 7747 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy. Townsend 865-448-2211

119. Little River Railroad Museum – (L) Learn about the historic logging and railroad industries that cleared more than 77,000 acres of what is now **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** between 1901 and 1939. See interpretive exhibits and the restored Shay Engine No. 2417, the last train that ran for Little River Railroad Company.



Turn L on S US-321, go 0.3 mile to pt. 120. 7843 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy. Townsend 865-448-8018

120. Townsend Artisan Gallery – (L) Find unique jewelry and handcrafts at this local artist-owned, artist-run gallery.



121. Townsend Visitor Center

(R) Stop in for helpful info about Cades Cove, **Great Smoky Mountains National Park**, tubing, horseback riding, hiking and other regional activities. Browse and buy books, maps, music and videos; this center also hosts special events throughout the year. *Crafts & music classes, Jan.-March; arts & crafts exhibits and demos, April-Dec.*

Turn L on S US-321, go 0.1 mile to pt. 121. 7906 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy. Townsend 865-448-6134

Turn R on US-321, go 0.3 mile. Turn L on Town Sq. Dr. to pt. 122. 106 Town Sq. Dr. Townsend 877-448-3474

122. Little River Outfitters – (L) This family-owned fly shop and school has become a landmark in the fly fishing world and serves anglers who visit **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** to fish in its 800 miles of wild trout streams. *Free fly tying demos most Sat., Nov.-Feb.*



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Before the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was an international attraction, it was 800 square miles of agrarian mountain villages with a growing and productive logging industry. As the logging business boomed in the early 1900s, the area's natural resources and agricultural way of life were threatened. In order to preserve the region's character and wilderness resources, the national park movement took hold in East Tennessee in the 1920s. Other national parks had been easy to establish; primarily located in the West, they were created from federal land that wasn't inhabited. This area was a different story, and many of the farmers, families and timber companies were angered by being "bought out" and forced to move and resettle; others were thrilled with the windfall and chance to start a new life in a new place. As the park was created in 1934, many of the original community structures were preserved and still stand today. Experience pre-park life at Cades Cove (point 124) and the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center (point 123).

Return to E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy. Turn L on US-321, go 0.4 mile to int. of US-321 & TN-73. Continue straight on TN-73 for 0.7 mile to pt. 123. 123 Cromwell Dr. Townsend 865-448-0044

123. Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center – (R) Discover Appalachian history and the culture of the people who lived in what is now **Great Smoky Mountains National Park**. Learn about Native American and pioneer life, see an original, once-operational underground moonshine still, saw mill and a "set-off house," a one-room temporary home used by loggers on their jobs. This is also the meeting place for the **Cades Cove Heritage Tour**, and tickets can be bought inside.



OFF-TRAIL

To go off trail from pt. 123, continue on TN-73 for approx. 1.3 miles to park entrance. (Watch for bears!) Go 0.5 mile to int. of Little River Rd. & Laurel Creek Rd. Turn R on Laurel Creek Rd., enjoy amazing 7.5-mile drive to pt. 124. Laurel Creek Rd. Cades Cove

From pt. 124, you can connect to Sugarlands Visitor Center (pt. 13): Retrace route on Laurel Creek Rd. to int. with Little River Rd. Continue straight on Little River Rd., drive 18 scenic miles through national park to Sugarlands Visitor Center at US-441 leading into Gatlinburg. **See map on pg. 14.** **To rejoin main trail from pt. 124:** Retrace route on Laurel Creek Rd. to int. with TN-73, turn L on TN-73. Drive back to Townsend, turn R on N US-321, go 0.1 mile to pt. 125.

124. Cades Cove – This beautiful valley is one of the most popular destinations in **Great Smoky Mountains National Park**. It's a great place to watch wildlife or explore history, with more historic buildings than any area of the national park including houses, barns and a working grist mill. At the cove entrance, you'll find camping and picnicking opportunities along a mountain stream. Take the 11-mile, one-way loop around the cove to visit the historic structures, take a nature walk or hike, rent a horse for a trail ride, or simply take in the spectacular views. Allow a few hours to experience the area; you'll find a **visitors center** with restrooms about half way around the loop. *Cades Cove's moderately strenuous Anthony Creek Trail leads to Rocky Top atop Thunderhead Mountain.*



BACK ON TRAIL

To stay on main trail from pt. 123, turn L on TN-73, return to int. of US-321/Wears Valley Rd. Turn R on N US-321, go 0.1 mile to pt. 125. 125 Wears Valley Rd. Townsend 865-448-3598

125. Captain Dave's Little River Artistry – (L) There aren't many places like this in the world — stop here and marvel at the artwork carved from poles and trees, created with a chainsaw.



Turn L on S US-321, go 3.8 miles to pt. 126. Wears Valley Rd. Wears Valley

126. Headrick Chapel & Cemetery – (R) For most of the 19th century, funerals in Wears Valley were held here under the shelter of a large oak tree. According to local lore, when lightning



Continue on Wears Valley Rd./US-321 for 0.4 mile on to pt. 127. 4149 Wears Valley Rd. Wears Valley 865-429-5960

127. Mountain Brother's General Store – (R) This store has it all: women's wear, jewelry, garden supplies, wine, fudge, candies, souvenir Wears Valley caps and t-shirts, and big rocking chairs to relax in the shade on the porch. Just next door, the **Rocky Top General Store** has some pretty interesting bird houses for sale on their front porch, inspired by mountain icons like musical instruments and outhouses.



Turn R on Wears Valley Rd./US-321, go 2.1 miles to pt. 128. 3360 Wears Valley Rd. Wears Valley 865-446-2072

128. Bears Valley Antiques – (L) Make a stop for antiques, costume jewelry, hand-made soaps, local craftsman pieces, local bear photography, primitives, gemstones and many other fun finds.



Turn L on Wears Valley Rd./US-321, go 0.3 mile to pt. 129. 3234 Wears Valley Rd. Wears Valley 865-366-0060

129. Wears Valley Antique & Crafts Gallery – (L) Get ready for 13,000 square feet of treasure hunting! Antiques, crafts, artwork, collectibles, gifts, home décor, farm toys and more make up this eclectic hodgepodge of Americana.



Continue 3.6 miles toward Pigeon Forge on US-321 through Wears Valley to pt. 130. 2005 Wears Valley Rd. Wears Valley 865-908-9506

130. Moonshine Ridge Country Store & Café – (R) End your trail in mountain style at this fun shop full of gifts, antiques and souvenirs. Visit the fudge and candy shop and an old moonshine still on display. You can even sample one of their moonshine jellies to take home, or grab a quick bite for lunch.



Continue on US-321 for 4.3 miles into Pigeon Forge, at light #3, turn R on Parkway. Go 6.7 miles to Gatlinburg Visitor Center (pt. 1) where your trail journey began (you'll pass pts. 51-56 along the way).

Visiting our region helps us preserve and tell our stories — thanks for visiting and no matter where your travels take you next, we hope the inspiration found along the Rocky Top Trail stays with you.