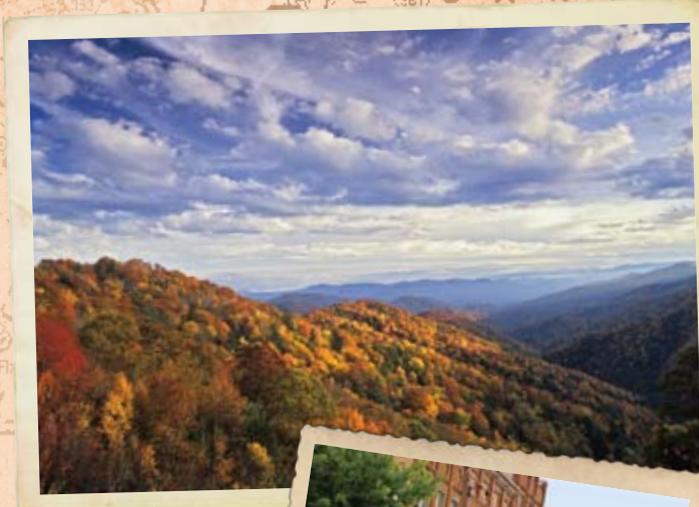
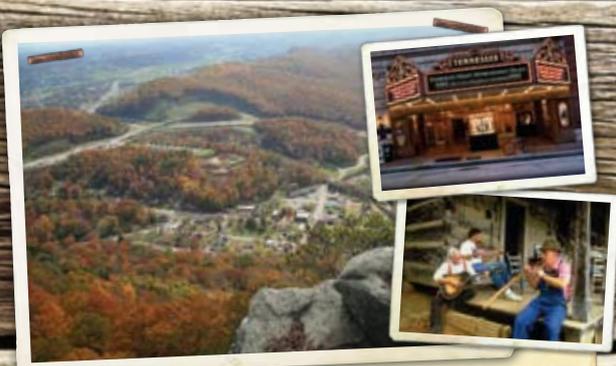


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AMERICA'S FIRST FRONTIER

In 1763, King George III proclaimed that no English settlement be made west of the Appalachian Mountains. He wanted to keep an eye on his 13 colonies and didn't want them trespassing on Cherokee land. So for years, that imaginary line separated the colonies from the vast western unknown. It wasn't long before the settlers grew restless and impatient, and the frontier looked as inviting as ever. They filtered down the Watauga, Nolichucky and Holston Rivers, and in 1772, formed the Watauga Association. Many historians agree that this was America's first "declaration" of independence. They built Fort Watauga at Sycamore Shoals (in Elizabethton) to fend off attacks by the Native Americans. This didn't sit well with supporters of the British monarchy, who demanded — repeatedly — that the settlers move back east. They refused and continued to grow the settlement, putting down roots in the land we now know as Tennessee.

Make Sunny Side your next road trip: a drive through Smoky Mountain backroads and lush Appalachian countryside, through small towns brimming with history and attractions bursting with adventure. Maybe you find your thrills at amusement parks, or maybe it's the thrill of a shopping hunt that gives you a charge. And if you love exploring the unique, **ONE-OF-A-KIND PLACES** and roadside attractions that make up the fabric of Tennessee, you'll love finding gems like the childhood home of Dolly Parton or an authentic drive-in movie theater. It's all here — all you need is a full tank of gas.

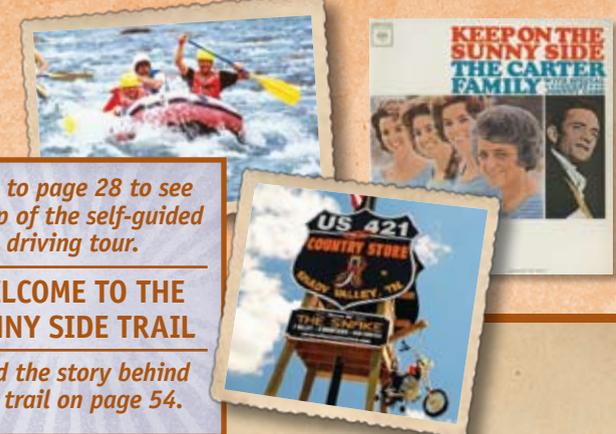
Sunny Side explores Sevierville, Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg like you've never seen them, highlighting artists committed to preserving the region's **ARTS AND CRAFTS**, as well as showcasing master carpenters and brick masons from our past. You'll also learn how these crafts helped sustain the area's economy and shaped its culture dating back to the early 1900s. You'll find plenty of opportunities to observe, appreciate and even take home a piece of this Appalachian craft heritage that draws visitors to East Tennessee each year.

Trace Tennessee's roots all the way back to its first town, Jonesborough, where the tradition of **STORYTELLING** is celebrated and preserved. And tucked away in the corner of

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WELCOME TO THE SUNNY SIDE TRAIL

Read the story behind the trail on page 54.



the state is Bristol, the **BIRTHPLACE OF COUNTRY MUSIC**. Learn how the banjos and ballads of the backwoods made their way from the front porch to center stage.

To connect with a piece of East Tennessee's unspoiled natural beauty, don't miss five state parks, a national forest and the country's most visited national park: **GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK**, along your route. Just as the frontier towns are inviting and charming, getting off the beaten path — sometimes way off — gives you an experience that is pure Tennessee.

Sunny Side shows you the best of what Northeast Tennessee has to offer, from the attractions you've heard about for years to the restaurants you can't believe you've found. Visit our historic churches, our cemeteries, our town halls and our **MAIN STREETS**. Whether you're looking for antiques, adventure or just a trip you'll be talking about for years to come, you'll find it when you keep on the Sunny Side.

TAKING IN THE TRAIL

These 475 miles are full of historic sites, preserved homes and museums that bring the stories of Sunny Side to life. Many of them require advance reservations, admission or both to experience our history. And while some of our historic homes open their doors to visitors, some remain as they have for over a century: **private residences**. Please be respectful of the private land and homeowners on our tour.

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.

And don't forget to visit your favorite online review sites (like TripAdvisor.com or Yelp.com) and post things you discover as a modern-day explorer of the First Frontier. Help us blaze a trail to these wonderful hidden gems.

Pictured on cover: Great Smoky Mountains; Historic Jonesborough; Birthplace of Country Music Mural, Bristol. Pictured above: Whitewater rafting, Erwin; Shady Valley Country Store, Shady Valley; The Carter Family's famous album.

Symbol Key:



AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE



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TENNESSEE MAIN STREET PROGRAM

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SEVIERVILLE

The first inhabitants of Sevierville were Native Americans. Arriving in 200 A.D., they built villages around an area known as Forks of the River, where the east and west prongs of the Little Pigeon River joined together. By the early 1700s, the Cherokee controlled the Tennessee side of the Smoky Mountains, including the Sevierville area, and used the land as their hunting grounds. By the mid-1700s, European long hunters and traders arrived, creating conflict with the Native Americans who had roamed the land for centuries. The most notable of these was Isaac Thomas, Sevierville's first white settler.

By 1794, Sevier County and its county seat, Sevierville, were established. Both the city and county were named for John Sevier, an early Tennessee settler who gained status during the Revolutionary War after leading colonists to victory over the British in the Battle of Kings Mountain. Sevier was later named governor of the State of Franklin, the unofficial (and never formally recognized) 14th state carved out from a portion of North Carolina in the late 1700s. In 1784, John Sevier was again made governor of a brand new state: Tennessee. As the 16th state in the Union, Tennessee also included the former state of Franklin. Sevier later went on to serve four terms in the U.S. Congress before his death in 1815.

Points 1-13, 327 & 328 are located in Sevierville.



DIRECTIONS

Start at Sevierville Visitor Center.

3099 Winfield Dunn Pkwy., Sevierville
865-932-4458

Turn R on Pkwy. Cross river in 2.1 miles.

Abbreviation Key:

R RIGHT

L LEFT

N NORTH

S SOUTH

E EAST

W WEST

Int. INTERSECTION

OFF-TRAIL

Turn R on Boyd's Creek Hwy, go 4.8 miles, turn R on Indian Warpath Rd., go 0.2 mile to pt. 3.
1272 Indian Warpath Rd.
Sevierville

1. Sevierville Visitor Center (R)

Stop for extra tourism info and get ready to trail blaze!

2. French Broad River – One of only two rivers that flow north, it's also the world's third-oldest river, behind the Nile and New Rivers.

The French Broad flows for 210 miles through Asheville, North Carolina into Tennessee, then into the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico.



3. Brabson's Ferry Plantation – (Private Residence)

John Brabson established this ferry and plantation in the late 1700s, and his sons operated them after his death. The farm was looted by Sevier County Unionists near the



SW on Indian Warpath Rd., turn R on Boyd's Creek Hwy/TN-338S, go 1 mile. Turn L on Cedar Springs Valley Rd. Go 33 ft. to pt. 4.

1166-1198 Cedar Springs Valley Rd., Sevierville

Retrace route to Boyd's Creek Hwy/TN-338S, head back to Winfield Dunn Pkwy.

BACK ON TRAIL

Turn R on Winfield Dunn Pkwy., go 3.1 miles. Turn R on Bruce St., L on Old Douglas Dam Rd. to pt. 5.

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

4. Wheatlands – (L) (Private Residence)

Named for its annual wheat crop, this farm was established by Revolutionary War veteran Timothy Chandler in the 1790s. Chandler's son, John, inherited it in 1819, and the plantation grew to become one of Sevier County's largest farms. Chandler's freed slaves inherited part of Wheatlands in 1875 and formed the Chandler Gap community. Original structures include the house, storage shed and smokehouse.



5. Robert Tino Gallery – (L)

Inside the historic Riley Andes home-place, 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 living room mantle and a beautifully crafted end table created by African-American master craftsman Lewis Buckner.



LEWIS BUCKNER

Born and raised as a slave in nearby Jefferson County, Lewis Buckner became a renowned African-American carpenter, cabinetmaker and home builder in Sevier County at the turn of the 20th century. The son of a white father and African-American mother, he trained as an apprentice in Sevierville after the Civil War, and soon became a respected cabinetmaker and business owner. Buckner's unique style placed Victorian architectural elements, like decorated porches, staircase and ornate mantels, into the simple farmhouses of East Tennessee. The New Salem Church (featured on trail) once housed ornate pews and a pulpit designed by Buckner. With no two pieces exactly alike, his beautifully created furniture, mantels and cabinets are valuable heirlooms today.



See Sunny Side Trail map on page 28.

Backtrack to Winfield Dunn Pkwy. and turn L. Go 1.3 miles. Turn L on Int. 15.6, W. Main St./US-411. Turn R on Int. 15.7/Court Ave. to pt. 6.
125 Court Ave.
Sevierville

6. **Downtown Sevierville** – Built in 1896, the **Sevier County Courthouse (R)** is the centerpiece of downtown. At a cost of \$21,042, this is the fifth one built within 100 years after the others burned at various times. Prominent African-American brick mason, Isaac Dockery, was instrumental in the city's post-Civil War construction boom and was hired to complete the brick work for the courthouse. **Take a walk to other downtown highlights**, including **D Garden the Superlative Floratigue** in the historic Sevierville Hardware building, and pose for a photo with the **bronze statue of hometown girl Dolly Parton**.



From pt. 6, continue 1.5 blocks, turn L on Joy St. to pt. 7.

114 Joy St.
Sevierville

7. Dwight & Kate Wade House – (L) (Private Residence)

The Wades purchased plans for this 1940 home on their honeymoon at the 1939 New York World's Fair. The Art Moderne style "Garden Home" was designed by the famed female architect Verna Cook Salomonsky and featured in the exhibit "Town of Tomorrow." The house may be the first documented replica of a "Town of Tomorrow" house in America, and certainly the first in Tennessee.



Continue to stop sign, turn R on Pkwy., turn L on Cedar St. to pt. 8.

217 Cedar St.
Sevierville

8. Trotter-Waters House – (R) (Private Residence)

Lewis Buckner built a number of houses within a 40-year period, 15 of which still stand. This 1895 home is a Buckner construction.



Go 89 ft., turn L on Broady Ave., R on Bruce St. to pt. 9.

167 Bruce St.
Sevierville
865-453-4058

9. Sevier County Heritage Museum – (R)

This museum of local history, from Woodland Indian artifacts to early settlers and their farm implements, also has tributes to local veterans from the Civil War through the Korean War.



DOLLY PARTON

Sevierville is the hometown of internationally known singer, songwriter and entertainer Dolly Parton. The fourth of 12 siblings, Dolly grew up in a poor farming family and dreamed of becoming a famous singer. With the help of her extended family, she cut her first single and made her first *Grand Ole Opry* appearance before she even began her freshman year at Sevier County 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 prolific studio career and worldwide presence as a



country musician, crossover pop icon, film star and international legend. Parton's music is rooted here in East Tennessee, with classic, gutsy songs written for and about this area and its unique Southern culture. She has always given back to her community. Through her literacy program, Imagination Library (now in 47 states and 3 countries), her work to improve medical care in Sevier County and her attractions, which provide jobs for area residents, Dolly has truly boosted the area's economy and quality of life.

Continue E 0.2 mile to Grace Ave., take 2nd R onto Gary R. Wade Blvd./High St., turn L on Eastgate Rd., go 0.3 mile to pt. 10.
Eastgate Rd.
Sevierville

10. New Salem Church – (R)

This church, built by Isaac Dockery in 1886, is Sevierville's oldest surviving public building. Constructed as a Union Church for and by African-American congregations, it remains the only such church in the county. Occupied over the years by different denominations, it originally contained pews and pulpit furniture created by Lewis Buckner.



From lot, turn R on Eastgate Rd., turn L on Henderson Ave., turn L on US-411/Dolly Parton Pkwy. Prior to Int. US-411/441, turn R on Emert Ave.; road ends at pt. 11.
100-198 Emert Ave.
Sevierville

11. Forks of the Little Pigeon River Cemetery – (R)

This small cemetery contains the graves of some of the area's first settlers, including Spencer Clack, who fought with John Sevier at the Battle of Kings Mountain in the Revolutionary War; Isaac Thomas, Sevierville's first settler; and James McMahan, who gave the original 25 acres to establish Sevierville. It was the church yard of the Forks of the Little Pigeon River Baptist Church, which later moved and changed its name to First Baptist Church of Sevierville.



Return to E. Main St./US-411. At Int. 15.6/E. Main St./US-441S, turn L which turns into Forks of the River Pkwy. Look for pt. 12 in 0.4 mile.

- 12. McMahan Indian Mound – (R)** While driving by here, consider its history. Native Americans established a village near this mound between 1200-1500 A.D. An 1881 excavation of the site unearthed burials, arrow-points, pottery and engraved objects. The mound is named for its location at the time of the excavation — a farm owned by the McMahan family.



Continue on US-441/Pkwy. At Int. 15.0, turn R to stay on Pkwy. Turn R in 2.6 miles on Apple Valley Rd., go 0.3 mile to pt. 13.

- 13. Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant – (R)** Built in 1921, this six-room farmhouse, known as the Roger Mullendore House, is now a restaurant, well-liked for its charm and home cookin'. In the parlor, look for woodwork by craftsman Lewis Buckner. The site is a working **apple orchard**, and also features a general store and cider mill (housed in the original barn) and **winery**.



Return to Pkwy., turn R to pt. 14.

- 14. Pigeon Forge Welcome Center (R)**

3171 Pkwy. Pigeon Forge 865-453-5700

Return to US-441/Pkwy., turn R. Go 0.4 mile and look for upside-down museum.

- 15. Wonderworks – (R)** Filled with more than 120 interactive adventures that challenge the mind and body, this upside-down attraction is fun for everyone.



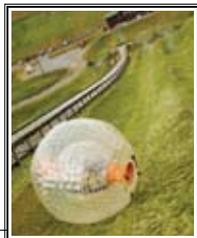
From lot, turn R back onto US-441/Pkwy. Go 0.2 mile; can't miss pt. 16.

- 16. Titanic Pigeon Forge – (R)** Tour 20 galleries filled with authentic artifacts carried from the infamous ship by passengers and crew as it sank into the ocean in 1912. Learn their stories at the world's largest permanent Titanic exhibit.



Turn R on Pkwy. Go 0.3 mile, turn L on Sugar Hollow Rd. Go 0.4 mile to pt. 17.

- 17. Zorb – (L)** This is the only place in the U.S. for "globe riding," the sport of rolling down a hill in a large, inflatable globe. The next closest site is New Zealand.



PIGEON FORGE

Before Dollywood, outlet shopping and mountain resorts drew tourists to Pigeon Forge, the area's visitors were hunters, trappers, and traders from Europe and the Carolinas traveling on trails cut by Native Americans. Forts began to pop up through the 1700s, growing into settlements and communities that would serve as safe stopovers for travelers. As the community grew in the 1800s, traveling preachers made it a frequent stop, and by the end of the century visitors from urban areas would come to visit health resorts here in search of the curative mountain spring water. The town is named partially for the iron forge, established here in 1820, and the flocks of now-extinct passenger pigeons that fed on beech nuts along the river banks. The opening of Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1934 led to improved highways that would make it possible for campgrounds and lodges to survive as viable businesses. Officially incorporated in the early 1960s, Pigeon Forge began to build its reputation as a resort town with a commercial boom around the time of the 1982 Knoxville World's Fair.

Points 14-23 are located in Pigeon Forge.

From Zorb, turn L/E on Sugar Hollow Rd., turn L on Ridge Rd., pass Mt. Zion Cemetery, turn R on Center View Rd. Road ends at Middle Creek, turn L for pt. 18 or R for pt. 19.

Pt. 18: 1605 Middle Creek Rd. Pigeon Forge

Pt. 19: 1569 Promise Way Pigeon Forge

Backtrack your way to Pkwy.

BACK ON-TRAIL

From Pkwy., turn L on Int. 7/Old Mill Ave. Go 420 ft. to pt. 20. 3416 S. River Rd. Pigeon Forge

- 18. Trotter-McMahan House – (R) (Private Residence)** One of the first examples of Greek Revival style architecture in the county, this 1848 house was constructed by builder Frederick Emert for Dr. William Harrison Trotter (1814-1887). A Civil War bullet hole in its staircase is a small symbol of all the house has survived.



- 19. Middle Creek United Methodist Church – (L)** In the early 1800s, Methodists gathered at this spot for revivals led by traveling preachers and it became known as "Middle Creek Camp-ground." Then in 1902, the current church was constructed on this site. Built by local craftsmen, it is the county's best example of a Gothic Revival style church building.



- 20. String Town – (R)** In the 1890s, this area south of The Old Mill was called "String Town" because several houses were strung together in a row along the riverbank. Two

Cross over Pigeon Creek, and continue on Old Mill St. Can't miss pt. 21 on R, then pt. 22 on L.

175 Old Mill Ave. Pigeon Forge

Pt. 21: 865-429-3463

Pt. 22: 865-453-1104

Continue on Old Mill, turn R on Teaster Ln.

OFF-TRAIL

From Teaster Ln., at stop sign of Veteran's Pkwy./Dollywood Ln., turn L and follow Dollywood signs, or turn R to head back to trail.

1020 Dollywood Ln. Pigeon Forge 865-428-9895

- 21. The Old Mill – (R)** Pioneer Isaac Love created an iron forge here in 1820 and son, William, built a tub mill 10 years later. This water-powered gristmill was one of the hubs of activity in town, producing meal, flour and even the town's electricity. Today, it is one of the most photographed mills in the country, and it still grinds the flour and meal used every day in the kitchens of **Old Mill Restaurant** and **Old Mill Pottery House Café & Grille**. Pick some up at **Old Mill General Store**, enjoy a delicious meal at either restaurant, or stroll the shops on the **Old Mill Square** for area crafts and goodies.



TRIPADVISOR.COM: I highly recommend this restaurant, and I never pass it up when I am visiting the Smokies...

- 22. The Old Mill Pigeon River Pottery – (L)** Douglas and Ruth Ferguson established their pottery business in 1946. For decades they used local clays to create their art. The shop's original location burned in 1957 and was rebuilt in the same location using, in part, bricks salvaged from the old Gatlinburg jail. The original Ferguson home now serves as the Café & Grille.



- 23. Dollywood – Open early spring to Dec. See calendar at Dollywood.com.**
- Tennessee Mountain Home –** This Dollywood attraction is an exact replica of Dolly's childhood home. Her brother Bobby built the two-room reproduction in the park's Rivertown Junction.



BACK ON-TRAIL

From Veteran's Pkwy./Dollywood Ln., cross over Pkwy. to turn L on Pkwy. towards Gatlinburg. Go 4.5 miles on Pkwy./US-441/TN-71 through downtown. Turn R on Banner Rd., then L, 59 ft. to pt. 24.

Pt. 24: 1011 Banner Rd./Hwy 441S Gatlinburg 865-436-0519

Return to Pkwy./TN-73. Go R for 1.9 miles to pt. 25.

556 Pkwy. Gatlinburg 865-436-5860

Pt. 26: 576 Pkwy. Gatlinburg

- 24. Gatlinburg/ Great Smoky Mountains National Park Welcome Center (R)**

- 25. Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts – (L)** This nationally known visual arts complex provides year-round changing gallery exhibitions and houses a fine arts resource center and bookstore.



- 26. Martha Jane Huskey Ogle Cabin – (L)** Mrs. Ogle is considered to be the first permanent settler of what is now known as Gatlinburg, and this home is the oldest remaining structure. Arriving in 1807, this widow with eight children farmed the land claimed by her husband before his death. View the one-room cabin and numerous artifacts. *Open June-Oct.*



DOLLYWOOD

One of the 25 most visited theme parks in the U.S., Dollywood is a key player in both Sevier County and Tennessee tourism. You could say that seeds for Dollywood were planted in 1910. That's when the Smoky Mountain Railroad started a line that ran from Sevierville to Knoxville, and after World War II, a line to Douglas Dam for TVA's construction materials. The railroad shut down in 1962 and sold some of the locomotives. One was purchased by the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Hotel, where it is still on display, and another one went to a local park, the "Rebel Railroad." This attraction first opened in 1961 and featured a steam train, general store, blacksmith shop and saloon. In 1966 it was renamed "Goldrush Junction," and believe it or not, in 1970, it sold to the Cleveland Browns football team. In 1976, Jack and Pete Herschend bought the park and later renamed it "Silver Dollar City Tennessee," as a sister park to the original operating near Branson, Missouri. In 1986, Dolly Parton became co-owner of the park, and it was renamed "Dollywood." It features amusement-style thrill rides and celebrates the Appalachian culture and heritage that surround it with craft demonstrations and festivals. And of course, it's only fitting that Dollywood provides live music and entertainment, drawing visitors from around the world. Visitors can still take a look at the locomotive that inspired it all.

88 River Rd.
Gatlinburg
865-430-8808

- 27. Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies – (R)** Voted TripAdvisor.com's "No. 1 Aquarium," this 1.4-million-gallon saltwater aquarium has thousands of exotic sea creatures and amazing 12-foot sharks visible from an underwater tunnel. New in 2010: Penguin Playhouse, a unique indoor/outdoor exhibit of African Penguins.



461 Pkwy.
Gatlinburg
865-436-4038

- 28. Sweet Fanny Adams Theatre – (R)** The town's longest-running theatrical attraction has been presenting live, on-stage, hysterical musical comedy since 1977. *Open April-Dec.*



You'll note many pancake houses in the area, and the reasons are uncertain. Pancakes did not originate in America, but have long been a breakfast staple. Native Americans shaped a soft batter in their hands and called it "nokehick," meaning "it is soft," transformed by white settlers into "no cake." Possibly, it's the humbleness of this food that made it a custom of the region. Calling for basic ingredients, it was affordable to pioneers of Gatlinburg's earlier days, and to prepare, only a griddle and a fire were needed. Some settlers even fried them on their hoe blades over fires, which is where the name "hoecakes" originated.

GATLINBURG

Gatlinburg was once a stop along Native American hunting trails, later used by trappers and hunters who established the forts and settlements. Known then as "White Oak Flats" for the abundant white oak trees, it was settled in the 1800s by English, Scottish, Irish and Scots-Irish immigrants. It was later named "Gatlinburg" for the post office established in Radford Gatlin's general store (1856). At the turn of the century, the logging industry moved into the area bringing jobs and growth, as well as a settlement school that addressed education needs and helped to teach unique regional crafts and traditions. As logging continued through the 1920s, the area drew more attention from conservationists who were instrumental in creating Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The park brought a flood of tourism to the area, turning what was once a 600-resident village into a resort town, and life here changed dramatically. Today, Gatlinburg is a mountain destination heralded for its crafts, entertainment and attractions, but its gorgeous scenery is still the star of the show.

Points 24-34 are located in Gatlinburg.



628 Pkwy.
Gatlinburg
865-436-4724

- 29. Pancake Pantry – (L)** Said to be Tennessee's oldest pancake house, they've been serving pancakes and other favorites for more than 50 years. Considered a Gatlinburg tradition, if you plan to have breakfast here, make your way early or expect a short wait.



1001 Pkwy.
Gatlinburg
866-918-4786

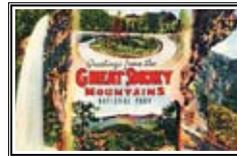
- 30. Ober Gatlinburg – (R)** Enjoy the view from the 120-passenger aerial tramway that takes you up to year-round ice skating, an alpine slide, snow sports, restaurant, shops and the Smoky Mountain Wildlife Encounter.



Continue on Pkwy. and follow park signs. Stop at visitor center to learn more about pt. 31.

107 Park Headquarters Rd.
Gatlinburg
865-436-1200

- 31. Great Smoky Mountains National Park – (L)** You've arrived at America's most-visited national park and best of all, it's free. If short on time, at least drive two miles into the park and visit Sugarlands Visitor Center for a 20-minute film that will give you an overview of this magnificent 800-square-mile national park and American treasure.



From visitor center, turn L on Ski Mountain Rd. Go 1 block, turn R on River Rd. (at Bearskin Lodge). Stay on River Rd. until it runs into Pkwy., turn slight L onto Pkwy./TN-71/US-441. At Y crossing, turn R onto US-321. See sign for pt. 32 at Roaring Fork Rd.

450 Cherry St., Gatlinburg
865-436-7551

- 32. Smoky Mountain Winery – (R)** Enjoy a free taste of more than 20 wines, plus a production tour.



Continue on US-321 for 0.7 mile to pt. 33.

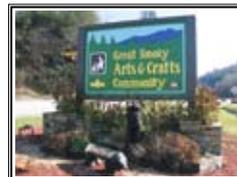
913 E. Pkwy.
Gatlinburg
865-436-2547

- 33. Mountain Lodge Restaurant – (L)** Daily home cooking and red gingham tablecovers mark this local breakfast and lunch eatery.

Continue 1.4 miles on US-321 to traffic light at Glades Rd., turn L, go 0.8 mile, turn R to stay on Glades Rd. to pt. 34.

Hwy 321/E. Pkwy. at Glades Rd., Gatlinburg
865-430-5776

- 34. Great Smoky Arts & Crafts Community – (L)** Founded in 1937 and thriving 70 years later, this community of artists and craftspeople is the largest of its kind in North America. Over 120 shops feature on-site hand-crafted wares and artworks.



Return to US-321 Int., turn R to stay on US-321. Along US-321, you can easily visit points 35-39.

- 35. Pittman Center – (L)** This small town outside Gatlinburg covers six square miles and has a population of only 500, but its treasures are plentiful. Its first settler arrived in 1784, but the town remained cut off from the world due to rough topography and poor roads for over 100 years. In the early 1900s, Methodist missionary Rev. Dr. John Sevier Burnett established "Pittman Center," a health and education campus for area residents that included a school, post office, medical clinic, farm and orchard. It became the center of the community, and the town incorporated in 1974. **Points 36-39 are highlights in Pittman Center.**



This entrance into Great Smoky Mountain National Park is on R, look for bridge sign.

2839 Webb Creek Rd.
Pittman Center

- 36. At the Greenbrier (R)** entrance of the national park is a community where about 1,000 people lived until the 1930s. When land was designated for the park, residents relocated across the U.S., some staying nearby with family still residing in Pittman Center.

From US-321, turn L at bridge on Hills Creek Rd.

- 37. Emerts Cove Covered Bridge –** This covered 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. Travel another .5 mile to visit the cemetery where he is buried.



Continue on US-321, go 1 mile to pt. 38.

2455 E. Pkwy.
Pittman Center
865-436-4515

- 38. Pittman Center Heritage Museum – (L)** Located in the new elementary school, this museum tells the town's cultural heritage. Open only during school hours, the view from the parking area alone is worth the trip.



Continue on US-321, turn L on TN-416 to pt. 39.

2839 Webb Creek Rd.
Pittman Center
865-436-5499

Continue on US-321.

- 39. Pittman Center City Hall – (R)** In the former Home Economics Building of the original school, City Hall overlooks a quiet two-lane road and rocky stream. This is the last remaining structure of the original Pittman Center buildings.



GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Before becoming a national park, these 800+ square miles were owned and occupied by small farmers and later, timber companies. The agricultural pattern of life changed with the arrival of lumbering in the early 1900s, and logging boom towns sprang up at sites that still bear their names: Elkmont, Smokemont, Proctor, Tremont. In order to preserve the region's character and wilderness resources, a national park movement began in the 1920s and started fundraising in 1925. In addition to a donation from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and U.S. and state funds, citizens in Tennessee and North Carolina raised considerable funds, and it is said that even children collected pennies in jars for this effort. The park, established in 1934, was dedicated by President Franklin Roosevelt. To preserve the region, more than 1,200 land owners left behind farm buildings, mills, schools and churches. Over 70 of these structures have been preserved, making Great Smoky Mountains National Park the largest collection of historic log buildings in the East. Today, Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the country's most visited national park, with 700+ miles of streams and 800+ miles of trails.



OFF-TRAIL

From US-321, go approx. 7 miles to Birch Tree Way, turn R. Go 0.3 mile, turn R on Laurel Springs Rd., turn R on Troll Mountain Way. Go 0.1 mile to pt. 40.
150 Troll Mountain Way
Cosby
423-487-2537

- 40. Five Arts Studio – (L)** A Danish family came to the area in 1949 and brought folklore legends of trolls to delight their children. To show them what a troll looked like, Ken Arsenbak made these collectibles using forest materials. Now a specialty, the hand-made treasures are sold around the world.



BACK ON-TRAIL

Backtrack to US-321 and continue heading E, go 0.3 mile to pt. 41.

On Hwy 321, 115 Cricket Hollow Rd., Cosby
423-487-4565

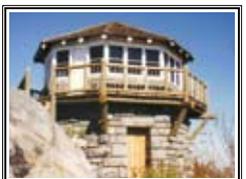
- 41. Our Place: A Unique Shop – (L)** Browse over 40,000 rare and specialty books while sipping a cup of organic coffee.

OFF-TRAIL

Continue E on US-321, go 1.8 miles to TN-325, turn R, and continue to stay on TN-325 for 4.9 miles, park at Cosby Campground to reach pt. 42.

471 Cosby Park Rd.
Cosby
423-487-2683

- 42. Mt. Cammerer Lookout –** Once used for providing cover for rampant moonshining, this 1930s fire overlook, along with most of the trails, was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, partially to crack down on these activities. To reach the lookout, hike the Low Gap Trail at Cosby Campground to the Mt. Cammerer Trail.



BACK ON-TRAIL

From US-321, you'll turn L on US-321/TN-32 towards Cosby to pt. 43.

Corner of Hwys 32 & 321 Cosby
Stay on US-321/TN-32/ Cosby Hwy for pts. 44-49. 1.7 miles to pt. 44.

0.4 mile from last point to pt. 45.

3892 Cosby Hwy
Cosby
423-487-3866

1.6 miles from last point to pt. 46.

3460 Cosby Hwy
Cosby
423-487-2710

0.5 mile from last point to pt. 47.

3321 Cosby Hwy, Cosby
423-487-2555

2.2 miles from last point to pt. 48.

2766 Cosby Hwy
Cosby
423-623-7856

1.8 miles from last point to pt. 49.

Continue a little over 4 miles on US-321, turn L at Lewis Rd., going 0.1 mile to pt. 50.

1323 Lewis Rd.
Newport
423-625-8375

Continue N on US-321/TN-32, go 2.5 miles to pt. 51.

433 B Prospect Ave.
Newport
423-625-9675

43. Smoky Mountain Visitors Center in Cosby (L)

44. Foothills National Parkway – (R) This is the state's oldest unfinished highway project, dating back to 1944. If completed, its 71 miles would run parallel to Tennessee's boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Enjoy beautiful mountain views to the south and the valley to the north.

45. Holloways Country Home – (R) Representing centuries of rural tradition, shop here for original and vintage quilts, or pick up a quilt kit and supplies.



46. Carver's Applehouse Restaurant & Orchard – (R) Overlooking 40,000 apple trees, this restaurant is legendary for its catfish and mouth-watering breakfasts. With every meal, you'll enjoy a basket of apple fritters with apple butter and apple cider. Don't miss the shop where you'll find Appalachian gifts.



47. Cowboy Bar-B-Q – (L) This new restaurant is a delicious addition on the trail. Tell us what you think on Facebook.

48. Santa Cruz Woodworks – (R) This custom pine furniture and wood-worked treasures spot is sure to surprise.



49. Whitson's Fort Historical Marker – (R) William Whitson, Jr. built a fort on the east bank of Pigeon River in 1783. It was an important frontier outpost, since there was a ford (an area of river that is shallow enough to cross by wading) there, and the west bank was then Native American territory.

50. English Mountain Dragway – (L) Love the thunder of full-throttle dragsters? This IHRA-sanctioned track is the place for you.

51. Coker County Partnership Visitor's Center (R)

Stop for tourism info and to see "Treasures of Appalachia" — a showroom of works by local artisans.

COSBY

Like much of the frontier, this area was once Cherokee hunting ground, and soon pioneers receiving land grants came to Cosby to build homes and farm their new land. The origin of the name "Cosby" is a mystery, with two theories. The first centers around an early trapper and distiller named Jonathan Cosby (or "Cozby"). The second suggests it was named after Revolutionary War veteran Dr. James Cosby, a friend of John Sevier, who claimed some of the land. In any case, the name appears as early as 1838. While the area depended on farming and logging, the Great Depression and establishment of Great Smoky Mountains National Park greatly affected the logging business, and many residents turned to making corn whiskey from their crops for income. As liquor supplies were strained with the rise of prohibition in the early 1900s, demand for "moonshine" grew steadily. During World War II, the Manhattan Project at Oak Ridge brought in people from all over the country. With many unaccustomed to Tennessee's dry laws, they turned to illegally distilled liquor, making the moonshine demand even higher. Because of this, for the first half of the 20th century, Cosby was known as "The Moonshine Capital of the World."

Points 40-49 are located in Cosby.

Learn more about Tennessee's moonshining history on the White Lightning: Thunder Road to Rebels Trail.

Did You Know?

The inventor of the Moon Pie, Earl Mitchell, is buried in Newport's Union Cemetery.

Continue N on US-321 for 1 block, turn L on Mulberry St. to pt. 52, then return to US-321.

115 Mulberry St.
Newport
423-623-9272

Continue N on US-321/TN-32, go 0.4 mile, turn R on Riverview St., go 0.1 mile to pt. 53.

Riverview St.
Newport

At stop sign 0.1 mile ahead, turn L on Woodlawn Ave., R on E. Broadway St., go 207 ft. to pt. 54.

236 E. Broadway St.
Newport
423-625-4998

52. Tanner Cultural Center (Former Rosenwald School) – (R) The Rosenwald School Building Program of the early 1900s provided seed grants for the construction of more than 5,300 schools, shops, and teachers' houses in 15 states built by and for African-Americans. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has preserved several remaining buildings, including this one, which houses a senior center, veterans office and seasonal farmers' market.

53. Elm Hill – (R) (Private Residence) Built in 1890 by B.D. Jones and his wife Townszella Randolph, Jones' daughter Anna married future Tennessee governor Ben Hooper here in 1901, and later used the house as a vacation home.



54. Ace Antiques – (L) What a variety! Shop for furniture, quilts, depression glass, paintings, political and military memorabilia.

Continue on E. Broadway; don't let address throw you, you'll pass pt. 55 on the right.

233 Murray Dr.
Newport

Go 1 block to Bear Ave. As you prepare to turn L on Bear Ave., notice smoke stack and factory as you drive by pt. 56.

540 E. Broadway St.
Newport

55. The Rhea-Mims Hotel (R) was built in 1925 out of native stone and restored in 2000. It now serves as a home for senior citizens.



56. Stokely Brothers/ConAgra Foods – (L) Originally Stokely Brothers, this canning giant was founded in 1898. The small gray building in the center of the complex was the company's early headquarters; by 1941, it operated 34 factories in 14 states. Since purchased by Van Camp and ConAgra, it now produces Hunt's tomato-based sauces and Van Camp Beans.



Did You Know?

When Anna Stokely lost her husband at the age of 44, she was left to care for nine children and a family farm. The family began canning their surplus crops in the late 1800s, forming the Stokely Brothers company. Shipping canned tomatoes down the French Broad River, the business quickly grew and eventually moved to Newport to be near the railroad. Anna's youngest son, George, took a job at the Van Camp factory in Indiana. He brought home invaluable information about canning techniques, and the company eventually purchased Van Camp in the 1930s. Tragically, Anna and George were both killed when their car stalled on railroad tracks in 1916, but the family continued to build the business into the canning giant it is today.

Turn L on River/ Main St., go about 0.5 mile to pt. 57.

255 E. Main St.
Newport
423-623-2921

OFF-TRAIL

Continue on Main St. until it dead ends for pt. 58.

211 W. Main St.
Newport
423-623-2324

BACK ON-TRAIL

Return on W. Main St. to McMahan Ave./TN-35/US-321 and turn L and cross over pt. 59.

57. Newport Dry Goods – (L) This old-fashioned general store is a bargain hunter's dream. From clothes to household items to gifts, the stock changes often.



58. Rhyne Clock Company – (L) In business since the turn of the century, stop by during the week and see craftsmen making grandfather clocks and visit the factory outlet showroom.



59. You're crossing the **Pigeon River**, named for the passenger pigeon, an extinct bird whose migration route included the river valley.

Look to right after bridge over river for pt. 60.

Continue N on US-321, go 1.6 miles to Woodson Rd., turn L. Go 0.1 mile to pt. 61.

100-128 Woodson Rd.
Old Town

OFF-TRAIL

Return to US-321N, go 0.4 mile, turn L on TN-160N for 10.1 miles. Turn R on Briar Thicket Rd., go 0.7 mile to pt. 62.

255 Briar Thicket Rd
Bybee
865-919-5072

BACK ON-TRAIL

Backtrack your way to US-321 and turn L to head N on US-321. Look to R in about 4 miles to see pt. 63. (There is a #9 Heritage Tour sign in yard.)

Main St./Greenville Hwy
Parrottsville

60. The War Ford Historical Marker – (R) East of the Pigeon River is a strategic crossing used by Cherokee, and again by soldiers in the Revolutionary War. It is the site of one of the final skirmishes of that war.

61. Gilleland/O'Dell House – (L) (Private Residence) This brick home was built in 1814 by Abel Gilleland. The area, now called "Old Town," was the original site of the new port located on the French Broad River. Abel's father, John, donated land in 1799 to establish the town. Newport relocated from here to nearby railroad tracks when the Cincinnati, Cumberland Gap & Charleston Railroad was constructed between 1866 and 1869.



62. Briarwood Ranch & Safari Park – (L) Drive your car or ride the wagon on this 4-mile safari; see animals from around the world.



63. Yett/Ellison House – (R) (Private Residence) This brick Federal style home was built in 1857 by Hamilton Yett, son of German immigrants who settled in the region in the 1780s. After the Civil War, the house sold to Sheriff John Ford Ellison. He

NEWPORT

In 1799, John Gilleland donated land along the French Broad River (the area now referred to as "Old Town") to create the town of Newport. In 1834, Newport had a population of 150, two general stores, two doctors, three blacksmiths, two tailors, two hatters, two churches and two taverns. The town of Newport relocated to nearby railroad tracks when the Cincinnati Cumberland Gap & Charleston Railroad was constructed between 1866 and 1869.

The Newport Milling Company and Stokely Brothers & Company canning factory contributed to the town's growth. Though Stokely Brothers eventually operated 34 factories in 14 states, the headquarters remained in Newport. Today, Newport has a population of 33,000 and four state and national forests. Though much has changed over the years, the century-old town has never lost its small town appeal.

Points 50-60 are located in Newport.

EAST TENNESSEE CROSSING NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

The Sunny Side Trail travels part of **Highway 25**, an existing stretch called **East Tennessee Crossing** and one of Tennessee's five National Scenic Byways. There are 150 byways in 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, and designated as such for their archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities. East Tennessee Crossing has been used since prehistoric times by travelers, hunters and tourists alike, and is as well-traveled as it is named.

The route is known as the **Cherokee Warriors' Path**, originally cut by bison and used by Native American tribes to attack each other, trade with each other, and travel from place to place.

It is also known as **Wilderness Road**, an important route for settlers from the East Coast colonies moving west into "new" lands. Wilderness Road changed the rugged lifestyle of the settlers in the Appalachian Mountains, bringing craftsmen with new skills and visitors with new ideas to the area.

The route was once known as the **Dixie Highway**, a network of paved roads connecting the Midwest and the South, from Chicago down through Chattanooga to Miami. Started in 1915, it was a project of businessman Carl G. Fisher, funded by individuals, businesses, and local and state governments. It was overseen by a group of motor enthusiasts known as the Dixie Highway Association. In its beginnings, this stretch was one of the roughest parts of the route, with roads frequently washed out, treacherous mud and unpredictable weather. Travelers setting out from Chicago heading to Florida had no map and no way of knowing where to find gas, food or lodging along the way, and would often stay in the homes of the people who lived in the area. By 1927, the Association had disbanded and the route was taken over by the U.S. Highway System. Its traffic helped to sustain the economies of the communities you'll visit on the Sunny Side Trail.

It has also been called **Thunder Road**, named for the fast and furious routes taken by moonshiners under the cover of darkness, transporting homemade, untaxed liquor during prohibition in the 1920s. Thunder Road and its reputation for rebellion and adventure has been the subject of music, motion pictures and Tennessee legend, and has been attributed to the beginning of NASCAR.

Today, the East Tennessee Crossing National Scenic Byway is yours to take in — its scenic beauty, rich history and unique communities are just waiting to be explored.



housed prisoners in outbuildings that can be seen behind the main house. It is No. 9 on Parrottsville's Heritage Tour.



OFF-TRAIL

Going N on US-321, go 0.6 mile, turn L on TN-340N. Go 0.7 mile to pt. 64.

249 N. Hwy 340
Parrottsville
423-623-0035

Pt. 65 is just down from pt. 64.

64. Joan Beaver Studio – (L) A well-known artist and educator, Joan creates soft sculptures and pen-and-ink renderings of regional buildings.



65. Natural Bridge – (L) While you're off-trail, stop to take in this natural formation. It is 50 feet wide and 150 feet long, with a 15-foot arch.

BACK ON-TRAIL

Continue E on TN-340/35N/US-321N, go 1.3 miles to pt. 67.

Stay on US-321 for about 15 miles to Greenville.

66. Parrottsville – You're now in Tennessee's third-oldest town. Make sure to see the trail's points, but also note the period-style houses and churches dating to mid-1850s.

67. Swaggerty Fort – (L) This fort is the only frontier blockhouse remaining on its original site in Tennessee. Built by James Swaggerty in 1787, it served as both shelter for travelers and protection from Native Americans.



U.S. PRESIDENT ANDREW JOHNSON

Note signs to pt. 68, turning R onto Monument Ave. Roundabout circles monument and returns to Main St./US-321, turn R.

121 Monument Ave.
Greenville

Turn R on E. Church St., turn R into parking lot at pt. 69.

101 N. College St.
Greenville
423-639-3711
423-638-3551

Walk to pts. 69-78.

68. Andrew Johnson National Cemetery – Before driving into town, stop and pay respects to Johnson, the 17th President of the U.S., buried in this historic cemetery.



69. Andrew Johnson National Historic Site – (R) See what life was like in the mid-1800s when you tour the visitor center, Johnson's preserved home and tailor shop, operated by National Park Service.



Andrew Johnson was the first U.S. President to be impeached. He also never attended a day of school.

230 S. Main St.
Greenville

115 Academy St.
Greenville
423-638-4111

111 N. Main St.
Greenville
423-787-1000

129 N. Main St.
Greenville
423-787-0195

223 E. Church St.
Greenville

70. Downtown Greenville – This historic downtown offers unique shops, galleries, historic sites and eateries **all within walking distance.** — **points 71-78 are just a few we've featured.**



71. Valentine Sevier Home – (L) The oldest house in Greenville, it was built ca. 1795 by Valentine Sevier, a political leader and nephew of John Sevier. Later owned by President Andrew Johnson, after the Civil War it became the residence of the Marshall, Arnold, O'Keefe and Susong families, including Quincy Marshall O'Keefe and Edith O'Keefe Susong — the only mother and daughter duo in the Tennessee Newspaper Hall of Fame.



72. Greene County Partnership

73. General Morgan Inn – (L) Built in 1884 as a railroad hotel, it is named after Confederate General John Hunt Morgan, whose raids terrorized the Union Army during the Civil War. Legend has it that Morgan, the "Thunderbolt of the Confederacy," tried to escape and was shot and killed near the inn. Today, this **Conference Center** is the crown jewel of the historic district, featuring renovated guest rooms and serving as an area information point.



74. James-Ben Studio Gallery Art Center – (L) This art gallery features Tennessee artists and presents solo exhibitions.



75. Benjamin Lundy Historical Marker – (R) From 1822-24, Lundy, a Quaker, published the *Genius of Universal Emancipation*, a paper devoted to the abolition of slavery. He also published a weekly paper, the *Economist and Political Recorder*. After 1824, the *Genius* was published in Baltimore.

127 W. Depot
Greenville
423-639-4201

76. Tipton's Café – (L) This local favorite was a tin shop in 1925 and now serves everything from beef stew to banana pudding. **Open 11-2:45 p.m.**



TRIPADVISOR.COM: Ask anyone in town where to go for good Southern breakfast food and they'll point you here. Don't expect anything fancy, just a unique atmosphere where the waitress knows everyone's name...

108 N. Irish St.
Greenville
423-787-7746

77. Dickson-Williams Mansion – (R) A prime example of Federal architecture, the 1821 home was built by Greenville's first postmaster, William Dickson. Confederate and Union troops were entertained here and it's where General Morgan spent his last night. *Tours leave from General Morgan Inn.*



201 N. Main St.
Greenville

78. Cumberland Presbyterian Church – (R) Formed in 1841 and at its present site since 1860, the church's first home was on a lot purchased for \$1,200 from Senator (and later, president) Andrew Johnson. In the wall of the upper right Main Street entrance is a visible Civil War cannonball, fired in September 1864 during the skirmish in which General Morgan lost his life.



GREENEVILLE

Named in honor of Nathanael Greene, a Revolutionary War General, the town of Greenville was settled in 1783. Technically a part of what was then North Carolina, the surrounding mountains isolated the town from other communities. As a result, the people of Greenville were a fiercely independent bunch, self-sufficient and self-reliant. Greenville's most famous resident was certainly Andrew Johnson, though Davy Crockett was also born nearby. Johnson was a quiet tailor who never attended school, but rose to hold every political position along the route to becoming the 17th U.S. President, and was charged with the task of succeeding Abraham Lincoln and leading the country in its post Civil War reconstruction efforts. His home, tailor shop and burial place are preserved today.

Points 68-82 are located in Greenville.



Corner of N. Main St. & Spencer St. (after Church St.), Greeneville

79. Harmony House – (R) Built by Dr. and Mrs. William Andrew Harmon in 1851, this property served as refuge for Civil War soldiers from both armies who camped in the backyard. The Federal style home contains prime examples of Tennessee craftsmanship.



Return to car, make your way to Main St., turn R/N. Go 0.8 mile, turn R at TN-34/US-321N/11E. Go 2.7 miles, turn R at Erwin Hwy/TN-107E, go 0.7 mile to pt. 80.

80. Doak House Museum, President Andrew Johnson Museum & Library – (R) Both on the historic campus of Tusculum College, Doak House Museum (pictured) was the home of Samuel Doak, frontier Presbyterian minister, educator and father of the college's founder. At the Johnson Museum, view the library of the 17th U.S. President, as well as his personal papers and family memorabilia.



690 Erwin Hwy
Greeneville
423-636-8554



The Tusculum College campus boasts eight buildings and one structure (Tusculum Arch) on the National Register of Historic Places.

Continuing on Erwin Hwy/TN-107E, go 0.3 mile, take 2nd R onto Shiloh Rd; go 486 ft. to pt. 81.

81. Tusculum College – (R) Founded in 1794, this is Tennessee's oldest college, the nation's 28th oldest, and the oldest co-ed Presbyterian-affiliated school in the world. Samuel W. Doak, son of Presbyterian minister and Washington College Academy founder Samuel Doak, started this 140-acre campus, later named Tusculum College. During the Civil War, its buildings served as barracks for soldiers. Today, this private college has around 1,500 students with a regional center in Knoxville and satellite campuses across East Tennessee.



Pt. 82 is located across the street from pt. 81.

907 Erwin Hwy
Greeneville
423-639-0180

OFF-TRAIL

Head E on TN-107E for 1.2 miles, turn R at Erwin Hwy/TN-107E, go 5.1 miles to pt. 83.

82. Three Blind Mice (L) has unique gift items.

83. The Farmer's Daughter Restaurant – (R) Enjoy family-style Southern cooking here and go next door to **Mountain View Bulk Foods** for items made by Mennonites.

BACK ON-TRAIL

Backtrack your way to Erwin Hwy/TN-107, stay on Erwin Hwy until it ends at US-321/11E and turn R.

84. Town of Chuckey – On Hwy 351, you'll see two historical markers: **Ebenezer Methodist Church**, the state's oldest Methodist Church, ca. 1795, ordained by Bishop Francis Asbury, one of two U.S. Bishops at the time and **Edward Huffaker**, an aviation pioneer.

DAVY CROCKETT

Unlike the Tennessee Ernie Ford hit, Davy Crockett's birthplace was not actually on "a mountaintop in Tennessee," but along the banks of the Nolichucky River in Greene County, present-day Limestone, and he spent most of his life and career in the state. He became a household name fighting Native Americans in the Creek War in the early 1800s, where he was known as a larger-than-life frontiersman wearing the trademark coonskin cap. He used that folksy image to win the hearts and minds of voters when he was elected to the Tennessee Legislature in 1821, and then to three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. All three divisions of Tennessee claim Crockett as a local hero: his birthplace is here in East Tennessee, his office stood in Middle Tennessee, and he fought politically against Andrew Jackson for the rights of squatters occupying land in West Tennessee. After his third term in Congress, he joined the war against Mexico and was killed at the Alamo.



You'll pass beautiful fields and what was once a quaint village during the 1850s railroad era, with **depot**, bank and post office.



Go 4.6 miles, turn R on Chuckey Pk./TN-351. In less than 1 mile, you'll drive through pt. 84.

OFF-TRAIL

From village area, continue on Chuckey Pk./TN-351 about 2.4 miles to pt. 85.

Backtrack on Chuckey Pk./TN-351 to village area. Turn R on Charles Johnson Rd.

85. Earnest Farms Historic District – (R) See four historic farms here — Elmwood, Broyles, Crum, and Jim Earnest — developed by pioneer Henry Earnest (1732-1809) and his descendants. The district includes Ebenezer Methodist Church (see point 84), and the **Earnest Fort House** (pictured), one of the oldest homes in the state. Elmwood Farm, cultivated since 1777, is a Century Farm* and one of the oldest in Tennessee.



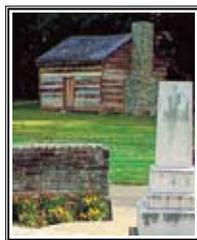
BACK ON-TRAIL

Turn L on Charles Johnson Rd., then R on Davy Crockett Park Rd. to pt. 86.

1245 Davy Crockett Park Rd., Limestone
423-257-2167

Head E/R on Davy Crockett Park Rd. Go 0.4 mile, take 1st R onto Remine Rd./Hugh Story Rd. At stop sign, turn L on Old TN-34 to stay on trail (to pt. 89) or turn R to go off-trail (to pt. 88).

86. Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park – (R) As the birthplace of Davy Crockett, celebrated frontiersman, warrior, statesman and defender of the Alamo, this historic site has been preserved within the state park. The 105 wooded acres by the Nolichucky River include a museum that shares Crockett's story, a short video and a replica cabin. Check out the breathtaking view of the river.



See Sunny Side Trail map on page 28.

Old TN-34, Limestone

OFF-TRAIL

From the R turn you made at pt. 86 to go off-trail, at Y, take a R to arrive at Old TN-34/US-321/11E, and turn R. From stop sign at Hugh Story Rd., having turned R on Old TN-34, go 4-5 miles, turn R on Bailey Bridge Rd./TN-353S for 0.2 mile to Doak Ln. to pt. 88.

116 Doak Ln., Limestone
423-257-5151

Head NW on Doak Ln., straight onto Ward Rowe Rd./TN-353N, turn L at Old TN-34, turn R on Anderson Rd. Go 0.4 mile taking 1st L onto Washington College Station Rd., go 1.5 miles, turn L on Corby Rd., go 1.1 miles. Turn R at US-11E and resume trail.

BACK ON-TRAIL

Head SW on Andrew Johnson Hwy/TN-34/US-321/11E for about 3 miles to pt. 89.

3425 Hwy 11E, Limestone
423-257-1927

Head SW on Andrew Johnson/US-11E for about 2.8 miles to pt. 90.

2726 Hwy 11, Telford
423-753-4241

Go about 1.4 miles on US-11E, turn L on McCarty Church Rd., go 190 ft. to pt. 91.

104 McCarty Church Rd.
Telford

Back on US-11E, turn L, go 4.1 miles, turn R at Boone St. Pull in parking lot 0.2 mile ahead at pt. 92.

117 Boone St.
Jonesborough
423-753-1010

Walk from pt. 92 to pt 93.

87. Battle of Limestone Station Historical Marker – (R) Out of ammunition, the 100th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was forced to surrender here to the Confederates in September 1863 during the Civil War.

88. Washington College Academy – (R) In 1780, this was the first school of higher learning established west of the Appalachian Mountains and the first institution in the U.S. named after our first president. It no longer serves as a college but provides continuing adult education programs.



89. Brights Zoo – (R) This family-owned facility lets you interact with rare and endangered species. Get acquainted with exotic creatures like red kangaroos, spider monkeys, bactrian camels and pygmy goats, and learn what the zoo is doing to help protect them.



90. Jonesborough Flea Market – (R) This Sunday market has over 200 dealers with antiques, novelties and bargains galore.

91. McCarty Methodist Church & Cemetery – (L) A monument stands here to honor Northeast Tennessee's only First Lady, Eliza McCordle Johnson, wife of U.S. President Andrew Johnson. Eliza's grandfather donated one acre of land where she was born to the Methodist Episcopal Church to erect this church and cemetery.



92. Historic Jonesborough Visitors Center, History Museum & Gift Shop (R)

93. Oak Hill School (R), a one-room school, is fully restored to appear as it did in the 1890s. Ask for a tour while at the visitors center.



Drive onto Main Street and park. You'll be able to walk to points 95-110.

From Boone St., turn R on W. Main St. Drive to pt. 94 on Main St. and park your car.

94. Jonesborough Historic District – Take a trip back to the early 1800s as you explore Tennessee's oldest town. Amidst the numerous historic sites, you'll find one-of-a-kind specialty shops and cafés.



225-231 E. Main St.
Jonesborough

95. Warner Institute Historical Marker – (L) Built in 1854, this was the Holston Baptist Female Institute, and later Tadlock's School for Boys (ca. 1866-67), operated by Confederate Colonel Robert Dungan. In 1876, Yardley Warner bought the building and formed Warner Institute, to "educate colored persons and train colored teachers"

217 E. Main St.
Jonesborough

96. Old Jonesborough Cemetery – (L) Founded in 1803, some of the town's most prominent names dot the tombstones that cover these four quiet acres. The grassy crest of the hill is the gravesite for unknown victims of the 1873 cholera epidemic.



201 E. Main St.
Jonesborough

97. First Baptist Church – (L) While the town was founded in 1779, it would take 62 years before a Baptist movement would appear. After a 12-day revival in 1841, this church was formed and its building constructed in 1852. It also served as a school. The Civil War caused division among the congregation and the African-American members left First Baptist and formed their own church. The sanctuary was then remodeled and the slave gallery removed. The church survived

LOST STATE OF FRANKLIN

Before Tennessee became a state, a group of citizens from this region (then part of North Carolina) felt they were not represented fairly nor protected by their leaders. In 1784, the State of Franklin was formed, named after one of the great leaders of the American Revolution, Benjamin Franklin. This new state ensured citizens could create their own laws and elect their own leaders. Jonesborough served as the first capital, then Greeneville. John Sevier, one of the most influential leaders in the development of Franklin, was elected its first governor in 1785. Franklin functioned as the nation's 14th state until 1788 but was never recognized by Congress. After many negotiations and skirmishes leading up to the Battle of the State of Franklin, the state was dissolved. Today, the State of Franklin is often remembered as the "Lost State of Franklin."

bankruptcy after the Civil War and the death of its minister and several members to cholera in 1873. The church's uniqueness is reflected in seven 1917 stained glass windows designed and constructed by an Italian New York artist. All considered priceless, the "Christ in the Garden" window is one of only three of its kind in the world.



103 Fox St.
Jonesborough

98. Central Christian Church – (L) The result of another house of worship divided by the Civil War, Northern sympathizers of the Jonesborough Presbyterian Church left their congregation and later built this church in 1880. The Presbyterians reunited and the building was sold to First Christian Church, and in 1944 became Central Christian Church.



107 E. Main St.
Jonesborough
423-753-0090

99. Cranberry Thistle Restaurant – (R) Hear music, storytelling and enjoy a home-cooked meal at this lively local spot.



116 W. Main St.
Jonesborough
423-913-1276

100. International Storytelling Center – (R) This is the only place in the world devoted to oral storytelling and its creative applications. Enjoy the gift shop and learn more about what Jonesborough is known for — the art of storytelling. *Teller in Residence storytelling concerts, May-Oct.*



YELP.COM: *I had never seen a storytelling performance before and it was awesome. I've been back twice since. The actual theater is really cute. It's small and very intimate...*

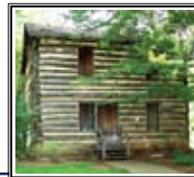
116 W. Main St.
Jonesborough
800-952-8392, ext. 8208

101. Chester Inn – (R) Built in the late 1790s, this inn, considered Jonesborough's oldest frame structure, has hosted U.S. Presidents Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson. It was here that Jackson was threatened with tarring and feathering. Nearby, he fought a fire while wearing only his nightshirt. Now owned by the state, it serves as headquarters for trail point 100.



Next to pt. 101.
Main St.
Jonesborough

102. Christopher Taylor Log House – (R) Once crumbling nearby, this 1778 two-story log house was restored and moved to the Main Street district. The keystone of the town's restoration effort, this cabin was owned by Christopher Taylor, who was sent from North Carolina to protect pioneers from attacks by Native Americans.



The two-room Taylor log house accommodated boarders as well as Christopher, his wife and 13 children! Andrew Jackson stayed here while living in Jonesborough.

127 W. Main St.
Jonesborough
423-913-6100

103. Old Mitchell House-Historic Eureka Inn – (L) Originally built as a home in 1797, it was enlarged and converted 100 years later into the Eureka Inn. Today, the inn is beautifully restored to its glory days with period furnishings and modern amenities.



JONESBOROUGH

Tennessee's oldest town, Jonesborough, has thousands of stories to tell. The town pre-dates Tennessee's statehood, founded in 1779 as the county seat of Washington County, North Carolina. It is named after Willie Jones, one of the few North Carolina legislators who approved of the state's westward expansion. Tennessee became the 16th state in 1796, 14 years after Jonesborough was established. The town of Jonesborough has worked hard to preserve and restore much of its precious history and was the first town in Tennessee to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visitors take a trip back in time in this charming town as they explore and learn about what life was like for 1800s settlers, 1900s bootleggers and residents in the last two centuries. Today, Jonesborough is best known for the art of storytelling with the International Storytelling Center and annual National Storytelling Festival that draws thousands of visitors every October — a fitting tribute for a town with quite a story.

Points 92-111 are located in Jonesborough.



THE EMANCIPATOR

Though part of a slave-holding state prior to the Civil War, Jonesborough produced the first regularly published periodical devoted exclusively to abolishing slavery. *The Emancipator*, published and funded by Quaker Elihu Embree, began circulation on April 30, 1820 and was printed in Jacob Howard's print shop. East Tennessee had strong Union leanings; its climate could not support the cultivation of cotton, requiring less slave labor. Jacob Howard's print shop, now destroyed, stood on the corner of Main Street and First Avenue in Jonesborough's Historic District.

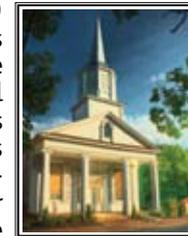
128 W. Main St.
Jonesborough

104. Jonesborough Presbyterian Church – (R) This 1840s church is a Greek Revival structure containing original pulpit, pews and slave gallery. The outside stairway was said to have been enclosed so ladies would be spared the embarrassment of exposing their ankles while climbing steps.



211 W. Main St.
Jonesborough

105. Jonesborough United Methodist Church – (L) Built in 1845-46, this important example of Greek Revival architecture features four massive columns supporting the pediment and steeple over a deep portico. The original slave gallery is still used for seating.



104 S. Cherokee St.
Jonesborough
423-753-5971

106. The Crafty Peddler – (R) Built around 1888, this is Jonesborough's only remaining saloon building. The restored turn-of-the-century Mail Pouch Tobacco sign was painted in 1902 and rediscovered in the 1960s when an adjacent structure was torn down. Today, the shop sells crafts, antiques and souvenirs.



102 W. Woodrow Ave.
Jonesborough
423-753-8002

107. The Parson's Table – (R) This landmark has housed all kinds of meetings since 1870, from its early church



114 E. Woodrow Ave.
Jonesborough
800-753-8869

108. Hawley House Bed & Breakfast – (R) Built in 1793, this is the oldest building in Tennessee's oldest town, pre-dating statehood. Constructed of chestnut and dove-tailed logs on a limestone foundation, the restored B&B features antiques and great views of Jonesborough.



127 Fox St.
Jonesborough

109. The Salt House – (R) Essential for curing meat, salt was rationed to area residents here during the Civil War. While currently not in use, it has served as the post office, Masonic Hall and a grocery, but has always been known as "The Salt House."



Get back in car after pt. 110.
103 Fox St.
Jonesborough
423-753-0553

110. Another Touch Bakery – (R) This wonderful bakery offers homemade cookies and candies, and is known for their jumbo cupcakes, a must-have during your visit.

OFF-TRAIL

From Main St., turn L on either S. 2nd St. or S. 3rd St., turn R on Depot St. to pt. 111.
904 Depot St., Jonesborough
423-753-7628

111. Depot Street Brewing – (R) This brewery features beers brewed in small batches for the freshest taste, hand crafted with the finest ingredients from around the globe. Take home a taste of Freight Hopper or Roundabout Stout. *Call ahead for tour.*

Continue on Depot St. and turn R on W. Main St. Stay on W. Main St./TN-81 to Erwin.

BACK ON-TRAIL

Stay on Main St./TN-81/107 for about 13 miles, crossing I-26 into downtown Erwin. Hwy turns into 2nd St. Turn R on N. Main, which quickly becomes S. Main. Park near pt. 113.

112. You're passing over the Nolichucky River. Once a busy travel route for early settlers including Davy Crockett and his family, the river has been used for trade for centuries, from prehistoric inhabitants to frontiersmen to 19th-century lumber industry. Today, the Nolichucky — a Cherokee word for "Rushing Water" or "Dangerous Water," is known for its whitewater-rapid adventures.

100 S. Main Ave.
Erwin
423-743-3000

113. Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce (R)

When you arrive in Erwin, park your car near the Chamber of Commerce and walk to points 114-120.

Pt. 114:
105 S. Main Ave., Erwin
423-743-7810

Pt. 115:
109 S. Main Ave., Erwin
423-743-4136

These malls offer antiques, collectibles and pottery including Blue Ridge and Southern:

114. Main Street Mall (R)

115. Valley Beautiful Antique Mall (R)

105 N. Main Ave.
Erwin
423-743-4931

116. Capitol Theater

– (R) Opened in 1934, this theater was twinned in the late '70s. Now fully restored, it shows newly released movies.



1 block ahead, find pt. 117 at corner of Union St. & Main St.

117. Hawg-N-Dawg – (L) Inspired by diners of yesteryear, this eatery has pulled pork BBQ, all-beef coney dogs and their signature — “The Hawg & Dawg.” Top off your meal with “Tennessee Kreme & Kake.”



202 Union St.
Erwin
423-743-9600

Drive or walk around the block. Turn R on Jona St., R on Nolichucky Ave. to pt. 118.

118. Stegall's Pottery & Crafts Gallery – (R)

Every visit is different as guests view the day-to-day pottery creation and artisans welcome questions.



200 Nolichucky Ave.
Erwin
423-743-3227

Pt. 119 is across the street from pt. 118.

119. Colonel J.F. Toney Memorial Library – (L)

Unicoi County's public library is named for one of Erwin's founders and is housed in the 1925 Clinchfield Railroad Depot.



201 Nolichucky Ave.
Erwin
423-743-6533



Several railroads had trains here, but when Clinchfield began operating in December 1924, it was the last Class I railroad built in the U.S. east of the Rocky Mountains. The 266-mile track provided access to the scenic region and is best known for its state-of-the-art engineering exemplified by the loops climbing the Blue Ridge Mountains.

214 S. Main Ave.
Erwin
423-743-4209

120. Under the Apple Tree – (L)

This unique toy store specializes in educational, nostalgic toys, as well as arts and crafts supplies.

Drive or walk 7 blocks to pt. 121.

121. The Country Depot – (R)

Find gifts, flags, collectibles and more at this charming shop.

627 N. Main Ave.
Erwin
423-743-0601

122. Erwin National Fish Hatchery – (L)

Established in 1897, this is one of over 75 hatcheries in the national system administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It rears Rainbow Trout, broods fish and provides 10-14 million trout eggs to units nationwide each year.



Pt. 123 is next to pt. 122. 529 Federal Hatchery Rd.
Erwin
423-743-9449

123. Unicoi County Heritage Museum – (L)

Built in 1903 as the fish hatchery superintendent's residence, this grand house fell into disrepair over the years and was almost torn

ERWIN & MARY THE ELEPHANT

Long used as Cherokee hunting ground, Erwin's flowerbeds and gardens still turn up arrowheads and tools. The town was formed during the Reconstruction Era following the Civil War and would go on to become a railroad hub for five different railroad lines. It has witnessed many sentinel events since its founding but is still best known for a story that made Ripley's Believe It Or Not — that of Mary the Elephant. Mary was a captive circus elephant who killed her trainer in the early 1900s during a show in Kingsport. Authorities decided to execute Mary, but her massive size made that a difficult task with the guns of that era. They made a decision that would not be considered today: to publicly hang the elephant from a large crane used to clear train wrecks. The execution was heavily advertised, and over 2,500 people — including children — came out to witness the death of this majestic animal.

Points 113-123 are located in Erwin.



down. The county recommended its renovation for use as a regional museum, and the U.S. government agreed. Its nine rooms now feature different exhibits.



Return to N. Main Ave./TN-107, turn L. Go 3 miles, continue onto Erwin Hwy/TN-173, go 0.7 mile. Continue to Unicoi Dr. for 2.9 miles, turn R on Covered Bridge Ln. to pt. 124. 121 Covered Bridge Ln. Unicoi 423-743-8799

124. Farmhouse Gallery & Gardens – (R)

The Lynch family turned this 75-acre, pre-Civil War property into a garden showplace. It's home to festivals, live music and the studio of artist Johnny Lynch.



From pt. 124., turn R on Unicoi Dr., go 1.4 miles; continue on S. Roan St. for 2.1 miles to pt. 125. 2620 S. Roan St. Johnson City 423-926-3631

125. Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site – (L)

Explore state history at this museum and education center, its 11 outbuildings, a cave where Daniel Boone once camped, trails and gardens, and part of the Buffalo Trail, which later became a wagon road connecting Tennessee and North Carolina. You'll see the home of Colonel Tipton, a settler, farmer and political leader, serving as an officer in Lord Dunmore's War, the Revolutionary War and Washington County Militia. He played a key role in bringing democratic government to the country, associating and



See Sunny Side Trail map on page 28.

serving with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and James Madison, among others. You'll also find the home of George Haynes, a slave owned by the property's later owners, the Haynes family.

OFF-TRAIL

Drive 0.2 mile on S. Roan St., take 1st L on Buffalo Rd., go 0.9 mile, continue on Rolling Hills Dr. to pt. 126.

714 Rolling Hills Dr. Johnson City, 423-928-2541

126. Tri-City Beverage & Dr. Enuf – (L)

In 1946 Charles Gordon and Sam Harding started a bottling company (now called Tri-City Beverage) in Johnson City and in 1951, introduced what would become their signature drink, Dr. Enuf. The company was also the first franchise bottler of Mountain Dew. *Tours by advance reservation.*

BACK ON-TRAIL

Continuing on S. Roan St. heading NW, go 1.5 miles, turn L on University Pkwy./US-321, go 1.4 miles. Turn L on W. Locust St. to pt. 127.

807 University Pkwy. Johnson City, 423-439-4392

127. ETSU Center for Appalachian Studies & Services – (L)

Don't miss the interactive kiosk in the **Reece Museum**, “The History of Country Music in the Tri-Cities,” and the 10-panel bluegrass photo-mural located in Memorial Hall.



OFF-TRAIL

Continue 0.2 mile on University Pkwy. to W. Walnut St. Turn R, go 0.4 mile to pt. 128.

128. The Firehouse Restaurant – (R)

This 1930 fire hall served as Station No. 2 until 1976. In 1980, it opened as this restaurant, once

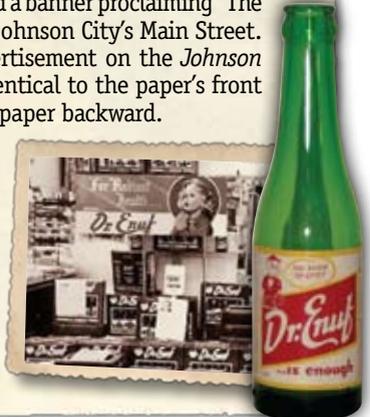


DR. ENUF

In 1949, Bill Swartz, a Chicago chemist, created a new beverage after hearing complaints from co-workers about the lack of vitamins in foodstuffs. Experimenting with the B-vitamin family, Swartz soon had a formula for a carbonated, vitamin-fortified drink he christened Dr. Enuf. He placed an ad in a national bottlers' magazine seeking a bottler and distributor for his new beverage. Charles Gordon of Tri-City Beverage saw the ad, met with Swartz, and they quickly reached a partnership.

Gordon launched a clever marketing campaign to promote the new brand. “Dr. Enuf is Here!” bumper stickers began appearing on doctors' cars at the local hospital, and a banner proclaiming “The Dr. Has Arrived,” was hung across Johnson City's Main Street. Finally, he placed a full-page advertisement on the *Johnson City Press Chronicle's* back page, identical to the paper's front page, and paid carriers to fold the paper backward.

In a few months, the hard work paid off. While priced 20 cents more per bottle than other soft drinks, Dr. Enuf was selling out in stores across Tri-City Beverage's northeastern Tennessee territory. “We actually ended up rationing Dr. Enuf in those early days,” said Gordon. “There just wasn't enough of Dr. Enuf to go around.”



Find more information at SunnySideTrail.com.

Firehouse Restaurant
627 W. Walnut St.
Johnson City
423-929-7377

Backtrack to University Pkwy. and turn R.

BACK ON-TRAIL

Return to University Pkwy., turn L on State of Franklin Rd. to pt. 129.

1216 W. State of Franklin Rd. Johnson City 423-979-6400

129. Carnegie Hotel & Spa – (R)

Opening downtown in 1891, the Carnegie was important to the city's social scene and luxurious for its time with electric lights and private baths. In 1910, the original hotel burned, but it has been rebuilt at this new site to take its place once again as a city landmark. Stay the night or eat at **Wellington's**, featured in *Southern Living*.



Continue on State of Franklin Rd., go 0.3 mile, turn R on Mtn. Home Dr. At stop sign, turn L on W. Lake Dr. Turn R on Dogwood, then L on 2nd St., which turns into Veterans Way Ave. and pt. 130.

Johnson City 423-926-1171

130. Mountain Home VA Medical Center –

Built to care for Civil War veterans, the location was chosen with the thought that mountain air would benefit patients. It later became a tuberculosis hospital for the same reason. Tour the Beaux-Arts campus any time to see its historic buildings, gardens and the National Cemetery. *Museum hours vary so call ahead.*



From Veterans Way Ave., turn R onto W. Market/US-11E/TN-34 to pt. 131.

705 W. Market St. Johnson City 423-928-9753

131. The Cottage – (R)

Feel right at home at this local favorite, famous for its made-to-order menu items and Friday night Karaoke.



From W. Market, you'll soon turn R onto Delaware St./TN-91; going L, it becomes W. Main St., go 0.4 mile to pt. 132.

300 W. Main St. Johnson City 423-929-9822

132. Down Home Music Room & Restaurant – (L)

Founded in 1976, the Down Home draws music lovers from all over the Southeast and beyond. Kenny Chesney played here often when he attended ETSU and is just one of the many quality artists that have taken the stage. *Shows start at 9 p.m.*



Continue E on W. Main St., go 0.1 mile, turn L on N. Whitney St. to see pt. 133 at 36 ft.

100-198 N. Whitney St. Johnson City

133. Colored Christian Church Historical Marker (now West Main Christian Church) – (L)

Built as the “Colored Christian Church,” this 1889 structure was also the city's second school for “colored” children. It is the oldest church/school building still standing in Johnson City.



JOHNSON CITY

Johnson City found its place on the map in the mid-1800s, with the construction of the East Tennessee & Virginia Railroad. The line ran from Bristol to Knoxville, and an enterprising man by the name of Henry Johnson saw an opportunity to establish a store, depot and post office (called "Blue Plum") where the railroad was to intersect an existing road. Steam engines took on water here, and the stop was known as "Johnson's Tank." As the stop became a regular loading and unloading stop for passengers and freight, it took the name Johnson's Depot and grew into a bustling town by the late 1800s. The town saw another boom in the early 1900s with the Clinchfield & Ohio Railway, becoming a wholesale and distribution center known as Johnson City. This attracted other businesses, leading to population growth that supported the creation of colleges, hotels, medical facilities and theaters. By 1930, it was the fifth largest city in Tennessee.

Points 125-145, 229-237 are located in Johnson City.

Continue on W. Main St. to enter downtown district. Park on Main St. and walk to pts. 134-143.

203 E. Main St. Johnson City 423-928-4106

215 E. Main St. Johnson City 423-232-1350

227 E. Main St. Johnson City 423-928-2295

- 134. Blue Plum Village –** For more than a century, the heart of old Johnson City has served as a regional epicenter for art, music, theatre and cuisine. That's still true today in this downtown area, which takes its name from the town's first post office, "Blue Plum." **Points 135-143 are a few highlights.**

- 135. Freiberg's German Restaurant – (L)** Get a taste of Germany: sauerbraten bratwurst, boulette, rouladen and apple strudel.

- 136. Blue Moon Dinner Theatre – (L)** Treat yourself to a five-course meal and live show.

As a railroad crossroads in the mountain area known for moon-shining, Johnson City was a stopover and hideout for some legendary gangsters, notably Al Capone. Located between Chicago and Miami, the city was dubbed "Little Chicago" and is said to have underground passageways that access former "speakeasies." In the 1920s, local taxi drivers hauled more alcohol than passengers.

- 137. Capone's Restaurant – (L)** This hometown bar/restaurant is a throwback to Johnson City's "Little Chicago" era.

243 E. Main St. Johnson City 423-926-0161

246 E. Main St. Johnson City 423-926-9633

257 E. Main St. Johnson City 423-979-0323

315 E. Main St. Johnson City 423-434-HAND

324 E. Main St. Johnson City 423-926-2931

335 E. Main St. Johnson City

Back in your car on E. Main St., go under I-26, then turn L on Legions St., then a quick R on E. Market towards pt. 144.

603 E. Market St. Johnson City 423-461-8000

After pt. 144, turn R on Bert St. Turn L on E. Main St./TN-91. Go 2.1 miles to pt. 145. 2313 Elizabethton Hwy Johnson City 423-928-3222

- 138. Main Street Antiques & Mercantile – (L)** This three-story, 28,000-square-foot building is filled with antiques, furniture, collectibles and more.



- 139. Masengill's Specialty Shop – (R)** At this location since 1916, this shop began with men's and women's apparel, and expanded into shoes, jewelry and wedding gowns. They're known for their window displays that feature a wedding gown.

- 140. Beadwork's – (L)** This full-service bead store sells custom jewelry made with locally handcrafted goods.

- 141. Hands On! Regional Museum – (L)** A fun-filled environment for kids and parents, spend an afternoon discovering, viewing animal and dinosaur displays, and interacting with 20 exhibits.



- 142. Nelson Fine Art Center – (R)** In business for more than 30 years, this center is home to more than 50 regional artists and showcases more than 500 original artworks. Enjoy the new Brew Plum Coffee Bar.

- 143. Downtown Christian Church – (L)** Beginning in 1871 as a small group in the home of William Hyder Young, this church dedicated its first building in 1906. Still standing as part of the current facility, it now houses the Chapel.



- 144. Johnson City Convention & Visitors Bureau (L)**

- 145. Sinking Creek Baptist Church – (L)** Named for a tributary of the Watauga River, **this is the oldest church of any faith in Tennessee** still in existence at its original location. Organized in 1772, the "Old Log Church" was built in 1783 and was in continuous use until 1924 except during the Civil War.



Stay on TN-91 towards Elizabethton for 2.2 miles, continue straight onto TN-67. Cross over US-321 and go 394 ft. to pt. 146. Hwy 67 Elizabethton

- 146. Taylor Home at Sabine Hill – (R)** This home was built around 1815 for Nathaniel Taylor, a general in the War of 1812 and the first sheriff of Carter County. Taylor's two great-grandsons, Alfred and Robert, went on to be governors of Tennessee.



Did You Know?

In 1886, Republicans selected Alfred Taylor for governor, and the Democrats nominated his brother Robert. This led to the "War of the Roses" as the Taylors traveled across Tennessee — "Our Alf" wearing a red rose and "Our Bob" wearing a white one. Their platforms were short on issues but long on humor, as both men were masters of the fiddle and satire. Robert won the election, the first of his two terms.

Head N on US-321, go 0.7 mile to pt. 147. US-321 becomes W. Elk. 2020 W. Elk Ave. Elizabethton 423-543-3499

- 147. Sammons Hot Dogs – (R)** If you're looking for a great hot dog, lemonade or peanut butter shake, this long-time establishment is the place.



Continue on W. Elk/US-321 for 0.8 mile, U-turn at Parkway Blvd., go 374 ft. to pt. 148. 1651 W. Elk Ave. Elizabethton 423-543-5808

- 148. Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park – (L)** In 1772, this was one of the first permanent settlements in America outside the 13 English colonies. In 1775, the largest private or corporate land transaction in U.S. history occurred here — the Transylvania Purchase — when 20 million acres of land were bought from the Cherokee. Special events throughout the year include *Liberty!*, the state's longest-running outdoor drama performed each July. *Open daily.*



Continue on W. Elk. Pt. 149 is at curve when W. Elk becomes Broad St.

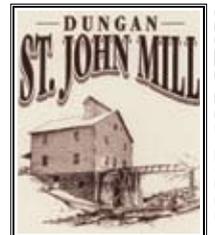
100 W. Elk Ave. Elizabethton 423-547-9111

- 149. Corner Nest Antique Mall – (L)** Come in, look around and select something special.

OFF-TRAIL

From W. Elk/Broad St., go 1 block, turn L on US-19E, go 0.6 mile, turn L on TN-400S/Watauga Rd., go 2.5 miles to pt. 150. 3191 Watauga Rd. Elizabethton 423-928-5841

- 150. St. John Milling Company – (L)** This is Tennessee's oldest business, in operation since 1778. Stone mason and original owner Jeremia Dungan built the foundation from hand-chiseled stone and wood. Still owned by family, the mill specializes in farm needs as well as local honey, apple butter, handmade soap, quilts and birdhouses.



BACK ON-TRAIL

Continue on Broad St. less than 1 mile, crossing over US-321/19E to pt. 151.

1013 Broad St. Elizabethton 423-543-6140

- 151. Carter Mansion – (L)** This home was built from 1775-80 by John Carter and son Landon on lands bought from the Cherokee. It is the oldest frame house in the state and has a detailed interior. John was elected Chairman of the Court under terms of the Watauga Association.



Behind pt. 151, you may be able to see pt. 152. Go off-trail a bit, if you want to drive over the river by turning R on US-19E/TN-37, then turn back around.

- 152. Watauga River** has one of the state's two areas for trophy trout fishing, as well as whitewater rafting fun.



- 153. Elizabethton/Carter County Tourism Development Council (L)**

From pt. 151, backtrack on Broad St. to US-321/19E, turn L, and go 0.2 mile to pt. 153. 500 Veterans Memorial Pkwy. Elizabethton 423-547-3852

- 154. Carter County Train Display – (L)** While parked at point 153, take a photo with this old North American Steam Engine, box car and caboose from the Tweetsie Railroad system.



ELIZABETHTON

Young explorers Daniel Boone and James Robertson "discovered" what is now Elizabethton in 1769, and called it "Old Fields" for the existing Native American agriculture they found along the Watauga River. The word Watauga means "the land beyond" in Cherokee, though some translate it to "beautiful water." By the late 1760s, Elizabethton was known as the Watauga Settlement at Sycamore Shoals; the first permanent settlement outside the original 13 English colonies and the first majority-rule system of American democracy. Sycamore Shoals was also the site of the largest private or corporate land deal in American history. With the purchase of 20 million acres from the Cherokee, the Transylvania Purchase marked the beginning of the westward expansion and gave all the lands of the Cumberland Watershed extending to the Kentucky River to the settlers. Today's visitors will find a quaint downtown and so much history to explore, as well as easy access to outdoor adventure on the river.



Points 146-167 are located in Elizabethton.

Turn L on US-19E and make an immediate R on E. Elk Ave. Take 1st L on Riverside Dr. Look to R for pt. 155.

155. Doe River Covered Bridge – (L) Built in 1882, this is one of only two bridges of this kind in the state. *Foot traffic only.*



From Riverside, turn R on Hattie Ave. Go 1 block, turn R on S. Sycamore St., turn L on East F St., turn R on E. Doe Ave./TN-67, then R on E. Elk St. to pt. 156.

156. Historic Downtown Elizabethton – As you drive from the Doe River, notice the beautiful homes. Part of this downtown area, dating to 1772, is listed on the National Historic Register. Elk Avenue, an antique lover's dream, includes multiple shops and cafés.



Park near point 157 and walk to points 157-164.



Restaurants offering Southern comfort food are often termed a "meat and three" because diners select one meat and three vegetables from the daily menu.

Pts. 157-164 are in Elizabethton:

Pt. 157:
408 E. Elk Ave.
423-542-6736

Pt. 158:
500 E. Elk Ave.
423-547-9619

Pt. 159:
507 E. Elk Ave.
423-542-6674

Pt. 160:
509 E. Elk Ave.
423-542-3355

Pt. 161:
515 E. Elk Ave.
423-542-3055

Pt. 162:
Armed Forces Dr. & Elk Ave.

Pt. 163:
115 S. Sycamore St.
423-543-1933

Pt. 164:
118 S. Sycamore St.
423-542-3369

OFF-TRAIL

From US-19E, turn L on Siam Rd., go 3.9 miles, R on Horseshoe Dam Rd./Wilber Dam Rd. for 3 miles, L to stay on Wilbur Dam Rd., go 1.8 miles, slight R on Lookout Rd., go 0.6 mile to pt. 165.

Backtrack to return to US-19E, turn L.

158. Picket Fence Antiques & Gifts (R)

159. Lady Bug Cottage & Antiques (L)

160. Antiques on Elk (L)

161. Duck Crossing Antique Mall (L)

162. Veterans' Memorial (R)

163. Bonnie Kate Theatre & Café – (R) Catch a show and a bite to eat in this historic 1926 building.



164. Shop Around the Corner Antique Store (L)

165. Watauga Dam – (L) This TVA dam extends 900 feet across the Watauga River, forming Watauga Lake and creating electricity and flood control for the region. This site overlooks the lake and overflow from the observation building.

BACK ON-TRAIL

Take E. Elk St. to US-321/19E, turn R to pt. 166.
2306 State Line Rd.
Elizabethton
Pt. 167: 3961 Hwy 19
Elizabethton, 423-542-6366

166. Stateline Drive-In Theater – (R) One of the few drive-ins still showing films, it's a must-do weekend experience.



OFF-TRAIL

From TN-37/67/US-321/19E, merge R to stay on US-19E/TN-37 for 12.3 miles. Turn R on TN-143S, go 5.2 miles to pt. 168.
1015 Hwy 143
Roan Mountain
423-772-0190

168. Roan Mountain State Park – This park is home to the largest natural rhododendron gardens in the world with more than 600 beautiful acres. The blooms peak about the third week of June.



BACK ON-TRAIL

Stay on US-321/19E to Hampton, turning L on US-321/Old SR 67. At Y of US-321 and Swimming Pool Rd., merge R on US-321. US-321 becomes 1st Ave., turn L on Main St., then immediately L on 2nd Ave. to pt. 169.

206 Main St., Hampton
423-725-3544

Take 2nd Ave. and return to US-321/TN-67, turning R to pt. 170.

201 Hwy 321, Hampton
423-725-4498

169. Butler Mansion Bed & Breakfast – (R) This historic Hampton home, built in 1863, has been beautifully maintained and furnished with period pieces to offer guests a unique stay.



170. Copper Kettle Restaurant – (L) This local favorite serves Southern-style cooking.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA)

Even by Depression standards, the Tennessee Valley was in bad shape in 1933. Much of the land had been farmed too hard for too long, eroding and depleting the soil. Crop yields were low. The best timber had been cut. Change was needed, and it came in the form of the Tennessee Valley Authority, one of the most innovative, ambitious, and comprehensive projects of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. While it encountered setbacks, failures and criticism, TVA developed fertilizers, taught farmers how to improve crop yields, helped replant forests, controlled forest fires and improved habitat for wildlife and fish. The most dramatic change in Valley life came from TVA dams, consuming significant land acreage through imposed flooding and generating electricity that made life easier and farms more productive. The TVA impacted communities all along the Sunny Side Trail, most broadly by bringing electricity that drew industries into the region, providing desperately needed jobs in hard economic times.



See Sunny Side Trail map on page 28.

Continue on US-321.

312 Hwy 321
Hampton
423-725-2163
446 Hwy 321
Hampton
423-725-5000

613 Hwy 321
Hampton
423-725-2411

743 Hwy 321
Hampton
423-725-3436

Continue on US-321 to pt. 175.

Go about 3 miles NE on US-321 to pt. 176.

1.6 miles after seeing lake, arrive at pt. 177.
2285 & 2340 Hwy 321
Hampton
423-725-2201

Boat Rental:
423-725-2223

Continue 5 miles on US-321 to pt. 178.

3266 Hwy 321
Hampton
423-768-2092

171. Hampton Produce – (L) It's worth a quick stop at this convenient road-side market for the fresh fruits and vegetables.

172. Hampton Trails Bicycle Shop – (L) People drive from all over the Southeast for the great deals and high-quality service here.

173. Brown's Grocery & Hardware – (L) Open since 1946, you never know what you'll find here, including hardware, groceries, cooking items and more.



174. Hillbilly Bob's BBQ & Catfish – (L) Arrive hungry at this wild-west-looking spot, often noted with five stars on review sites.



175. Cherokee National Forest/Laurel Falls – (R) Entering this national forest, the 80-foot high falls are located just off the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.



176. Watauga Lake – (L) This 6,340-acre lake was formed after the 1948 completion of Watauga Dam by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). **Note the overlook opportunities** as you're passing by.



177. Watauga Lakeshore Resort & Marina and The Captain's Table Restaurant – (L) This resort has a full-service marina; boat, cabin and motel rentals; swimming pool; and a delicious restaurant, all of which offer breathtaking views of one of the country's most scenic lakes. Captain's Table has a varied menu and banquet facilities.



178. Shirley's Restaurant – (R) This family-style eatery is a local favorite where the food is served as long as you're hungry.



BUTLER

The town of Butler was originally called Smith's Mill, named for a gristmill built by Ezekial "Zeke" Smith on the banks of Roan Creek in 1920, and later renamed in honor of Union Army Colonel Roderick R. Butler. Most famously, it is known as the "town that wouldn't drown," experiencing seven major floods from 1867 to 1940. The town of 600 — including its cemetery — was relocated less than 10 miles away to higher ground before its final flood in 1948, when TVA finished construction and closed the gates on the Watauga Dam. As the water began to rise, the town's 125 homes and 50 businesses became submerged under what is now known as Watauga Lake. In the 1980s, the lake was drawn down for a brief period, and residents had the



surreal experience of visiting their former homes before the water rose again. The Butler Museum preserves the history of the area, including items from "Old Butler" saved by the residents during relocation.

Point 179 is located in Butler.

Continue on US-321/TN-67, turn L on TN-67, you'll go a total of about 2.9 miles. Turn L on Piercetown Rd. and follow signs to pt. 179.

123 Selma Curtis Rd.
Butler
423-768-3880

179. Butler Museum – (L)

From the 1700s settlers and the Revolutionary War, to the Civil War and beyond, this museum showcases the fascinating history of the area. The exhibits significantly highlight "Old Butler" prior to its flooding, through memorabilia, preserved items and Main Street displays. *Open weekends, by appointment weekdays.*



Continue about 15.9 miles on TN-67 toward pt. 180.

Turn R at US-421/TN-67/34/Shady St. Go about 0.7 mile to pt. 181.

180. Mountain City – A pinnacle for exploration, this town notes Native American inhabitants as early as 1000 A.D. and expeditions from the 1600s/1700s (including Daniel Boone) in its history. Once named Taylorsville, in 1885, U.S. Congressman Roderick Butler urged that the name be changed to "Mountain City" to reflect its site as one of Tennessee's highest valleys.



The Steve Earle song "Copperhead Road" is set in the vicinity of Mountain City, and Dave Loggins, musician and songwriter best known for the song "Please Come to Boston," is a native of the town.

716 S. Shady St.
Mountain City
423-727-1700

181. Johnson County Chamber of Commerce & Welcome Center (R)

OFF-TRAIL

Head SE on US-421/
TN-67/34/Shady St., go
7.8 miles to pt. 182.

Turn L on Modock Rd. and go
0.1 mile to pt. 183.

228 Modock Rd., Trade
423-727-3007

From TN-67/W. Main St.,
turn R on US-421/
TN-67/34/Shady St.

BACK ON-TRAIL

From Shady St., turn L on
TN-418/S. Church St. Note
good dining options, and
go 0.5 mile to Main St.

Pt. 184:
101 S. Church St.
Mountain City
423-727-1950

Pt. 185:
107 S. Church St.
Mountain City
423-727-1545

OFF-TRAIL

From Main St., go about
7.7 miles on TN-91N, look
for signs. Moderate 2.5
hike to falls.

Backtrack to Main St., or, to
see pt. 188 (10-mile trip),
keep N on TN-91, pass
through VA and take
TN-133S. Continue S to pick
up trail at pt. 187.

BACK ON-TRAIL

From S. Church St, turn
L on W. Main St., go 0.3
mile. Turn R on US-421/
N. Shady St., go approx.
11 miles and turn R on
TN-133 to pt. 187.

110 Hwy 133
Shady Valley
423-739-2325

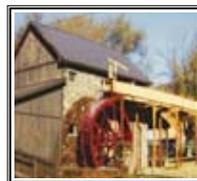
OFF-TRAIL

Drive NW on TN-133
for approx. 9.6 miles to
pt. 188.

Hwy 133
Shady Valley

182. Trade – The state’s oldest community takes its name from its days as a 1700s trading post. Convenient for Native Americans, pioneers and fur traders, it was located on a buffalo trail heading west through the mountains. Tom Dula (or Tom Dooley, as the folk song goes) hid here before he was captured by a posse for allegedly murdering his fiancée.

183. Trade Mill (R) – This working mill stone-grinds over 16 varieties of meal and flour. Tour the mill and pick up a bag to take home at the **Country Store & Gift Shop**, and don’t miss the local crafts, honey, and Amish-made jams and jellies. *Open Thurs.-Mon.*



While you’re in Mountain City, stop in these charming local shops:

184. Mountain City Antiques & Collectibles (R)

185. Antiques & Treasures of Mountain City (R)

186. Gentry Creek Falls (L) Within Cherokee National Forest, this is one of the most photographed waterfalls in the region. After you see the beautiful 40-foot high double falls, you’ll know why.



187. Shady Valley Country Store (R) – Founded in the 1920s and moved to its present location in 1948, “The Store” as it is called by motorcyclists, has a distinction of being the epicenter of motorcycling in Northeast Tennessee and makes a great reststop when driving the “Striped Snake.”



188. Backbone Rock – In the early 1900s when timber harvesting was a primary industry, a 20-foot long hole had to be blasted through rock to accommodate the railroad. Now known as “The Shortest



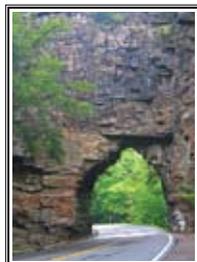
SHADY VALLEY

Located just outside of Cherokee National Forest, this community once contained an estimated 10,000 acres of cranberry bogs, a remnant of the once vast peatland community whose roots extend back to the world’s last ice age. The Nature Conservancy preserves the plants, animals, and nature communities that reside in the bog by protecting the lands and waters needed for their survival.

Roads through and around Shady Valley are popular among motorcyclists from all over the U.S. since nearby mountains provide nearly 500 curves to navigate. A favorite run is the “Striped Snake” described as one valley, three mountains and 489 curves within a 12-mile radius of the Highway 421/133 crossroads.

Points 187-188 are located in Shady Valley.

Tunnel in the World,” after the blast and the track was laid, the train engine’s smoke stack could not pass through. The tunnel’s top had to be hand-chiseled to solve the problem. A **recreation area** offers camping, rappelling, and fishing as well as hiking with one trail leading across the top of the rock, and the other taking you to the 45-foot Backbone Falls.



Drive through rock to recreation area on L.

Recreation Area:
423-735-1500

Backtrack on TN-133. Turn
R on US-421 to return to
main trail.

BACK ON-TRAIL

Head NE on US-421 and
get ready for nearly 500
curves on the way to
Bristol. Pt. 189 is approx.
8.3 miles ahead.

189. South Holston Lake (L) Named for the river Steven Holston, which was named for an early Tennessee settler, the 7,580-acre lake operated by TVA is on the edge of the Appalachian Mountains and extends from Tennessee into Virginia. About 60 percent of the shoreline is bordered by Cherokee National Forest.



OFF-TRAIL

From lake, continue
driving NE approx. 5.5
miles on US-421. Turn R
on Bristol Caverns Hwy to
go to pt. 191. To go to
pt. 190, continue on just a
few feet ahead, turn L on
Rooty Branch Rd., go 1.3
miles, turn L on S. Holston
Dam Rd., go 3 miles.

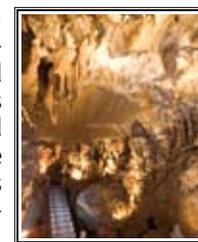


Did You Know?
A cave is a natural underground void large enough for a human to enter. A cavern is a large cave formed chemically (e.g. by acid rain). Tennessee has over 9,600 caves — more than any other state in the U.S.

See turn-off for pt. 191 in
directions for pt. 190.

1157 Bristol Caverns Hwy
Bristol
423-878-2011

191. Bristol Caverns (R)
These 200-million-year-old caverns, used by Native Americans as an attack and escape route, feature unusual formations formed by an underground river.



BACK ON-TRAIL

From off-trail turn-off
point on US-421/Carl
Moore Pkwy., continue
SW on this road, that
later becomes Virginia
Ave., for 6.3 miles.

Turn L on Maple St.,
go 2 blocks, turn R on
Pennsylvania Ave. Go 0.9
mile, turn L on State St.
You’ll drive under pt. 192.

An audio tour is available
for rent from pt. 195.
Tour points 192-203 in
this brochure appear in the
order of the audio tour.

192. Bristol Sign (R) – One of the most unique landmarks in the South, the Bristol sign was built in 1910, donated by the Bristol Gas & Electric Company and placed on a hardware building. In 1915, it moved to its current location on the state line between Tennessee and Virginia. Six years later, a contest was held to change the original sign phrase “Push! - That’s Bristol” and “A Good Place To Live” was chosen. It is one of only 33 signs in the nation with the National Historic Register distinction.



BRISTOL

Before 1852, Bristol was simply the vast plantation of Rev. James King. King’s son-in-law, Joseph R. Anderson of Blountville, heard that two railroads would meet on King’s land and had the idea to establish a city. He contracted 100 acres of the King plantation: 48 acres in Tennessee and 52 acres in Virginia. On July 16, 1852, he named the city “Bristol,” which beat out the name “Paradise” by one vote. Today, the city is rich with history, from the American frontier to the Revolutionary War to country music. A city of two states, the dotted line in the middle of historic downtown’s State Street is also the border between Tennessee and Virginia. Bristol is the birthplace of country music and home to the world’s fastest half mile — Bristol Motor Speedway. The city’s most well-known, century-old landmark sums it up best — the downtown sign that divides the two states simply reads, “Bristol: A Good Place To Live.”



Points 189-211 are located in Bristol.

Look to R after
sign and Russell St.
for pts. 193 & 194.

193. Confederate Soldiers Monument (R)
Built in 1920, this monument honors the men and women of Tennessee and Virginia who fought for the Civil War’s Confederate Army. Among the many Civil War soldiers who served from Bristol was Colonel John S. Mosby. Mosby was deemed the “Gray Ghost” because of his quick raids on Union strongholds and his ability to vanish before capture.



194. The Bristol Train Station (R) When the railroad made Bristol a hub of commerce in the mid-1800s, this passenger depot was a bustling place. It burned during the Civil War and was rebuilt in 1902. When passenger service through town stopped, it served other purposes and then became empty. The Bristol Trainstation Foundation purchased and restored the station, now a downtown centerpiece.



Continue on State St., turn
L on US-11E, then backtrack
to park downtown near
pt. 195.

20 Volunteer Pkwy.
Bristol
423-989-4850

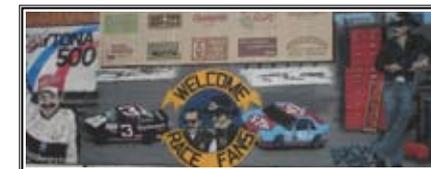
195. Bristol Convention & Visitors Bureau (R)

Jump ahead to this site if you’d like to rent an MP3 player audio tour of points 192-203 in Bristol. The 20-foot guitar you see is a tribute to the city’s legendary musical heritage.



Corner of State St. &
Ralph Peer St.
Bristol, VA

196. NASCAR Mural (L) “That’s just Bristol,” is a common phrase of fans and drivers when crashes and conflicts arise at the famous Bristol Motor Speedway. This mural was painted in 2001 to honor NASCAR legends, including Dale Earnhardt and Richard Petty.



SUNNY SIDE TRAIL CONTINUES IN BRISTOL ON PAGE 36.

LODGING ALONG THE SUNNY SIDE TRAIL

There are lots of wonderful places to stay along the Sunny Side Trail. Find a complete list at SunnySideTrail.com. Accommodations are listed in trail order, beginning in Sevierville. Call ahead for most lodging reservations.

Clarion Inn Willow River – Gone-With-The-Wind-themed architecture. 1990 Winfield Dunn Pkwy., Sevierville. 865-429-7600, 800-610-0565.

Hidden Mountain Resorts – Offering beautiful cabins and cottages for more than 28 years. 475 Apple Valley Rd., Sevierville. 865-453-9850, 866-227-5291, 800-452-5992.

Oak Haven Resort – Four-season resort offering luxury cabin rentals. 1947 Old Knoxville Hwy, Sevierville. 865-428-2009, 800-652-2611.

Wilderness at the Smokies – New full-service resort offering three incredible waterparks (one indoor, two outdoor), restaurants, lounges, gift shops and golf course next door. 1424 Old Knoxville Hwy, Sevierville. 865-429-0625, 877-325-9453.

Clarion Inn – One of the newest hotels in the area; Featuring oversized rooms and luxurious amenities and services. 124 Waldens Main St., Pigeon Forge. 888-321-7215, 865-868-5300.

Inn at Christmas Place – Four-star hotel with European Alps mountain-style village right in the heart of Pigeon Forge. 119 Christmas Tree Ln., Pigeon Forge. 865-868-0525. (pictured)



RiverStone Resort & Spa – New condo rentals accommodate groups of all sizes; Perfect for weekend getaways and family vacations. 212 Dollywood Ln., Pigeon Forge. 877-908-2663.

SpringHill Suites – New, spacious and stylish studio suites with complimentary breakfast buffet, located in the heart of Pigeon Forge. 120 Christmas Tree Ln., Pigeon Forge. 888-287-9400, 865-453-4514.

Lodge at Buckberry Creek – Adirondack-style lodging and fine dining. 961 Campbell Lead Rd., Gatlinburg. 866-30-LODGE.

Mountain Rentals of Gatlinburg – Vacation rental homes and cabins. 209 Cartertown Rd., Gatlinburg. 800-446-9205.

Mountain Vista Luxury Rentals – Two-bedroom condos in downtown Gatlinburg. 215 Wollis Ln., Gatlinburg. 865-430-7550.

Park Vista Hotel & Convention Center – Full-service, private balconies and stunning views. 705 Cherokee Orchard Rd., Gatlinburg. 800-421-7510.

Buckhorn Inn Bed & Breakfast – A favorite since 1937, this modern, up-to-date inn is located on a hilltop with view of the tallest mountain in eastern U.S. 42140 Tudor Mountain Rd., Pittman Center. 866-941-0460.

Bear Cub Inn – Every room has a creekside balcony. 4350 Cosby Hwy, Cosby. 423-487-5320.

Whisperwood Retreat/Creekwalk Inn – Log cabin bed & breakfast. Great for weddings and retreats. 166 Middle Creek Rd., Cosby. 800-962-2246.

Christopher Place – Award-winning bed & breakfast resort and fine dining. 1500 Pinnacles Way, Newport. 423-623-6555.

General Morgan Inn – (See pg. 11, pt. 73) Northeast Tennessee's premier historic hotel. 111 N. Main St., Greeneville. 423-787-1000.

Eureka Inn – (See pg. 14, pt. 103) 127 W. Main St., Jonesborough. 423-913-6100.

Hawley House Bed & Breakfast – (See pg. 15, pt. 108) 114 E. Woodrow Ave., Jonesborough. 800-753-8869.

Clayton's Dogwood Inn – Relaxing 1952 home with breakfast specialties including Crab Strata and Aunt Joy's Cinnamon Buns. 430 Ohio Ave., Erwin. 423-735-0093.

Second Street Bed & Breakfast – Beautiful home, hearty Southern breakfast and small-town charm. 226 Second St., Erwin. 423-743-2226.

Carnegie Hotel & Spa – (See pg. 17, pt. 129) 1216 W. State of Franklin Rd., Johnson City. 423-979-6400.

Doe River Inn – Historic 1894 inn near beautiful Doe River. 217 Academy St., Elizabethton. 423-543-1444.

Butler Mansion Bed & Breakfast – (See pg. 20, pt. 169) 206 Main St., Hampton. 423-725-3544.

Silver Keys Bed & Breakfast – In the Appalachian Mountains on a relaxing 18 acres, perfect stopping point on trail. 6583 Hwy 67W, Mountain City. 423-727-9451.

Hampton Inn – 3299 W. State St., Bristol. 423-764-3600.

MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort & Convention Center – (See pg. 41, pt. 242) 1901 Meadowview Pkwy., Kingsport. 423-578-6600.

The Home Place Bed & Breakfast – 1850 Bed & Breakfast decorated with family heirlooms. 132 Church Ln., Mooresburg. 423-921-8424, 800-521-8424. (pictured)



Hale Springs Inn – (See pg. 48, pt. 296) 110 W. Main St., Rogersville. 423-272-5171, 877-222-1616.

Goose Creek Farm Bed & Breakfast – Restored farmhouse on 12 acres offers the best in country hospitality. 621 Hwy 139, Dandridge. 865-397-6166.

Mountain Harbor Inn – All suites have breathtaking views of Douglas Lake and Smokies and include sunset cruise, candlelight dessert and breakfast buffet. 1199 Hwy 139, Dandridge. 865-397-1313. (pictured in header)

Penny Walk Bed & Breakfast – Tucked lakeside in the shadow of English Mountain, relax on the porch or wander wooded paths after a day of sightseeing and boating. 2084 Lindsey Rd., Dandridge. 865-397-6910.



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

FOOD & WINE ALONG THE SUNNY SIDE TRAIL

Here are just some of the hundreds of places to eat along the Sunny Side Trail. Find more options at SunnySideTrail.com. Restaurants are listed here by town, in the order the town appears on the trail.

SEVIERVILLE

Clint's BBQ & Country Cookin' – Roadside dive features good country cooking and musical entertainment. 2334 Newport Hwy. 865-453-5150.

English Mountain Trout Farm – Visitors catch their own lunch at this unique restaurant where the motto is "You hook 'em, we cook 'em." 291 Blowing Cave Rd. 865-429-5553. (pictured)



Frank Allen's Market – Specialties include slaw dogs (home-town girl Dolly Parton's favorite) and hamburgers (voted "Best in Town" seven years in a row.) 1415 Pkwy. 865-453-3617.

The Diner – 1950s-style diner with delicious breakfast, great burgers and tableside juke boxes. 550 Winfield Dunn Pkwy., Hwy 66. 865-908-1904.

The Tin Roof Café – Grilled panini are the specialty at this converted farmhouse. Fresh vegetables and eggs from backyard chicken coop. 304 Apple Valley Rd. 865-429-1800.

Tony Gore's Smoky Mountain BBQ & Grill – Gospel legend Tony Gore loves to cook and even outfitted his tour buses with full kitchens. 1818 Winfield Dunn Pkwy., Hwy 66. 865-429-7771.

PIGEON FORGE

Kinkaku Japanese Steak House – Recently rated "No. 1 Best Restaurant in Pigeon Forge" on TripAdvisor.com. 3152 Pkwy. 865-774-7598.

Log Cabin Pancake House – With pancake houses everywhere, this one rates highly on review sites. 4235 Pkwy. 865-453-5748.

Mama's Farmhouse – No set menu, just sit down and enjoy Southern cookin' served family style for every meal. 208 Pickel St. 865-908-4646.

Old Mill Restaurant – (See pg. 5, pt. 21) 175 Old Mill Ave. 865-429-3463

The Partridge & Pear at Christmas Place – Showcasing regional fare with gourmet flair. 2470 Pkwy. 865-868-0575.

Wildflower Bake Shop – Fresh selection of baked goods daily. 1725 Waldens Creek Rd., Suite 102. 865-453-1200.

GATLINBURG

Alamo Steakhouse & Saloon – Steaks, seafood, chicken and specialty sandwiches. 705 E. Pkwy. 865-436-9998.

Best Italian Restaurant – Local tradition for 30 years, famous for garlic rolls, and as name mentions, best Italian dishes and pizza. 968 Pkwy. 865-430-4090.

Cherokee Grill – Fresh seafood, rotisserie chicken, great steaks and tempting appetizers, sandwiches and salads. All in a beautiful mountain lodge environment. 1002 Pkwy. 865-436-4287.

Greenbrier Restaurant – Hidden away, this historic 1939 log cabin offers an unforgettable experience. 370 Newman Rd. 865-436-6318.

Find more information at SunnySideTrail.com.

Lodge at Buckberry Creek – Exquisite regional cuisine with incredible mountain views. Four-course dinner with "old family recipe" desserts. 961 Campbell Lead Rd. 866-30-LODGE.

No Way Jose's – Riverside Tex-Mex sports fresh-daily homemade salsa and American twists on Mexican favorites. 555 Pkwy. 865-430-5673.

COSBY

Cosby BBQ Pit – 4414 Hooper Hwy. 423-487-5438.

DJ's Market – Country market, grill and fantastic pizza. 4680 Hooper Hwy. 423-487-5676.

Front Porch Mexican Restaurant – Mexican and American food. Bluegrass music. 2912 Cosby Hwy. 423-487-2875.

NEWPORT

Beetle's Broasted Chicken – 1557 W. Hwy 25/70. 423-623-9109.

Bella's Country Kitchen – Country cookin' and daily buffet. 1140 W. Hwy 25/70. 423-625-4950.

Milano's Pizza & Italian Restaurant – Italian jewel with rave reviews. 465 W. Broadway St. 423-625-3472.

Sunset Grille – Music and outside patio with a Key West theme. 742 Thinwood Dr. 423-625-8007.

GREENEVILLE/TUSCULUM

Bean Barn – Order "Beans All The Way" or the "Hartsell's Hobart." 515 E. Church St. 423-638-8329.

Little Top Drive-Thru – A local favorite. 507 N. Main St. 423-639-9800.

Tusculum Eatery – Sandwiches, salads, wraps and delicious desserts. 905 Erwin Hwy, Tusculum. 423-638-9210.

JONESBOROUGH

Bistro 105 – Eclectic lunches and gourmet dinners. 105 E. Main St. 423-788-0244. (pictured)

Main Street Café – Homemade soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts. 117 W. Main St. 423-753-2460.

Old Sweet Shop – Old-fashioned hand-dipped ice cream and shakes, chocolate-covered frozen bananas, and daily lunch specials. 129 E. Main St. 423-753-8851.

Old Towne Pancake House – Fifteen varieties of pancakes served all day, plus home-style cooking. 142 Boones St. 423-913-8111.

ERWIN

Choo-Choo Café – Homegrown organic foods and fresh homemade desserts. 111 S. Main Ave. 423-743-0900.

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MORE FOOD & WINE



Clinchfield Drug Store – Step back in time at this working soda fountain. 101 S. Main Ave. 423-743-4881.

Dari-Ace – Reviewers say milkshakes are perfect. 1015 Jackson Love Hwy. 423-743-7050.

Toby's Rock Creek Café – Stop by for the "Best Burger in Town." 857 Rock Creek Rd. 423-743-5401.

JOHNSON CITY

Café Lola – A romantic evening with live jazz, wine specials and food pairings from different countries. 1805 N. Roan St. 423-928-5652.

Gourmet & Company – Elegant outdoor dining. Crab cakes, pimento cheese quesadillas, double chocolate bombe and bananas foster. 214 E. Mountcastle Dr. 423-929-9007.

Greg's Pizza – In business for 43 years, offering a variety of homemade pizzas, delicious spaghetti and Italian jumbo sandwiches. 109 Broyles Dr. 423-282-4541.

Peerless Restaurant – "A Cut Above." 89-year-old restaurant with the finest steaks, seafood, Grecian salads, homemade dressings and desserts. 2531 N. Roan St. 423-282-2351.

Poor Richard's On Campus – Great deli sandwiches, towering four-layer cakes with the best sweet iced tea. 825 W. Walnut St. 423-926-8611.

Jack's City Grill – Great atmosphere, interesting decorations, and burgers big enough to share. 1805 N. Roan St. 423-928-5225.

Jane's Lunch Box – Southern comfort food and healthy lunches, including chicken & dumplings and meatloaf. 1109 W. Market St. 423-434-2665.

INSIDERPAGES.COM: Friendly service, excellent atmosphere with a real homey feel. Reasonable prices and large portions. Great lunch specials. The best chicken & dumplings I've ever had.



Red Pig BBQ – Famous BBQ, twice-baked potatoes, wonderful salads and "Maxine's Iced Tea." 2201 Ferguson Rd. 423-282-6585.

ELIZABETHTON

Dino's Restaurant – A must for Italian-food lovers — come hungry. 420 E. Elk Ave. 423-542-5541.

City Market – Chicken salad and fresh homemade desserts, just like momma used to make. 449 East E St. 423-543-1751.



Coffee Company – The downtown stop for in-house roasted coffee and homemade muffins. 444 E. Elk Ave. 423-542-3438.

HAMPTON

Copper Kettle Restaurant – (See pg. 20, pt. 170) 201 Hwy 321. 423-725-4498.

MOUNTAIN CITY

Suba's – Creative menu, fresh ingredients and to-die-for desserts. 2736 S. Shady St. 423-727-5657.

Traders Gap Restaurant – Country-style breakfast, plus lunch and dinner. Known for great burgers. 695 S. Shady St. 423-727-4144.

Tributary Restaurant – Variety of delicious dishes including Italian specialties. 424 S. Church St. 423-727-4150.

SHADY VALLEY

The Snake Pit – (See pg. 22, pt. 187) Inside Shady Valley Country Store. 110 Hwy 133. 423-739-2325.

BRISTOL

C.J. & Company – Home-style cookin'. 16 6th St. 423-573-1608.

KP Duty – Fresh salads, hearty soups and delectable entrées for lunch and dinner. 520 State St. 423-764-3889.

Machiavelli's – Local restaurant open for lunch and dinner with homemade pizzas and Italian cuisine. 8 5th St. 423-573-9955.

Manna Bagel – Made-from-scratch bagels, sandwiches, soup and wraps. 634 State St. 423-652-2216.

State Line Bar & Grille – Great burgers, sandwiches, salads and entrées. 21 and older. 644 State St. 423-652-0792.

Troutdale Bistro – Gourmet sandwiches, soups and entrées. 724 State St. 423-989-3663.

Troutdale Dining Room – (See pg. 37, pt. 206) 412 6th St. 423-968-9099. (pictured)



BLOUNTVILLE

Uncle Abe's Dixie Outpost – (See pg. 38, pt. 212) 3172 Hwy 126. 423-574-PIGS.

BLUFF CITY

Ridgewood Barbecue – (See pg. 40, pt. 227) 900 Elizabethton Hwy. 423-538-7543.

KINGSPORT

Bone Fire Smokehouse – (See pg. 42, pt. 246) 242 E. Main St. 423-239-7225.

Clarks Grocery & Deli – Third-generation, family-owned. Serving up tasty food for more than 50 years. 2645 Sullivan Gardens Pkwy. 423-349-7674.

Guiseppe's Italian Restaurant – Authentic Italian food, as well as steak, seafood and poultry. 2539 E. Stone Dr. 423-288-5265.

Phil's Dream Pit – Offering chopped pork, beef brisket, baby back ribs, all-beef hot dogs, chicken and homemade creamy chicken salad. 534 Eastern Star Rd. 423-349-6437.

Purple Cow – Noted for their steak bombs and garbage fries. Sounds like an adventure! 1648 E. Stone Dr. 423-245-1707.

ACTIVEDINER.COM: I never cook, I just let Mike and the gang at Purple Cow do the work. The food is awesome and the price is very reasonable for the amount of food you get. And did I mention the cheesecake? It's the BEST cheesecake in the world!



Riverfront Seafood Restaurant – Fresh seafood restaurant along the Holston River. (Closed Sun.) 1777 Netherland Inn Rd. 423-245-3474.

T K's Big Dog – This downtown place will surprise you. Get an authentic Chicago, Boston or New York hot dog. 160 Broad St. 423-245-6300.

SURGOINSVILLE

Brown's Grocery – (See pg. 44, pt. 266) 1608 W. Main St. 423-345-4835.

Café Jubilee – (See pg. 44, pt. 269) Inside Jubilee Gallery. 573 Carters Valley Loop. 423-345-0088.

ROGERSVILLE

McKinney's – (See pg. 48, pt. 296) Inside Hale Springs Inn. 110 W. Main St. 423-272-5171, 877-222-1616.

Miss Bea's Perks & Pies – (See pg. 47, pt. 291) 109 S. Church St. 423-272-6555.

O'Henry's – (See pg. 47, pt. 288) 201 E Main St. 423-272-0980.

Sweet Creams Pastries & Deli – (See pg. 47, pt. 290) 102 S. Church St. 423-272-5711.

Sweet Tooth Café – (See pg. 48, pt. 294) 114 E. Main St. 423-921-7400.

BULLS GAP

Dairy Dream – Southern cooking like pan-fried okra and sweet potato casserole. Milkshakes and burgers, too. 273 Hwy 11E. 423-235-6975.

MORRISTOWN

Davy Crockett Restaurant – (See pg. 49, pt. 307) 3282 E. Morris Blvd. 423-586-4567.

Hillside Grill – Locally owned restaurant with American fare and impressive wine list. Try the beer cheese soup. 3614 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy. 423-839-2139.

Java Garden Café – Morristown residents start their day at this charming coffee shop that offers an array of baked goods plus panini and salads for lunch. 203 W. Main St. 423-587-1030.

Jersey Girl Diner – Home of the "Blue Plate Special" — if you order the special and it's served on a blue plate, then your meal is free! 174 W. Main St. 423-254-1304.

Little Dutch Restaurant – Serving up menu favorites for more than 70 years, such as potato soup, quiche, homemade baklava and cheesecake. 115 S. Cumberland St. 423-581-1441.

Find more information at SunnySideTrail.com.

WHAT DID WE MISS?

The information in this brochure represents just a few treasures along Tennessee backroads. Check out SunnySideTrail.com for complete travel planning along this trail. While there, you'll see a link to Facebook where you can share your experiences on the Sunny Side Trail. 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.



Timeless Elegance Tea Room – Enjoy delicacies such as the proprietor's popular chicken salad and house specialty orange tea. 156 W. Main St. 423-318-9292.

WHITE PINE

Angelos' Tavern on the Green – Located in Baneberry's golf clubhouse and known throughout the area for its flair with American fare. 704 Harrison Ferry Rd. 865-674-6655.

DANDRIDGE

Angelos' at the Point Restaurant – Great food and beautiful views of Douglas Lake. 122 Boat Dock Dr. 865-484-0484.

Bush Family Café – (See pg. 52, pt. 326) 3901 Hwy 411. 865-509-3485.

Cowboy's on the Water – Offering the finest seafood for more than 25 years, overlooking picturesque Douglas Lake. 1435 Hwy 139. 865-397-2529.

Smoky's Steak & BBQ – Fall-off-the-bone ribs, savory pulled pork and tender beef brisket. Don't forget sweet potato fries. 149 E. Main St. 865-397-2272.

WINERIES

Tennessee's rich fertile soil and farming heritage, combined with the popularity of visiting wineries, makes our state a wonderful destination to experience quality winemaking. Tennessee has 38 wineries statewide, and our trails practically lead you to their door. These six are along the Sunny Side Trail.



Corey Ippolito Winery/Bed & Breakfast – (See pg. 39, pt. 224) 533 Rogers Oakdale Private Dr., Blountville. 423-323-1241.

Countryside Vineyards & Winery – (See pg. 39, pt. 223) 658 Henry Harr Rd., Blountville. 423-323-1660. (pictured)

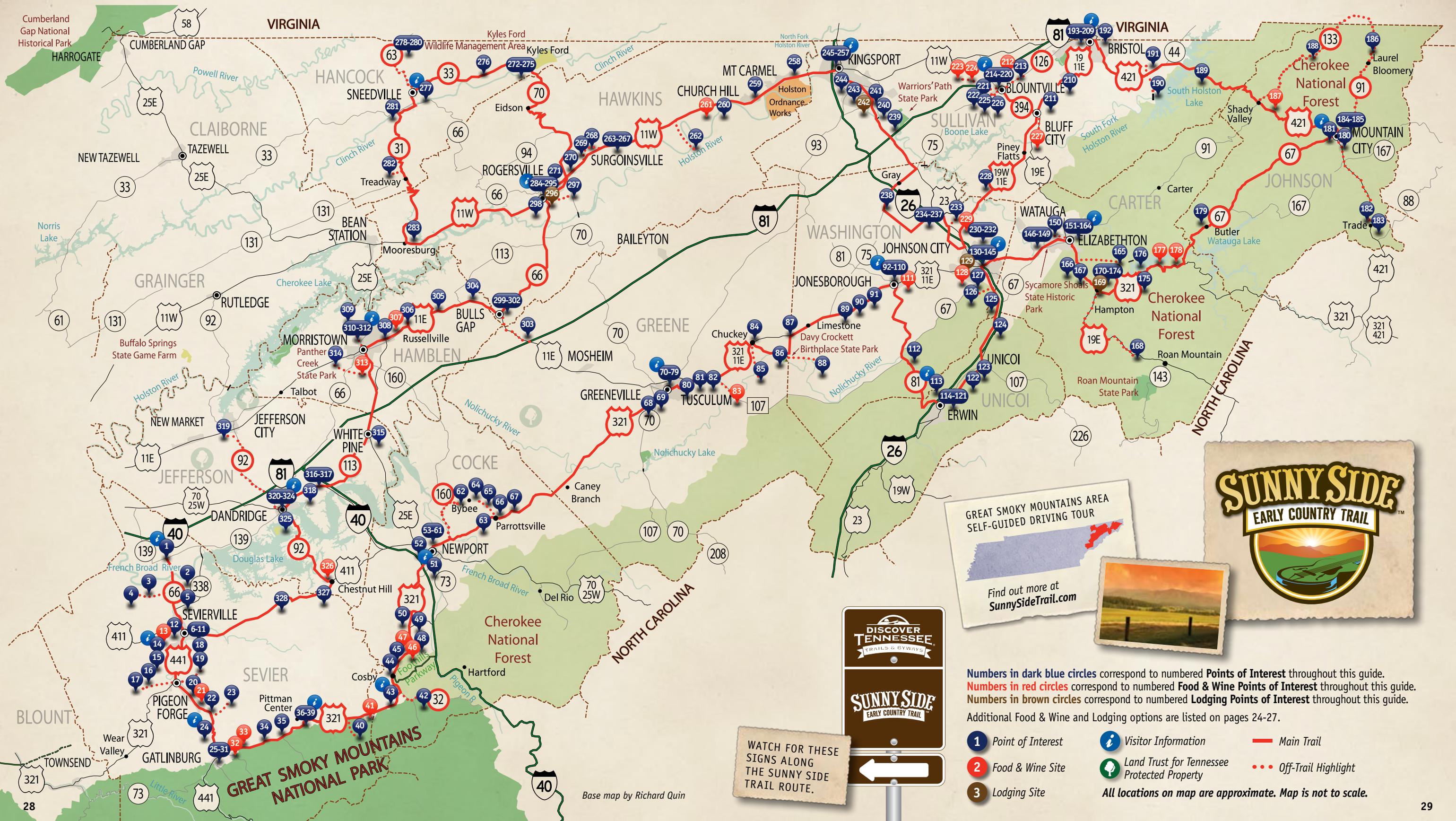
Hillside Winery – 229 Collier Dr., Sevierville. 865-908-8482.

Mountain Valley Vineyards – 2174 Pkwy., Pigeon Forge. 865-453-6334.

Smoky Mountain Winery – (See pg. 6, pt. 32) 450 Cherry St., Gatlinburg. 865-436-7551.

The Apple Barn Winery – (See pg. 4, pt. 13) 220 Apple Valley Rd., Sevierville. 865-428-6850.

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TRAIL ROUTE.

- Numbers in dark blue circles correspond to numbered Points of Interest throughout this guide.
 Numbers in red circles correspond to numbered Food & Wine Points of Interest throughout this guide.
 Numbers in brown circles correspond to numbered Lodging Points of Interest throughout this guide.
 Additional Food & Wine and Lodging options are listed on pages 24-27.
- 1 Point of Interest
 - 2 Food & Wine Site
 - 3 Lodging Site
 - i Visitor Information
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 - Main Trail
 - ⋯ Off-Trail Highlight
- All locations on map are approximate. Map is not to scale.

Base map by Richard Quin



Tennessee is filled with outdoor adventures and the Sunny Side Trail has opportunities at every turn. This guide provides you with several options, but for more ways to enjoy the great outdoors, go to SunnySideTrail.com.

ADVENTURE

Briarwood Ranch & Safari Park – (See pg. 9, pt. 62) 255 Briar Thicket Rd., Bybee. 865-919-5072.

Bright's Zoo – (See pg. 13, pt. 89) 3425 Hwy 11E, Limestone. 423-257-1927.

Cooper's Gem Mine – (See pg. 39, pt. 225) 1140 Big Hollow Rd., Blountville. 423-323-5680.

Dollywood – (See pg. 5, pt. 23) Great Smoky Mountains family fun and adventure with thrilling roller coasters, great rides, plus more than 30 exciting water rides at Dolly's Splash Country. 1020 Dollywood Ln., Pigeon Forge. 865-428-9895.

Ober Gatlinburg – (See pg. 6, pt. 30) 1001 Pkwy., Gatlinburg. 865-436-5423, 800-251-9202.

Wetlands Water Park – Five water slides, kids' pools, nature trails and picnic areas. 1523 Persimmon Ridge Rd., Jonesborough. 423-753-1558.

Wilderness at the Smokies – Tennessee's largest waterpark resort with one indoor waterpark and two outdoor waterparks. 1424 Old Knoxville Hwy, Sevierville. 877-325-9453.

Zorb – (See pg. 4, pt. 17) 203 Sugar Hollow Rd., Pigeon Forge. 865-428-2422.

MOTORCYCLING

Striped Snake – 1 Valley, 3 Mountains, 489 Curves. (See pg. 22, Shady Valley feature box)

The Ride – See what we're calling "The Ride" (pg. 45); includes portions of Thunder Road Motorcycle Trail. Kyles Ford/Sneedville area.



FISHING

(See pg. 32/33, Rivers, Lakes & Dams)

BOATING, CANOEING, KAYAKING & RAFTING

Cherokee Adventures – Whitewater rafting on the Nolichucky River. 2000 Jonesborough Rd., Erwin. 423-743-7733.

Nantahala Outdoor Center/Nolichucky River Outpost – Raft the high-adventure rapids of the gorgeous Nolichucky River. Jones Branch Rd., Erwin. 828-488-2175.

River Place on the Clinch – (See pg. 45, pt. 272) 2788 Hwy 70, Kyles Ford. 423-733-4400.

Smoky Mountain River Run – Offers relaxing, lazily-down-the-river tubing. 3249 N. River Rd., Pigeon Forge. 865-428-4403.

USA Rafting – Guided raft trips on the Nolichucky River. 2 Jones Branch Rd., Erwin. 423-743-7111.

Watauga Kayak Tours & Outfitters – Whitewater rafting and kayaking, lakes and rivers, Class I, II, (no experience necessary.) Fly-fishing guide service, supplies and shuttle. 1409 Broad St., Elizabethton. 423-542-6777.

Whitewater Rafting in the Smokies – 12 outfitters, Class III and IV rapids on Pigeon River. Hartford Rd., Hartford. 866-723-8277, 800-449-RAFT, 800-455-8808, 800-232-7238, SunnySideTrail.com.

Wildwater Rafting-Pigeon River – An adventure destination with picnic shelters, volleyball, climbing wall, zip line and store. 2638 Pkwy., Pigeon Forge. 423-487-3307.

GOLF

Bent Creek Golf Resort – Ranked by *Southern Living* in "Top Fifty Golf Courses in the South." 3919 E. Pkwy., Gatlinburg. 800-251-9336.



Buffalo Valley Golf Club – 90 Country Club Dr., Unicoi. 423-928-1022.

Cattails at MeadowView – One of the top golf courses in a Tennessee region that was recently named the "Second Best Golf City in America" by *Golf Digest*. 1901 Meadowview Pkwy., Kingsport. 423-578-6622.

Cedars Golf Club – 115 Cedar Creek Rd., Bristol. 423-989-0064.

Davy Crockett Golf Trail – Historic mountain golf trail (four premier courses) that traces the early footsteps of Tennessee and American hero Davy Crockett. 825 W. 1st N. St., Morristown. 423-586-6382.

Dandridge Golf & Country Club – Views of the Great Smoky Mountains and Douglas Lake. 1247 Stonewall Jackson Dr., Dandridge. 865-397-2655.

Eagle's Landing Golf Club – 1556 Old Knoxville Hwy, Sevierville. 865-429-4223.

Elizabethton Municipal Golf Course – 185 Buck VanHuss Rd., Elizabethton. 423-542-8051.

Gatlinburg Golf Course – Named "Tennessee's Best Municipal Course" by *Golf Digest* in 2009. 520 Dollywood Ln., Pigeon Forge. 800-231-4128.

Graysburg Hills Golf Course – Rated four stars in *Places to Play Guide* published by *Golf Digest*. 910 Graysburg Hills Rd., Chuckey. 423-234-8061.

McDonald's Golf Course – 352 Guntown Rd., Rogersville. 423-272-1477.

Millstone Golf Club & Restaurant – 450 Alpha Valley Home Rd., Morristown. 423-586-4000.

Nolichucky View Golf Club – One of the most scenic and challenging courses in Northeast Tennessee. 5605 Asheville Hwy, Greeneville. 423-638-7888.

Pine Oaks Golf Club – 1709 Buffalo Rd., Johnson City. 423-434-6250.

Red Tail Mountain Golf Course – Hwy 421S, Mountain City. 423-727-7931.

Silver Lake Golf Club – 450 Silver Lake Rd., Church Hill. 423-357-9940.

Smoky Mountain Country Club – 1220 Golf Course Rd., Newport. 423-623-7321.

Tri-Cities Golf Club – Best value for golf in the region providing 27 holes with a variety of conditions. 2354 Feathers Chapel Rd., Blountville. 423-323-3762.

Twin Creeks Golf Course – 90 Chuckey Hwy, Chuckey. 423-257-5192.

HORSEBACK RIDING

W F Stables – Horseback riding in wooded or wide-open trails. Private riding on 30 acres. Day or half-day rides through Cherokee National Forest. Private or group lessons, parties, shows and events. Boarding also available. 165 Tommy Campbell Rd., Jonesborough. 423-753-7105.

MARINAS

Cherokee Marina – On Cherokee Lake, one of Tennessee's largest lakes. 9499 Hwy 11W, Mooresburg. 423-272-6120.



Dandridge Point Marina – Full-service marina on Douglas Lake includes fine dining at The Point Restaurant and lakefront suites. 122 Boat Dock Dr., Dandridge. 865-484-0484.

Fish Springs Marina – Access to Watauga Lake, boat rentals and supplies. 191 Fish Springs Rd., Hampton. 423-768-2336.

Gator Point Marina – 1809 Gator Point Rd., Sevierville. 865-908-4000.

Hamblen Marina – On Cherokee Lake. 3050 Hamblen Dock Rd., Morristown. 423-586-2939.

Lakeview Marina & RV Park, Marker 2 Grille – Full-service campground and marina, boat storage, and restaurant with live entertainment. 474 Lakeside Dock Dr., Kingsport. 423-323-1054.

Laurel Marina & Boat Club – 195 Shady Ford Rd., Bristol. 423-878-3721.

Painter Creek Marina – Boat rentals, restaurant with outside eating area and snacks. 766 Painter Creek Rd., Bristol. 423-878-5775.

Rockingham Marina – 639 Rockingham Rd., Gray. 877-651-3625.

Sonny's Marina – Full-service marina offering on-the-water, four-course dining featuring live entertainment nightly. Voted "Best Tri-City Marina" for four years. 109 One St., Gray. 423-282-9440.

Swann's Marina – On Douglas Lake, watercraft rentals, cabin rentals, and campground. 2515 Swann's Marina Rd., Dandridge. 865-397-2182.



Watauga Lakeshore Marina & The Captain's Table Restaurant – (See pg. 21, pt. 177) 2285 & 2340 Hwy 321, Hampton. 423-725-2201. Boat rental: 423-725-2223.



PARKS (CITY & LOCAL), TRAILS & OVERLOOKS

Backbone Rock – (See pg. 22, pt. 188) Hwy 133, Shady Valley.

Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium – (See pg. 41, pt. 243) 853 Bays Mountain Park Rd., Kingsport. 423-229-9447.

Buffalo Mountain Park – Featuring 725 acres of natural preserve with hiking trails. Guided nature hikes available. 5070 High Ridge Rd., Johnson City. 423-283-5815.

Cumberland Square Park & Veterans Memorial – (See pg. 36, pt. 201) Corner of Cumberland Ave. & Lee St., Bristol. 276-645-7275.

Kidz Kountry/Lions Park – Football, soccer and softball fields, basketball and tennis courts. 3024 Roy Messer Hwy, White Pine.

Laurel Run Park – (See pg. 44, pt. 262) 364 Laurel Run Park Rd., Church Hill. 423-357-8110.

Mt. Cammerer Lookout – (See pg. 7, pt. 42) Access via the Low Gap Trail at Cosby Campground. 127 Cosby Park Rd., Cosby. 423-487-5418.

Natural Bridge – (See pg. 10, pt. 65) Hwy 340, Parrottsville.

Observation Knob Park – Home to spectacular views of the area. Camping, fishing, hiking, boating and playgrounds. 553 Knob Park Rd., Bristol. 423-878-1881.

Patriot Park – 16-acre city park includes The Walk of the Flags, a .5-mile walking trail that encircles flags of all U.S. states. (Located after pt. 22, pg. 5) 186 Old Mill Ave., Pigeon Forge. 865-428-3113.



Riverfront Park – (See pg. 44, pt. 267) Surgoinsville. 423-345-2213.

Rogersville City Park – 42 acres of recreational facilities, swimming pool, four lighted tennis courts and more. Music Junction held every Thursday night. 331 Park Blvd., Rogersville. 423-272-2545.

Steele Creek Park – Third-largest municipal park in Tennessee, with a total area of 2,000+ acres. Miles of hiking trails, lake, nature center, shelters and public golf course. 80 Lakeshore Dr., Bristol. 423-989-5616.

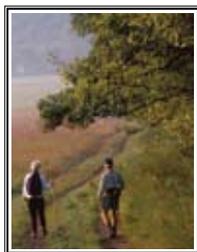
Winged Deer Park – Soccer/softball facility with .5-mile-fitness trail and nature trails, lakefront fishing, lighted boardwalk and sand volleyball. 242 Carroll Creek Rd., Johnson City. 423-283-5816.

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PARKS (STATE & NATIONAL) & NATIONAL FORESTS

Appalachian National Scenic Trail – This 2,175-mile trail is the longest marked footpath in the U.S. and is managed by the National Park Service. The first completed National Scenic Trail (designated 1968), it runs through six other units of the National Park Service, eight National Forests and 14 states. It first crosses into Tennessee near the Nolichucky River at the Nantahala Outdoor Center. 800-232-7238.



Cherokee National Forest – (See pg. 21, pt. 175) Hampton.

Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park – (See pg. 12, pt. 86) 1245 Davy Crockett Park Rd., Limestone. 423-257-2167. Camp Ground: 423-257-4500.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park – (See pg. 6, pt. 31; pg. 7, feature box) 107 Park Headquarters Rd., Gatlinburg. 865-436-1200.

Panther Creek State Park – (See pg. 50, pt. 314) 2010 Panther Creek Rd., Morristown. 423-587-7046, 888-TN-PARKS.

Roan Mountain State Park – (See pg. 20, pt. 168) 1015 Hwy 143, Roan Mountain. 423-772-0190, 800-250-8620.

Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park – (See pg. 19, pt. 148) 1651 W. Elk Ave., Elizabethton. 423-543-5808.

Warriors' Path State Park – (See pg. 41, pt. 239) 490 Hemlock Rd., Kingsport. 423-239-8531.

HISTORIC SITES (STATE & NATIONAL)

Andrew Johnson National Historic Site – (See pg. 10, pt. 69) 101 N. College St., Greeneville. 423-639-3711, 423-638-3551.

Chester Inn State Historic Site – (See pg. 14, pt. 101) 116 W. Main St., Jonesborough. 800-952-8392, ext. 8208.

Rocky Mount State Historic Site – (See pg. 40, pt. 228) 200 Hyder Hill Rd., Piney Flats. 888-538-1791.

Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site – (See pg. 16, pt. 125) 2620 S. Roan St., Johnson City. 423-926-3631.

RETAIL

Hampton Trails Bicycle Shop – (See pg. 21, pt. 172) 446 Hwy 321, Hampton. 423-725-5000.

Mahoney's Sportsman Paradise – (See pg. 40, pt. 230) 830 Sunset Dr., Johnson City. 423-282-5413.



SPORTS

Bristol Motor Speedway & Dragway – (See pg. 38, pt. 211) 151 Speedway Blvd., Bristol. 423-989-6942.

Did You KNOW

? *Days of Thunder, starring Tom Cruise and Robert Duvall, was filmed in Bristol in 1990 and featured Bristol Motor Speedway. The all-star cast included Nicole Kidman, who now has a home in Leiper's Fork, Tennessee.*



English Mountain Dragway – (See pg. 8, pt. 50) 1323 Lewis Rd., Newport. 423-625-8375, 865-428-7049.

Greeneville Astros – Appalachian League affiliate of the Houston Astros. 135 Shiloh Rd., Greeneville. 423-638-0411.

Tennessee Smokies – Minor League Baseball Class AA affiliate of the Chicago Cubs. 3540 Line Dr., Kodak. 865-286-2300.

Volunteer Speedway – (See pg. 49, pt. 303), 14095 West Andrew Johnson Hwy, Bulls Gap. 423-235-5020.

WILDLIFE & HATCHERIES

Erwin National Fish Hatchery – (See pg. 16, pt. 122) 520 Federal Hatchery Rd., Erwin. 423-743-4712.

Kyles Ford Preserve – (See pg. 45, pt. 274) 2788 Hwy 70, Kyles Ford. 423-733-4400.

Kyles Ford Wildlife Management – (See pg. 45, pt. 273) 2788 Hwy 70, Kyles Ford. 423-733-4400.



RIVERS, LAKES & DAMS

Boone Lake & Dam – Completed in 1952 by TVA on the South Fork Holston River; Named for Daniel Boone. Blountville area.

Cherokee Lake – (See pg. 47, pt. 283) Morristown area.

Clinch River – (See pg. 45, pt. 275) Kyles Ford area.

Doe River – (See pg. 20, pt. 155) Elizabethton area.

Douglas Lake & Dam – (See pg. 52, pt. 325 and feature box) Dandridge area.

Fort Patrick Henry Lake & Dam – (See pg. 41, pt. 240) Kingsport area.

French Broad River – (See pg. 2, pt. 2) Sevierville area.

Holston River – (See pg. 43, pt. 254 and feature box) Kingsport area.

Nolichucky River – (See pg. 15, pt. 112) Erwin area.

Pigeon River – (See pg. 9, pt. 59) Newport area.

Powell River – Sneedville area.

South Holston Lake & Dam – (See pg. 22, pts. 189/190) Bristol area.

Watauga Lake & Dam – (See pgs. 20/21, pts. 165/176) Elizabethton area.

Watauga River – (See pg. 19, pt. 152) Elizabethton area.

Wilbur Lake & Dam – Built in 1912 on the Watauga River and purchased by TVA in 1945. Elizabethton area.



CAVERNS & WATERFALLS

Appalachian Caverns – (See pg. 39, pt. 226) 420 Cave Hill Rd., Blountville. 423-323-2337

Blue Hole – 70-foot falls in two tiers. 10 miles N on TN-91, Elizabethton.

Bristol Caverns – (See pg. 23, pt. 191) 1157 Bristol Caverns Hwy, Bristol. 423-878-2011.

Elrod Falls – (See pg. 46, pt. 282) Sneedville.

Forbidden Caverns – (See pg. 52, pt. 327) 455 Blowing Cave Rd., Sevierville. 865-453-5972.

Noisy Falls – In Great Smoky Mountains National Park, left side of US-321 at east entrance. 2839 Webb Creek Rd., Sevierville. 865-436-5499.

Laurel Falls – (See pg. 21, pt. 175) In Cherokee National Forest off Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Accessed from US-321/TN-67, Hampton.

Jones Branch Falls – Gorgeous falls after a rain shower. In Roan Mountain State Park off Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Roan Mountain.

Gentry Creek Falls – (See pg. 22, pt. 186) Off TN-91, near Mountain City.

Waterfalls of the Smokies – (See pg. 6, pt. 31; pg. 7, feature box) 107 Park Headquarters Rd., Gatlinburg. 865-436-1200.

Did You KNOW

? *There are over 2,000 miles of streams in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, many with falls and cascades. Pick up the park's official map (at a visitor center) that guides you to more than 40 of the best, including Grotto, Abrams and Rainbow Falls.*

Find more Great Outdoors at SunnySideTrail.com.



Tennessee's Civil War Sesquicentennial will commemorate 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 Sunny Side 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.



WATERWAYS & SCENIC BEAUTY

Tennessee may be a landlocked state, but the ancient rivers of East Tennessee are its timeless pulse, attracting prehistoric peoples to clean water and later transporting the frontier's first settlers to new lands. Today, their rushing force provides electricity that helps sustain life and economies in this part of the country. The TVA dam projects realized in the mid-20th century harnessed their energy, and in doing so, created vast lakes known throughout the country as prime spots for boating, fishing and enjoying the great outdoors.

The waters of East Tennessee have shaped mountains, valleys, and the lives of the people living here for centuries, as well as carved intricate caverns underground. Above ground, water puts on a spectacular high dive show with waterfalls of all sizes. You'll find them throughout this region, particularly in the Appalachian Mountains and in the most visited national park — Great Smoky Mountains National Park — which holds over 40 cascades and falls. This national park attracts 10 million visitors annually, and showcases just a portion of the stunning beauty found along the Sunny Side Trail.

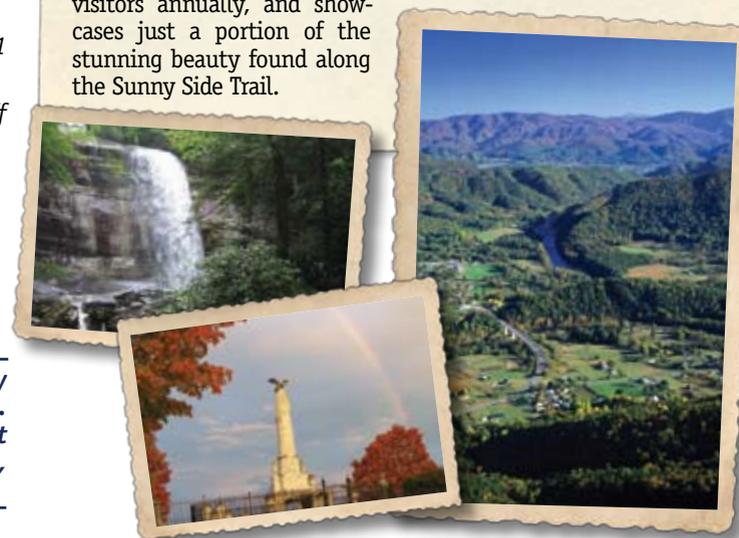


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FESTIVALS & EVENTS ALONG THE SUNNY SIDE TRAIL

There's always something to celebrate on the Sunny Side Trail — these are just a few of our annual events. Find a complete list at SunnySideTrail.com.

JANUARY

First Friday – Johnson City – Main St., 1st Fri. each month

Old-Time Music Jam – Blountville – Traditional Appalachian Musical Heritage Association, Every Fri. night

21st Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week – Pigeon Forge – Jan. 8-15, 2011

FEBRUARY

11th Annual Saddle Up! – Pigeon Forge – An American Cowboy Magazine "Top 101 U.S. Western Event," Feb. 24-27, 2011

Annual Antique Appraisal Fair & Show – Greeneville

MARCH

17th Annual: A Mountain Quiltfest – Pigeon Forge – March 8-13, 2011

Smoky Mountain Springfest – Sevierville – March-June

APRIL

Ribfest & Wings – Gatlinburg – Mid-April

Morristown Main Street Festival – Morristown – 4th Fri., April-Sept.

Fiddlers & Fiddleheads – Unicoi – Farmhouse Gallery

MAY

Cosby Ramp Festival – Cosby – 1st Sun.

Did You KNOW

? First held in 1954, the Ramp Festival is the longest running festival in the state. In 1955, it was attended by former U.S. President Harry Truman.



Twilight Alive/Bluegrass on Broad Concert Series – Kingsport – Thurs. (variety of music)/Fri. (bluegrass), May-Aug.

Music on the Square – Jonesborough – Main St., Fri. nights, May-Sept.

26th Annual Dolly's Homecoming Parade – Pigeon Forge – May 6, 2011

Bloomin' BBQ & Bluegrass – Sevierville – Mid-May

Strawberry Festival – Unicoi – Mid-May

Iris Festival – Greeneville – 3rd weekend

Border Bash – Bristol – Select Fri. nights, May-Sept.

Jimmy Martin Memorial Bluegrass Festival – Sneedville – Last weekend

On Cosby Festival – Cosby – Memorial Day weekend



JUNE

Shakespeare & Friends Renaissance Faire – Rogersville – 1st weekend

Blue Plum Festival – Johnson City – 1st full weekend

Native American Festival – Elizabethton – Early June

Dollywood's KidsFest – Pigeon Forge – Mid-June

Smoky Mountain Tunes & Tales – Gatlinburg – Mid-June-Early Aug.

Roan Mountain Rhododendron Festival – Roan Mountain State Park – 3rd weekend

Tunes, Balloons, BBQ & Crafts Festival – White Pine – 3rd weekend

Trade Days – Trade – 4th weekend

JULY

Fireworks over the Lake – Dandridge – Douglas Lake, July 3

Fourth of July Celebrations – Just about every town along Sunny Side has a July 4th event. Go to SunnySideTrail.com or ask for information at a visitor center.

21st Annual Patriot Festival – Pigeon Forge – July 4, 2011

Historic Jonesborough Days – Jonesborough – July 4th weekend

Fun Fest – Kingsport – Late July

Liberty! – Elizabethton – State's official outdoor drama. Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park, Thurs.-Sat., Last three weeks in July

Sunflower/Sunrise Festival – Mountain City – Last weekend

AUGUST

Old Butler Days – Butler – 2nd weekend

Davy Crockett Celebration – Limestone – 3rd weekend

Native American Style PowWow – Newport – Last weekend

Appalachian Fairgrounds – Celebrating 86 years

SEPTEMBER

Archie Campbell Days – Bulls Gap – Labor Day weekend

Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival – Elizabethton – Mid-Sept.

Bristol Rhythm & Roots Music Festival – Bristol – 3rd weekend

Heritage Day – Pittman Center – 3rd Sat.

Bluff City Heritage Day – Bluff City – 4th Sat.



Scots-Irish Festival – Dandridge – 4th Sat.

Riverfront Festival – Surgoinsville

OCTOBER

National Storytelling Festival – Jonesborough – 1st weekend

This 38-year-old festival is one of the state's most unique and ranked as a "Top 100 Event in North America."



Dollywood's National Gospel & Harvest Festival – Pigeon Forge – All month

Harvest Street Festival – Newport – 1st weekend

Unicoi County Apple Festival – Erwin – Named in "Top 20 Events in Southeast," 1st weekend

Cranberry Festival – Shady Valley – 2nd weekend

Heritage Days – Rogersville – 2nd weekend

Aussie Fall Fest Chillin' & Grillin' – Greeneville – Mid-Oct.

Craftman's Fair – Gatlinburg – Mid-Oct.

Harvest Pride Days – Bean Station – 3rd weekend

On Cosby Festival – Cosby – 3rd weekend

Mountain Makins Festival – Morristown – Rose Center; And just a few blocks away, Memories on Main Street Antiques Show & Sale – Main St., Both events 4th weekend

Scarecrow Festival – Mt. Carmel

NOVEMBER

22nd Annual Winterfest Kickoff – Pigeon Forge – Nov. 8, 2011

Smoky Mountain Winterfest – Gatlinburg, Sevierville & Pigeon Forge – Mid-Nov.-Feb.

Speedway In Lights – Bristol – Mid-Nov.-Jan.

Festival of Trees – Gatlinburg – 3rd weekend

DECEMBER

Christmas in Dandridge – Dandridge – Kicks off Dec. 1

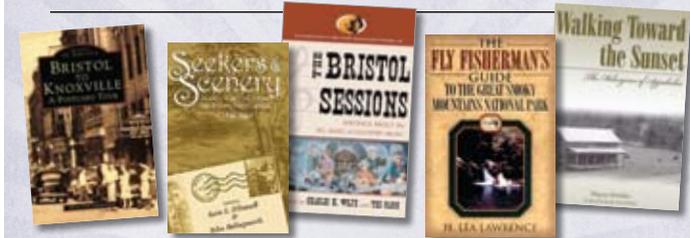
Yuletide – Pittman Center – 1st Sat.

Christmas Tour of Homes – Rogersville – 2nd Sat. night

Historic Holiday Homes Tour – Jonesborough



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The Bristol Sessions: Writings About the Big Bang of Country Music

Edited by Charles K. Wolfe and Ted Olson

The Fly Fisherman's Guide to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

By H. Lea Lawrence

Walking Toward the Sunset: The Melungeons of Appalachia
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Gatlinburg's Christmas Parade is for the young, old and in between... everyone has a wonderful time.

BRISTOL SESSIONS BIRTHPLACE OF COUNTRY MUSIC

Country Music was born in Bristol in 1927, with the help of Ralph Peer of Victor Talking Machine Company. He was sent to the Tennessee-Virginia line by the record label, armed with portable recording equipment and in search of new talent. What he found ensured that American music would never be the same. The Carter Family, Jimmie Rodgers, and The Stoneman Family were among the artists recording with Peer during a two-week session that yielded 76 recordings. These would come to be known as the "big bang" of country music, igniting careers and marking the beginning

of the genre's exposure outside of mountain towns like Bristol. The recorded Bristol Sessions include gospel, blues and songs that borrow from traditional Appalachian fiddle music.

The song that became *The Carter Family's* signature was "Keep on the Sunny Side," an

1899 hymn written by Ada Blenkhorn and inspired by her disabled nephew who always requested that his wheelchair be pushed down the "sunny side" of the street. This trail takes its name from that song, paying tribute to the deep musical roots of the region and showcasing the beauty, history, and Southern hospitality that comprise the "sunny side" of life in Northeast Tennessee.



State St., between Ralph Peer St. & Carter Family Way, Bristol

197. Downtown Center, Country Music Mural & Farmers' Market – (R)

This popular mural honors the heritage of the Bristol Sessions—the 1927 musical recording session that spawned a musical genre. The site is also home to State Street's Farmers' Market (Saturdays/Wednesdays in warmer months) and concerts, including Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion in September.



State St., historic area is between 6th St. & 7th St. Bristol

198. Historic Bristol Shopping District – (R)

From its earliest days, Bristol served as a trade hub and by the late 1800s, it had become the largest center for commerce within a 200-mile radius. In 1899, H.P. King built the region's first complete department store, paving the way for retail growth. In 1901, State Street was born and is still the place to go.



518 State St., between 5th St. & 6th St. Bristol 423-274-8920

199. Paramount Center for the Arts – (R)

The Golden Age of Hollywood began in the late 1920s, as people sought entertainment to escape the difficult economy. In 1931, this theatre was built, and numerous musicians, artists and actors have graced its stage year after year. The 1990s brought a return to its art-deco grandeur.



The Carter Family, known as the "First Family of Country Music," are members of the Country Music Hall of Fame, Grammy Hall of Fame and the International Bluegrass Music Hall of Honor. They also received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

From State St., turn L on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. heading N, L on Cumberland Ave., pt. 200 is on L just before Lee St.

200. Farm & Fun Time WCYB Radio/TV – (L)

Take note as you walk by this historic point. WCYB started as a radio station in 1946 prior to becoming an NBC-affiliate TV station in 1956. *Farm & Fun Time* was a popular radio show where artists shared their unique musical styles and vocals. The show was broadcast live from a studio in the General Shelby Hotel, (once at this address) and reached into Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky. Bluegrass greats such as The Stanley Brothers (Carter and Ralph, pictured), Earl Scruggs and Lester Flatt, the Osborne Brothers, and Jim and Jesse McReynolds were often show guests.



Corner of Cumberland Ave. & Lee St., Bristol

201. Cumberland Square Park & Veterans Memorial – (R)

Bristol's early citizens envisioned a park here, and in 1950, this community park became a reality. Today, its memorial honors soldiers who lost their lives in times of war.



Pt. 202 is next door to pt. 201.

110 Piedmont Ave. Bristol 276-645-0111

202. Birthplace of Country Music Museum/Cultural Heritage Center – (R)

In 1998, Congress recognized Bristol as the Birthplace of Country Music. This 24,000-square-foot facility, in development, will serve as

an interactive museum to honor the rich history of music here and its influence within the recording industry.



From Cumberland, turn L on Piedmont Ave., walk about 2 blocks to pt. 203. 1351 Lee Hwy Bristol 276-466-6200



203. Burger Bar – (R)

A must-visit, this iconic and legendary eatery serves great hamburgers, home-cooked breakfasts and more. On December 30, 1952, the Burger Bar was forever linked with country music legend Hank Williams. At the young age of 29, he was traveling with his driver when they allegedly stopped in Bristol. Williams reportedly declined an offer for food, spoke his last words and got back into the vehicle to rest. That was the last time he was known to be alive.



Return to car and drive to Volunteer Pkwy./US-11E/19E/TN-34.

OFF-TRAIL

For off-trail, turn L on US-11E, go 4 blocks, turn R on Anderson St., go 3.5 blocks to pt. 204. 1223 Anderson St. Bristol 423-844-0627

BACK ON-TRAIL

To stay on trail, turn L on US-11E, go 3 blocks, turn L on Anderson St., go 1.5 blocks to pt. 205. Corner of Anderson St. & 7th St., Bristol 423-844-0627

204. Tennessee Ernie Ford Home – (L)

The birthplace of Tennessee Ernie Ford, this house is operated by the Bristol Historical Association. Tours by appointment.



205. Shelby's Fort Historical Marker and E.W. King House – (R)

General Evan Shelby erected a fort here in 1771 that sheltered and protected pioneers and sent victorious forces to the Revolutionary War battles of Point Pleasant, Long Island Flats and Chickamauga towns. The house you see behind the marker was built in 1902 by E. W. King, a prominent Bristol businessman. The Bristol Historical Association has plans to restore the home as a regional museum.



Continue 1 block, turn R on 6th St. to pt. 206. 412 6th St. Bristol 423-968-9099

206. Troutdale Dining Room – (R)

Dine in an elegantly restored 1850 Victorian house originally built by the Vance family, then lost in the Civil War and later returned to them. This five-star restaurant offers gourmet cuisine prepared with fresh, organic, and sustainable products from local farms and growers. Dinner only, Tues.-Sat.

OFF-TRAIL

Head N on 6th St., take 1st R on Locust St., veers slightly R and becomes Alabama St., turn L on Ash St., go 1 block, turn R on 5th St., go 0.5 mile, turn L on E. Cedar St., go 0.9 mile to pt. 207. Hart Blvd. Bristol 423-652-4716



207. King College – (L)

In April 1866, the Holston Presbytery assembled at the old Pleasant Grove Church to establish a Christian college. The school, built on 25 acres donated by Rev. James King, opened in 1867. When the college outgrew its small campus, King's grandson Isaac Anderson donated land, and in 1917, the college moved to its present location. Best-selling crime writer Patricia Cornwell is a noted graduate of King College. In her 1994 novel, *The Body Farm*, character Kay Scarpetta seeks assistance from a Tennessee research facility, inspired by the "real" Body Farm run by University of Tennessee in Knoxville.



BACK ON-TRAIL

On 6th St./Southside Ave., go 6.5 blocks, turn L on Weaver St., go 2 blocks, turn R on Edgemont Ave. to pt. 208. 1112 Edgemont Ave. Bristol

208. Stone Castle – (R)

Bristol Municipal Stadium, known as "Stone Castle," is the state's most architecturally significant stadium. One of only two in the state built by Works Progress Administration (WPA), it was completed in 1936 out of rough rubble.

TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD

Ever heard the song "Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier"? The 1955 hit reached No. 4 on the country charts, recorded by Bristol's own Tennessee Ernie Ford. After returning from World War II, this local disc jockey created an exaggerated hillbilly personality known as "Tennessee Ernie," and quickly found himself moving on to television, including the role of the country bumpkin "Cousin Ernie" on *I Love Lucy*. Ford went on to write and record music paying tribute to his Tennessee birthplace, with songs like "Farewell to the Mountains." As host of the *Ford Show*, a prime-time variety program on NBC in the late 1950s, he insisted that each show close with a hymn.

Despite objections from the network, this segment became the most popular part of his show, and Ford went on to record successful gospel music albums that topped the charts and earned him several awards, including a Grammy. Ford has been inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, and has earned the Presidential Medal of Freedom and three stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame for his work in television, radio, and records.



limestone. The Medieval Gothic-inspired structure is currently home of Tennessee High School Athletics.



Continue SW on Edgemont Ave. for 0.6 mile, turn R on Bluff City Hwy and go 0.4 mile to pt. 209.

333 Bluff City Hwy
Bristol
423-764-4732

209. Blue Circle – (L) Once a Southeast chain with more than 30 restaurants, this location (open since June 1964) is the lone survivor. Despite circle in the name, their famous burgers are square and they sell about 30,000 a month! Look for the original sign, grab a bagful, and hit the drive-in if you want to do what the locals do.



Bluff City Hwy merges with Volunteer Pkwy./US-11E/19E/TN-34 to lead to pt. 210.

2512 Volunteer Pkwy.
Bristol
423-764-8033

210. Twin City Drive-In Theatre – (R) Built in 1949, this family-operated theatre is on 29 acres in a beautiful mountain setting. It doubles as a temporary campground for NASCAR races at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Continue on Volunteer Pkwy/US-11E/19E/TN-34 to pt. 211.

151 Speedway Blvd.
Bristol
423-989-6942

Head S on US-11E/19. Exit R on TN-394 to Blountville. Go 3 miles, turn R on Blountville Blvd.

211. Bristol Motor Speedway & Dragway – (L) Larry Carrier and Carl Moore built the world's fastest half-mile track in 1961. With humble beginnings, the track now seats more than 160,000 and is NASCAR fans' favorite. Events, hosted all year, include two NASCAR races, drag races and the holiday show "Speedway In Lights". *Tours available.*



BRISTOL MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Known as the "World's Fastest Half Mile," the Bristol Motor Speedway hosted its first NASCAR race in 1961. Seventeen-year-old country star Brenda Lee sang the National Anthem in front of 18,000 spectators at the newly-constructed track, built the year before on a former dairy farm. The speedway has seen many expansions and improvements since that first race, including being reshaped and re-measured in 1969 to include steeper turns on the .533-mile track. Today, it seats over 160,000 and is known as a premier venue for stock car and drag racing events. Racing greats like Kurt Busch, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Kyle Busch, Mark Martin, Jeff Burton and others have taken victory laps at the speedway, which continues to draw visitors from all over the world.



OFF TRAIL

From Blountville Blvd., turn R on TN-126 to pts. 212 (0.2 mile) & 213 (0.8 mile).

Pt. 212:
3172 Hwy 126
Blountville
423-574-7447

Pt. 213:
Hwy 126
Blountville

212. Uncle Abe's Dixie Outpost – (L) Reviews note that you "must try" the BBQ pork and wings, as well as the variety of sauces — great hot dogs too!



213. John Randolph Spahr Home – (R) With a unique interior log structure, this historic two-story home was owned by John Randolph Spahr, Sr. in the late 1800s. *Open by appointment.*



BACK ON-TRAIL

From Blountville Blvd., turn L on TN-126, go about 1 block to pt. 214.

Blountville
423-323-4660

214. Rutledge House – (R) This 1800s home is located in the National Historic District of Blountville. The earliest owner was Thomas White and the historic building had several owners between 1824 and 1863 when John and Sallie Rutledge purchased the home. Rutledge was the Sullivan County Court Clerk and kept the records of the Baptist Church at Blountville. *Open by appointment.*



Continue 1 block on TN-126, and park the car.

3425 Hwy 126
Blountville
423-323-4660

215. Anderson Townhouse – (R) This hand-hewn house fronting the Great Stage Road is the original ca. 1792 dwelling. This was the meeting place for the first county government in 1795. The Traditional Appalachian Heritage Musical Association hosts live jam sessions on Fridays at 6 p.m. *Also open by appointment.*



3382 Hwy 126
Blountville

216. Cannonball House – (L) During the Civil War's Battle of Blountville, this house stood between the lines as fighting swirled around it. Many area structures were destroyed; this one survived and bears the scars of battle.



251 Franklin Dr.
Blountville
(Confederate Position)
147 County Hill Rd.
Blountville
(Union Position)

217. Battle of Blountville – Historic Blountville was the scene of a noted Civil War battle in September 1863. Today, the town boasts five interpretive markers as part of the Tennessee Civil War Trails.

BLOUNTVILLE

Beginning as a longhunter fort prior to its permanent settlement, the site of the town was part of a 600-acre tract of land bought by James Brigham in 1782. Ten years later, Brigham gave 30 acres to Sullivan County for use as a county seat and established a hotel nearby. The town was named Blountville after William Blount, the first governor of the territory of the United States, south of the Ohio River. Blountville was a crossroads in the late 1700s, welcoming travelers headed west on the route beginning in Abingdon, Virginia and offering at least three different routes out of town. Blountville was a natural stop for stagecoaches to change drivers and horses. In only a few short years, Blountville became a major stopover on the Great Stage Road. If Blountville were incorporated, it would qualify as the second-oldest municipality in Tennessee (second only to Jonesborough).

Points 212-226 are located in Blountville.



Hwy 126
Blountville
423-323-4660

218. Old Deery Inn & Museum – (R) This more than 200-year-old inn, now a museum, was a stagecoach stop on Tennessee's oldest wagon road, the Great Stage Road. Hosting famous guests including Tennessee's three U.S. Presidents and the King of France, the property includes an inn, granny cabin, iron works cabin, kitchen, slave quarters and more. During the Battle of Blountville, women and children sought shelter here, dodging bullets and cavalrymen along the way to safety.



3425 Hwy 126
Blountville
423-323-4660

219. Sullivan County Department of Archives & Tourism (R)

In addition to visitor information, this center houses historical and genealogical materials from across the U.S., as well as a large Civil War research collection.

3411 Hwy 126
Blountville
After pt. 220, return to your car.

220. Historic Sullivan County Courthouse – (R) Visitors can still see evidence of the Battle of Blountville in the lower level of this beautifully restored courthouse.



OFF-TRAIL

Continue W on TN-126, go about 0.4 mile, turn R on Blountville Cemetery Rd. to pt. 221.

Hwy 126
Blountville

221. Blountville Cemetery – (R) This burial ground is the resting place for veterans from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. The cemetery was the stronghold of Union forces during the Battle of Blountville.



Pt. 222 is across street from pt. 221.

Hwy 126
Blountville

222. Acuff Chapel – (R) In 1786, settlers Timothy Acuff and his wife donated this land for the first Methodist meeting house west of the Appalachian Mountains, built with the help of fellow settlers who were committed to the spread of Methodism on the frontier. With the nearest church and school 100 miles away, the chapel also served as a school for 75 years. One of the first two Methodist bishops of the U.S., Francis Asbury, preached here several times. The site is a Heritage Landmark of The United Methodist Church.



Continue W on TN-126 for 3 miles, turn L on Shadowtown Rd., turn L at Catawba Ln., turn L on Henry Harr Rd. to pt. 223.

658 Henry Harr Rd.
Blountville
423-323-1660

From TN-126, turn R on Barr Rd., turn L on Island Rd., turn R on Barger Hollow Rd. to pt. 224.

533 Rogers Oakdale Private Dr., Blountville
423-323-1241

Return to trail route on TN-126 to TN-394.

These locally owned **Tennessee Wineries** are just minutes away from one another, each in a beautiful setting. It's worth the trip off-trail, now or later after Warriors' Path State Park.



223. Countryside Vineyards & Winery (R)

224. Corey Ippolito Winery/Bed & Breakfast (R)

OFF-TRAIL

From pt. 220, turn L on TN-394, go 0.7 mile. Take 2nd R on Big Hollow Rd., go 1.3 miles to pt. 225.

1140 Big Hollow Rd.
Blountville
423-323-5680

From pt. 225, continue S on Big Hollow Rd. Take 1st L on Buncombe Rd., go 0.3 mile, take 1st R on Cave Hill Rd to pt. 226.

420 Cave Hill Rd.
Blountville
423-323-2337

Retrace route and turn R on TN-394 and R on US-19E/19/34.

225. Cooper's Gem Mine – (R) Get a taste of mining and treasure hunting as you pick your bucket size and start your adventure. What you find, you keep, and it could be anything from multi-colored quartz, emeralds, and garnets to other types of gems and minerals.



226. Appalachian Caverns – (R) These caverns date back millions of years, used by pre-historic people, Early Woodland Native Americans, and pioneers like Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett seeking shelter as



If you stayed on trail, leaving Blountville, turn L on TN-394, go 4.3 miles, turn R on US-11E/19/TN-34.

they passed this way. Civil War soldiers used the bat dung from the caverns to make saltpeter, a key ingredient in black gunpowder. The cavern served as a hospital for wounded soldiers, and later, a great hiding place for moonshine during prohibition.

OFF-TRAIL

Go 3.7 miles from last turn, turn L on TN-37S/US-19E, turn R on Elizabethton Hwy to pt. 227.

900 Elizabethton Hwy
Bluff City
423-538-7543

227. Ridgewood Barbecue – (L) The area's oldest BBQ restaurant (since 1948) has also been acclaimed "The Best" by *People* magazine and on *Good Morning America*. The baked beans are particularly popular. It's located on a twisting, turning road that used to be the main route between Elizabethton and Johnson City, so it's perfect for hungry motorcyclists.



GOOGLE.COM: *If I were on death row...this would be my last meal! Enough said I think.*

BACK ON-TRAIL

Go about 8 miles, turn L at Hyder Hill Rd. to pt. 228.

200 Hyder Hill Rd.
Piney Flats
888-538-1791

228. Rocky Mount – (L) Find yourself in 1791 when you explore this state historic site. See the feature box above right for more.



Continue on US-11E/N. Roan St., turn L to stay on N. Roan St. about 5 miles to pt. 229.

2715 N. Roan St.
Johnson City
423-283-4723

229. Cootie Brown's – (R) It's delicious food with a twist, served in a unique, funky atmosphere. There's lots of variety, but the pizzas are legendary.



Go 0.8 mile on N. Roan St., turn R on Sunset Dr., go 0.8 mile to pt. 230.

830 Sunset Dr.
Johnson City
423-282-5413

230. Mahoney's Sportsman Paradise – (R) The area's only full-service outfitter for the true outdoors enthusiast. You'll find everything from apparel and shoes to kayaks and fishing rods.



Continue 0.2 mile on Sunset Dr., turn L on Knob Creek, 0.1 mile to pt. 231.

1902 Knob Creek Rd.
Johnson City
423-979-6378

231. Sparrow's Nest – (L) Browse this specialty shop for unique gifts for home and garden.

232. Stir Fry Café – (L) The area's premier, locally owned Asian, Sushi and Thai dining destination, with two locations (here and on trail in downtown Kingsport).

Return to Sunset Dr., turn L, go 0.8 mile to N. State of Franklin Rd. to pt. 232.

3020 Franklin Terr.
Johnson City
423-232-6000

233. The Garst/Carter House – (R) (Private Residence) This pre-Civil War home sits on 155 acres and has been a community landmark for generations. It's now known as Meadow Brook Farm.



Continue on N. State of Franklin Rd., turn R on exit ramp – N. Roan St./TN-36.

From N. Roan/TN-36, go NW 1.6 miles, turn L on Carroll Creek Rd., go 0.3 mile to pt. 233.
1443 Carroll Creek Rd.
Johnson City

ROCKY MOUNT

Rocky Mount was the home of William Cobb, and it served as the first capitol of the Southwest Territory when Governor William Blount boarded here to conduct the business affairs of the new territory. Daniel Boone, John Sevier and Andrew Jackson enjoyed Cobb's hospitality through the years as well. Migrating from North Carolina in 1769, Cobb was one of the first settlers and most distinguished citizens of the territory, appointed as one of the first county magistrates and assisted in planning the town of Jonesborough. Rocky Mount's multiple-room, two-story 1770 log house was large by frontier standards, with glass windows that were considered status symbols. Today, this living history museum interprets life in 1791, with tours led by character guides and exhibits and activities outside the home that explore the period, including gardening, sheep for wool and flax, blacksmith and wood shops, and a kitchen shed.

BACK ON-TRAIL

To stay on-trail, continue NW on TN-36 for 1.9 miles, turn L on Old Gray Rd., go 0.5 mile, take 2nd L onto Boones Creek Rd. to pt. 234.

2926 Boones Creek Rd.
Johnson City
423-282-3830

Go NW on Old Gray Station Rd., 0.4 mile. Take 1st L onto Boones Creek Rd./TN-354S, go 2.3 miles to pt. 235.

2362 Boones Creek Rd.
Johnson City
423-753-0204

Continue S on Boones Creek Rd., 0.1 mile to pt. 236.

2299 Boones Creek Rd.
Johnson City

Continue on Boones Creek Rd. for 0.6 mile, turn R at Highland Church Rd., go 1.6 miles to pt. 237.
Highland Church Rd.
Johnson City

234. Kemosabee's Road House – (L) Great food for lunch or dinner in a bar atmosphere. Enjoy a game of pool, outside patio and live music. Wednesday is "Bike Night."



235. Boones Creek Potters Gallery – (L) For more than 30 years, this gallery has showcased handcrafted pieces from over 400 local and regional artists. The gift shop offers pottery, glass, metal and wood art, jewelry, paintings and more.



236. The Worley/Range/Young House – (R) (Private Residence) This Federal style historic home was built in 1844. The original property was 1,200+ acres surrounded by handconstructed stone walls.



237. Boone Station – (L) (Private) This was once the hub of Boones Creek when the Clinchfield Railroad was built in 1907.



See Sunny Side Trail map on page 28.

Farm items and government products were distributed and shipped from this site.

Continue on Highland Church Rd. 0.2 mile, turn L on Shadden Rd., go a little over 3 miles, turn L at Fulkerson Rd., turn L on Suncrest Dr. to pt. 238.

1212 Suncrest Dr.
Gray
423-439-3659

238. Gray Fossil Site & Museum – (L) Dig up some fun and bones with hands-on exhibits and a front-row view of a real live fossil dig. The site is home to dwarf tapir, red panda and saber-toothed cat fossils.



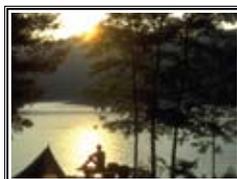
The fossils at Gray Fossil Site aren't the oldest unearthed in the U.S., or even in Tennessee, but the number and variety of plants and animals located in one place is extraordinary. It is the largest collection of Miocene era fossils ever found outside of the Gulf Coast region or the far West.



Continue on Suncrest Dr./TN-75, 4.6 miles, turn L on TN-36/Fort Henry Dr., go 5.2 miles, turn R on Hemlock Rd. to pt. 239.

490 Hemlock Rd.
Kingsport
423-239-8531

239. Warriors' Path State Park – (R) Named after the close proximity to an ancient Cherokee war and trading path, this 950-acre area was acquired by TVA in 1952 and is situated on the shores of Fort Patrick Henry Lake. It is the first state park in the nation to offer a Boundless Playground, where children with and without disabilities can play and learn together. Don't miss the .25-mile, wheelchair-accessible Lions Narnia Braille Trail, featuring eight sensory stations telling the story of Aslan, the lion in C.S. Lewis'



GRAY FOSSIL SITE

What started as a highway construction project became a significant fossil discovery in 2000 when the contractor discovered an unusual deposit of soft black clay. The experts called in to assess the situation found a large collection of perfectly mineralized animal bones and plant remains, dating back to the Miocene time period of 5 to 23 million years ago. Among the remains was a nearly perfect Tapir skeleton, an extinct, pig-like animal over 10,000 years old. The site has been preserved and now includes the ETSU and General Shale Brick Natural History Museum, dedicated to providing education and enjoyment for students and tourists alike. It's a fascinating and unique part of Tennessee, perhaps the only museum in the world within a fossil site currently under investigation.



Find more information at SunnySideTrail.com.

Chronicles of Narnia fantasy. Additional amenities include fishing, camping, boating, golfing, hiking, biking and more.

See page 37, points 223 and 224, for the wineries you can access near here.

240. Fort Patrick Henry Dam & Lake– Built by TVA primarily for hydropower, this 10-mile, 872-acre dam also regulates water-flow downstream for local industry. It was completed in 1953 and named for a nearby Revolutionary War fort constructed to defend settlers from Cherokee attacks. Today, the reservoir is a popular site for fishing, known for rainbow trout, bluegill, bass and crappie.



Continue N on TN-36/Fort Henry Dr., turn R, go about 1 mile to pt. 240.

OFF-TRAIL

From lake, go 1.3 miles N on TN-36/Fort Henry Dr., turn R on N. John B. Dennis Hwy/TN-93N, take exit ramp toward Orebank Rd., turn R at Orebank Rd., go 1.1 miles to pt. 241.

4812 Orebank Rd.
Kingsport
423-288-6071

Retrace route to John B. Dennis Hwy/TN-93 and head S to return to trail.

241. Exchange Place – (R) Enjoy this living history farm that recaptures life in the early 1800s. The site was once a community with a self-supporting plantation, a relay station along the Old Stage Road and a post office.



BACK ON-TRAIL

From lake, go 1.4 miles N, turn R to merge onto S. John B. Dennis Hwy/TN-93S, go 2.9 miles, turn R at S. Wilcox Dr., turn L on Meadowview Pkwy. to pt. 242.

1901 Meadowview Pkwy.
Kingsport
423-578-6600

242. MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort – (L) This hotel is ranked the "No. 1 Marriott in the World for Guest Satisfaction" and is the "Top Hotel Operations of Excellence" winner three of the last four years; the only Marriott property to have ever won more than once. Enjoy a great meal and a round of golf.



Meadowview Pkwy. becomes Reservoir Rd.; go 2.4 miles to pt. 243.

853 Bays Mountain Park Rd., Kingsport
423-229-9447

Backtrack from Bays Mountain to Reservoir Rd.

243. Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium – (R) This 3,550-acre nature preserve is the largest city-owned park in the state. It features a picturesque 44-acre lake, nature center with state-of-the-art planetarium theater, and animal habitats including wolves, bobcats, raptors and reptiles.



FACEBOOK FAN FAVORITE

I really enjoy just walking in the park with my family. The wolf show is good—my kids love it when they howl!

On Reservoir Rd., look for Saratoga Rd., turn L and follow signs to pt. 244.

1120 Saratoga Rd.
Kingsport
423-246-1240

244. Agota Springs Spa – (L) On 120 acres at the foot of Bays Mountain, this day spa includes men's and women's treatments and steam rooms. *By appointment Tues.-Sat.*



Since 1965, Eastman Chemical Company's Tennessee division has commissioned the Academy of Natural Sciences to monitor South Fork Holston River near its Kingsport site. Six studies indicate Eastman has no harmful impact on the river and it continues to support healthy aquatic life. Initiatives like this are one of the reasons Eastman U.S. was named as a 2009 "Top 100 Greenest Big Companies in America" by Newsweek.



You're passing Eastman Chemical Company, TN-126 on R.

Turn L on Meadowview Pkwy., go 0.8 mile, turn L on S. Wilcox Dr., go 2 miles, turn L on E. Sullivan St., go 0.2 mile, turn L at E. Main St., go 0.6 mile to pt. 245.

151 E. Main St.
Kingsport
800-743-5282

From Main St., turn R on Broad St. and park.

245. Kingsport Visitors Center (L)



Run by the Kingsport Convention & Visitors Bureau, this 1916 depot was originally used as the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad passenger train station.

Park the car here or on Broad Street and walk to points 246-251.

246. Bone Fire Smokehouse (R) was voted to have the "Best Ribs in the Nation" on *Live with Regis and Kelly*. Enjoy live music next door in the **Bus Pit**.



242 E. Main St.
Kingsport
423-239-7225

KINGSPORT

The town of Kingsport has been known by many names, from the Native Americans' Peace Island to the settlers' Island Flats, to Fort Robinson and Fort Patrick Henry. It has been known as Christiansville, Rossville, Long Island and Boat Yard. Finally, the name Kingsport was accepted in the late 1700s. You might think it was named for King George of England, but it was named for a settler by the name of **Colonel James King**. King established a mill at the mouth of Reedy Creek during this time. The port of Boat Yard was used to ship iron, bacon, salt, and other items to towns on the Holston and Tennessee Rivers. People started to call it "King's Port," and the name stuck. The town's history is rich and worth exploring through its sites and attractions. Connect with the Cherokee Indians, early settlers, and Revolutionary and Civil War soldiers in Kingsport.



Points 239-258 are located in Kingsport.

Main St./Broad St./
Market St., Kingsport

114 Broad St.
Kingsport
423-245-0731

Broad St./Commerce St.
Kingsport

240 Broad St.
Kingsport
423-245-8351

Caroline's
132 E. Center St.
Kingsport
423-245-8226

Back in car, continue down Broad St., turn L on W. Sullivan St. to pt. 252.
497 Broad St.
Kingsport

247. Fine Art Galleries & Studios – Find one-of-a-kind works at the following galleries within walking distance: **Suzanne Barrett Justis Fine Art Studio & Gallery, Cindy Saadeh's Fine Art Studio & Gallery, Ripper Art Studio, The Main Art Center, The Gallery of Local Artists, and Up Against the Wall.**



248. Jan-Mar Restaurant – (L) This old-style diner makes sure you leave full.

DINE.COM: Best coffee in town and it won't set you back \$5 a cup. Food is some of the best you will find anywhere!

249. Antiques & Primitives – Downtown Kingsport hosts the largest concentration of antique stores within walking distance in the Southeast. For those seeking the thrill of the hunt, explore: **Anchor Antiques, Shaker Antiques, The Haggle Shop, Nooks & Crannies, Ole Crow Primitives, P&J, Primitive Gatherings, River Mountain Antiques & Primitives, and The Gilded Nest.**

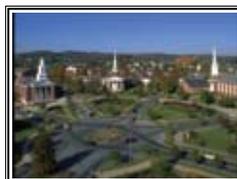


250. Blakley-Mitchell Co. – (L) This men's store features styles from casual to formal eveningwear.



251. Boutiques – Stop at **Caroline's** for the latest fashions, jewelry and more. **Style** offers a unique mix of home interiors and gifts.

252. Historic Church Circle – (R) This Kingsport landmark was designed by railroad engineer William Dunlap and refined by city planner John Nolen as part of the 1919 city plan. It is one of the cornerstones of urban design with its "spoke and wheel" street pattern. The bank building here was the site of the Kingsport Inn, a hotel and social meeting place before it closed in 1960.



Turn L on Revere St. to pt. 253.
327 Revere St.
Kingsport
423-246-9761

253. Pal's Sudden Service – (L) Pal Barger, owner, opened the first Pal's here in 1956. Over 50 years later, there are 22 locations. The first "drive-thru only" concept was created on the back of a napkin and is known for "great food in a flash." Pal's is a Malcolm Baldrige National Award winner and the first organization to receive the Tennessee National Excellence Award twice. It features burgers, hotdogs, cheddar rounds and famous iced tea.



Continue SW on Revere St., R on W. Center/ TN-355 for 1 mile, turn R at Netherland Inn Rd. to pt. 254.

254. Long Island of the Holston – (L) This island's location near the North and South Forks of the Holston River, its significance to the Cherokee, and its proximity to the Great Indian Warpath made it an important site during the settlement of the Old Southwest in the mid-18th century. Today, the island has a few remaining houses and a city park.



1777 Netherland Inn Rd.
Kingsport
423-245-3474

255. Riverfront Seafood Restaurant – (L) Enjoy fresh seafood with outdoor seating alongside the Holston River. *Closed Sun.*

Go 0.7 mile on Netherland Inn Rd., take 3rd R onto Shirley St., go 269 ft. to pt. 256.
121 Shirley St.
Kingsport
423-245-5523

256. Hammond House – (R) Located in the Boatyard Historic District, this home was restored by L. Vurl and Neta Ruth Hammond and later willed to a preservation association. The eight-room, Victorian house was built in 1892, after Louie M. Smith, wife of E. D. Smith, purchased the lot. Louie's father, William E. Jones, a doctor/dentist in old Kingsport owned the sawmill that provided lumber for the house. *Tours by appointment only.*



Turn R on Netherland Inn Rd. go 0.2 mile to pt. 257.
2144 Netherland Inn Rd.
Kingsport
423-247-3211

257. Netherland Inn House, Museum & Boatyard – (R) This complex is the nation's only registered historical site that was both a stage stop and boatyard. From the 1760s, travelers came to this river bank, built boats and migrated west. Operated by William King in 1802 for shipping salt, the property was sold in 1818 to Richard Netherland. He established

LONG ISLAND OF THE HOLSTON

This four-mile island on the Holston River was once sacred to the Cherokee, surrounded by vast hunting territory and crossed by the Great Indian Warpath, a major trail from Tennessee into the Northeast. The island set the stage for several events that would lead to the establishment of Kentucky and Middle Tennessee. In 1761, Fort Robinson was built here (and soon abandoned) during a colonial expedition into Cherokee lands, marking the first white occupation in the area. In 1775, Daniel Boone's party of axemen set out from Long Island to clear what would become the Wilderness Road, which brought more than 200,000 settlers into Kentucky over the next 20 years. In 1779, Fort Patrick Henry on the island was the departure point for the Donelson Party, a band of families setting out on a flotilla of flatboats down the Tennessee and up the Cumberland Rivers, joining the Robertson party at the end of their journey to become Nashville's first settlers.



this inn and tavern on the Great Old Stage Road, the main route to Western Kentucky and Middle Tennessee. It was a popular stop and had famous guests including Presidents Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson and James Polk. In 1968, it was purchased by an association to be preserved as a historic site and is furnished to represent life as it was during frontier settlement. *Weekend tours only, May-Oct., 2-4 p.m.*



Continue on Netherland Inn Rd., turn L on US-11W to pt. 258.
4444 W. Stone Dr.
Kingsport
423-229-9422

258. Allandale Mansion – (R) This site holds the dream home of Ruth and Harvey Brooks. They built and furnished a distinctive home on grounds that were designed by the man who served as the landscape architect for President Dwight Eisenhower. Today, it is used for special events.



Continue on US-11W for 2.8 miles to pt. 259.

259. Town of Mt. Carmel – This Hawkins County town is in the gentle rolling foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Mt. Carmel was once recognized as the only U.S. town to be located on one side of a road. Since then, the city has secured property across the road for a cemetery.

On US-11W, go 2.8 miles to pt. 260.

260. City of Church Hill – Named for the First United Methodist “Church on the Hill” located downtown, Church Hill is the largest municipality in the county and the only one officially chartered as a city.



Turn R on Garland Ave., turn R on Richmond St. to pt. 261.

261. The Homestead Shoppe – (R) This antique mall is jam-packed with great finds and buys. If you’re hungry, grab a slaw dog at the **Blue Moon Café**.

OFF-TRAIL

Return to US-11W, turn R, go 1.2 miles, turn L on TN-346N, becomes Goshen Valley Rd., go 0.8 mile, turn L at River Rd., go 1.9 miles, turn L at Laurel Run Park Rd. to pt. 262.

262. Laurel Run Park – (R) Near Church Hill, this park is set along the scenic Holston River. It includes river access, a mountain creek, walking trails, playground area, tennis court, softball and baseball fields, and picnic shelters.



364 Laurel Run Park Rd. Church Hill 423-357-8110

Did You Know

The movie **The River**, starring **Mel Gibson and Sissy Spacek**, was filmed at Laurel Run Park.



BACK ON-TRAIL

Return to US-11W, turn R. Go 7.5 miles. Turn R on Stoney Point Rd. and drive a few feet. Turn around in parking lot, cross US-11W, driving straight on Phillips Bend Rd to pt. 263.

263. New Providence Presbyterian Church, Academy & Cemetery – (R) This 1780 church was established by Rev. Charles Cummings and Rev. Samuel Doak, founder of Washington College and father of the founder of Tusculum College. The church and Maxwell Academy are registered as Historic Places as well as the cemetery, a resting place for Revolutionary, Civil, and Vietnam War veterans.



Turn L on Phillips Bend Rd. towards Surgoinsville. Turn R on TN-346/Main St., go about 5 miles to pt. 264.

264. Surgoinsville – Named for French immigrant James Surguine/Surgoine, this town is located between Church Hill and Rogersville near the Holston River. Although chartered in 1815, for a time there was no local government. In the early 20th century, citizens restarted the municipality, which is governed by a mayor and aldermen board.



1714 W. Main St. Surgoinsville 423-345-3372

265. Bellamy Hardware – (L) Offering extraordinary local talent, this old warehouse was converted into a music venue and antique store. For about \$5, you’ll hear some of the best bluegrass around, the third Saturday of the month at 7 p.m. A snack bar serves pizza, hot dogs and homemade desserts at the shows.



Just down from pt. 265. 1608 W. Main St. Surgoinsville 423-345-4835

266. Brown’s Grocery – (L) Shop for Amish goods, candy, butter, bread, deli meat and cheese. You can even get a soft-serve ice cream.

Turn L on Long’s Bend Pk. in downtown to head to pt. 267.

267. Riverfront Park – (L) Enjoy this scenic walking area overlooking the beautiful Holston River and Bays Mountain. Take advantage of the picnic area, trails, boat ramp and fishing docks.



Return to TN-346/W. Main St. to travel through Surgoinsville.

OFF-TRAIL

On TN-346/W. Main St., cross over US-11W, and drive less than 1 mile to pts. 268 & 269.

268. Davidson Farm – (R) Stop into the newly reopened **Farm Market Store** on this working family farm in Rogersville for fresh produce, jams and jellies, family recipes and more. The 1902 store was originally built by the first generation of family farmers here, and today, the fourth generation keeps that tradition alive year-round, in addition to fun fall activities.



Pt. 268: 1006 Carters Valley Loop Near Surgoinsville 423-345-3384

269. Jubilee Gallery – (R) In a 125-year-old Victorian farm house, the gallery showcases over 25 of the state’s finest artists.



Pt. 269: 573 Carters Valley Loop Near Surgoinsville 423-345-3301

Return to int. of TN-346/W. Main St. and US-11W and turn R on US-11W to rejoin trail.

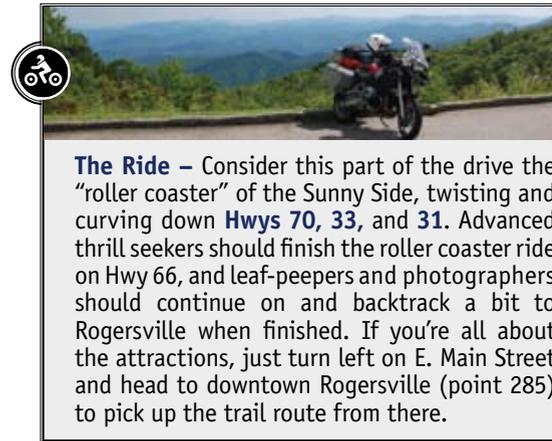
BACK ON-TRAIL

From TN-346/W. Main St., turn L on US-11W. Go 1.7 miles, turn R on Blevins Rd. for less than 1 mile to pt. 270.

270. Melody Orchards – (R) This family-owned orchard grows a variety of pick-your-own fruit including more than 10 types of apples, five kinds of peaches, blueberries, blackberries, cherries and raspberries. *Open June-Oct.*



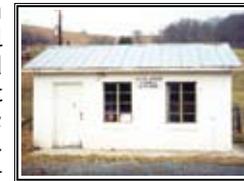
104 Blevins Rd. Rogersville 423-591-0586



The Ride – Consider this part of the drive the “roller coaster” of the Sunny Side, twisting and curving down **Hwys 70, 33, and 31**. Advanced thrill seekers should finish the roller coaster ride on Hwy 66, and leaf-peepers and photographers should continue on and backtrack a bit to Rogersville when finished. If you’re all about the attractions, just turn left on E. Main Street and head to downtown Rogersville (point 285) to pick up the trail route from there.

From US-11W, turn R on TN-70 towards Alumwell, Eidson and Kyles Ford.

271. Hwy 70: Alumwell, Eidson & Kyles Ford – Note these small communities as you pass through Hawkins and Hancock Counties: Alumwell, known as Alum Well when it received its first post office in 1870; Kyles Ford, receiving their post office in 1871 and likely named for a ford in the nearby Clinch River; and Eidson, which received their post office (pictured) in 1881.



FACEBOOK FAN FAVORITE

Riding into Sneedville you can feel the mysterious history that hugs to those mountainsides. There’s magic in that valley if you know where to look.

Travel about 16.7 miles on TN-70N from US-11W to pt. 272.

272. River Place On The Clinch – (L) This is the hub of Kyles Ford Wildlife Management Area and Kyles Ford Preserve. It provides outdoor experiences for sportsmen and conservationists alike, and it’s the perfect retreat setting with a meeting facility, cabins, canoe, bike, and rafting rentals, and in-season hunting. **River Place Market & Café**, located in the old Willis family store, serves everything from groceries to gossip to Southern favorites like biscuits and gravy, country ham, chow-chow, and fresh, pumpkin pie. **Points 273-275 are accessed at River Place on the Clinch.**



Access at pt. 272.

273. Kyles Ford Wildlife Management Area – (L) This 850-acre hunting area observes the state-wide hunting season. Find deer, turkey, squirrel, dove, rabbit, quail, woodcock, waterfowl, raccoon and opossum here.

Access at pt. 272.

274. Kyles Ford Preserve – (L) This shallow section of the Clinch River contains the most biologically diverse concentration of freshwater mussels in the U.S., with some species globally unique. It was acquired by TWRA in partnership with The Nature Conservancy and other groups to preserve the area’s rare, threatened, and endangered mussels species.



Clinch River sustains 48 imperiled and vulnerable species, 39 varieties of rare mussels, 19 species of fish and at least 50 globally rare cave animals that inhabit a network of some 1,250 caves beneath the Kyles Ford Preserve.



Access at pt. 272.

275. Clinch River – (L) Not only is this river biologically diverse, toward Norris Dam it offers 50 miles of smooth, slow-moving, Class I water (with occasional spots of Class II), great for families and those seeking a leisurely drift through Southern Appalachia.

JIMMY MARTIN, KING OF BLUEGRASS

Musician James “Jimmy” Martin was born into the hard-working farm life of rural Hancock County. He purchased his first guitar in his late teens and learned basic chords, and soon he was playing guitar in a local string band. He joined Bill Monroe’s legendary Blue Grass Boys in 1949, and his unique sound and cutting tenor helped form the “high lonesome sound” that has become a hallmark of bluegrass music today. A true child of the Sunny Side, he later built a successful solo career and formed The Sunny Mountain Boys, recording hits like “Sunny Side of the Mountain” for Decca. Martin’s lifelong dream to become a member of the *Grand Ole Opry* was never realized, perhaps due to his volatile mood swings and hard drinking. Still, he was widely known as the “King of Bluegrass,” and was inducted into the International Bluegrass Music Hall of Honor in 1995. A documentary on his life, *King of Bluegrass: The Life and Times of Jimmy Martin*, was released in 2003.



Continue on TN-70N/33S, take 2nd L on TN-33S towards Sneedville, go 7.6 miles. Stay L to continue on TN-33S, go 3.2 miles, turn L on Main St./TN-33S, go 1.7 miles to pt. 276.

276. Hwy 33: Sneedville – Hwy 33 takes you to Sneedville, originally called “Greasy Rock” for a popular spot where hunters dressed skins and piled meat on a large rock. Once the seat of Hancock County, it was named Sneedville to honor W. H. Sneed, a Knoxville attorney who helped establish the county. The town’s bluegrass heritage includes legendary pickers Jimmy Martin and Doyle Lawson, who both grew up here.



Sunny Side native Doyle Lawson of Grammy-nominated group Quicksilver got his start in the '60s as a banjo player for Jimmy Martin's Sunny Mountain Boys.



190 Willow St. Sneedville 423-733-1683

277. Sneedville/Hancock County Chamber & Community Partners (R)

OFF-TRAIL

In Sneedville, turn R on College St./TN-63W, go 2.8 mile, turn L at Collins Rd./TN-63W. Turn L to stay on Munsey Rd./TN-63W, go 0.8 mile, turn R on Blackwater Rd., go 3.8 miles to pts. 278-280.

Blackwater Rd. Vardy Community Sneedville

278. Vardy – Named after Melungeon Vardemon Collins, his descendants and a few other Melungeon families make up the majority population of what is sometimes called Vardy Valley, carved by Blackwater Creek between Newman’s Ridge and Powell Mountain. Relatively isolated, its primary access is from Sneedville’s Hwy 63.



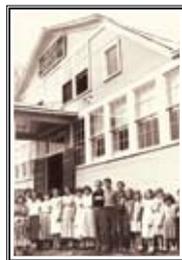
THE MELUNGEONS

No one knows the true origins of the Melungeon people, a mysterious racial blend that could include Sub-Saharan African, Native American, and even Caribbean ancestry. One theory speculates Moorish descent, exiled from Spain and Portugal in the 16th century to settle in the New World well before the colonists in Jamestown. According to this theory, subsequent generations were unaccepted legally or socially by their new country and retreated to the mountains, where today, some 500 Melungeon descendants still live where their ancestors settled in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. Newman’s Ridge is one of the most famous Melungeon communities. Visit the Vardy Community to learn more about the mystery and history of this fascinating people.



Blackwater Rd. Vardy Community Sneedville

279. Vardy School Community Historic District – (L) During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, dozens of settlement and mission schools were established across rural Appalachia, including an 1892 school at Vardy. Over the next 45 years, the school anchored a small community, now a historic district, which includes two schools, a church, general store, library, town building and two homes.



Pt. 280 has been moved from its original location to the Vardy School Community Historic District.

Blackwater Rd. Vardy Community Sneedville

280. Mahala Mullins Cabin – (R) One of the most famous people of Melungeon heritage was Mahala Mullins, a widow who openly sold moonshine from this log home (relocated from Newman’s Ridge in 2000 to the Vardy Historic District) to support her family (including 18 children). “Big Haley” weighed upwards of 500 pounds, and when repeatedly confronted with arrest warrants, cheerfully invited lawmen to arrest her, knowing that her size made it impossible to extract her from her cabin or transport her down the mountain. One deputy reported her to be “catchable but not fetchable.”

BACK ON-TRAIL

Continue on TN-33, turn R on TN-31S to pt. 281.

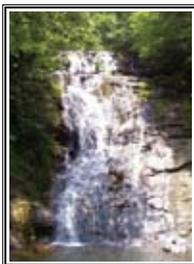
OFF-TRAIL

Go 7 miles on TN-33, to “Elrod Falls” sign, turn R. Go 0.6 mile, turn L on first gravel road labeled with small sign for trails. Go about 0.6 mile to trail’s base. Walk 0.1 mile pt. 282.

Backtrack your way to TN-31, turn R.

281. Hwy 31: Treadway, Mooresburg – Returning south on your adventurous and scenic ride, you’ll pass through small communities of Treadway and Mooresburg, and catch a glimpse of beautiful Cherokee Lake.

282. Elrod Falls – (R) This three-stage waterfall has an unusual flow that includes two small, natural pools for swimming. You’ll see stone formation usually found only in caves on the rock face of the second fall.



BACK ON-TRAIL

Heading down TN-31S, in about 8.5 miles you’ll see pt. 283.

From lake, continue 2.2 miles on TN-31S, turn L on US-11W, making your way back to Rogersville. Go 12.8 miles to W. Main St. At E. Main St. & N. Church St., turn L to park in chamber lot. At pt. 284, go in back door.

107 E. Main St. Rogersville 423-272-2186

Keep the car parked at pt. 284 or in pt. 285 area and walk to pts. 286-296.

209 E. Main St. Rogersville 423-272-2005

207 E. Main St. Rogersville 423-272-2273

201 E. Main St. Rogersville 423-272-0980

124 E. Main St. Rogersville 423-921-7656

283. Cherokee Lake – (R) This 30,300-acre lake has 463 miles of shoreline, lies within four counties, and draws more than 2.5 million visits a year. It was formed in 1942 when TVA built the Cherokee Dam on the Holston River in order to generate electricity during World War II. The Great Indian Warpath, once followed by Daniel Boone, crossed the reservoir’s basin.



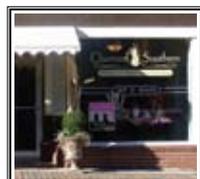
284. Rogersville/Hawkins County Chamber of Commerce (L)

Located in the U.S. Bank building, park around back and take the back entrance to visitor info, which includes a self-guided walking tour brochure.

285. Rogersville Historic District – Rogersville is the county seat of Hawkins County, and was settled in 1775 by the grandparents of Davy Crockett. The entire downtown area and many adjacent homes are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is one of the largest collections of Federal style architecture in Tennessee and has one of the state’s oldest courthouses, inns, and post offices, and is where the state’s first newspaper was published.



286. Amy’s All Natural Health Spa (L) features massage therapy/natural body products.



287. The Papery on Main/Charmed Southern – (L) This charming store features unique gifts and stationery, as well as accents for home and table.

288. O’Henry’s – (L) This is the place for home-style Southern food, served for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Their signature items include soup, beans and cornbread and a variety of homemade cobbles.



289. Local Artist Gallery – (R) Check out local art including prints, jewelry, photography,

ROGERSVILLE

Rogersville is one of the oldest towns in Tennessee and much of it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The state’s oldest courthouse, first newspaper (*The Knoxville Gazette* published in 1791), first post office, and oldest continuously-operated inn are located in Rogersville. The community was originally settled in 1775 by the grandparents of Davy Crockett; then officially established by Irish-born Joseph Rogers. With the help of other local settlers, Rogers laid out a plan for the town that included a public square. It was officially chartered in 1789.

Known as the cradle of Tennessee journalism, the town’s printing heritage is chronicled in its Tennessee Newspaper & Printing Museum located in the historic Southern Railway depot.

Points 270, 284-298 are located in Rogersville.



paintings, sculptures of wood, stone, and metal, glass and more. Shop for practical art such as quilts, brooms, furniture and pottery.



102 S. Church St. Rogersville 423-272-5711

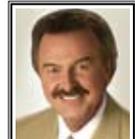
290. Sweet Creams Pastries & Deli – (L) Enjoy soups, salads and daily lunch specials, surrounded by 1950s-style decor.

109 S. Church St. Rogersville 423-272-6555

291. Miss Bea’s Perks & Pies (R) has delicious homemade items for breakfast and lunch, including sandwiches, soups and desserts. Wi-Fi access.



Rogersville is home of radio and television personality Charlie Chase (co-host of Crook & Chase) and where he began his career in the industry at age 13.



112 S. Church St. Rogersville 423-921-9017

292. Tennessee Books & Autographs (L) has one of the best collections of rare books, specifically on Tennessee, and various autographs of interest. Call for appointment.

122 E. Main St. Rogersville 423-272-7800

293. Mountain Star Mall – (L) This “bigger-than-you-think,” store is filled with antiques, including primitives and unique items for your home.



114 E. Main St.
Rogersville
423-921-7400

294. Sweet Tooth Café (L) features options for lunch like scrumptious chicken salad, sandwiches and desserts.



107 E. Main St.
Rogersville

295. Hawkins County Courthouse – (R) Built in 1836, this is Tennessee's oldest active courthouse, and one of only six antebellum courthouses still in use in the state. Its log cabin predecessor was the site of the 1796 vote tallied for Tennessee to attain statehood. The courthouse sits on Main Street, once a piece of the Great Stage Road connecting Washington, D.C. with Knoxville and Cumberland Gap to Kentucky.



110 W. Main St.
Rogersville
423-272-5171

296. Hale Springs Inn – (R) Built in 1824 by John A. McKinney, this renovated inn has hosted all three of Tennessee's U.S. Presidents — Jackson, Polk and Johnson — and remains open as an inn today. **McKinney's**, the inn's fine dining restaurant, serves contemporary Southern cuisine. *Reservations suggested.*



BACK ON-TRAIL

From W. Main, take 2nd R onto Colonial Rd., go 1 block, turn R on E. McKinney, go 3 blocks to S. Depot St., turn L to pt. 298.

415 S. Depot St.
Rogersville
423-272-1961

Continue on S. Depot St. for 1 block, turn R on W. Broadway, turn L on TN-66 to Bulls Gap. Go 11.9 miles, turn L on Andrew Johnson Hwy/US-11E/TN-34.

Take 1st R on S. VFW Rd. to pt. 299.

273 Hwy 11E
Bulls Gap
423-235-9400

298. Tennessee Newspaper & Printing Museum – (L) This restored 1890 Southern Railway Depot houses the state's only printing and newspaper museum, inspired by Tennessee's first newspaper, published in 1791 in Rogersville. Tour the award-winning recreated 19th-century print shop, and view originals or copies of over two dozen papers printed here.



299. Yoder's Country Market – (R) This Amish store has breads, meats, jams and more. If you're hungry, get a made-to-order sandwich or salad here, or try the "meat and three," burger or shake at the **Dairy Dream** in the same lot.



Turn R on VFW Rd. out of lot, go 0.1 mile, turn R on Sycamore Dr., go 0.2 mile to pt. 300.

300. Bulls Gap – This town is named for John Bull, a settler who operated the first stage line through this pass in the late 1700s. Later, the East Tennessee & Virginia Railroad laid tracks, making the town a



OFF-TRAIL

Continue E on W. Main St. for about 1 mile, turn R on Burem Pk./TN-347. Stay on Burem Pk./TN-347 for 1.6 miles to pt. 297. 677 Burem Pk. Rogersville

297. Thomas Amis Inn & Home – (L) Early settler and Revolutionary War hero Colonel Thomas Amis established this 1781 home and inn on the Great Indian Warpath Trail, later called the Great Stage Road. The inn grew to anchor the community of Amis, the principal settlement for the area. Some of its most famous guests included Daniel Boone, Andrew Jackson, John Sevier, and Bishop Francis Asbury, founder of the Methodist movement in America. The inn is owned by its founder's descendants. *Tours available.*



The founder of Rogersville met his future wife at Colonel Amis's tavern. Mary Amis married Joseph Rogers in 1786, and the Colonel ceded the lands near Crockett Spring to his new son-in-law.

ARCHIE CAMPBELL

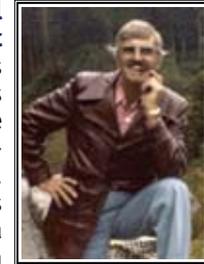
Bulls Gap native Archie Campbell began his career as a Knoxville radio announcer in 1936, working alongside Opry great Roy Acuff on the daily show *The Midday Merry-Go-Round*. He later hosted *County Playhouse*, Knoxville's first country music television program, and joined the cast of the *Grand Ole Opry* in 1958 as a comedian on the *Prince Albert Show*. In 1969, he was named "Comedian of the Year" by the Country Music Association for his work as a cast member and writer for the television show *Hee Haw*. Fans remember his musical comedy routine "Where Oh Where Are You Tonight?" and the beloved country characters he created. In addition to his entertainment career, Archie sold rural landscape paintings and limited edition prints, owned an art gallery in Gatlinburg, served on the Knoxville School Board and engaged in local politics. He remained an active comedic performer and speaker until his death in 1987.

For DVDs of Campbell's work, visit HeeHaw.com.

See Sunny Side Trail map on page 28.

Pt. 301 is inside Town Hall building. 139 S. Main St. Bulls Gap 423-235-5216

301. Archie Campbell Museum & Tourist Complex – (R) This downtown museum is dedicated to the late star of the CBS comedy-variety show *Hee Haw*. View the comedian's childhood home, a train caboose, and a museum with artifacts from Campbell's life, including a section on Hawkins County.



Pt. 302 (Civil War Trail marker) is located on downtown Main St.

302. Battle of Bulls Gap – (R) Civil War Confederate Major General **John C. Breckinridge** moved into East Tennessee in 1864, anticipating that Confederate sympathizers would join his forces and help drive Union troops from the area. After several days of fighting, the Union forces, short on everything from ammunition to rations, withdrew from Bulls Gap.



Continue on Sycamore Dr./S. Main St. to traffic light at US-11E.

OFF-TRAIL

Turn R on US-11E, go 3.5 miles to pt. 303. 14095 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy, Bulls Gap 423-235-5020

303. Volunteer Speedway – (R) Marketed as the "world's fastest dirt track" and affectionately known as "The Gap," this track has been thrilling fans since 1974. *April-Oct.*

BACK ON-TRAIL

Turn L on US-11E/Andrew Johnson Hwy/TN-66/34 and go 7 miles towards Morristown and pt. 304.

5915 E. Andrew Johnson Hwy, Russellville

304. Longstreet's Billet – (L) "Billet" means quarters or place to which one is assigned. During the Civil War, Lieutenant General Longstreet's Corps occupied this house in the winter of 1863-64 with the mission of securing East Tennessee for the Confederacy. This site is currently being restored as a museum.



Local women nursed the wounded during the Civil War at hospitals like the one at Bethesda Church. They used their own linens for bandages and even dug graves.



Continue SW on US-11E/TN-66/34, go 2 miles, turn R on Bethesda Rd., go 0.3 mile to pt. 305. 4990 Bethesda Rd. Morristown

305. Bethesda Church & Cemetery – (R) This 1835 church was used as a hospital for wounded soldiers on both sides of the Civil War, as well as treating patients with smallpox. In 1864, the

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church was hit by a cannonball and the patched area is still visible on the eastern wall. The cemetery contains the graves of 80 Confederate soldiers and features a kiosk on the Civil War and local history. The site is a stop on Tennessee's Civil War Trail.

Continue on Bethesda Rd./Larry Baker Rd. Head SE, crossing over US-11E at 0.3 mile. At E. Morris Blvd. and Bethesda, immediately merge L on Barton Springs Dr., go 0.5 mile to pt. 306.

306. Barton Springs – (R) (Private Residence) Construction for this home began in 1791 near the Great Indian Warpath/Great Stage Road. The surrounding community became known as Barton's Spring after Isaac Barton expanded the structure in 1820. Three unmarked graves of Civil War fatalities are located on the property, and it is said soldiers from both sides benefited from the spring's cooling waters.



Continue on Barton Springs Dr, go 0.2 mile, turn R on Dover Rd., go 223 ft., turn L at E. Morris Blvd, go 1.1 miles, U-turn at Boyd School Rd. to pt. 307.

3282 E. Morris Blvd. Morristown 423-586-4567

307. Davy Crockett Restaurant – (L) Sample country cooking at this local favorite, named for the Tennessee folk hero who spent his childhood in the area.



Head NE/L on E. Morris Blvd toward Snyder Rd., make U-turn at Snyder, turn R at Hale Ave., turn R at Main St./Morningside Dr. to pt. 308.

2002 Morningside Dr. Morristown 423-587-9900

308. Crockett Tavern Museum – (R) A replica of the boyhood home of Tennessee folk hero Davy Crockett, the museum contains artifacts from Crockett's childhood and tells the story of this legendary figure in American history. *May-Oct.*



OFF-TRAIL

Continue on Main St. for 1 mile, turn R on Anderson St., go 0.3 mile, turn L on E. 6th St. to pt. 309.

Corner of 6th St. & James St., Morristown

309. Bethel United Methodist Church & Morristown College Historic District – (L) Originally known as Bethel Church, this 1868 congregation supported the National Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in founding nearby Morristown College in 1881. The original school taught reading, writing, and arithmetic to freedmen (former slaves) following the Civil War. Though empty today, several of the college's buildings are historically recognized for their contribution to African-American education.



MORRISTOWN

Morristown's first European settler was a farmer named Gideon Morris who arrived here during a rapid western movement from the Watauga Settlement, near Elizabethton (featured on trail). In the late 1700s, the "Big Road" stretched from White's Fort (Knoxville) eastward over the old Native American trail, now the basic path of Highway 11E. The road and the 1856 arrival of the East Tennessee Virginia & Georgia Railroad helped to build and grow the community of Morristown. This is the town where Davy Crockett grew up, and the center of strategic Civil War battles. It was and is the "Crossroads of Dixie," where the main routes from Knoxville to Baltimore cross the famous Buffalo Trail from the Cumberland Gap. Today, its downtown area is nationally known for its SkyMart, an overhead sidewalk that creates a "second floor" of pedestrian space and storefronts.



Points 305-314 are located in Morristown.

BACK ON-TRAIL

310. Downtown Morristown – This Main Street's unique feature is SkyMart, an overhead sidewalk system part of a 1969 urban redevelopment project inspired by the walled city of Chester, England. The area features an eclectic mix of specialty shops, antique stores and restaurants to enjoy as you stroll the famous SkyMart.



Continue on Morningside Dr./Main St. to pt. 310.
E. Main St. Morristown
423-581-4330

Turn R on Hamilton Ave./Pence Alley and go 2 blocks. Turn L on W. 2nd N. St. to pt. 311.
442 W. 2nd N. St. Morristown
423-581-4330

Take 1st L on N. Jackson St., turn R on W. 1st N. St., go 3 blocks to pt. 312.
825 W. 1st N. St. Morristown
423-586-6382

311. Rose Center – (R) Located in the 1892 home of Morristown's first coeducational public high school, Rose Center is now a cultural center and museum. This beautifully restored building includes concert and performance space, art classes, art gallery, and a regional history museum including Civil War exhibits.



312. Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce (R)

OFF-TRAIL

313. Fun Expedition of Morristown – (R) This family attraction features go-karts, laser tag, a climbing wall, bowling, batting cages, arcade games, and even a soft play area for the little ones. Stop in to play or grab a bite at the Depot Diner.

1948 W. Morris Blvd. Morristown, 423-317-8383

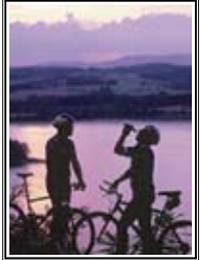
Did You Know?

The Evil Dead is one of the most popular horror films of all time, shot right outside Morristown at an abandoned cabin in the mountains. Over the years, it has become an underground hit for horror fans around the globe.



From W. Morris, turn L on W. Andrew Johnson Hwy/US-11E, go 3.6 miles, turn R at Panther Creek Rd./TN-342W to pt. 314.
2010 Panther Creek Rd. Morristown
423-587-7046

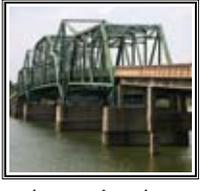
314. Panther Creek State Park – (R) Located on 1,435 acres and bordered by Cherokee Lake, this state park offers a pristine wild-life preserve, hiking, mountain biking and horse trails. Visitors also enjoy a boat ramp, swimming pool, camp sites, picnic pavilions and a gorgeous scenic overlook at its highest point by the lake.



BACK ON-TRAIL

From W. 1st N. St., turn L on N. High St. Go 1 block, turn L on W. Main St. Turn R on S. Jackson St. Turn L on US-11E/TN-34/W. Morris Blvd. Turn R on US-25E (East Tennessee Crossing National Scenic Byway), go about 7.6 miles to pt. 315.

315. White Pine – It's likely that this town was originally a large burial ground, sacred to Woodland Indians along the French Broad River. Its first settlers arrived around 1780, but it was the post-Civil War railroad boom that grew the area. In 1905, eight years after its official incorporation, a fire destroyed almost the entire downtown. It was incorporated again in 1915. During prohibition, the countryside along Hwy 113 and US-25W was popular with moonshine runners; barns with hidden gas pumps served as pit stops for drivers.



Turn R on Main St./TN-113, go about 6.3 miles, passing I-40E, merge L onto Oak Grove Rd. Pt. 316 is located at pt. 317.

2117 Oak Grove Rd. Dandridge
865-397-9054

316. Battle of Hay's Ferry Civil War Historical Marker – (L) This battle site is now underwater, but the fields of corn that separated Union and Confederate troops were a temptation for hungry soldiers. In 1863, Union cavalry was dispatched to clear out Confederate foragers. A running battle ensued and arriving Confederates pushed the Federals back.

317. French Broad Baptist Church – (L) The stained glass windows of this 1919 church were imported from Czechoslovakia by Colonel Swann and considered one of the finest works in the South. When TVA made plans to flood this area and create Douglas Lake, Mrs. Swann wrote letters to senators



and even poems to **First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt** to stop construction of the dam. Swann's land was not saved, but **President Franklin D. Roosevelt** provided a levee that saved this church, which is all that remains of Oak Grove, the county's earliest settlement.



Continue on Oak Grove Rd., turn R on Spring Creek Rd. From Spring Creek Rd., turn L on US-25W/70/TN-9. Go about 2.9 miles to pt. 318.
545 E. Meeting St. Dandridge
865-397-2917

318. Spirit of the Hand Gallery of Fine Crafts – (L) This unexpected gem features the work of more than 120 artisans from across the country.



OFF-TRAIL

Head SW on US-25W. Continue on TN-92 for 8.4 miles. Turn R onto Russell Ave. Turn R onto Old Andrew Johnson Pkwy. Turn R onto N. Chucky Pk. to pt. 319.
1280 N. Chucky Pk. Jefferson City

319. Glenmore Victorian Mansion – (L) This 1869 historic landmark is a near-perfect example of Second Empire Victorian architecture. Built on land where the Civil War Battle of Mossy Creek was fought, the property still maintains the family/Civil War cemetery. Special heritage events are held during the year, such as gardening, storytelling, and holiday fairs. *Tours available, May-Oct.*



BACK ON-TRAIL

Drive less than 1 mile on US-25W, turn L on Main St. Go 1 block, turn R to stay on E. Main St., pt. 320 is 1 block ahead.
137 E. Main St. Dandridge
865-397-7420
Park near pt. 320 for pts. 321-324.

320. Downtown Dandridge Visitor Center (L)

Make this 1820 coach house your first local stop to pick up a brochure for a self-guided walking tour through downtown as well as nearby driving sites.

321. Historic Dandridge – The state's second-oldest town is charming and well preserved, with a National Historic District that has boutiques, antique shops and restaurants.



Did You Know?

The world's largest moonshine still was discovered by authorities near Dandridge in 1973, hidden below a barn. The 15,227-gallon still was destroyed by a wrecking crew, disappointing many residents — they felt it could have made a great tourist attraction.

1214 Gay St. Dandridge

322. Bradford-Hynds House / Attack On Dandridge – (R) As Confederate General James Longstreet's 20,000 Confederates approached Dandridge in 1864, Union commanders met here and decided to

withdraw their vastly outnumbered troops to Strawberry Plains. The Confederate high command occupied the house the next day.

323. Downtown Dandridge Self-Guided Walking Tour – These 21 sites are just a few must-see stops:

The **Jefferson County Courthouse** (1845) is home to Native American artifacts, early farm equipment, a moonshine still and Davy Crockett's marriage bond.

Four original taverns (1814-1843): Hickman Tavern, Roper Tavern, Shepard's Inn and Thomas Tavern.



Did You Know?

Shepard's Inn (1814) hosted Tennessee's three U.S. Presidents — Andrew Jackson, James Polk and Andrew Johnson.



Two cemeteries including Revolutionary Graveyard (1785), Jail (1845), Bank (1855), Barber Shop (1885).

Eight homes (1820-1923).

Three buildings (1823-1882) with various uses including doctor's office, general merchandise store, café, post office, funeral parlor, and telephone exchange.

DANDRIDGE

Dandridge is the second-oldest town in the state. During the western expansion of the late 1700s, the fertile valleys, fresh water and abundant game of this area brought permanent settlers in 1783. In less than a decade, the settlement grew large enough for William Blount, Governor of the Territory South of the Ohio River, to carve out a new county named Jefferson in honor of the Secretary of State, Thomas Jefferson. Today, downtown Dandridge is a National Historic District featuring the 1845 courthouse and four original taverns on the district's walking tour. The town has the unusual backdrop of the Dandridge Dike, constructed in 1942 to save the downtown area from the waters of Douglas Lake when TVA constructed a dam across the French Broad River.

Points 316-318, 320-326 are located in Dandridge.



324. Tinsley-Bible Drug Store & Soda Fountain – (L) Celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2011, this popular lunch stop and drug store still has an old-fashioned soda fountain, complete with handmade shakes and the “Bible Burger.”



Back in the car, turn L on Gay St./Chestnut Hill Rd./TN-92 to cross over lake (pt. 325).

325. Douglas Lake & Dam – The dam furnished electric power for two critical industries during World War II — aluminum production and the Manhattan Project operations at Oak Ridge. Today, the dam remains an integral part of TVA’s overall water control system and the lake is a popular recreation destination, offering boating, fishing, camping and picnicking.



Continue on TN-92 for about 5.5 miles for final on-trail stop, pt. 326.

326. Bush Visitor’s Center – (L) Nestled at the foot of English Mountain in the community of Chestnut Hill, the Bush’s Visitors Center is a must-visit. The 12,000-square-foot center features a turn-of-the-century general store, museum, gift shop, theatre and café serving the “No. 1 Baked Beans in the World.” A perfect way to finish your Sunny Side Trail adventure, this is your final on-trail stop.



The original country store was opened in 1897 by Bush Brothers founder Andrew Jackson Bush, and served as a general store for Chestnut Hill until 1996.



Time to choose how your Sunny Side adventure will end: **either stay on Hwy 411 back into Sevierville, or make time for two more off-trail stops before you're finished.** You've just experienced pure Tennessee, visiting the sites of America's first frontier, walking in the footsteps of musical pioneers, and building your own collection of fascinating stories and legends along the way.

DOUGLAS DAM

Located 32 miles above the mouth of the French Broad River, this hydroelectric dam was built by TVA in world-record time in the 1940s to meet emergency energy demands during World War II. The project required the purchase of 33,160 acres of land and the relocation of 525 families and 32 cemeteries before the area was flooded, creating Douglas Lake. As the citizens of Dandridge faced the scheduled flooding of their town, they appealed to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, pointing out that the town was the only place in the U.S. named for the country's first First Lady — Martha Dandridge Washington. Mrs. Roosevelt made certain that a saddle dam was built to protect downtown Dandridge, and the town was spared.

OFF-TRAIL

327. Forbidden Caverns – (R) Head underground to view sparkling formations, towering natural chimneys, grottos and a crystal clear stream. Special lighting effects, a stereophonic sound presentation and knowledgeable tour guides make this one of Tennessee's best cavern experiences.

328. Harrisburg Covered Bridge – (L) Once at the center of the bustling Harrisburg community (now part of Sevierville), this 1875 bridge is 83 feet long and is one of the last four remaining covered bridges in Tennessee, still open to vehicles weighing less than three tons.

Visiting our precious region helps us preserve and tell our stories — thanks for visiting, and no matter where your travels take you next, **keep on the Sunny Side!**

FARMS IN THE AREA



Stop at a Century Farm and learn about its history, get lost in corn maze, pick your own produce or simply purchase from one of our orchards. These are just a few of the homegrown attractions along the Sunny Side Trail. For complete list, go to SunnySideTrail.com.

SEVIERVILLE

* **Brabson's Ferry Plantation** – (See pg. 2, pt. 3, Private Residence) 1272 Indian Warpath Rd.

Kyker Farms – Five-acre corn maze, haunted trail, hayrides and more. Sept.-Oct. 938 Alder Branch Rd. 865-679-4848.

Mountain View Orchard – 1,800 apple trees; 17 varieties. Baked goods, sweet potatoes and winter squash. Sept.-Oct. 1701 Birch Dr. 865-429-8649.

The Apple Barn & Cider Mill – (See pg. 4, pt. 13) 230 Apple Valley Rd. 865-453-9319.

Wheatlands – (See pg. 2, pt. 4, Private Residence) 1166-1198 Cedar Springs Valley Rd.



COSBY

Carver's Applehouse Restaurant & Orchard – (See pg. 8, pt. 46) 3460 Cosby Hwy. 423-487-2710.

NEWPORT

Hicks Family Farms – Pumpkins, gourds and fall decor. 380 Wilton Springs Rd. 423-623-8547.

DEL RIO

French Broad Outpost Ranch – Only dude ranch in Tennessee. 461 Old River Rd. 423-487-3120.

Smokey Mountain Honey Farm – 341 Old 15th Rd. 423-487-2804.

GREENEVILLE

Heritage Gardens – Professional nursery offering robust, native plants and shrubs. 745 Park Ln. 423-798-9494.

* **Still Hollow Farm** – Working family farm that showcases the region's heritage. 3005 W. Allens Bridge Rd. 423-638-3967.

The Ole Farm House – Working farm specializing in goat products, produce, crafts and pottery. 630 Johnson Rd. 423-639-7616.

Did You KNOW

A Century Farm is a farm that has been continuously owned by a family for 100 years or more. There are 191 certified Century Farms in the 12 Tennessee counties that make up the Sunny Side Trail.

CHUCKEY

* **Earnest Farms Historic District** – (See pg. 12, pt. 85) Chuckey Pk.

JONESBOROUGH

Fender's Farm – Corn maze, “Field of Screams,” pumpkins, mums, gourds, hay rides and a cow train. 254 Hwy 107. 423-753-4469.

*Century Farm

Jones & Church Farms – 3398 Hwy 81S. 423-753-5548.

UNICOI/ERWIN

Farmhouse Gallery & Gardens – (See pg. 16, pt. 124) 121 Covered Bridge Ln., Unicoi. 423-743-8799.

Scott's Strawberry & Tomato Farm – Strawberries and tomatoes on 100 acres. 217 New Ave., Erwin. 423-743-7511.

ELIZABETHTON

Beck Mountain Corn Maze & Entertainment Barn – Call for entertainment schedule. 116 Corn Maze Ln. 423-543-1045.

MOUNTAIN CITY

Shulls Farm and Corn Maze – Corn maze, pumpkins, gourds, fresh produce and fruits, homemade baked and canned goods. 4249 Roan Creek Rd. 423-291-1117.

BRISTOL

Magna Vista Farm – Tour 125-year-old farm house, interpretive tour of barnyard animals including a miniature horse who performs tricks. 585 Thomas Rd. 423-878-2831.

BLUFF CITY

The Stickleby Farm – 1930s farm with 11-acre corn maze and pumpkin patch. Sept.-Oct. 531 Timbermill Dr. 423-538-5896.

SURGOINSVILLE/ROGERSVILLE

Davidson Farm & Farm Market Store – (See pg. 44, pt. 268) 1006 Carters Valley Loop. 423-345-3384.

Melody Orchards – (See pg. 44, pt. 270) 104 Blevins Rd. 423-591-0586.

BULLS GAP

Myers Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze – Pumpkins, Indian corn, squash, gourds and mums; crafts, hayrides, corn maze and more. 3415 Gap Creek Rd. 423-235-4796.



NEW MARKET

Echo Valley Farms – Corn mazes, hay rides and haunted trail. Sept.-Oct. 1458 Groseclose Rd. 865-591-7343.

For wineries along the Sunny Side Trail, see page 27.

LAND TRUST FOR TENNESSEE

The Land Trust for Tennessee is a statewide, private non-profit organization whose mission is “to preserve the unique character of Tennessee’s natural and historic landscapes and sites for future generations.” The Land Trust for Tennessee works with communities and government partners to permanently conserve these unique areas. For more information, visit LandTrusttn.org or call 615-244-LAND.

THE STORY BEHIND THE SUNNY SIDE TRAIL

This is the story behind the stops: watch it unfold behind the rivers, lakes, forests and mountains that set the stage for Sunny Side's fascinating history.

{ BEFORE 1700AD }

THE CHEROKEE & THE MELUNGEONS

The Sunny Side Trail travels the ancient Appalachian Mountains, the oldest mountains in North America and among the oldest in the world. Wind and rain shaped them and created some of the nation's wildest rivers, like the French Broad, estimated to be the third oldest river in the world. Eastern Tennessee was also home to some of the earliest human settlements in the state. Mound building cultures from over 10,000 years ago left their remains in places like the McMahan Mound in Sevierville and along the banks of the French Broad River.

Sunny Side was once the sacred hunting land of the Great Cherokee Nation. The Nation dominated the region from South Carolina up through Kentucky for hundreds of years before the white colonists arrived in the 1700s. The Cherokee sought ways to integrate their culture with this new, dominant colonial culture. They were labeled as one of the five "civilized" tribes, a culture with their own written language and significant economic stability. Following the War of 1812, however, none of these efforts was sufficient to prevent the federal government under President Andrew Jackson from forcing out the majority of the Cherokee people in what became known as the Trail of Tears.

The Cherokee were not the only early people in Eastern Tennessee. In 1673, hunters from Virginia encountered people of mixed race who reported being in the mountains for a very long time, thought to be descendents of either Portuguese explorers from the 1500s or early Viking explorers who intermarried with Native Americans and African-Americans. To this day, no one knows their exact origin, but the Melungeon people have a distinct genetic heritage and most live in Hancock County.



TENNESSEE FIRSTS

By the 1770s, while still under British rule, disenchanting settlers like **Daniel Boone** sought land and freedom away from the Eastern Seaboard. They settled throughout the northeast part of what is now Tennessee in an area that became known as the Watauga Settlement, forming their own constitution and government. Theodore Roosevelt later cited this effort as America's first free government. Jonesborough became the first established town in Tennessee in 1779. Other early towns included Elizabethton, Greeneville, Dandridge, Rogersville, Johnson City and Bristol.

As America fought for its independence from Britain in the Revolutionary War, the Overmountain Men marched from East Tennessee to South Carolina in 1780 and defeated the loyalists at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Thomas Jefferson referred to it as the "turning of the tide" in the war for freedom from Britain.

Following the Revolutionary War, the people of Watauga became frustrated with their lack of representation from the states of Virginia and North Carolina. In a declaration of independence never acknowledged by Congress, East Tennessee settlements formed the State of Franklin. It existed from 1784 to 1788 and laid the groundwork for the creation of the first U.S. territory, the Southwest Territory, and then eventually the creation of the state of Tennessee. President George Washington appointed William Blount as Governor of the Southwest Territory, and he took up residence at Rocky Mount to conduct its business affairs from 1790 to 1792.

George Roulston and Robert Ferguson printed *The Knoxville Gazette* in Rogersville, in 1791. This was the first newspaper from the new territory, south of the Ohio River.

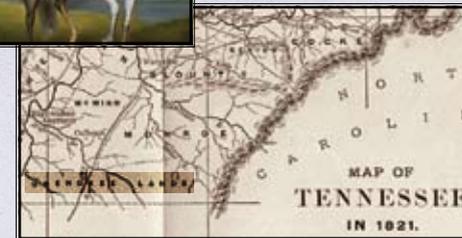


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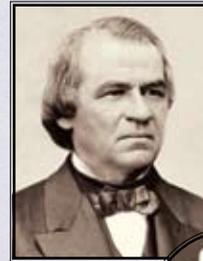
GROWTH & CONFLICT

Davy Crockett was born and raised along the Sunny Side Trail, and he helped carve out the state of Tennessee from the forests and mountains, fighting heroically in the War of 1812 and becoming one of the founding fathers of the state. Following the war, the federal government under **President Andrew Jackson** marched the **Cherokee people living in East Tennessee** to Oklahoma on what became known as the Trail of Tears. At the same time that Crockett fought for freedom and the Cherokee were being forced from their homes, the people of East Tennessee were



leaders in questioning the culture of slavery in the U.S. Elihu Embree of Jonesborough published the nation's first periodical dedicated to the eradication of slavery, *The Emancipator*, in 1820. Abolitionist groups were common in the region, and while there were some slaves held in East Tennessee, the majority of residents opposed slavery and secession from the Union. In 1861, the western part of the state won the statewide secession vote, and Tennessee left the Union. East Tennesseans paid the price in

harassment, jail and death at the hands of the Confederate supporters. In 1863, Union forces won several key battles in the state and took control, turning the tables on Confederate sympathizers who then suffered equally at the hands of angry Unionists. The result was a culture of families, neighbors, communities and an entire state divided. **Andrew Johnson**, once a tailor in Greeneville, was Abraham Lincoln's Vice President. Upon Lincoln's assassination in 1865, he inherited one of the most monumental tasks forced upon a president — uniting a nation torn apart by the Civil War.



Almost every small town along the Sunny Side Trail has been shaped by the frenzy of railroad activity in the 1800s. The East Tennessee & Virginia Railroad ended Northeastern Tennessee's isolation from towns further west in 1858. As the tracks were laid and the depots built, the passengers and freight traffic coming through stops like Bristol, Johnson City, and Newport created opportunities for entrepreneurs to open the inns, taverns, and general stores that created a buzzing local economy. As construction and equipment began to modernize in the late 1800s, the network of railroads expanded and brought even more traffic through Sunny Side. In this region, the lines were specifically designed to travel through the twists and turns of the mountain routes, creating easier export for the valuable natural resources found here.



{ 1900-1930 }

MOONSHINE, MUSIC & MIGRATION

Prohibition in the 1920s outlawed the manufacture and sale of liquor, giving a new value to the homemade Appalachian liquor known as moonshine. Daredevil drivers eluded federal marshals under the cover of darkness to "run the shine from the hollers to the speakeasies" on the treacherous mountain route known as "Thunder Road." The shine runners became local celebrities, holding public races that eventually grew into today's NASCAR.

In 1927, a talent scout from the Victor Talking Machine Company came to Tennessee and held the Bristol Recording Sessions, recognized as the birth of country music. These sessions and others discovered **Jimmie Rodgers, The Carter Family, and The Stoneman Family.**

The Great Depression of the 1930s brought about federal projects in East Tennessee that transformed the region economically, but also forced over 45,000 people from their homes. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) sought to address flood control, power generation and outdoor recreation with the creation of massive dams and reservoirs that required the relocation of people, homes and cemeteries. Watauga, Douglas, Cherokee and South Holston are all projects on Sunny Side created by the TVA. The creation of **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** in 1934 had the same effect, with over 1,000 families removed from their land to create what is now America's most popular national park, a national treasure that draws 10 million visitors a year.



{ 1930 TO TODAY }

A QUEEN OF ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Today, East Tennessee is home to some of the state's most engaging and most visited amusement, shopping and entertainment attractions, and the area is still known for its Appalachian crafts communities. Tennessee's first city, Jonesborough, is now the **Storytelling Capital of the World**, hosting an annual fall festival that draws huge crowds to hear the best storytelling in the nation. Music is very much alive and well on the Sunny Side Trail, where dozens of local music venues promote and preserve the Appalachian and early country music sound. The legacy of the moonshiners lives on at the world's fastest half-mile NASCAR track at **Bristol Motor Speedway and Dragway**, and the gorgeous hills and rivers create some of the country's favorite national, state, and city parks and recreation areas.



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