

Planning A Blue Ridge Parkway Vacation



Official App & Map

I am happy to help you plan a visit to the Blue Ridge Parkway and other American destinations.

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~Tamela Rich



If you're a paper map user, begin by downloading the official Parkway Map at <http://www.nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/upload/BLRImap1-1.pdf>



If you enjoy digital apps download the Blue Ridge Parkway Travel Planner app. Published by the Blue Ridge Parkway Association, the app is available on Google Play and Apple Stores. FREE.

Explore by region, activity, or by proximity to your location. It WILL work on the Parkway because it includes GPS mapping capabilities.



Use it to navigate the four major regions: Ridge, Plateau, Highlands and Pisgah.

The app also includes information for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park region (located near the Parkway's southern end in North Carolina) and the Shenandoah National Park region (near the Parkway's northern end in Virginia).

Maps and navigation guides

Parkway visitor centers

Interpretive stops on the Parkway

Gas availability

Popular hiking trails

Suggested itineraries

Major access points for the Parkway

Adjacent Parkway communities and services

Wildlife information

Use your GPS signal for points of interest

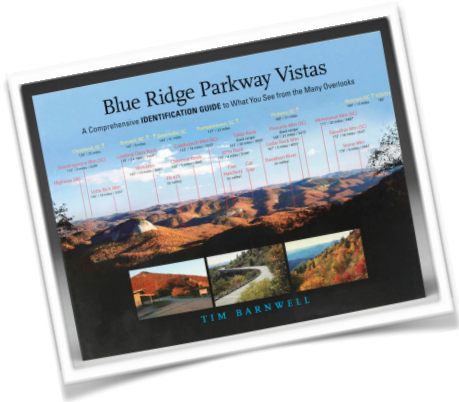
On and off-Parkway campgrounds & lodging

Save places to your Favorites list

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Reading and Resources

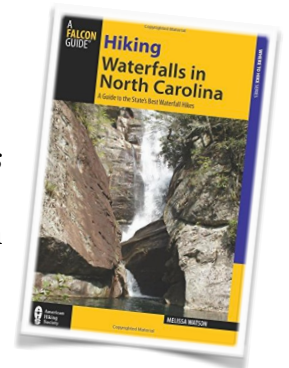


Blue Ridge Parkway Vistas: A Comprehensive Identification Guide to What You See from the Many Overlooks

by Tim Barnwell

Hiking Waterfalls in North Carolina: A Guide to the State's Best Waterfall Hikes

by Melissa Watson



The Virtual Blue Ridge Bookstore is a great resource for books, maps, guidebooks & videos

blueridgebookstore.com

Phone Numbers

Parkway emergencies, accidents, fire

800-727-5928

Parkway information, weather, road conditions, closures

828-298-0398

Recreation.gov camping reservations

877-444-6777

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Ridge Region MP 0 Rockfish Gap - 106 Roanake

Property / Venue*	Website / Contact
Thomas Jefferson's Monticello 25 miles from MP 0	http://www.monticello.org/
Humpback Rocks Visitor Center & Farm MP 5.8	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=103
Montebello Resort (Exit MP 27)	http://montebellova.com/
Whetstone Ridge Trail MP 29	http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/gwj/null/recarea/?recid=75348&actid=50
James River & Otter Creek MP 60-63.8	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=104
Otter Creek Campground MP 60.8	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=29
Natural Bridge (Exit either MP 61.6 or 63.7)	http://www.virginia.org/cities/NaturalBridge/
Peaks of Otter Campground MP 85.6	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=33
Peaks of Otter Visitor Center MP 86	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=102
Peaks of Otter Lodge MP 86	http://www.peaksofotter.com/
Blue Ridge Parkway home	BlueRidgeParkway.org
Real-Time Road Closures on the BRP	NPS.gov/maps/blri/road-closures/

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Plateau Region MP 106 - 217 VA/NC Border

Property / Venue*	Website / Contact
VA's Explore Park Visitor Center MP 115	http://www.explorepark.org/231/Explore-Park
Rocky Knob Visitor Center MP 161.1	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=34
Rocky Knob & Mabry Mill, MP 169, 176.2	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=111
Fancy Gap KOA MP 199.5	http://koa.com/campgrounds/fancy-gap/
Mount Airy, NC (Exit 199.5) Andy Griffith's home town Mayberry RFD	http://www.visitmayberry.com/
Blue Ridge Music Center MP 213	BlueRidgeMusicCenter.org
Fiddler's Roost B&B Cabins (Exit MP 215)	http://fiddlersroostcabins.com/
Cool Breeze Campground (Exit MP 215)	http://www.coolbreezecampground.com/
VA-NC state line MP 216.9	
Cumberland Knob MP 217.5	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=107
Virginia is for Lovers /Parkway info	Virginia.org/BlueRidgeParkway
Virtual Blue Ridge / Parkway Guide	VirtualBlueRidge.com

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Highlands Region MP 217 - 340 Crabtree Falls

Property / Venue*	Website / Contact
Doughton Park MP 241 picnic; MP 239 campground; MP 238.5 Brinegar Cabin; Wildcat Rocks & Caudill House MP 241.1	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=108
Northwest Trading Post MP 259	http://www.visitnc.com/listing/northwest-trading-post
E.B. Jeffress Park MP 272	http://www.virtualblueridge.com/parkway-place/e-b-jeffress-park/
The Blowing Rock (Exit MP 291.9)	http://www.theblowingrock.com/
Moses H. Cone Memorial Park MP 294	http://www.visitnc.com/listing/moses-h-cone-memorial-park
Parkway Craft Center MP 294	https://www.southernhighlandguild.org/retail-shops/parkway-craft-center/
Julian Price Memorial Park MP 297	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=110
Linn Cove Viaduct & Visitor's Center MP 304.4	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=873
Grandfather Mountain State Park (Exit MP 305)	NCParks.gov/Visit/parks/grmo/main.php
Flat Rock Parking Area MP 308.2	http://www.brptrails.com/brp3082.htm
Linville Falls MP 316.3	http://www.visitnc.com/listing/linville-falls-1
NC Minerals Museum (Spruce Pine, NC—MP 331)	BlueRidgeHeritage.com/attractions-destinations/museum-of-north-carolina-minerals
Crabtree Falls MP 339.5	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=38

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Pisgah Region MP 340 - 469 Cherokee

Property / Venue*	Website / Contact
Mount Mitchell State Park (Exit MP 355.4)	NCParks.gov/Visit/parks/momi/main.php
Craggy Gardens Visitor Center MP 364.4	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=112
Folk Art Center 382	http://www.southernhighlandguild.org/
Parkway Visitor Center & HQ MP 384	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=114
Biltmore Estate (Exit at MP 388.8)	http://www.biltmore.com/
Chimney Rock (Exit MP 384.7)	http://www.chimneyrockpark.com/
North Carolina Arboretum MP 393.6	http://www.ncarboretum.org/
Pisgah Inn MP 408.7	PisgahInn.com
Waterrock Knob Visitor Center MP 451.2	http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/v.php?pg=116
Cherokee, NC (Exit MP 469)	http://visitcherokeenc.com/#home
Oconoluftee Visitor's Center at Great Smoky Mountain National Park (Exit MP 469)	http://www.romanticasheville.com/oconaluftee.htm
Mountain Farm Museum and Mingus Mill (Exit MP 469)	http://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/mfm.htm

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