



🌲 🌲 GATLINBURG · PIGEON FORGE 🌲 🌲

Smoky Mountain Trip Guide



Hikes, picnic areas, restaurants and seasonal events near Bluehaus Cabins



Park rules, short hikes and drives, picnic areas, local restaurants, and seasonal events near four cabins in Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge.

PARK BASICS

- 🌲 **Parking tag.** Entry to the park is free. Any vehicle parked longer than 15 minutes needs a printed tag on display. Daily and weekly tags are sold on recreation.gov, at visitor centers, and at park pay machines.
- 🌲 **Dogs.** Welcome in picnic areas, frontcountry campgrounds, and along roads, on a leash 6 feet or shorter.
- 🌲 **Dog trails.** The only park trails open to dogs are the Gatlinburg Trail and the Oconaluftee River Trail.
- 🌲 **Laurel Falls.** The trail is closed for rehabilitation and is expected to reopen sometime in 2027.

Current closures are posted at nps.gov/grsm.



SHORT HIKES AND SCENIC DRIVES



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Gatlinburg Trail

A riverside path from Sugarlands Visitor Center toward town, about 1.9 miles one way, past old homesite chimneys. One of two park trails open to leashed dogs.

Dogs allowed · about 24 min from the Gatlinburg cabins

2

Elkmont and Daisy Town

Early 1900s vacation cabins and the Appalachian Clubhouse, preserved from a former resort community off Little River Road.

Dogs allowed on roads, not trails

3

Metcalf Bottoms to Little Greenbrier School

A riverside picnic area with a 3.4-mile round-trip trail to a one-room schoolhouse and the Walker homesite. Little Greenbrier Road to the school is open to cars Apr 3 to Nov 29, 2026.

Dogs allowed in the picnic area, not on the trail

4

Tremont and Lynn Camp Prong

About 1.4 miles round trip on a wide old railroad grade, ending at a cascade. Upper Tremont Road is unpaved and can close for snow, ice, or mud.

No dogs

5

Foothills Parkway, Walland to Wears Valley

About 15 miles of ridge road with overlooks toward Mount Le Conte. The Wears Valley end is the closest of these to Rocky Top Retreat.

Dogs allowed at overlooks

PICNIC AREAS

- 🌲 **Metcalf Bottoms.** Open year-round. 122 sites on the Little River and a reservable pavilion.
- 🌲 **Chimneys.** Open Apr 3 to Nov 30, 2026, along Newfound Gap Road.
- 🌲 **Greenbrier.** Open year-round. 12 sites beside the river.
- 🌲 **Wear Farm City Park, Pigeon Forge.** Pavilions with picnic tables and charcoal grills, walking trails, and playgrounds. 623 Wears Valley Road.
- 🌲 **Patriot Park, Pigeon Forge.** A riverside pavilion beside the Old Mill, and the start of the 4-mile Riverwalk Greenway.

Dogs are allowed in park picnic areas on a 6-ft leash. Park picnic sites need a parking tag.



RESTAURANTS



Split Rail Eats

849 Glades Rd, Suite 1B1, Gatlinburg

A neighborhood bar and restaurant in the Arts & Crafts Community. Burgers, hand pies, tater bowls, fried chicken, a self-pour beer wall, and cocktails.

Tue to Thu and Sun 11 to 9 • Fri and Sat 11 to 10 • Closed Mon

Jimmy's Smokehouse & Pizza Joint

1359 East Parkway, Suite F, Gatlinburg

Smoked barbecue, sourdough pizza, burgers, and mac bowls, with a patio and live music.

Hours at jimmysgatlinburg.com

Pancake Pantry, 628 Parkway, Gatlinburg. Pancakes since 1960. Daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Old Mill Restaurant, 175 Old Mill Ave, Pigeon Forge. Beside the circa 1830 gristmill, with grain ground on site.

Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant, Sevierville. A farmhouse on an apple orchard farm, serving since 1986.

The Wild Plum Tea Room, 555 Buckhorn Rd, Gatlinburg. Seasonal lunch, Thursday to Saturday. Closed for the season Nov 29, 2026 to mid March.

GREAT SMOKY ARTS & CRAFTS COMMUNITY

An 8-mile loop of working studios on Glades Road, Buckhorn Road, and East Parkway, about 3 miles from downtown Gatlinburg. Makers have worked here since 1937. Parking is free, and the trolley's Yellow Route runs the loop.

RAINY DAYS AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, 88 River Rd, Gatlinburg. Indoors and open year-round.

Gatlinburg Winter Magic

Lights across town and a snowpeople hunt in the Visit Gatlinburg app.



DATES

Pigeon Forge Winterfest

A driving tour on the Parkway and a free walking trail at Patriot Park.



DATES

Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas

Lights and indoor shows. Park admission.



DATES

Season dates are kept current at bluehauscabins.com/events.



THE FOUR CABINS



Barrel Top Lodge

At Elk Springs Resort in Gatlinburg, near Split Rail Eats and the Arts & Crafts loop. Downtown Gatlinburg and Anakeesta, about 20 min

Indoor pool • No pets • Sleeps 8

- 🌲 Split Rail Eats, about 7 min, and the Arts & Crafts loop, about 5 min
- 🌲 Elkmont and Daisy Town
- 🌲 Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, indoors, about 18 min



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Cowboy Way

At Elk Springs Resort in Gatlinburg, near Split Rail Eats and the Arts & Crafts loop. Downtown Gatlinburg and Anakeesta, about 20 min

Log cabin • Dogs welcome • Sleeps 10

- 🌲 Gatlinburg Trail, about 24 min, dogs allowed
- 🌲 Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area, dogs allowed
- 🌲 Jimmy's Smokehouse & Pizza Joint



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Summit Sanctuary

At Elk Springs Resort in Gatlinburg, near Split Rail Eats and the Arts & Crafts loop. Downtown Gatlinburg and Anakeesta, about 20 min

Sauna + arcade • Dogs welcome • Sleeps 10

- 🌲 Greenbrier Picnic Area, dogs allowed
- 🌲 Gatlinburg Trail, dogs allowed
- 🌲 Pancake Pantry and Gatlinburg Winter Magic



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Rocky Top Retreat

Pigeon Forge, about a 17-min drive to Dollywood

Pigeon Forge • No pets • Sleeps 8

- 🌲 Dollywood, about 17 min
- 🌲 The Old Mill and the Riverwalk Greenway, about 12 min
- 🌲 Foothills Parkway, Wears Valley end, about 32 min



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