

YOUR NATURAL DESTINATION
See and experience Graham County by traveling one of our scenic driving routes. You can find points along the way for dining, shopping and playing. Each loop is color coded, and more information on the attractions can be found below. Use the Natural Asset legend on the right side of the map to find your next great outdoor adventure.

THREE DAM LOOP
Drive time: 1 hour 10 minutes
Distance: 47 miles

The Three Dam Loop takes you near each of the three dams located in Graham County. The numbers below start at Robbinsville and go east counterclockwise following Hwys 145 and 28.

- 1 TUSKEEGEE MOTEL** 2511 Fontana Rd, Robbinsville, NC 28771 • 828-479-8464 www.tuskeegemotel.com
- 2 OFF THE DEEP END** 3156 Fontana Road, Robbinsville • 828-479-1251
- 3 THE HIKE INN** 3204 Fontana Rd, Fontana Dam, NC 28735 • 828-479-3677 • www.thehikeinn.com
- 4 JUNK N' STYLE GIFTS & ANTIQUES** 3690 Fontana Rd, Fontana Dam, NC 28735 • 828-479-4779 • www.junknstyle.com
- 5 YELLOW BRANCH POTTERY & CHEESE** 136 Yellow Branch Cir, Robbinsville, NC 28771 • 828-479-6710 • www.yellowbranch.com
- 6+** **THE PIT STOP AT FONTANA** 11152 Fontana Rd, Fontana Dam, NC 28735 • 828-498-2140
- 7 DEALS GAP** 1754g Tapoco Rd, Robbinsville, NC 828-498-8231
- 8 THE TAIL OF THE DRAGON™** 17555 Tapoco Rd, Robbinsville, NC • 800-768-7129
- 8 TAPOCO LODGE; TAPOCO RIVER GRILL** 14981 Tapoco Rd, Robbinsville, NC 828-498-2800
- 8+** **OUTLAND GAS AND GROCERIES** 8185 Tapoco Rd, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-2485
- 9 STONEY HOLLOW YOU-PICK-FARM** 944 Ollies Creek Rd, Robbinsville, NC • 828-735-2335
- 9+** **SKYWAY FOOD MART** 1057 Tapoco Rd, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-9412
- 10 WEHRLOOM HONEY & ESSENTIALS** 257 Willie Colvin Rd, Robbinsville, NC 28771 828-735-2300 • www.wehrloom.com

SIGOGGLIN LOOP
Drive time: 1 hour 12 minutes
Distance: 48 miles

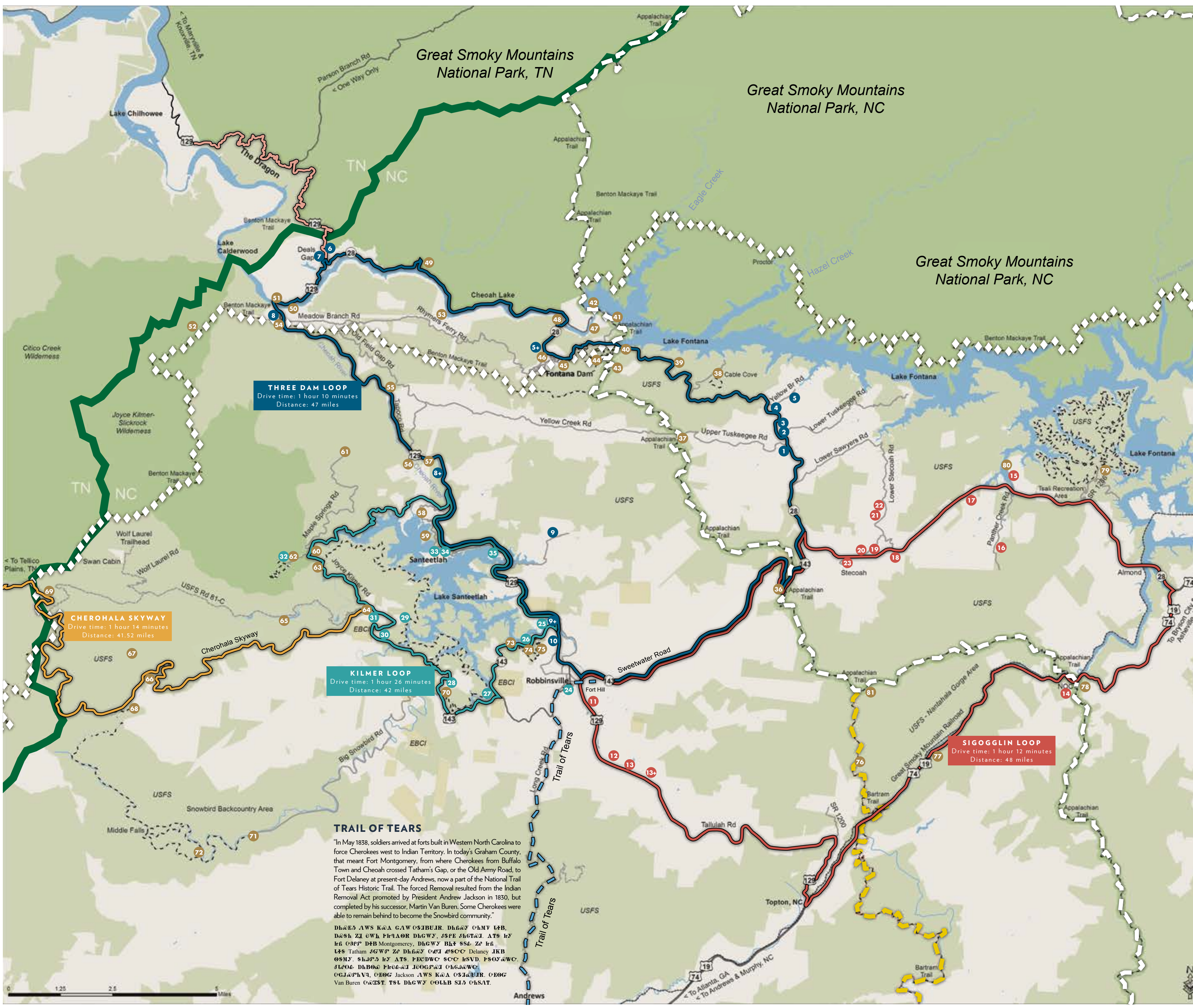
Sigogglin is an archaic word still in use in parts of Appalachia that means skewed to the side, or out of balance. It also can mean something not built correctly in a straight line.

- 11 TALLULAH HEALTH CENTER** 409 Tallulah Road, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-6434
- 12 DRAGON'S REST CABINS** 157 Tallulah Cartway, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-4726
- 13 TWO WHEEL INN MOTEL & CAMPGROUND** 595 Tallulah Rd, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-4248
- 13+ TAYLOR'S GREENHOUSE** 3375 Tallulah Rd, Robbinsville, NC • 828-735-4210
- 14 NANTAHALA OUTDOOR CENTER** 13077 W Hwy 19, Bryson City, NC 800-232-7238
- 15 PRINCE BOAT DOCK & RENTALS** 231 Thomas Boat Dock Rd, Almond, NC • 828-479-3704
- 16 TUMBLING WATERS** 612 Panther Creek Rd, Almond, NC
- 17 FANECOVE FURNITURE** 4844 Hwy 28N, Almond, NC • 828-226-1626
- 18 HIGHWAY 28 CAFE AT WOLF CREEK** 2620 Hwy 28, Stecoah Valley, NC • 828-479-6669
- 19 KICKSTAND LODGE** 2097 Hwy 28, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-6096
- 20 STECOAH DINER** 1751 NC 28 Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-8450
- 21 BEE GLOBAL STUDIOS** 1633 Lower Stecoah Road, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-8284
- 22 IRON HORSE MOTORCYCLE LODGE** 1756 Lower Stecoah Road, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-3864
- 23 STECOAH VALLEY CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, GALLERY & VISITORS CENTER** 121 School House Road, NC • 828-479-3364 StecoahValleyCenter.com

KILMER LOOP
Drive time: 1 hour 26 minutes
Distance: 42 miles

The Kilmer loop is named after the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Loop. The route of this loop travels through the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest. The Cherochala Skyway is a 38 mile stretch of the 518 curves in 11 miles. The 50 mile-long Cherochala River has first class rapids for kayakers and the Cherokee National Forest.

- 24 JUNALUSKA MEMORIAL & MEDICINE TRAIL** 1 Junaluska Road, Robbinsville, NC 828-479-4727
- 25 DEYTON CAMP BOAT RENTALS** 270 Deyton Camp Road, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-7422
- 26 CHEOAH DISTRICT RANGER STATION** 1070 Massey Branch Road, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-6431
- 27 HUNTING BOY WOOD CARVING** 2698 Snowbird Road, Robbinsville, NC 828-479-9554
- 28 THUNDER MOUNTAIN GENERAL STORE** 574 Santeetlah Rd, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-4177
- 29 BLUE BOAR INN** 1285 Blue Boar Road, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-8126
- 30 TREETOPS** 604 Santeetlah Road, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-8400
- 31 SNOWBIRD MOUNTAIN LODGE** 4635 Santeetlah Rd, Robbinsville, NC 828-479-3453
- 32 JOYCE KILMER MEMORIAL LOOP TRAIL** 5410 Joyce Kilmer Road, Robbinsville, NC
- 33 LAKE SANTEETLAH TOWN HALL** 4 Marina Drive, Lake Santeetlah, NC • 828-479-8190
- 34 SANTEETLAH MARINA RENTALS & SOUVENIRS** 1 Marina Drive, Lake Santeetlah, NC • 828-479-8180
- 35 BLUE WATERS MOUNTAIN LODGE** 292 Pine Ridge Road, Robbinsville, NC • 828-479-8888



Numbers on the map correspond to approximate location of access points.

TRAIL OF TEARS
In May 1838, soldiers arrived at forts built in Western North Carolina to force Cherokees west to Indian Territory. In today's Graham County, that meant Fort Montgomery, from where Cherokees from Buffalo Town and Cheoah crossed Tatham's Gap, or the Old Army Road, to Fort Delaney at present-day Andrews, now a part of the National Trail of Tears Historic Trail. The forced removal resulted from the Indian Removal Act promoted by President Andrew Jackson in 1830, but completed by his successor, Martin Van Buren. Some Cherokees were able to remain behind to become the Snowbird community.

TRAILS

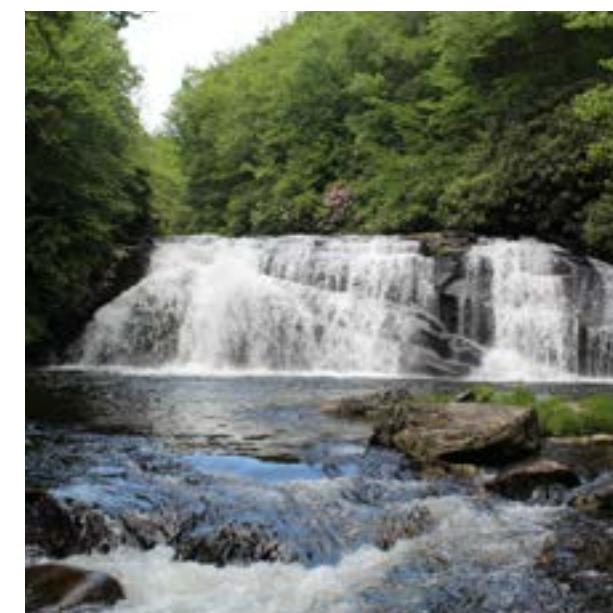
- This map is not designed to provide detailed trail information. A detailed map should be obtained from the USFS.*
- 36 APPALACHIAN TRAIL** Famous as the first National Scenic Trail. This 29 mile stretch is a rugged and beautiful section of the AT. Heavily used during the "Busby Bust" of thru-hikers.
Trail Length: 29 miles • Difficulty: Strenuous
 - 37 BARTRAM TRAIL** The Bartram Trail is a National Recreational Trail that follows the route of the Naturalist William Bartram during his visit in 1773 through 1777. This trail is a 3,000 foot climb from the river to Cheoah Bald.
Trail Length: 6.6 miles • Difficulty: Strenuous
 - 38 BENTON MACKAYE TRAIL** The Benton Mackaye Trail (BMT), named after the creator of the Appalachian Trail concept, follows one of his original routes on the western side of the Blue Ridge Mountains. There are no shelters on the trail and it is considered more rustic and primitive than the Appalachian Trail. Route finding skills are mandatory as blazes are not allowed in the Joyce Kilmer Slickrock Wilderness.
Trail Length: 31 • miles • Difficulty: Strenuous
 - 39 JOYCE KILMER MEMORIAL LOOP TRAIL** The Joyce Kilmer Memorial Loop Trail is one of the most popular trails in the United States. Dedicated by an Act of Congress in 1936 to memorialize the poet Joyce Kilmer and his poem, "Trees", this extremely popular trail is part of the Joyce Kilmer Slickrock Wilderness. Picnic facilities, restrooms and a descriptive kiosk are located at the beginning of the trail. Consisting of a Lower Loop of 1.2 miles and an Upper Loop of 0.8 miles, this trail meanders through one of the last remaining tracts of unlogged forest in the country.
Trail Length: 2.0 miles • Difficulty: Easy
 - 40 SNOWBIRD BACK COUNTRY AREA** The area encompasses the entire upper watershed of the Big Snowbird Creek including the major tributaries of Sasfras Creek and Meadow Branch. The watershed is well known for its excellent trout fishing supporting populations of brown, rainbow and native brook trout. The Big Snowbird Creek has several beautiful waterfalls including the Lower (Big) Falls, Middle Falls and Upper Falls.
Trail Length: 20 • miles • Difficulty: Moderate
 - 41 SPIRIT RIDGE ACCESSIBLE TRAIL** Spirit Ridge Trail is a paved, accessible trail on the Cherochala Skyway. With easy parking, picnic tables and great views, this trail offers all visitors the opportunity to see the forest at an elevation of 3700 feet.
Trail Length: 0.3 miles • Difficulty: Easy
 - 42 SANTEETLAH LAKE TRAIL** The Santeetlah Lake Trail consists of the Long Hungry Loop of 3.5 miles and an extension of 5.8 miles. Managed for both pedestrian and mountain bike use, this is an easy trail along the shores of Santeetlah Lake.
Trail Length: 9.3 miles • Difficulty: Easy
 - 43 MAPLE SPRINGS OVERLOOK** The Maple Springs Accessible Trail is a short walk to a wooden lookout point with a great view to the north, east and south, with the western end of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in the middle.
Trail Length: 0.2 mile • Difficulty: Easy
 - 44 YELLOW CREEK FALLS** Yellow Creek Falls Trail is noted for its variety of wild flowers. The trail leads to Yellow Creek Falls, a scenic waterfall along Yellow Creek.
Trail Length: 0.3 mile • Difficulty: Moderate
 - 45 FONTANA LOOP TRAIL** The Fontana Trail Complex is an extensive system of hiking, biking and equestrian trails. Inquire at Fontana Village Registration Desk for updated information.
Trail Length: 1.0 miles • Difficulty: Easy
 - 46 CABLE COVE NATURE TRAIL** The Cable Cove Nature Trail is in the Cable Cove Campground. This easy trail has a number of interpretative signs located along its length and offers great wild flower viewing and birding opportunities.
Trail Length: 1.0 miles • Difficulty: Easy
 - 47 BEAR CREEK FALLS TRAIL** The Bear Creek Falls Trail starts at Tapoco Lodge and follows the Cheoah River.
Trail Length: 2.0 miles • Difficulty: Easy



Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center, Gallery & Visitors Center



Azalea with butterfly



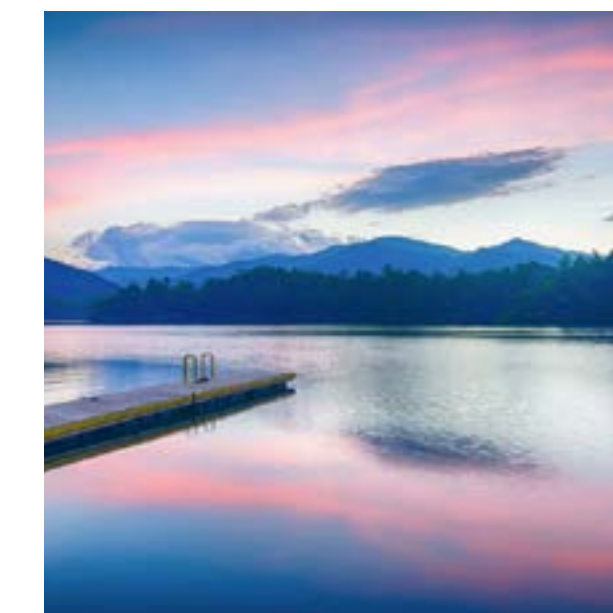
Middle Falls on Snowbird Creek



Cheoah River Kayaking



Hiker on Bearpen



Lake Santeetlah

NATURAL ASSETS

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LEGEND

Your Natural Destination

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Let this map guide your adventure.

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*The information listed on this map will be updated with new versions periodically.



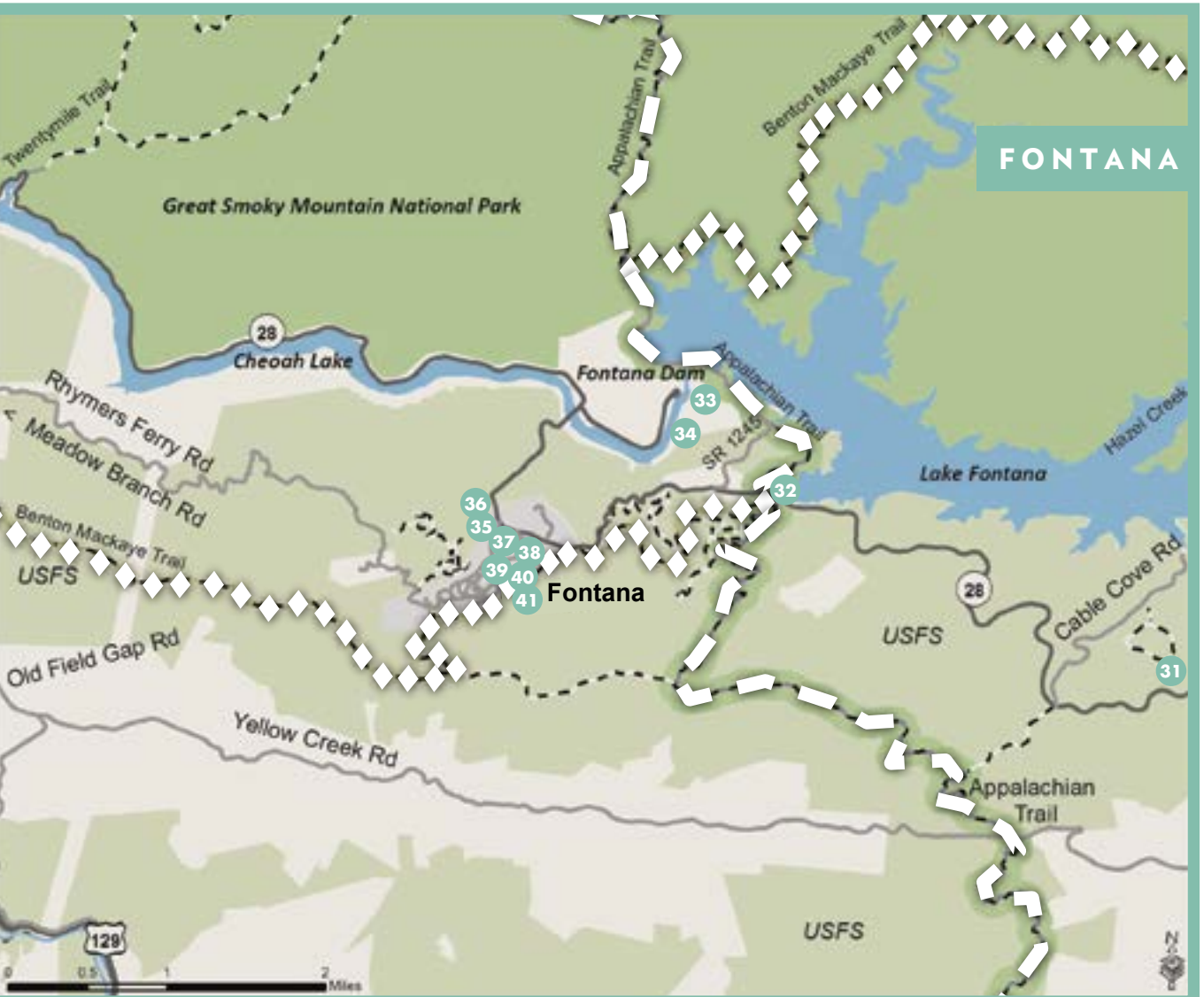
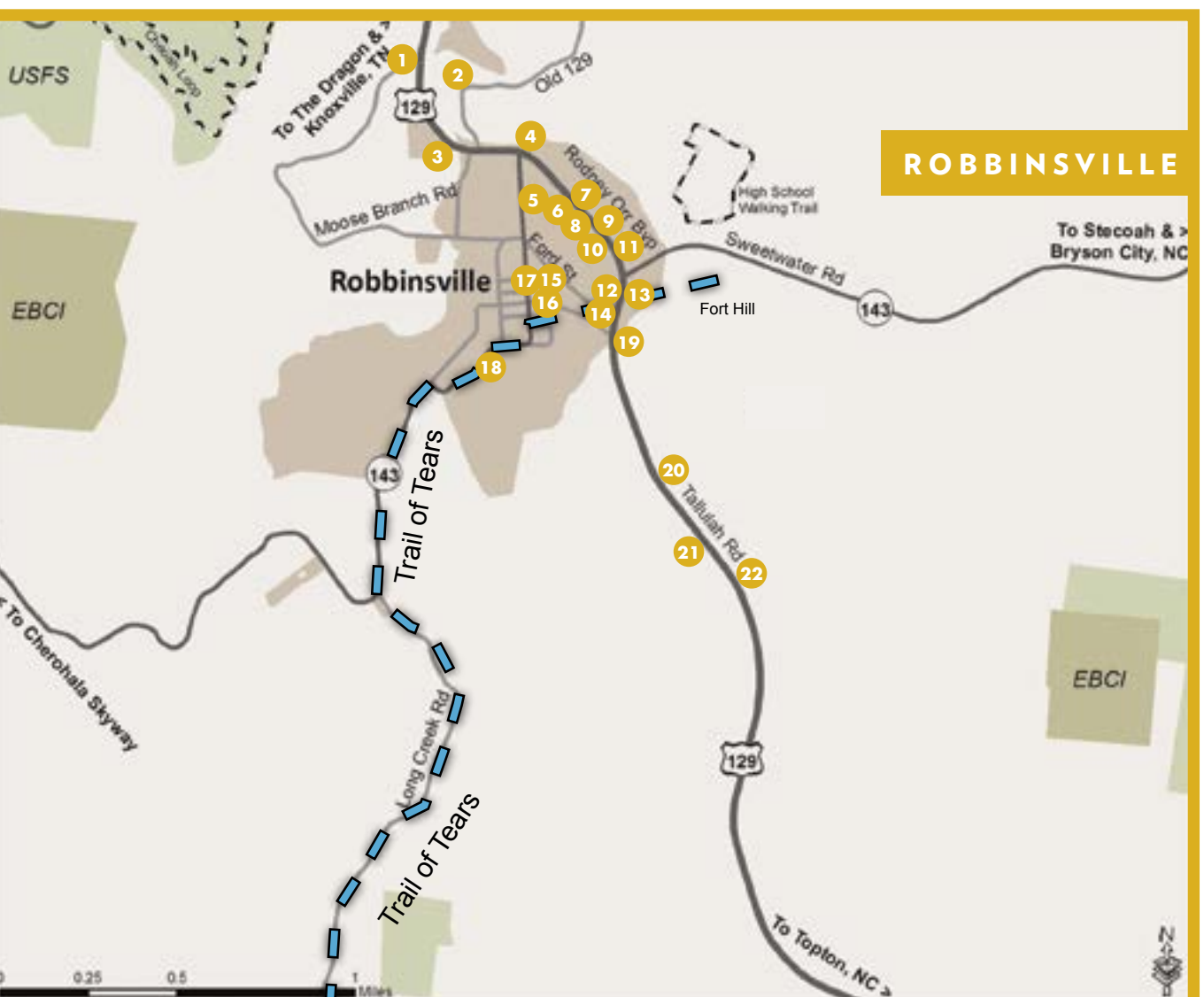
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- Camping/Campground
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- Family Fun
- Fishing
- Food & Dining
- Gas
- Handicap
- Hiking
- Historic
- Horse Trail
- Information
- Lodging
- Medical
- Picnicking
- Shopping & Relaxation
- Sports & Recreation
- Town/Government
- Viewpoint
- Waterfalls

ROBBINSVILLE

- PINEAPPLE WHIP**
Tapoco Road, Robbinsville
- RIVERS EDGE TREEHOUSES**
195 Old US 129, Robbinsville • 828-735-2228
- PAPAS PIZZA**
211 Tapoco Road, Robbinsville • 828-479-2431
- THE HUB**
664 Rodney Orr Bypass, Robbinsville
828-479-0478
- PHILLIPS MOTEL**
290 Main St, Robbinsville, NC 28771
828-479-3370 • www.phillipsmotelonline.com
- EL PACIFICO MEXICAN**
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- CAROLINA KITCHEN**
400 Rodney Orr Bypass, Robbinsville
828-479-1500
- GRAHAM COUNTY VISITOR'S CENTER**
Rodney Orr Bypass, Robbinsville • 828-479-3790
- MCDONALDS AND SHELL GAS**
374 Rodney Orr Bypass, Robbinsville
828-479-6776
- WENDY'S**
347 Rodney Orr Bypass, Robbinsville
828-479-4755
- SUBWAY AND CROWN GAS**
129 Rodney Orr Bypass, Robbinsville
828-479-1530
- SAN RAN MOTEL**
453 Rodney Orr Bypass, Robbinsville
828-479-3256
- INGLES**
2 Sweetwater Road, Robbinsville • 828-479-6748
- MICROTEL INN & SUITES**
111 Rodney Orr Bypass, Robbinsville • 828-479-6772
- MOUNTAIN MANOR HOTEL**
140 Ford Street, Robbinsville • 828-479-4555
- LYNN'S PLACE**
E. Main St, Robbinsville • 828-479-9777
- GRAHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE**
12 N Main Street Robbinsville • 828-479-7971
- JUNALUSKA MUSEUM & MEMORIAL**
1 Junaluska Road, Robbinsville
828-479-4727
- POP & NANA'S**
52 Rodney Orr Bypass, Robbinsville • 828-479-8461
- TALLULAH HEALTH CENTER**
409 Tallulah Road, Robbinsville • 828-479-6434
- HUDDLE HOUSE**
610 Tallulah Road, Robbinsville • 828-479-9695
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765 Tallulah Road, Robbinsville • 828-479-0700



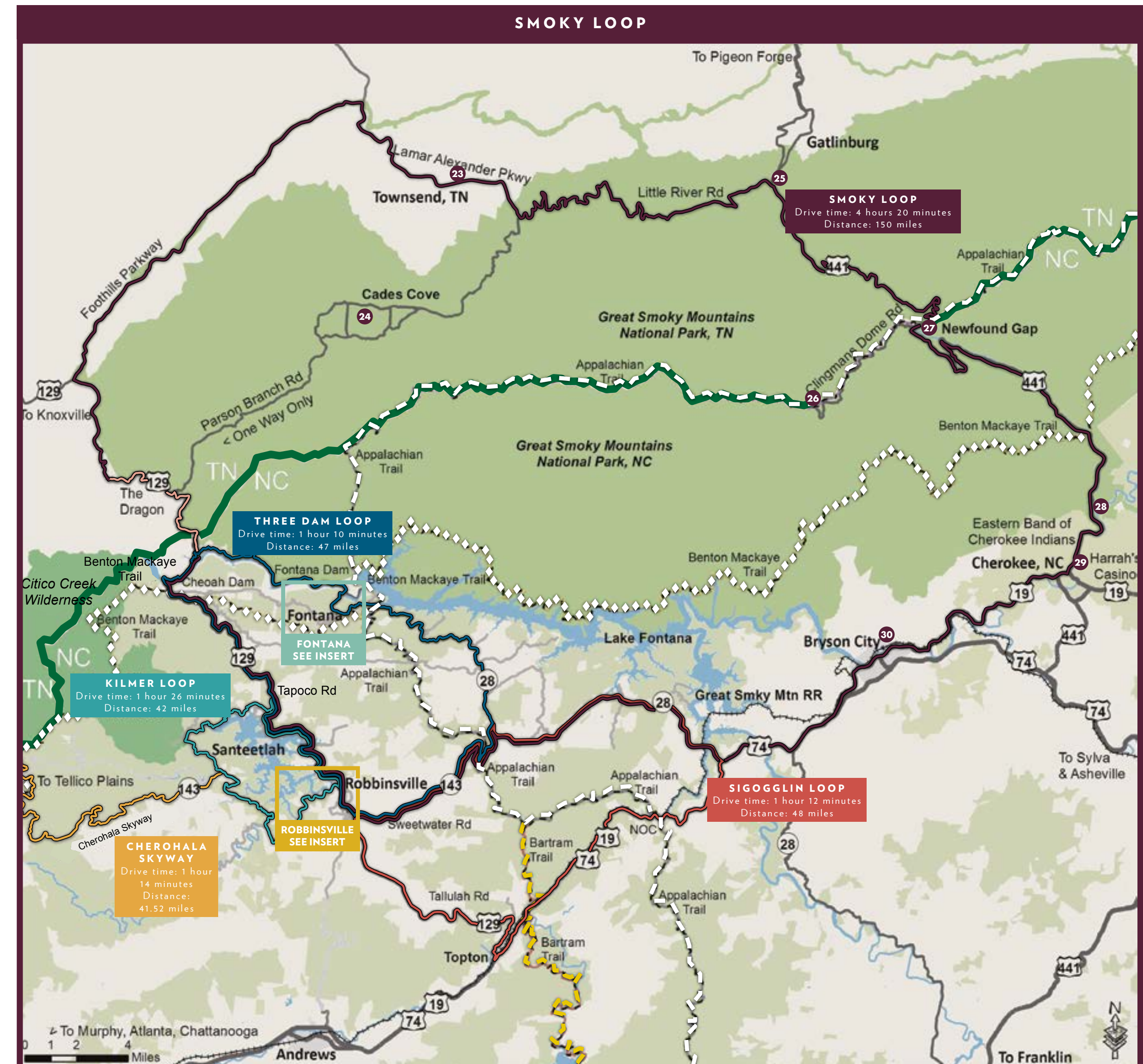
SMOKY LOOP

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Distance: 150 miles

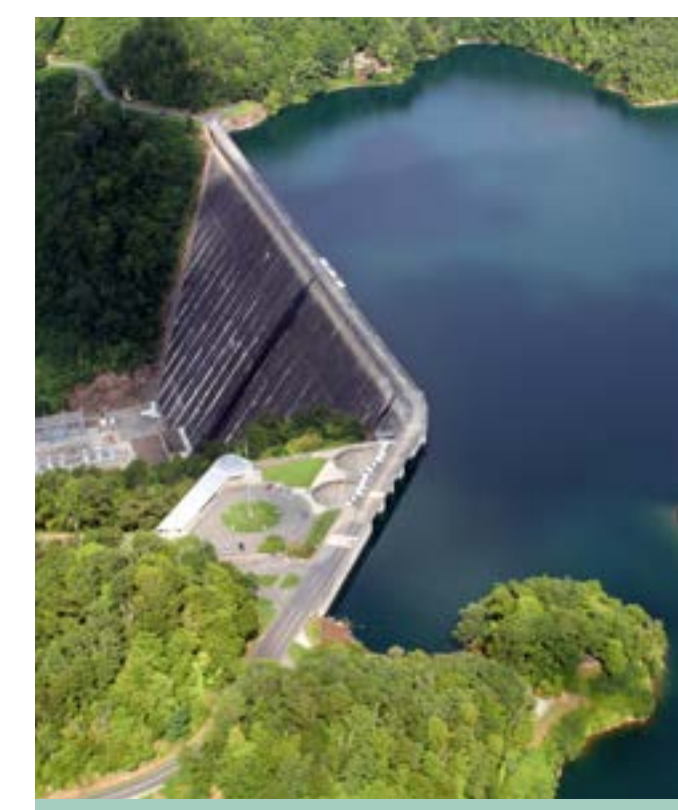
- LITTLE RIVER RAILROAD & LUMBER MUSEUM**
7747E Lemar Alexander Pkwy, Townsend, TN • 865-448-2211
- CADES COVE INFORMATION CENTER**
Great Smoky Mountain National Park
865-436-7318
- SUGARLANDS VISITOR CENTER**
120 Fighting Creek Gap Rd, Gatlinburg, TN
865-436-1200
- CLINGMAN'S DOME**
Great Smoky Mountain National Park
865-436-1200
- NEWFOUND GAP APPALACHIAN TRAIL CROSSING**
Great Smoky Mountain National Park
- OCONALUFTEE VISITOR CENTER**
1194 Newfound Gap Rd, Cherokee, NC
828-497-1904
- MUSEUM OF THE CHEROKEE INDIAN**
589 Tsal Blvd, Bryson City, NC • 828-497-3481
- GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS RAILROAD**
226 Everett St, Bryson City, NC • 828-586-8811

FONTANA

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www.fontanavillage.com
- FONTANA DAM & VISITOR'S CENTER**
71 Fontana Dam • 828-498-2241
- FONTANA CAMPGROUND**
828-498-2211
- FONTANA VILLAGE GENERAL STORE**
50 Fontana Rd, Fontana Dam, NC 28733 • 828-498-2148
- THE PIT STOP AT FONTANA**
11152 Fontana Rd, Fontana Dam, NC 28733 • 828-498-2140
- GUNTER CABIN**
- FONTANA TOWN HALL**
828-498-2107
- WILDWOOD GRILL AT FONTANA**
346 Welch Rd W, Fontana Dam, NC 28733 • 828-498-2141
- FONTANA RESORT**
300 Woods Rd, Fontana Dam, NC 28733 • 828-498-2258
- MOUNTVIEW BISTRO AT FONTANA**
300 Woods Rd, Fontana Dam, NC 28733
828-498-2211 • www.fontanavillage.com



MUST SEE SITES



FONTANA DAM & VISITOR CENTER

At 480 feet in height, Fontana Dam is the tallest dam east of the Rocky Mountains. It was built by the Tennessee Valley Authority to answer a growing need for electric power during World War II. Known to be one of the most beautiful dams in the country, Fontana Dam is nestled between the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Nantahala National Forest and offers scenic views and a multitude of outdoor activities.

Fontana Lake, created by the dam, provides a source for boating, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding and fishing.

The Fontana Dam Visitor Center, located off N.C. Highway 28, is open daily from May through October except on major holidays.

SANTEETLAH DAM

Santeetlah Dam is located on the Cheoah River and was built in 1928. The impoundment forms Lake Santeetlah which boasts 76 miles of shoreline, much of which is maintained by the U.S. Forest Service.

There is no public access on or near the dam. However, Santeetlah Lake is a great place to explore and get out in nature. With more than 50 primitive campsites surrounding the lake, it's the perfect spot for families and outdoor enthusiasts. For the angler, Lake Santeetlah is home to smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, white bass and walleye. Visitors who want to cruise along the water can rent a pontoon boat, fishing boat, jet ski, canoe, flatwater kayak or stand-up paddleboard from one of the local marinas.

CHEOAH DAM

Cheoah Dam was constructed in 1919 and formed the Cheoah Lake. Upon its completion, the dam was the highest overflow dam in the world with a height of 225 feet, and its turbines were the largest in the world. The dam, also known as the Fugitive Dam, has been made famous by Harrison Ford's jump in the movie *The Fugitive* where the dam hosted the epic scene. A boat ramp can be accessed at the east end of the lake. Anglers can fish for lake and brook trout, bass, crappie, bluegill and muskie on the Cheoah Lake. There is no public access on or near the dam.

CHEROHALA SKYWAY

The Cherochala Skyway, a designated National Scenic Byway, was opened in 1996. The Cherochala Skyway was named for the two National Forests the skyway crosses: "Chero" from the Cherokee National Forest and "hala" from the Nantahala National Forest. The Cherochala Skyway, located in southeast Tennessee and southwest North Carolina, connects Tellico Plains, Tennessee, with Robbinsville, North Carolina. The Cherochala Skyway is a wide, paved two-lane road that stretches about 40+ miles long. The elevation ranges from 900 to over 5400 feet above sea level, reaching its highest point at the Tennessee-North Carolina state line at Haw Knob.

THE DRAGON

The Dragon is an 11-mile stretch of two-laned paved road, designated U.S. 129, with 318 curves. The Dragon is America's #1 spot for sport car and motorcycle enthusiasts and is widely regarded as "the destination".

The Great Smoky Mountains and the Cherokee National Forest border the Dragon, with no development, intersecting roads, or driveways to interrupt the route. Turns are tight and frequent, so use caution when traveling. The Dragon is sure to give any visitor an adrenaline rush.

TSALI RECREATION AREA

The Tsal (pronounced "SAH-lee") Recreation Area's four-loop trail system has become a popular destination for mountain bikers and horseback riders. It's best known as a challenging mountain bike course. Hikers may travel the trails on any day, but mountain bikers and equestrians—the primary users—are kept separated by alternating days on the trails. Enjoy mountain biking, horseback riding, fishing, motorized boating, kayaking or camping at Tsal Recreation Area, all located within steps of Fontana Lake.

The Tsal Campground is open early April through October and offers 40 campsites. Each campsite has a picnic table, fire ring and lantern post. Accessible flush toilets, hot showers and drinking water are available.

JUNALUSKA MEMORIAL SITE AND MUSEUM

Junaluska was a Cherokee leader whose first mention in history books appears around 1814 at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend, where legend has it—Junaluska saved Andrew Jackson's life. Junaluska is reported to have said, "If I knew what Jackson would go on to do, I would have killed him right then and there."

Junaluska was one of the many Cherokee who were rounded up by the US military and forced to march to Oklahoma. Years later, he decided to walk back to North Carolina, arriving around 1842. The NC state legislature granted Junaluska state citizenship and was given land in Robbinsville where he lived the rest of his life. His grave is marked with a memorial stone surrounded by monuments representing the seven clans of the Cherokee. The museum is dedicated to preserving Cherokee history and culture.

JOYCE KILMER MEMORIAL FOREST

Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest, consisting of 3,800 acres, is known as one of the most impressive examples of old-growth forest in the country. It's home to over 100 different tree species, many of which are over 400-years-old, and some more than 100 feet tall. The forest was named as a memorial to Joyce Kilmer, the author of the poem "Trees," who was killed in action during World War I. The only way to access the forest part of the Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness is by foot on trails that loop through the huge trees. A restroom and picnic tables are located at the trailhead.