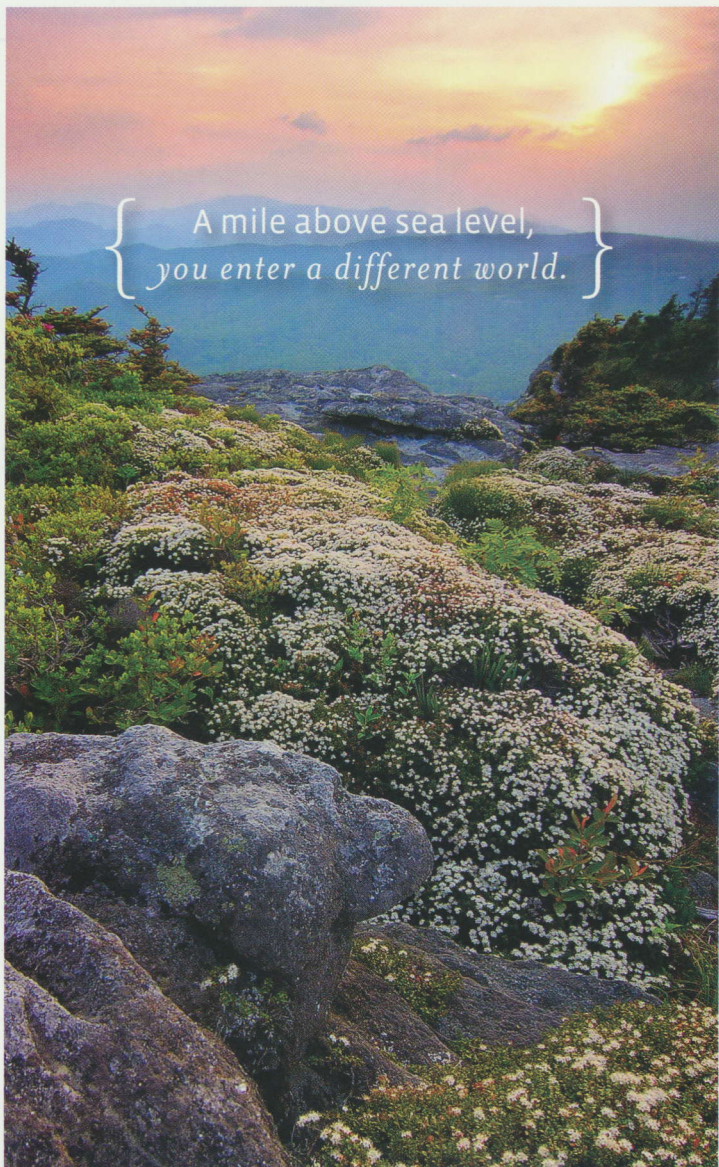


# GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

NORTH CAROLINA



WONDERS NEVER CEASE



{ A mile above sea level,  
*you enter a different world.* }

A mountain majestic enough  
for the biggest adventure  
—or the very smallest.



To have a great time at Grandfather Mountain, simply step out of your car. Or if you choose, you can scale ladders and edge along cliffs as you hike to remote peaks. That's the magic of Grandfather Mountain. With convenient modern amenities alongside the breathtaking Swinging Bridge, walking trails and animals in their natural habitat, you'll find excitement that matches every comfort level. Adventures come in all sizes up here, so everyone can have the perfect mountain experience.

As horizons widen,  
*so do the smiles.*

High on Grandfather Mountain the possibilities are as endless as the views. The whole family will love the exhilaration of altitude, and nature enthusiasts delight in native wildlife habitats and naturalist programs. Those who want to relax will head for scenic overlooks or picnic areas, while curious types enjoy a variety of walking trails or the museum. The best part? While everyone in your car is expanding their interests, you're growing together as a family.

*Remember when Forrest Gump ran across America? A portion of his trek was filmed on Grandfather Mountain. Another famous visitor was Daniel Boone, who walked these forests in the 1760s.*

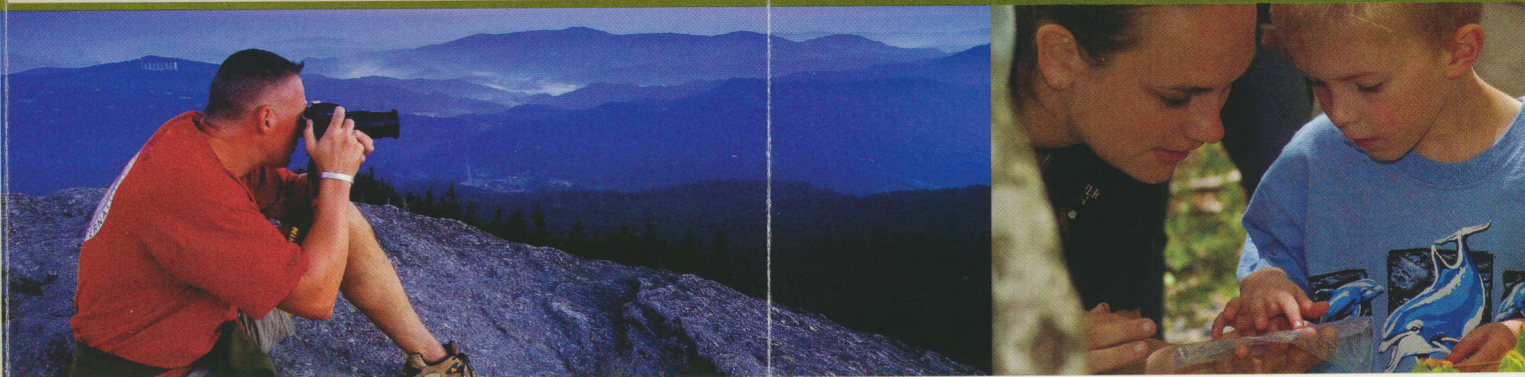




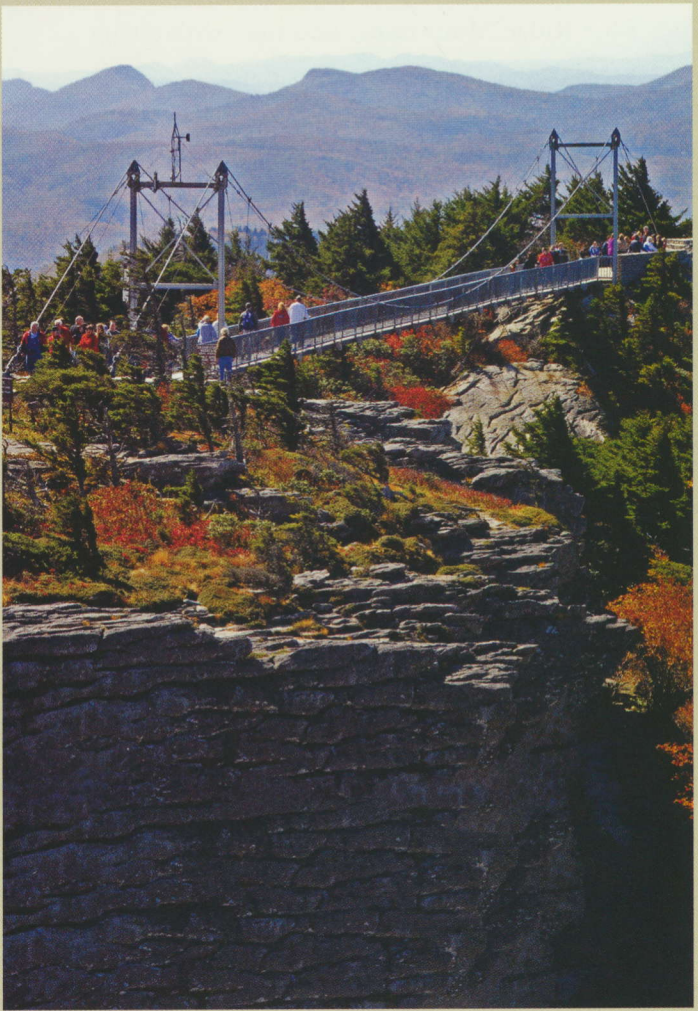
- 1 Entrance & Information
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- 8 Forrest Gump Curve



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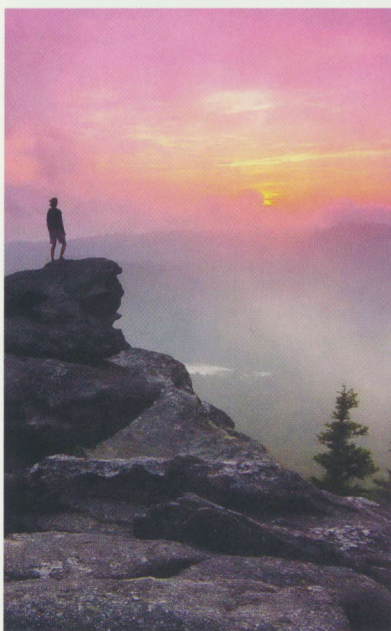
Rare wildlife.  
*Rarer experiences.*



Ever heard of the pinkshell azalea? If not, it's probably because this delicate blossom is native only to northwest North Carolina. The world's largest native population grows on Grandfather Mountain, which is also home to the Weller's salamander, the Canada warbler, and other endangered species within its biologically diverse landscape. Imagine your excitement as you snap pictures in a landscape this rare! Grandfather Mountain provides a sanctuary for the life around us so we can enjoy their significance and beauty.

*The Singing Bridge? When the wind blows, the Mile High Swinging Bridge "sings" in the same way as a harmonica.*

Fill your day with wonder among Grandfather Mountain's diverse wildlife, the most breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and the exhilarating Mile High Swinging Bridge.



The views are ancient.  
*The experiences are all brand new.*

Anyone who visits Grandfather Mountain discovers a place that inspires awe through natural wonders. You'll never experience the same mountain twice. Today you might come face-to-face with an eagle. Another day you may see wildflowers in bloom. Just talk with one of our naturalists to understand more about these living treasures and learn where to find them. There's nowhere else on Earth that you can enjoy such a variety of mountain life in one amazing place.

*The Grandfather Mountain area has more plant diversity than in all of Europe.*

A small part of you is still 9 years old.  
*And fascinated by butterflies.*

On Grandfather Mountain, you become part of a wonder-filled community that invites you to seek out salamanders, become king (or queen) of the boulder, or throw a Frisbee. Never before have you felt so eager to run and play, or had such a perfect place for it. With rocky outcroppings and fragile forest hideaways to explore, it's easy to tap your inner adventurer. Come find an adventure that's just your size, at just your pace.



High above sea level,  
*you've never felt so grounded.*

The views on Grandfather Mountain are more than another pretty picture. As you breathe the crisp air and scan the surrounding hills, you'll feel far away from the cares of the world. Perhaps it's because Grandfather Mountain's peaks loom almost 6,000 feet above sea level, revealing unrivaled landscapes that calm your spirit. A pristine haven for diverse wildlife and rugged topography, the mountain will expand your horizons and protect your peace of mind, too.

*Wonders never cease*

# Keeping Grandfather Mountain Green *(well, except in the winter).*

Every ticket sold helps keep Grandfather Mountain pristine and beautiful for generations to come, thanks to the careful oversight of the Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit [www.grandfather.com](http://www.grandfather.com)

## TICKET INFORMATION

Open daily all year, weather permitting, except Thanksgiving day and Christmas day.

### Ticket sales and hours:

Average visit is 2 to 3 hours.

Ticket sales end one hour prior to closing.

9 a.m. to 6 p.m., spring/fall

8 a.m. to 7 p.m., summer

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., winter

### Oversized vehicles

Because of hairpin curves near the top of the mountain, jointed vehicles and motor homes more than 28 feet in length are not permitted on the 2-mile summit road. Bicycles are not permitted.

## SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS ATTRACTIONS

We recommend you also visit these fine attractions:

### In North Carolina:

Biltmore Estate • Tweetsie Railroad  
Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park • Museum of the Cherokee Indian  
Unto These Hills Outdoor Drama  
Oconoluftee Indian Village • Old Salem  
Great Smoky Mountains Railroad  
Nantahala Outdoor Center

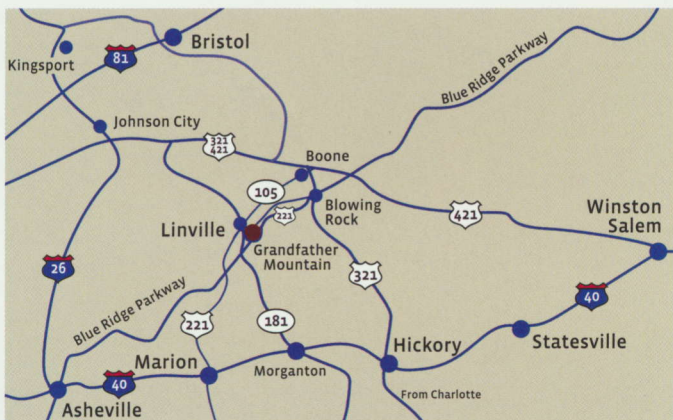
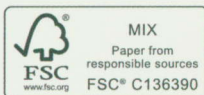
### In Tennessee:

Gatlinburg Sky Lift • Lost Sea  
Lookout Mountain Incline Railway  
Rock City • Ruby Falls

### In Virginia:

Luray Caverns • The Barter Theater  
Natural Bridge • Shenandoah Caverns

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Navigation systems don't work well in the mountains. See website for directions.



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