

One highly significant place.

Grandfather Mountain is one of the most environmentally significant mountains in



the world. It is recognized by the U.N. as an International Biosphere Reserve,



a place where man and nature thrive in harmony.

Only 507 biospheres exist worldwide and this mountain is the only one that is privately owned. It is home to 70 rare and endangered species.

A mountain to enjoy in your own way.

There are no timetables or agendas on Grandfather. You can come for a picnic and stay all day. You can walk a few steps to a cliffside overlook or hike a dozen miles



over boulder-strewn trails.

You can lead a family expedition across Grandfather's mile-high bridge, spot a bear or a panther in a habitat, and photograph a majestic view with all your friends in the middle.



A high level destination any day of the year.

No matter the season, Grandfather never fails to stir the soul with its ancient black cliffs, laddered trails, and astonishing views. The pinks of its rare azalea vaseyi and reds of its rhododendron are as celebrated as its world famous Scottish gathering in July. Even its weather—its beau-



tiful mists and winter icicle days—add to the mystique of the mountain. Grandfather is open all year. For information about the



mountain and its calendar of seasonal activities, find us at 800-468-7325 or www.grandfather.com.

Calendar Of Events

May (second weekend):	Bird, wildflower and geology outings
May 20 - June 30:	Red rhododendron, laurel, flame azalea in bloom
Weekend after Memorial Day:	Nature Photography Workshop
June (Fourth Sunday):	"Singing on the Mountain" all-day gospel sing
Early to mid July:	White rhododendron in bloom
July (second full weekend):	Grandfather Mountain Highland Games & Gathering of Scottish Clans (www.gmhg.org)
August: (third weekend):	Amateur & Professional Camera Clinic
October 5 - 25:	Peak beauty of fall foliage

Ticket Information

Grandfather Mountain is open daily all year except Thanksgiving day and Christmas day and on bad-weather winter days. **Ticket sales** are 9 AM to 4 PM, winter; 9 AM to 5 PM, spring/fall; and 8 AM to 6 PM, summer. **The park closes one hour after ticket sales stop.** Average visit is 2 to 3 hours.

Because of sharp, 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. Also for safety reasons, bicycles are not permitted.

Southern Highlands Attractions

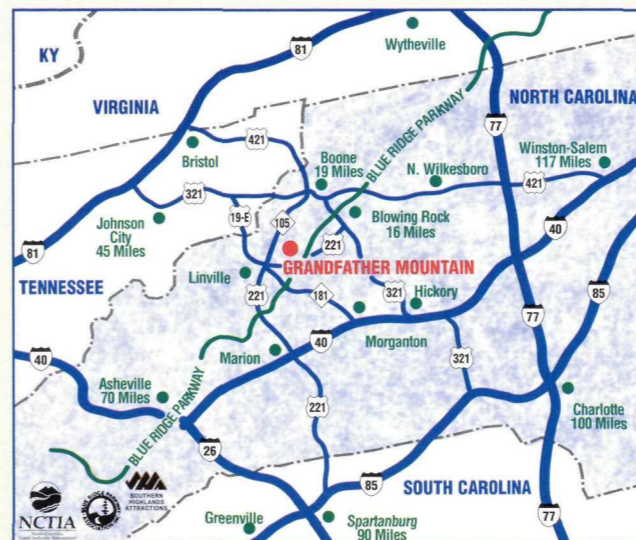
While vacationing in our region, we recommend you also visit these fine attractions:

In North Carolina: Biltmore Estate, Chimney Rock Park, Tweetsie Railroad, Old Salem, Museum Of The Cherokee Indian, Unto These Hills Outdoor Drama, Oconoluftee Indian Village, Great Smoky Mountains Railroad and Nantahala Outdoor Center.

In Tennessee: Gatlinburg Sky Lift, Lost Sea, Lookout Mountain Incline Railway, Rock City, and Ruby Falls.

In Virginia: Luray Caverns, Natural Bridge and The Barter Theatre.

For more information visit www.southernhighlands.org



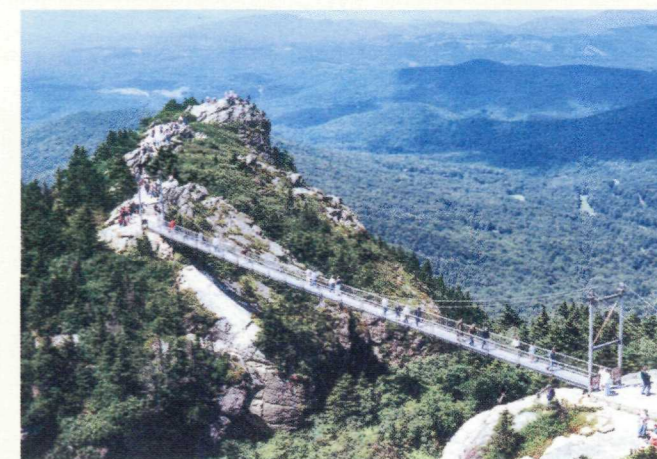
For more information about visiting our area, contact NC High Country Host at 1-800-438-7500 or www.highcountryhost.com.

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GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN®



Discover nature on a whole different level.

MILE HIGH SWINGING BRIDGE



On the highest swinging footbridge in America, you will be surrounded by the great peaks of the southern Appalachians. Crossing this famous bridge suspends visitors more than a mile above sea level. And every vista, in every direction you turn, brings on a sense of wonder.

ANIMALS ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL



You'll be looking directly into the eyes of eagles and watching otters dive, spin and somersault underwater. And you'll see deer, panthers and black bears at play in beautiful natural settings.

HIKING & PICNICKING



Hiking isn't required to enjoy your visit to the mountain. If so inclined, there are miles of interlaced trails—offering some of the best Alpine hiking in the South—and a couple of delightful, short walking trails. For a gentler outdoor experience, we've made it easy to find a majestic place to picnic in the midst of nature's company.

NATURE MUSEUM



You'll learn a lot more about the mountain at Grandfather's Nature Museum. Exhibits and award-winning films speak to its many aspects—endangered species, priceless gems, unique weather, and colorful wildflowers and birds. Shopping is a “natural” in the Museum's shop and meals are made-to-order in its family restaurant.

HIGHEST POINT IN
BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

HIKING TRAILS

MILE HIGH
SWINGING BRIDGE

VISITOR CENTER

HIKING TRAILS

CLIFFSIDE
PICNIC AREA

PICNIC AREA

LINVILLE BLUFFS

PICNIC AREA

NATURE MUSEUM

ANIMAL HABITATS

BEARS
BALD EAGLES
GOLDEN EAGLES
PANTHERS
DEER
AND OTTERS

SPLIT ROCK

OVERLOOK

PICNIC AREA

HIKING TRAILS

MACRAE MEADOWS
(HIGHLAND GAMES SITE)

ENTRANCE (2 1/2 mile drive to top)

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BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY (1 MILE) →

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