

OCONALUFTEE
June 27 - September 5

AUTO CARAVAN
ROUND BOTTOM - 1 p.m. daily. Meet at Pioneer Museum for a conducted motor trip along the Blue Ridge Parkway to Heintooga, returning to Oconaluftee by way of a roadway built over an old logging railroad grade and through the Cherokee Indian Reservation. Drive 50 miles. Furnish own transportation.

PIONEER MUSEUM
Open daily 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Information; publications; museum; pioneer farmstead with live animals; muzzle-loader rifle firing, daily; weaving on a handloom, twice weekly; sorghum molasses making on weekends from mid-September to mid-October.

MINGUS MILL - Corn grinding daily.

SMOKEMONT
June 27 - September 5

ILLUSTRATED TALKS - Smokemont Campground Amphitheater, 9 p.m.

Sunday	<i>America's Wonderlands</i>
Monday	<i>Exploring the Smokies</i>
Tuesday	<i>Mountain Pioneers</i>
Wednesday	<i>Let's Talk About Bears</i>
Thursday	<i>Come See the Smokies</i>
Friday	<i>The Forest</i>
Saturday	<i>Animal Life in the Smokies</i>

NATURE WALK - Meet at Smokemont Campground.

Daily (except Monday)
1:00 p.m. - Bradley Fork, Big Trees.

A 2-1/2 mile round trip walk through a virgin cove hardwood forest. Drive 10 miles. 4 hours.

DEEP CREEK
June 27 - September 5

ILLUSTRATED TALKS - Deep Creek Campground Campfire Circle, 9 p.m.

Sunday	<i>The Forest</i>
Monday	<i>Animal Life in the Smokies</i>
Tuesday	<i>Exploring the Smokies</i>
Wednesday	<i>Mountain Pioneers</i>
Thursday	<i>Let's Talk About Bears</i>
Friday	<i>America's Wonderlands</i>
Saturday	<i>Indians of the Smokies</i>

Who can gainsay that the parks contain the highest potentialities of national pride, national contentment, and national health? A visit inspires love of country; begets contentment; engenders pride of possession; contains the antidote for national restlessness. It teaches love of nature, of trees and flowers, the rippling brooks, the crystal lakes, the snow-clad mountain peaks, the wildlife encountered everywhere amid native surroundings. He is a better citizen with a keener appreciation of the privilege of living here who has toured the national parks.

Stephen T. Mather

For your further enjoyment there are Self-guiding Nature Trails and two Auto Tours with explanatory leaflets or labels.

COSBY - Starts near the amphitheater in Cosby Campground. Distance is one mile.

JUNGLEBROOK - Starts on the Cherokee Orchard Road 3 miles south of Gatlinburg via Airport Road. Distance is 3/4 mile.

SUGARLANDS - Starts from paved trail near Sugarlands Visitor Center. Distance is one mile.

MIDS BRANCH - Starts from parking area opposite Elkmont Campground. Distance is 3/4 mile.

PINE-OAK - Starts 1/2 mile from Cable Mill Junction in Cades Cove. Distance is 1/3 mile.

CADES COVE VISTA - Starts from main road in campground. Distance is one mile.

BIG LOCUST - Starts at entrance to Chimney Tops Picnic Grounds on Newfound Gap Road. Distance is 3/4 mile.

BUCKEYE - Starts from parking area on Newfound Gap road two miles above Chimney Tops Picnic Grounds. Distance is 1/4 mile.

SPRUCE-FIR - Starts from parking area on Clingmans Dome road 4 miles from Newfound Gap. Distance is 3/4 mile.

SMOKEMONT - Starts from Smokemont Campground. Distance is 3/4 mile.

BALSAM MOUNTAIN - Starts from Balsam Mountain Campground. Distance is 3/4 mile.

CADES COVE AUTO TOUR - Starts from Orientation Shelter in Cades Cove. Distance is 11 miles.

CHEROKEE ORCHARD MOTOR NATURE TRAIL - Starts from Cherokee Orchard 4 miles south of Gatlinburg via Airport Road. Distance is 5 miles.

NATURALIST PROGRAM 1971



Great Smoky Mountains
National Park

NORTH CAROLINA - TENNESSEE

For a nation that grows more metropolitan and industrialized every year, the experience of solitude, even the simple fact of quiet, has become inestimable . . . It is imperative to maintain portions of the wilderness untouched, so that a tree will rot where it falls, a waterfall will pour its curve without generating electricity, a trumpeter swan may float on uncontaminated water--and moderns may at least see what their ancestors knew in their nerves and blood.

Bernard De Voto

NATURALIST ACTIVITIES

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the Naturalist Program in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Guided walks and illustrated talks are presented by naturalists and historians to acquaint you with the park's natural and historical features. You are also invited to browse through the Sugarlands Visitor Center (8 a.m. - 9 p.m.) and the Oconaluftee Pioneer Museum (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.). Here you can learn more of the mountain culture and natural history of the park.

NATURE WALKS involve easy walking to strenuous climbing. Wear comfortable walking shoes or boots. Parents should accompany children under 12. Walks will be cancelled because of rain or with less than 10 hikers. FURNISH OWN TRANSPORTATION.

EVENING PROGRAMS are presented nightly at campground amphitheatres and at the auditorium in Sugarlands Visitor Center.

SUGARLANDS June 27 - September 5

ILLUSTRATED TALKS - Sugarlands Visitor Center Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Sunday	<i>America's Wonderlands</i>
Monday	<i>Environmental Crisis</i>
Tuesday	<i>Let's Talk About Bears</i>
Wednesday	<i>Mountain Pioneers</i>
Thursday	<i>Come See the Smokies</i>
Friday	<i>The Forest</i>
Saturday	<i>Exploring the Smokies</i>

NATURE WALKS - Meet at Sugarlands Visitor Center.

Sunday	<i>1:00 p.m. - Appalachian Trail</i>
Monday thru Saturday	<i>10:00 a.m. - Sugarlands</i> <i>1:00 p.m. - Grotto Falls</i>
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	<i>2:00 p.m. - Inspiration Point</i>
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	<i>2:00 p.m. - Appalachian Trail</i>

GROTTO FALLS - An easy 3 mile round trip walk through a charming virgin forest to a small waterfall. Drive 14 miles. About 4 hours.

SUGARLANDS - A leisurely 1 mile round trip walk through a second growth forest, which once was a corn field, to an old pioneer cabin. No driving. About 1½ hours.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL - An easy 2 mile round trip walk through a spruce-fir forest - Indian Gap to Newfound Gap. Drive 30 miles. About 4 hours.

INSPIRATION POINT - A moderately strenuous 4 mile round trip hike through a cove hardwood forest up to a heath bald. Drive 18 miles. About 4 hours.

ELKMONT June 27 - September 5

ILLUSTRATED TALKS - Elkmont Campground Amphitheater, 9 p.m.

Sunday	<i>Environmental Crisis</i>
Monday	<i>Let's Talk About Bears</i>
Tuesday	<i>Mountain Pioneers</i>
Wednesday	<i>Come See the Smokies</i>
Thursday	<i>The Forest</i>
Friday	<i>Exploring the Smokies</i>
Saturday	<i>America's Wonderlands</i>

COSBY June 27 - September 5

ILLUSTRATED TALKS - Cosby Campground Amphitheater, 9 p.m.

Sunday	<i>Let's Talk About Bears</i>
Monday	<i>Mountain Pioneers</i>
Tuesday	<i>Come See the Smokies</i>
Wednesday	<i>The Forest</i>
Thursday	<i>Exploring the Smokies</i>
Friday	<i>America's Wonderlands</i>
Saturday	<i>Environmental Crisis</i>

CADES COVE June 27 - September 5

ILLUSTRATED TALKS - Cades Cove Campfire Shelter, 9 p.m.

Sunday	<i>The Forest</i>
Monday	<i>Exploring the Smokies</i>
Tuesday	<i>Animal Life in the Smokies</i>
Wednesday	<i>Come See the Smokies</i>
Thursday	<i>Mountain Pioneers</i>
Friday	<i>America's Wonderlands</i>
Saturday	<i>Let's Talk About Bears</i>

NATURE WALKS - Meet at Cades Cove Campfire shelter.

Tuesday	<i>1:00 p.m. Bote Mountain</i>
Friday	<i>1:00 p.m. Abrams Falls</i>
Saturday	<i>1:00 p.m. Bote Mountain</i>

BOTE MOUNTAIN - A conducted drive through a variety of forests, then a 3 mile round trip hike to Spence Field, an interesting grassy bald. Drive 20 miles. 4 hours.

ABRAMS FALLS - A moderately strenuous 5 mile round trip hike through a cove forest to a charming waterfall. Drive 12 miles. 5 hours.

Open air museum of historic farmstead dwellings and outbuildings; corn grinding daily; muzzle-loader rifle firing, twice daily; weaving, twice weekly; sorghum molasses making on weekends from mid-September to mid-October