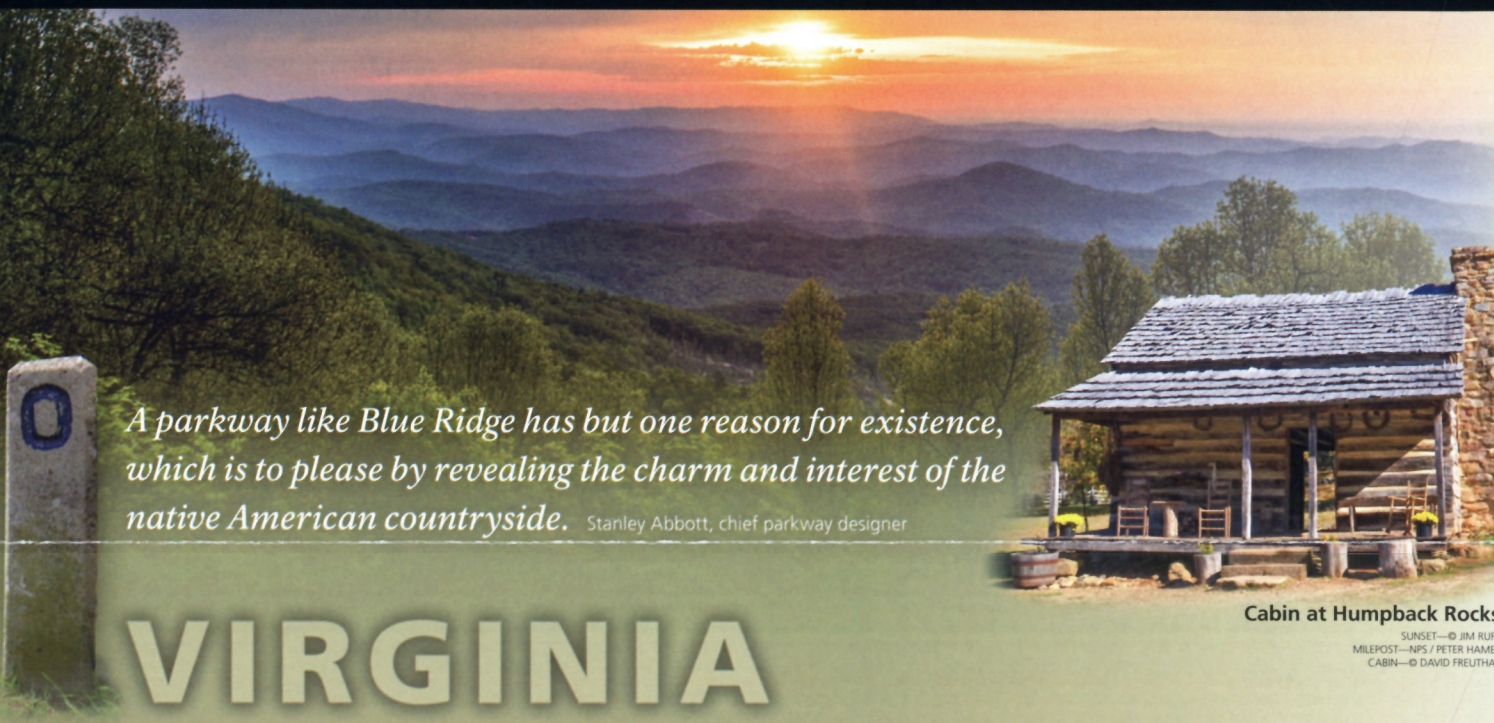




A parkway like Blue Ridge has but one reason for existence, which is to please by revealing the charm and interest of the native American countryside. Stanley Abbott, chief parkway designer

VIRGINIA

The Blue Ridge Parkway was decades in the making by many people. Its route, stopping points, and vistas were all carefully planned. Stanley Abbott, the chief parkway designer and first superintendent, often talked with area residents and ensured their stories became part of the parkway.

MP6 Humpback Rocks At the Humpback Rocks Visitor Center and Mountain Farm, you can compare life today with life long ago. This landscape shows life in the 1890s, a life without electricity, indoor plumbing, or

modern technology. See the ingenious ways families found to meet their needs. Enjoy the popular trails nearby including a hike up to Humpback Rocks or along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

MP63 James River Sometimes called "the river where America began," the scenic James was vital to the settlement of Virginia. Stop by to learn about the old canal system and look for wildlife.



MP86 Peaks of Otter For 8,000 years or more, people have been drawn to the Peaks of Otter and this valley. What have American Indian, English, German, Irish, African, and

many other cultures found so valuable that they return generation after generation? Find out for yourself by exploring the area. Take a short walk to the 1930s Johnson farm or visit



Polly Wood's Ordinary, an inn from the 1800s. Hike up Sharp Top Mountain. And go to the visitor center where exhibits show the area's cultures, plants, and animals.

MP100-130 Roanoke Stop by Explore Park to see a three-dimensional map of the entire parkway. Take a break in the shady picnic area at Roanoke Mountain.

Safe Travel Along the Parkway

You can find details about park travel and regulations at www.nps.gov/blri and in free publications available at visitor centers.

Basic service and activity information on other side.

Road and facility closures go.nps.gov/brp-map

Cell service, GPS Unreliable

A few travel tips Driving times on the parkway are often longer than expected. • Fuel available only in nearby towns. • Expect ice, snow, and closed roads in winter. • Watch for vehicles entering from overlooks and side roads. • Many tunnels have low clearance; check heights before you travel. • Share the road with bicyclists.

Basic regulations Park only in designated areas. • Keep pets on

leashes. • Fires, including charcoal, allowed only in campgrounds and picnic areas. • No hunting. • No swimming. • Boating allowed only in a few places. • Remotely operated aircraft, including drones, not allowed. • OK to gather fruits, nuts, and berries for your own consumption. • Federal law protects all natural, historical, and archeological objects. • Firearms regulations on park website.

More Information Blue Ridge Parkway 199 Hemphill Knob Rd. Asheville, NC 28803 www.nps.gov/blri

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MP167 Rocky Knob Hike into Rock Castle Gorge, one of the largest natural areas on the parkway. Stay a few days in the campground as you explore other nearby parkway areas.



MP176 Mabry Mill Ed and Lizzy Mabry built the mill in 1908 and operated it for 30 years. The wheel still grinds corn. Listen to the ring of a blacksmith's hammer or watch

as a weaver turns yarn into cloth. Enjoy a traditional Southern meal. On Sundays, people put on their dancing shoes when musicians fill the air with Appalachian tunes.

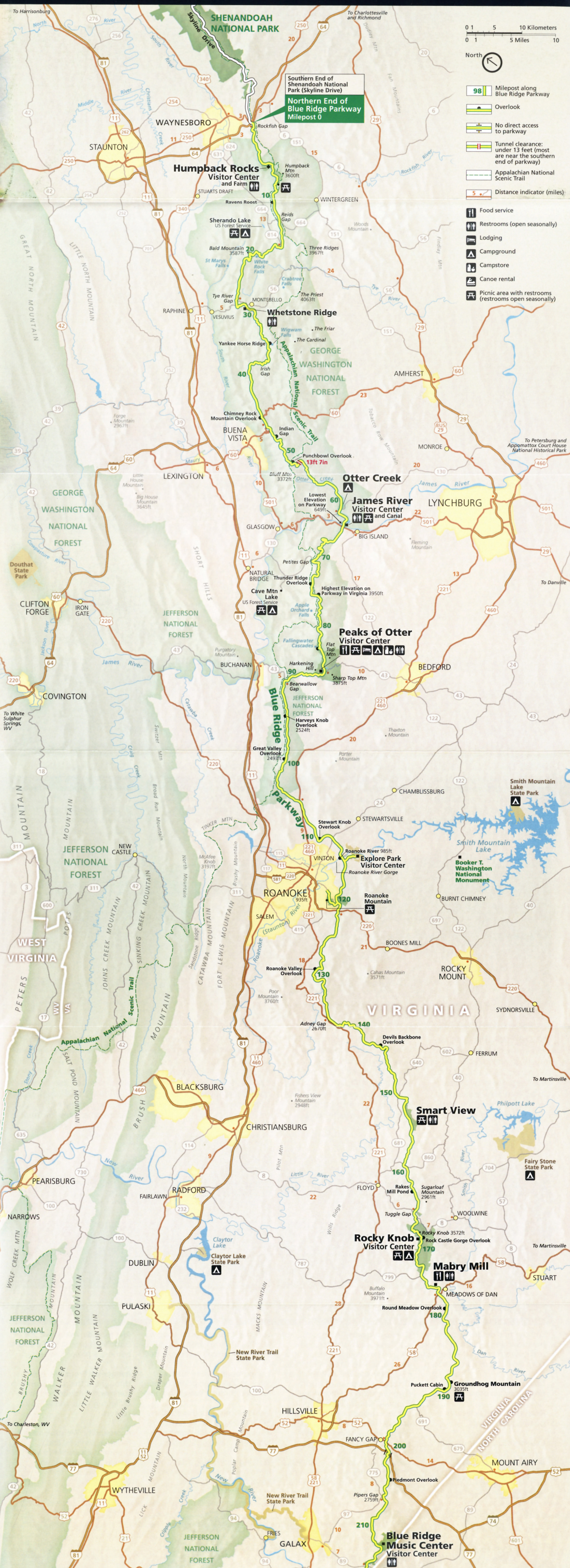
MP190 Puckett Cabin Visit the home of legendary midwife Orlean Puckett. She successfully delivered over 1,000 babies, but lost her own 24 children in infancy.



MP213 Blue Ridge Music Center The parkway's celebration of music straddles state lines and generations here. During the center's season, musicians play traditional

tunes every day on the porch. People flock to outdoor concerts. In the exhibit hall, enjoy videos and recordings of people singing songs of their ancestors. Discover musical links between

Europe, Africa, and America and see how instruments have changed. Walk the grounds and listen for birds, insects, and a creek—natural music you can hear all along the parkway.



Blue Ridge Parkway

We've got views that roll away forever. . . .
You can touch a cloud up here.

Longtime park ranger

NORTH CAROLINA

Construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway began in 1935 at Cumberland Knob (milepost 218). Stop here to learn more about the parkway's early history. Doughton Park features the Brinegar Cabin (mp 238), where you can imagine the challenges of living in the mountains a century ago.



Flat Top Manor

MP293-299 Cone and Price Parks Moses Cone, who made a fortune from denim, built Flat Top Manor as a summer mountain escape. Nearby, Julian Price bought land to

create a retreat for employees of his insurance company. Both parks continue to offer a variety of recreation, including fishing, boating, camping, and hiking.



Linn Cove Viaduct

MP304 Linn Cove Viaduct Looming above the viaduct, Grandfather Mountain is home to more rare plant and animal species than any mountain

east of the Rockies. The viaduct was engineered to protect this beautiful, but fragile, area. Stop at the visitor center to learn how this engineering marvel was built.

Eastern red-spotted newt

MP316 Linville Falls Walk a short trail to several views of the Linville River cascading into deep, wild Linville Gorge. The gorge was one of the first wilderness areas designated by

Congress. Exhibits explain the complex geology that formed this area. Longer, more rugged trails lead to primitive campsites in the wilderness beyond parkway boundaries.

MP331 Museum of North Carolina Minerals Discover how minerals have shaped this nation, from America's first gold rush to today's computer industry.

MP364 Craggy Gardens Nature's garden flourishes on these high slopes. Rhododendrons blanket the mountains in pink in early summer. Wildflowers bloom along hiking trails.



Catawba rhododendron at Craggy Gardens

MP370-395 Asheville area Stop at the Folk Art Center (mp 382) to see traditional and contemporary crafts. At the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center (mp 384), view a film and exhibits about the parkway's history and heritage.

MP407-430 Pisgah area Take your time exploring this high-elevation country. Enjoy its many views and trails, and look for wildlife. During spring and fall, you might see birds of prey and monarch butterflies migrating along the ridges.

Pull over at Devils Courthouse (mp 422), a rugged, exposed mountain rich in Cherokee history. Hike the steep, paved trail to the top. You will be rewarded with spectacular, 360-degree views.

MP451 Waterrock Knob What does bear fur feel like? How big are elk antlers? Find out at the parkway's highest visitor center. From here the road descends through Qualla Boundary, home of the Eastern Cherokee, to Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



One of parkway's 26 tunnels



Devils Courthouse

Services, Facilities, Activities Along the Parkway

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Getting Around Mileposts (mp) are numbered north to south. • Major points of interest, visitor centers, services are on the maps. • Most services are available May-October. • Museum of North Carolina Minerals, Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center, Folk Art Center are open all year. Others are open May-October. • Many nearby towns have full travel services, including fuel.

Food Full-service dining at Peaks of Otter Lodge, Mabry Mill, and Pisgah Inn. Lighter fare at other areas as shown on maps.

Lodging Peaks of Otter Lodge and Pisgah Inn seasons and dates vary. Reservations recommended.

Campgrounds Open summer through fall, reservations recommended through recreation.gov.

Picnics Picnic areas have tables, grills. Drinking water, restrooms available seasonally. Some overlooks also have picnic tables.

Walking and Hiking Many overlooks have short trails; major areas have longer trails.

Just for Kids Ask about the Track Trails program and how to become a Junior Ranger.

Ranger-led Programs Held throughout the park, mostly in summer. Schedules posted on bulletin boards and at visitor centers.

Accessibility We strive to make facilities, services, and programs accessible to all. Details at visitor centers, on park website, and in other guides.

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