

WELCOME

to the East Tennessee Crossing Byway

VISIT THE EAST TN BYWAY

Stretching eighty three miles through Tennessee, the East Tennessee Crossing Byway connects two national parks-Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Cumberland Gap National Historic Park. The byway begins in Cumberland Gap on the Kentucky/Tennessee border and terminates at the Tennessee/North Carolina border.



World-Class fishing, hiking, whitewater rafting, Civil War history, golf, camping, boating, museums, country music, farm-fresh produce, arts and crafts, historic downtowns and great food and lodging await visitors along the byway.

Whether you need a quick getaway from the city or a long leisurely vacation, you can find it here.

A drive along our byway and our back roads will take you through some of the most beautiful country in the United States.

Just as the early pioneers made new lives in this region, people from all over the world are discovering East Tennessee as a wonderful place to recreate, relocate or retire.



Discover the Pathways of America's Pioneers and Western Expansion. A beautiful, intriguing experience for visitors, the East Tennessee Crossing Byway has much to offer. Drive the East Tennessee Crossing Byway and soak in the richness of the Tennessee landscape with over 83 miles to discover the Clinch Mountain, Cumberland Gap, the Dixie Highway of the Civil War period and Thunder Road of moonshining lore.



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TENNESSEE WILDERNESS ROAD

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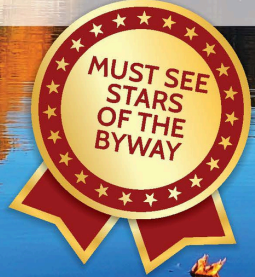
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East Tennessee is known for its beauty and the Byway delivers Mountains, Valleys, Lakes and Rivers



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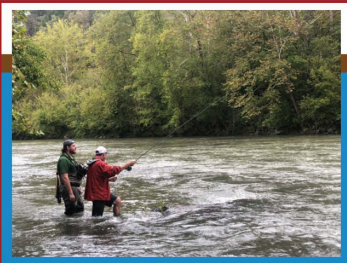
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An eighty-three mile road trip of discovery - Appalachian mountain heritage, Civil War history, moonshining and small town America.

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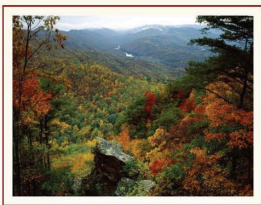


THE TOP STARS ALONG THE ROUTE

1 CUMBERLAND GAP NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

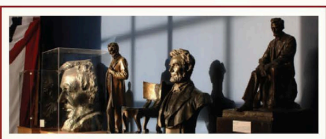
The Park preserves the heritage of this famous mountain gap used as a gateway to the frontier by Daniel Boone and hundreds of thousands of pioneers venturing to new lands in the west. Nestled at the edge of the park is the Town of Cumberland Gap with its historic buildings, art community, lodging, and restaurants.

This star offers hiking, camping, caving, cycling trails, unique shopping, seasonal events, and a bus tour to the historic Hensley Settlement.



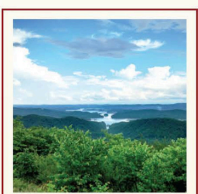
2 ABRAHAM LINCOLN-LIBRARY MUSEUM IN HARROGATE

The Museum has amassed one of the top collections of Lincoln memorabilia in the US. During the Civil War, Cumberland Gap changed hands three times as a strategic location for the movement of troops and supplies.



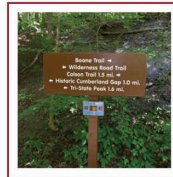
3 VETERANS OVERLOOK AT CLINCH MOUNTAIN

The scenic overlook provides a view range of over a hundred miles across four states, mountains, and lakes including the Smokies and Cherokee Lake. Clinch Mountain was a geological marker for both Cherokee warriors heading along the Great Indian Warpath to hunt in the Cumberland Gap and a back breaking climb for pioneers heading to the Cumberland Gap for passage into the rich lands of "Kentuckiana." The memorial park at the Overlook is dedicated to the veterans who have served this country in conflicts around the world.



4 BEAN STATION HIGHLIGHTS

Nestled at the base of Clinch Mountain is Bean Station, the site of the final Civil War battle of the Campaign for Knoxville. The location of one of the earliest outpost settlements on the frontier. Bean Station served as a crossroad for Daniel Boone's Wilderness Road and the Great Indian Warpath. By the late 1800s, the town grew as a resort and railroad town, until the TVA built Cherokee Dam and inundated the town in 1940.



5 CHEROKEE LAKE

Cherokee Lake is one of 3 lakes you will cross when traveling the byway. Cherokee Lake was created by damming the Holton River in 1940 as part of the war effort to produce power to build aluminum needed for aircraft. It is named after the Cherokee Tribe who traveled along the Great Indian Warpath to hunt in the Cumberland Mountains. The original warpath trail, which was followed by Daniel Boone, lies below the waters of the lake.

6 MORRISTOWN AND THE LONGSTREET MUSEUM

As the largest city along the route, Morristown offers a combination of historic downtown, dining, and shopping. Located along the shorelines of Cherokee Lake is Panther Creek State Park featuring campgrounds, trails, and paddling.



6 WHITE PINE & RANKINS BOTTOM

Douglas Lake- also Civil War (RR), stagecoach road. With a picturesque setting in the rolling hills and pastoral landscapes of East Tennessee you will find local eateries, bookstore, and libraries, and find yourself surrounded by golf courses, lakes, cabins, shopping, the great University of Tennessee, as well as the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, all within an hour's drive.

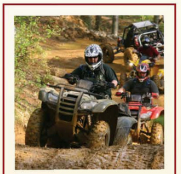
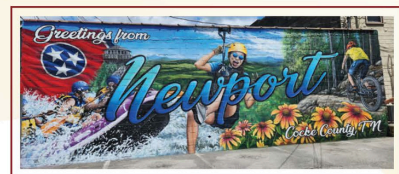
8 DANDRIDGE

Strategically located, the town was originally known as "Dandridge Crossing" and served as an important crossroads for both a stage coach road and later, a railroad route. Along the road, you will travel the tailwaters of Douglas Lake and have access to Rankins Bottom, an important Audubon birding site.



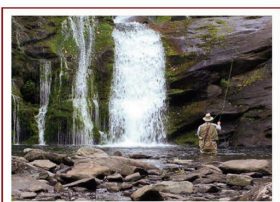
9 NEWPORT

This city's roots date back to the pre-American Revolution as a frontier settlement has been shaped by hundreds of major US history moments, spanning wars and the industrial revolution. Today the City of Newport is best known as a gateway to outdoor adventure experiences from white water rafting to trailheads of the Appalachian Trail to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, and its heritage of spirits.



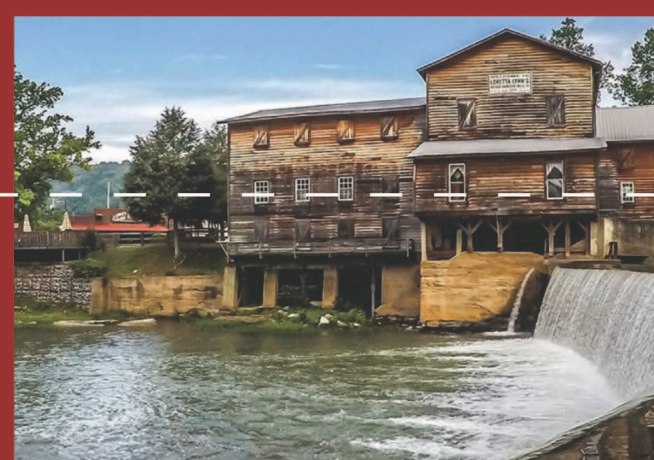
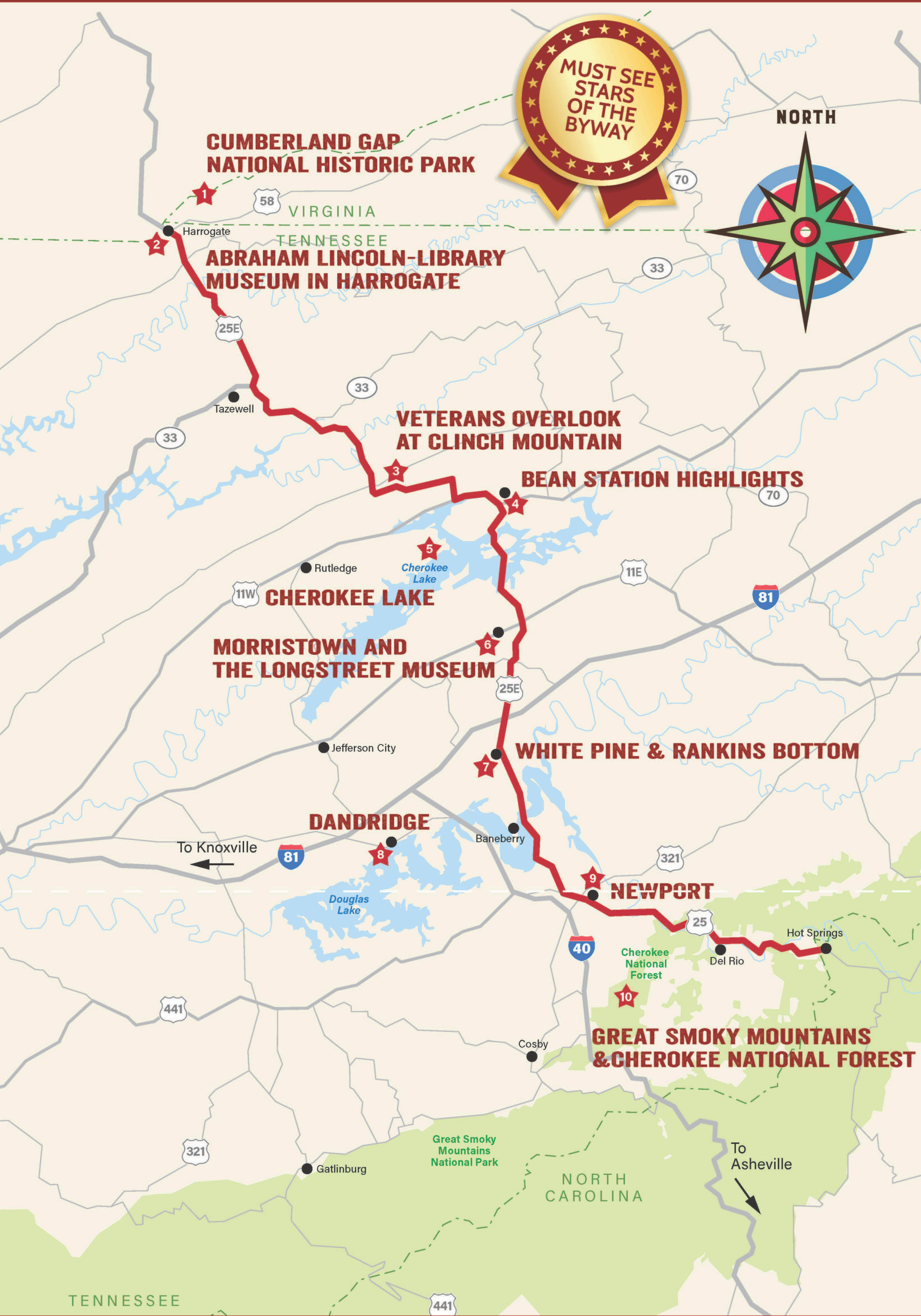
10 THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS AND CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST

The forest covers over 650,000 acres of land along the border of Tennessee and North Carolina. Waterfalls, wildlife viewing, and trailheads for the Appalachian Trail (AT) are found throughout the forest.



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THE STARS OF EAST TENNESSEE SCENIC BYWAY



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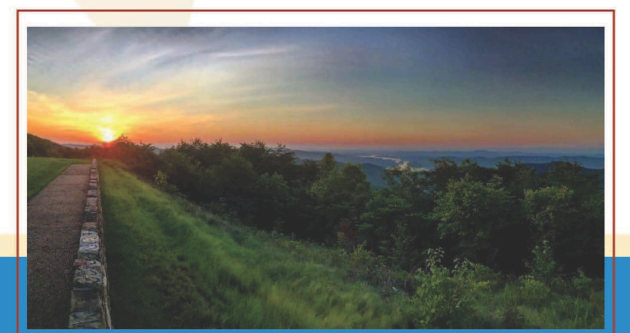
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