

WHERE TO STAY

Whether you want to experience the home town character and charm of our locally-owned motels, or the recognition and reputation of our six national chains, with over 600 rooms per night at 12 motels and inns, you can be assured you will have a great night's sleep.

ROMANCE & SCENIC VIEWS

Christopher Place

An intimate resort, Christopher Place is a AAA Four Diamond Award winner. Pamper yourself in this beautiful Smoky Mountain setting among the many amenities and secluded outdoor experiences that await. Enjoy swimming, tennis, hiking or a glass of wine in the library overlooking the serene mountain scenery. Even if you are not staying at this luxurious bed and breakfast, it is worth the drive over to indulge in a delicious four-course dinner in the resort's Mountain View Dining Room. Call 24 hours in advance for reservations. 1500 Pinnacles Way, Newport, (800) 595-9441, www.christopherplace.com



Creekwalk Inn at Whisperwood Farm

Whisperwood Farm Creekside Bed and Breakfast is made of hand-hewn logs and furnished with rustic, handmade furniture and amenities. Whisperwood Farm offers an intimate and romantic setting. Also included on the same property is Cocke County's only wedding chapel. Each of the seven rooms at Creekwalk preserves the natural charm of a log home on a private estate. Casual, rustic, exquisite in food as well as architecture – enhanced by the lovely brook just a few feet away from your doorway. 166 Middle Creek Road, Cosby, (800) 962-2246, www.whisperwoodretreat.com

Foothills Farm

Nestled at the base of the Foothills Parkway alongside a rushing creek and surrounded by the GSMNP, Foothills Farm is a new outdoor special event center featuring customized event planning. A lovely setting for a wedding, reunion or that important occasion. 120 Gamecock Way, Cosby, TN 37722, (865) 505-1033, www.foothillsfarmtenn.com

French Broad Outpost Ranch

The only dude ranch in Tennessee -- for people who like going back in time and being cowboys (and cowgirls). Tennessee Guest and Dude Ranches were around long before the ranches of the Western states were formed. Visitors who prefer to entrench themselves in their nature experience rather than observe it from a resort window will especially enjoy the Cattle Drive events. At the ranch, there are many activities for the entire family, centered around horseback riding. 461 Old River Road, Del Rio, (800) 995-POST www.frenchbroadriver.com



Meadow Creek Mountain Resort

Located at the foot of the Cherokee National Forest, Meadow Creek is off the beaten path yet centrally located. Amenities include Crazy Horse Cafe, the General Store, deluxe pet-friendly cabin accommodations, and a 6-bedroom/6-bath lodge with a kitchen and deck with BBQ and hot tub. Activities include hiking and horseback riding – bring your own horse and access the many miles of trails in the Cherokee National Forest on Meadow Creek Mountain. 959 Browns Chapel Road, Parrottsville, (423) 623-7543 www.meadowcreekmountain.com

Standing Bear Farm

A turn of the century multi-generational farmstead, Standing Bear Farm includes the original homestead, barns, outbuildings and farmhouse. The outbuildings have now been converted to a bunkhouse and cabin where hikers can spend the night. Located just 200 yards off of the Appalachian Trail, amenities include a rustic bunkhouse or cabin, tent camping, authentic Tee-Pee, hot showers, laundry, free internet, phone, mail-drop, shuttle service, microwave, fire pits and gas grill. 4255 Green Corner Road, Hartford, (423) 487-0014, standingbearfarmhostel.com



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

EQUINE EXPERIENCE

Saddle up and enjoy one of our mountain trails at Meadow Creek Mountain Resort or a "Balanced Ride" at French Broad Outpost Ranch. Whisperwood Farm offers a "Horse-Healing" experience – right here in Cocke County.

French Broad Outpost Ranch – 461 Old River Road, Del Rio, (800) 995-POST, (423) 487-3120, www.frenchbroadriver.com

Meadow Creek Mountain Resort – 959 Browns Chapel Road, Parrottsville, (423) 623-7543, www.meadowcreekmountain.com

Whisperwood Farm – 166 Middle Creek Road, Cosby, (423) 487-4000, www.whisperwoodretreat.com



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Cocke County has many biking opportunities traversing the Cherokee National Forest. Maps are available for purchase. Call 423-638-4109 for more information.

Enjoy challenging trails, complete with creek crossing, switchbacks and fantastic views

at **Outdoors in the Smokies**, 462 Middle Creek Rd., Cosby, (423) 200-9935.

FISHING & HUNTING

Fishing Licenses go on sale March 1st of each year and can be ordered from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency by phone by dialing 1-888-814-TWRA (8972) or from their web site. Children under 13 do not need a license to fish.

With the combination of the Cherokee National Forest and the Martha B. Sundquist State Forest, there are great hunting opportunities. The forests are home to many species of wildlife, including deer, bear, boar, fox, weasel, opossum, skunk, raccoon, turkey, grouse and various species of waterfowl within the waterways of both forests. Call 1-800-332-0900 to learn more about the various TWRA hunting and fishing regulations.

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ABUNDANCE OF NATURAL ADVENTURE

THREE RIVERS AND A LAKE

With three rivers and a lake to explore, visitors to Cocke County enjoy abundant opportunities to get on the water. From white water adventures on the Pigeon River to calmer paddling on the Nolichucky and French Broad Rivers to flat water on Douglas Lake, boats of all sizes (kayaks, rafts, pontoons, and motorboats) are common sights in Cocke County.

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

America's most visited national park is world renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life and the quality of Southern Appalachian mountain culture. Rarely crowded, the Cosby entrance to the Park showcases beautiful wildflowers, moss covered stones and babbling brooks surrounded by old growth forest. With peaceful picnic areas and campgrounds with great hiking trails, the hike to Mount Cammerer Fire Tower provides one of the best views in the Smokies.

CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST

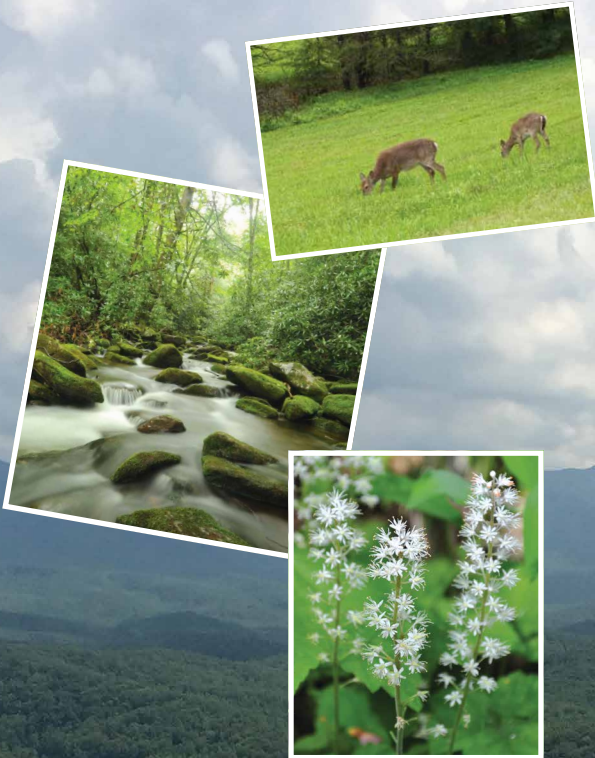
The large portion of the Cherokee National Forest in Cocke County offers opportunities for all kinds of outdoor enthusiasts. Hike up to the breathtaking views atop the Meadow Creek Lookout Tower, where viewers get a 360° view of the surrounding countryside. Relax along the trail that runs around Allen Branch Pond. Paddle a kayak down the French Broad, one of the oldest rivers in the world. Or drive quietly along one of the many loops when the rhododendrons are in full bloom.

MARTHA B. SUNDQUIST STATE FOREST

This state forest consists primarily of mature mountain and cove hardwood stands. It features a hiking trail called "Tennessee Gulf Trail."

APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

The AT is a public footpath covering over 2,180 miles, that traverses the scenic, wooded, pastoral, and wild lands of the Appalachian Mountains.



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Few other areas of the country are as rich with accessible outdoor adventure as Cocke County. Much of the southern portion of the county is made up of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Cherokee National Forest, and the Martha B. Sundquist State Forest. The most famous of American footpaths, the Appalachian Trail runs for several miles through the county.

WINE & SHINE

Following the generations old tradition of careful craftsmanship at the heart of Appalachian heritage, the winery and two distilleries in Cocke County produce top-notch wine and spirits. The region is known for its world-class moonshine, but modern makers have been branching out. Tour the facilities and sample the several varieties offered at each location.



Cocke County Moonshine - 337 Old Knoxville Highway, Newport, (423) 248-3070, www.cockecountymoonshinedistillery.com

Bootleggers - 3567 Hartford Road, Hartford, (865) 323-5444, www.bootleggerswhiskey.com

Goodwater Winery - 1865 Goodwater Road, Bybee, (423) 608-3249, www.goodwatervineyards.com

Pigeon River Winery in Hartford - 3112 Big Creek Road, Hartford, (423) 487-3568, www.pigeonriverwinery.com

UNIQUE & DIFFERENT

Foothills of the Smoky's Quilt Shop - Every corner of the store is filled with colorful bolts of fabric, patterns, and sewing notions. With a large vintage collection, it is easy to appreciate the amount of time invested in each handmade quilt exemplifying centuries of rural tradition. Be sure to ask about quilter's retreats when you stop by this Smoky Mountain favorite. 3892 Cosby Highway, Cosby, (423) 487-3866



Briarwood Auto Safari - Be sure to bring your camera. Briarwood Auto Safari features animals from around the world. On your scenic, four-mile safari through beautiful hills and pasture lands, you will experience animals from six continents. You may drive your own vehicle, but to avoid hoof-prints, a tractor-pulled wagon ride is recommended. The petting zoo, playground and picnic shelters make it easy to spend the day at this unique attraction. 255 Briar Thicket Road, Bybee, (865) 919-5072, briarwoodsafari.com



BIRD WATCHING

Rankin Bottoms Project - Located on the upper reaches of Douglas Lake, it is aptly described by Michael Sledjeski in a paddlers' guide as "a southern Appalachian bayou." The water levels in certain parts of Rankin are seasonal, so check first before heading out with your canoe or kayak. Rankin is one of the best birding areas in the Southeast and has been recognized by the National Audubon Society as an Important Bird Area. This is the premier site in East Tennessee for warm season waterbirds including Wood Duck, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Egret, Osprey, shorebirds, Cliff Swallow, and Prothonotary Warbler. Contact: Michael Sledjeski, (423) 487-3161



HISTORY & HERITAGE

Stop by the Chamber/Tourism Office and pick up a copy of the "The Heritage Tour" brochure highlighting the 10 properties in the County that are listed with the National Register of Historic Properties: Beechwood Hall, Cocke County Courthouse, Cocke County Memorial Building, Elm Hill, Greenlawn, O'Dell House, Rhea-Mims Hotel, Swaggerty Blockhouse (the only blockhouse left in this area), Vinson House, and Yett-Ellison House. Visit the Newport/Cocke County Museum, housed in the Newport Community Center, and the Genealogy Room at the Stokely Memorial Library in Downtown Newport for insight on mountain dwellers and pioneer survivors who evolved into the strong, independent, culturally-rich population dedicated to preserving their mountain heritage and land as a legacy for future generations. Newport (423) 623-7201

TRAILS

Looking for more to do in the area? Hop on one of the many trails that pass through this region: East Tennessee Crossing National Scenic Byway (U.S. Hwy. 25), Foothills Parkway, Sunny Side, Rocky Top, White Lightning and Still Water to White Water Motorcycle Trail.



THE "REAL" ROCKY TOP

The world knows "Rocky Top" from the song written by Boudleaux and Felice Bryant in a Gatlinburg motel room, but few people know of the spectacular site in the Cherokee National Forest between Bridgeport and Del Rio. The "real" Rocky Top was well known for many years to locals before the legendary words became the Tennessee state song.

RACING

English Mountain Dragway - Love the thunder of full throttle dragsters? If so, then this is the place for you on Friday and Saturday nights.

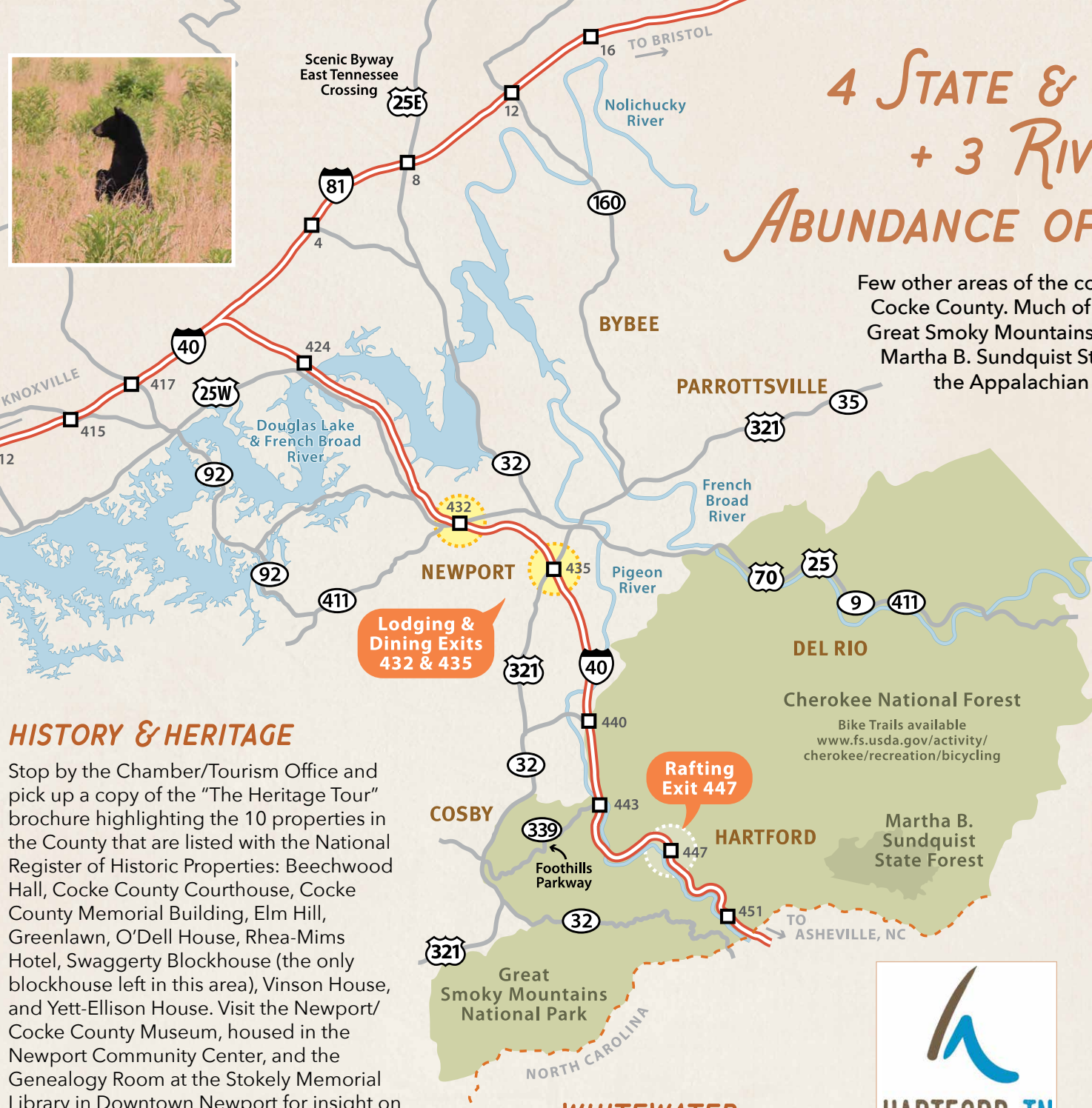


An IHRA sanctioned track, it offers a point system to competitors, cash to Pro Class and Foot-Brake winners each week, electronic timing, and first-rate racing accommodations. 1323 Lewis Road, Newport, (865) 258-8184 www.englishmountaindragway.jimdo.com

ATV/UTV

Lean Over Here Trail - 180 acres of pristine, forest land, rolling meadows and open fields. 2111 Fowlers Grove Road, Bybee, TN 37713, (423) 797-6548 www.leanoverheretrails.com

Smoky Mountain Adventure Tours - A true off-roading experience in the Smokies. (423) 625-3643 www.smokymountainpremierrvresort.com



WHITEWATER RAFTING

Coursing through the Cherokee National Forest and engulfed in the shadows of the wonderfully majestic Great Smoky Mountains, have the whitewater adventure of your life.



Ride five miles of white water containing 18 Class II, III and IV rapids on the Upper Pigeon River with professionally guided rafts. No group is too small or too large, too young (check website for age or weight restrictions) or too old!!! Each of the eleven rafting companies, located in Hartford, just off I-40 at exit 447, maintain the highest standards of operation. A more serene route is available through all rafting companies utilizing the Lower Pigeon River; this more laid-back and scenic section of the river is perfect for a family float. Water release and schedule is set with Walters Power Plant operations and guaranteed water is Memorial Day to Labor Day. Most outfitters are open May to October, check them out at yallvisittthesmokies.com. Many offer other outdoor activities including zip-lines, kayak and canoe rentals.

HISTORICAL MARKERS IN PARROTTSVILLE

As part of the statewide Civil War Trails program, two historical markers have been placed in Parrottsville to commemorate the important events that took place there. Created to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Civil War Trail is intended to educate the public, promote the commemoration, and preserve the lands and legacies of the Civil War, by engaging individuals and communities in an accurate and inclusive portrayal of Tennessee's contributions to the Civil War. Understanding the past improves relations in the present and leaves a lasting legacy for the future.

