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Blue Ridge Parkway

Soaring to the crests of the ancient Appalachians, America's longest scenic drive – born as a "make work" project during the Great Depression – entices travelers with views of misty mountains and verdant valleys that have scarcely changed since the days of Daniel Boone.

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Highlights & Facts For The Ideal Experience



Roanoke Valley in Virginia's Blue Ridge

Trip Length: Roughly 469

Best Time To Go: Year round. Best in spring and fall.

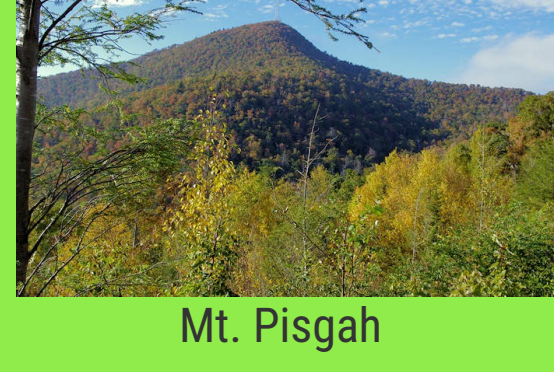
What To Watch Out For: Some sections of the parkway may be closed in winter due to snow and ice.

Must See Nearby Attractions:

- 1** Biltmore Estate (Asheville, NC)
- 2** Blue Ridge Music Center (Cumberland Knob, NC)

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Traveler's Notes



Mt. Pisgah

First proposed in the 1920s, the bulk of the Blue Ridge Parkway was constructed in many stages between 1935 and 1967, during which time it grew from a network of local roads to the current route, along which billboards and commercial traffic are both banned. The last section near Linn Cove Viaduct in North Carolina was completed in the mid-1980s.

The James River Visitor Center (434/299-5496) offers exhibits and trails along the James River and Kanawha Canal. This is the lowest point on the parkway, at 649 feet, and also the junction with US-501, which runs west along the James River for 15 miles to Natural Bridge.

The most popular and most developed stretch of the parkway, the Peaks of Otter section includes a visitors center, gas station, restaurant, and very pleasant lodge, open year-round. Three peaks rise above a small lake and give great sunrise and sunset views; many good trails, including a two-mile loop to Fallingwater Cascades, let you escape the sometimes-sizable crowds.

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What To See Along the Way



- Humpback Rocks
- Whetstone Ridge
- Buena Vista Overlook
- James River
- Peaks of Otter
- Roanoke Mountain
- Smart View
- Mabry Hill
- Groundhog Mountain
- Blue Ridge Music Center
- Cumberland Knob
- Doughton Park
- Jumpinoff Rocks
- Moses H. Cone Memorial Park
- Linville Falls
- Crabtree Meadows
- Mt. Mitchell State Park
- Craggy Gardens
- Mt. Pisgah
- Devils Courthouse
- Richland Balsam
- Waterrock Knob
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Facts & More Information To Plan Your Trip!



Devils Courthouse

- Humpback Rocks:** The rock is so named for the visual effect of a "hump" it creates on the western face of the mountain.
- Whetstone Ridge:** This trail runs along Whetstone Ridge near Adams Peak, and along South Mountain Ridge following an old tramway from past logging operations.
- Buena Vista Overlook:** The beautiful view from this overlook offers a look at the mountain town of Buena Vista.
- James River:** Virginia's largest river, flowing across the entire state.
- Roanoke Mountain:** Located two miles south of the Roanoke River and one mile east of the Blue Ridge Parkway.
- Blue Ridge Music Center:** The sounds of the fiddle, banjo, and guitar are likely to welcome you when you visit the Blue Ridge Music Center.
- Doughton Park:** An area of open meadows, ideal for viewing wildlife and visiting numerous historic locations.
- Linville Falls:** The most popular waterfall in the Blue Ridge Mountains because of its accessibility to the Blue Ridge Parkway.
- Mt. Pisgah:** One of the shining jewels of Lane County, Mount Pisgah Arboretum is a 209-acre living tree museum open every day of the year.
- Devils Courthouse:** Presides over some of the most spectacular views in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Ready, set, go!