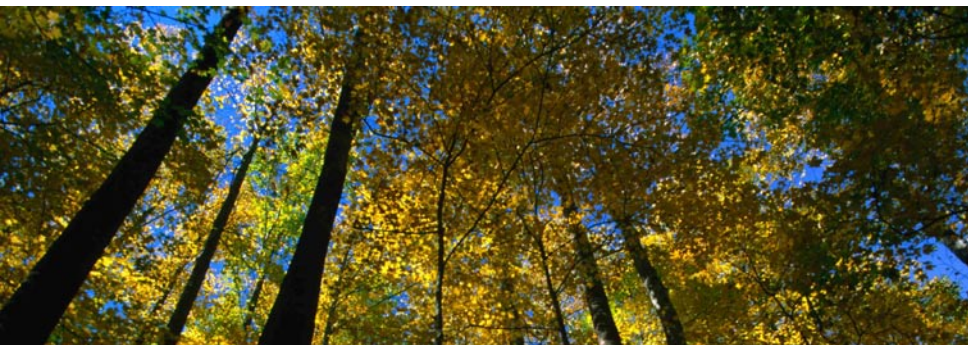


Great Smoky and Shenandoah National Parks and the Blue Ridge Parkway – Appalachia’s magnificent protected areas.



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GREAT SMOKY, SHENANDOAH & BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY **HIGHLIGHTS**

Like a hummingbird drunk on nectar, you'll soon be lapping up the resplendent beauty of majestic trees, rambunctious creeks and meadows carpeted with the most delicate flowers you've ever seen. As you gaze across primeval mountains shrouded in soft, bluish mist, you'll know that you've arrived in a special place, among precious few left on the planet. Here lie vestiges of past lives, evoked by early settlers' hardscrabble cabins and fertile riverside bottomlands where Cherokee villages once stood. No matter how you choose to explore these magical parks, be it through driving tours, fly-fishing or backcountry hiking, you're sure to thrill at nature's wild splendor.



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A violin craftsman displays his talents at Dollywood

Purple gourds for birdhouses at the most visited park in the country - Great Smoky



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Caldwell House (1903) in Catalochee - Great Smoky

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS HIGHLIGHTS

Autumn leaves on trees with farmland and mountains behind.

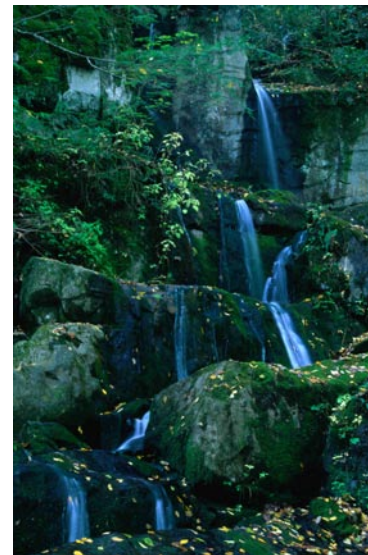


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Native American Indian bust wood carving for sale at souvenir shop, Cherokee



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Series of waterfalls and rocks known as 'Place of a Thousand Drips'.