2024 MOTD



Twisties and Good Times Ahead MINIs on the Dragon 21

May 1st - 5th, 2024

Event Guide

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EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

For general communications between everyone attending, please monitor channel 7 subchannel 21 on the FRS/GMRS radio. Please use this channel only to get in contact with other members of the group and refrain from playing music or having long conversations on 7-21. Doing so blocks the channel and prevents others from using it. In order to keep 7-21 clear for the group to use, it's best if you move your conversation to another channel instead of staying on 7-21. Below is a list of sub-channels for each local group attending.

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Fontana Hours

Due to Staffing Issues ALL HOURS are Subject to Change. Check Bulletin in General Store for up to date hours.

Fontana Lodging Check-Ins will be in the General Store MOTD Registration will be in the card room inside the Rec. Hall

(that is next to the bar in the Rec. Hall where the Group Dinners are Held)(see map below)

The Mountain View Bistro at the Lodge: Breakfast: 7:00 am - 10:00 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The Wildwood Grill will be open: Breakfast: 7:00 am - 10:00 am

Lunch/Dinner: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm -- Sun - Thursday

Lunch/Dinner: 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm -- Friday - Sat.

Pitstop Gas Station will be open**: Daily 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

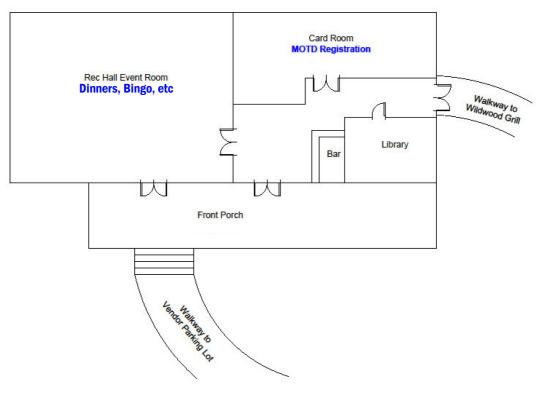
The General Store will be open: OPEN 24 / 7

**Pitt Stop Gas Station will serve BBQ and Hotdogs daily

Ice Cream Shop: T.B.D..

Car Wash Locations: General Store Parking Lot

Small Parking Lot Next to Putt Putt Course



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Safety on the Dragon!

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Drive the Dragon at your skill level - don't try to push it or keep up with faster vehicles.

STAY IN YOUR LANE, cutting the corners and taking chances that might appear "fun" while sitting in your easy chair, BEWARE, this style of driving the Dragon can cost you dearly. The challenge of the Dragon is to take the many curves in the best line possible inside your lane.

Do NOT sightsee. The Dragon is to drive, not to watch sights. On many runs I don't even see what is on the side of the road. I'm watching the roadway way ahead.

Look far ahead at the road, curves, bushes, other vehicles, etc. If you haven't seen the hazards right in front of you, you are going to hit them anyway, so you might as well pay attention to what you have time to avoid.

We have seen deer, bear, turkeys, and wild boar on the roadway. Be ready to brake and slow down When we say brake we DO NOT mean slamming on the brakes. That will get you turned around in a hurry and it's no fun looking at where you've been at any speed.

Maintain a "safe zone". Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you. Watch your rear view mirrors for faster vehicles. If you see a faster rider/driver coming up behind you, pull over to the right of your lane, slow down a little, and wave them around. It's much safer to let a faster vehicle go around you than to try to outrun them. NEVER stay left trying to keep someone from passing you. NEVER pull off the road onto the shoulder unless it is at one of the pull-off parking areas. It may be illegal to pass on the Dragon, but I'll let a faster vehicle get around me to protect my safe zone.

There will always be faster drivers than you. Don't try to be the King of the Dragon. Drive the Dragon many times before trying to challenge it. Even then you still need to respect it at all times.

DO NOT STAND ON THE BRAKES if you see danger ahead. You are much better off to tap the brakes and maintain control. Some 90% of the accidents on the Dragon are due to speed and then over braking. If you see another vehicle coming at you in your lane, hug the white line in your lane. In all likelihood you can avoid trucks and trailers if you stay alert and watch ahead.

DO NOT be spooked by other vehicles. DO NOT make sudden avoidance moves. You might have to adjust your line to avoid a car, truck, or bike, but DO NOT lay on the brakes or turn off the roadway suddenly unless that is the only out you have. Motorcycles might dent your car, but that is better than going off the bank and hitting a tree sideways. If a cycle is in your lane, that is their mistake and problem, don't let them force you into a worse situation for yourself.

Trucks are usually traveling at a very slow speed and you should have time to stop and back-up if you see one coming at you and taking the whole corner. Watch for signals from drivers/riders coming at you. Many times they will escort a big truck over the Dragon and wave a warning to you to pull over. DO NOT ignore these warnings.

Safety on the Dragon! (continued)

Avoid driving hard on the Dragon in heavy traffic times. Weekends from 11 am to 5 pm are the busiest. These are the times to lay back and enjoy watching the "show" go by. The early mornings (before 11 am) and the late afternoons (after 5 pm) have the least traffic. Always stay 100% alert. You do not have the advantage of relaxing on the Dragon

Make sure your vehicle is mechanically sound and that your tires are good. Plan to make several runs, the first is always a nervous one then you can have fun on the second and third.

DO NOT over-use your brakes. Use your gears and DOWNSHIFT. A good Dragon driver WILL NOT use a lot of brakes.

Focus - do not daydream. Watch the road, your mirrors, and pay attention to other biker/car/trucks. 99% of the accidents on the Dragon come from the following:

Too much speed - Too much brakes - Inattentiveness - Driving above your abilities







Graham County Food Drive - Grace Place

Once again we will be reaching out to help support the local Graham County Food Pantry and give back to the local folks in the area. We have several incentives to get everyone involved: **Dontations at the Registration Room**: We'll have various trinket to entice you donate in the registration room too.

Here is a list of items in need: (please check the expiration dates)

Oatmeal Cake Mix Cans of Tuna Fish **Pop Tarts** Soups **Brownie Mix** Cream of Mushroom Soup Peanut Butter Crackers) Sugar Cream of Chicken Soup **Taco Seasoning Mix** Rice Dawn Dish Detergant Sloppy Joe Mix **Spices** Gallon Zip Lock Bags Non-Stck Spray Rotel **Cooking Oils Canned Vegetables** Canned Fruit Spaghetti Sauce Large and XL Latex Gloves **Paper Towels Canned Tomatoes Gravey Mix**

Canned Food: Ravioli, Sausage, etc **Tomato Paste**

An event of this size does not happen by itself. It takes a coordinated effort from a lot of individuals and groups. So let's all thank the following contributors and supporters of the 2024 MINIs on the Dragon!!

2024 Vendors and Sponsors

Appalachian Bear Rescue
Chris & Betting Bowling
Craig & Kim Adams
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Fontana Village

Graham County

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Dallas

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Flow MINI of Winston Frank & Gail Myrick Greg & Jann Hamilton Hampton Roads MINI Club

Howie & Michelle Rosenberg

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James Riedel
Janet Ford

Jason Hurdle - XIEK

Jay & Norma Jean Pecotte

Jeff Goodman

Jim & Mitzy Dillman

Kim & Lee Outlaw

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Mark & Barbara Shadwell

Mark & Diane Vander Berg

Mason Hendricks

Middle Tennessee MINIs Mike & Donna Smith

MINI of Knoxville

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Out Motoring

Paul Petrella Philly MINI

PittStop MINIs

Rocket City MINIs

Roger Seeley

Rosalyn Western

Ross Gobble

Steve Queen
Sunshine MINIs

Tampacola MINIS

Teddy Toney Tom Womble

Troy Wesson

Woody and Barbie Marshall





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Daytona Area MINI Motorers

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Cabin # 1012

MINIs on 129

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Sunshine MINIs

"Please Crawl Responsibly"

General Store DAON ANATHOR FONTANA ROAD WELCH ROAD PARK DRIVE **MOTD 2024 - Cabin Crawl Map** ယ 2 CHURCH Cabin # 514 **Cabin # 515 Cabin # 475 Chris and Betty Bowling Appalachian Mountain MINIs** Rocket City MINIs ROAD 0 OOKS BOYD ETCH BOAD WEST LICKLUG LAINE TICKTOG TANE

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MOTD Cabin Crawl

Schedule of Events

Wednesday – May 1st 2024

Sunrise Drive Thru the Smokies Host: Bob Whitney

Time: 6:00 am - 11:15 am Location: General Store Parking Lot

Foothills Parkway Lunch Run Host: Mike and Donna Smith

Time: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Skyway - Beach Drive Host: Roger Seeley

Time: 9:15 am - 2:45 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Wehrloom Honey Meade Run Host: Mark and Barbara Shadwell

Time: 9:45 am - 2:30 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Deep Creek Waterfalls and Lunch Host: Cynthia Womble

Time: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Just-A Lunch Host: Mason Hendricks

Time: 10:45 am - 2:15 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Dragon Safety Host: Dallas

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Dogwood Suite (next to Rec Hall)

Registration Pick-ups Host: Jason "XIEK" Hurdle

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Card Room in the Rec. Hall at Fontana Village

Welcome Dinner Host: Snooter - Barry Patascher

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Doors open at 5:00pm / Dinner at 6:00pm)

Location: Rec. Hall at Fontana Village

Music Under the Stars Host: Fontana Village

Time: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Location: Open Deck between Rec. Hall and Wildwood Grill

Cigar Salon Host: Drive N Eat

Time: 8:00 pm - pm Location: Front Porch of Rec Hall Thursday – May 2nd 2024

The Skillet Run Host: James Riedel

Time: 6:30 am - 12:00 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Cades Cove Run Host: Woody and Barbie Marshall

Time: 7:00 am - 3:00 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Foothills Parkway and Caverns Host: Mason Hendricks

Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Lost Sea Cave Adventure Host: Phillymini

Time: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Location: General Store Parking Lot (upper end)

Dragon Fire - Thursday Run Host: Vander Berg's and Hamilton's

Time: 8:45 am - 2:30 pm

Location: General Store Parking Lot (upper end)

Registration Pick-Ups Host: Jason "XIEK" Hurdle

Time: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Location: Card Room in the Rec. Hall at Fontana Village

Cherohala Drive and Lunch Host: Mike and Donna Smith

Time: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Penitentiary And Devil's Triangle Host: Dallas

Time: 9:15 am - 6:15 pm

Location: General Store Parking Lot

Andrew Valley Rail Tour Host: Jack "MINIBee" Rowland

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Lunch in Highlands Host: Steve Queen

Time: 9:45 am - 3:30 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Brewery Drive and Lunch Host: Jay and Norma Jean Pecotte

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Thursday - May 2nd 2024 - Continued

Lakes End Lunch & Wayah Bald Lookout Host: Ross Gobble

Time: 10:15 am - 3:15 pm

Location: General Store Parking Lot

Wine and Painting Event Host: Barry "Snooter" Patascher

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: The Dogwood Suite

River's End Dinner Host: Janet Ford

Time: 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Exhaust Sound Check Host: Paul Petrella and Teddy Toney

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Game Time Host: Jim and Mitzy Dillman

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Location: Rec. Hall at Fontana Village

MOTD Cabin Crawl Host: Barry "Snooter" Patascher

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Location: Starts at Cabin #475

Friday – May 3rd 2024

Donut Run and Out Motoring Host: James Reidel

Time: 7:00 am - 12:00 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Dragon Parade Host: Jason "XIEK" Hurdle

Time: 8:00 am - 9:30 am Location: Lower Dam Parking Lot

Dragon Fire - Friday Run Host: Kim and Lee Outlaw

Time: 8:45 am - 2:30 pm

Location: General Store Parking Lot (upper end)

Registration Pick-Ups Host: Barry "Snooter" Patascher

Time: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Location: Card Room in the Rec. Hall at Fontana Village

Friday - May 3rd 2024 - Continued

White Water Rafting Host: Tom Womble

Time: 9:15 am - 3:00 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Tsali Notch Vineyard Run Host: Dallas

Time: 9:30 am - 4:15 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

MINIs to the Max Exhibit Host: Jeff Goodman

Time: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Cherohala Drive and Lunch - Friday Host: Mason Hendricks

Time: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Apple Pie Run Host: Bill and Mary Lou Hightower

Time: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Upper Dam Parking Lot near Visitor Center

Tapoco Lodge Lunch Run Host: Jack "MINIBee" Rowland

Time: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Hellbender-Moonshine 28 Lunch Run Host: Corey Brown

Time: 11:30 am - 3:45 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Pineapple Whip Run Host: Troy Wesson

Time: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

River's End Dinner Host: Jake and Carly Cvetan

Time: 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

MINI Say What Host: Ross Gobble

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: Card Room in the Rec. Hall at Fontana Village

Bingo Host: Misfit MINI Crew

Time: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm (doors open at 5:30)

Location: Rec. Hall at Fontana Village

Saturday - May 4th 2024

Blimey's Tiny Tour of Terror Drive Host: Mason Hendricks

Time: 7:45 am - 4:00 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Registration Pick-Ups Host: Barry "Snooter" Patascher

Time: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Location: Card Room in the Rec. Hall at Fontana Village

Panoramic Photo Host: Snooter and MaeLynn Hill Photography

Time: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Location: Baseball Field at Fontana Village

Draggin Dragons Host: PittStop MINIs

Time: 10:30 am - 2:00 pm Location: Rec. Hall at Fontana Village

Dragon City Pit Stop Lunch Run Host: Rosalyn Western

Time: 11:00 am - 2:30 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Ice Cream Run (cash only) Host: Michelle and Howie Rosenberg

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Line up on Welch Road after the Photo Shoot

Road to Nowhere Host: Dave Smith

Time: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Location: General Store Parking Lot

Car Show - Braggin on the Dragon Host: Frank and Gail Myrick

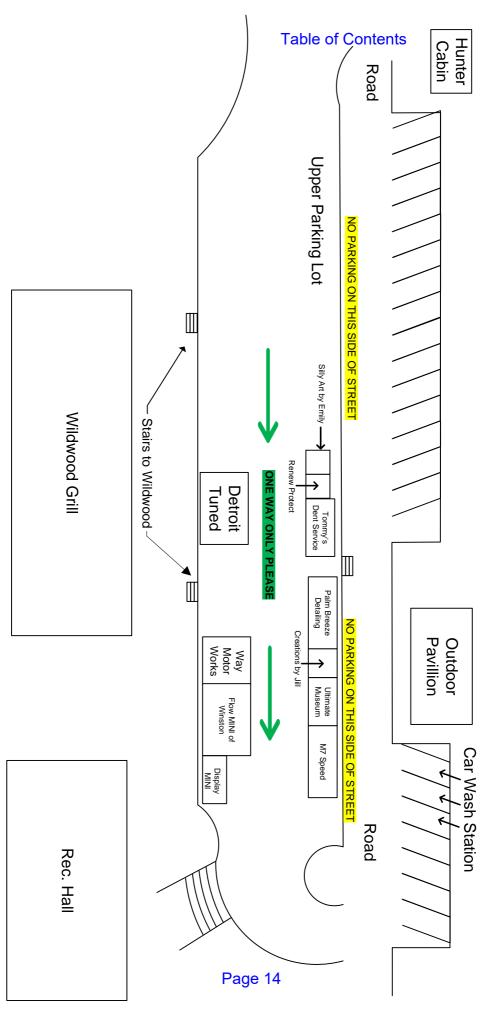
Time: 2:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Baseball Field at Fontana Village

Farewell Dinner Host: Barry "Snooter" Patascher

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Doors open at 5:00pm / Dinner at 6:00pm)

Location: Rec. Hall at Fontana Village



Vendor Schedule

Vendor Name	Dates Available	Location	
Creation's by Jill	Friday - Saturday	Vendor Alley	
Detroit Tuned	Wednesday - Saturday	Vendor Alley	
Emily Martian Art	Saturday Only	Vendor Alley	
Flow MINI of Winston	Wednesday - Saturday	Vendor Alley	
M7 Speed	Wednesday - Saturday	Vendor Alley	
MaeLynn Hill Photography	By Appointment Only		
Palm Breeze Detailing	Thursday - Saturday	Vendor Alley	
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Note: There is a McDonalds, Wendy's, Huddle House and Subway in Downtown Robbinsville

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

If you have cell coverage call 911. If you don't not have cell coverage try to make your way to an establishment such as Fontana Village or Deals Gap Motorcycle Resort. Other helpful numbers:

Cheoah Ranger Station - NC 828-479-6431 1133 Massey Branch Road - Robbinsville - NC - 28771 Tellico Ranger Station - TN 423-253-2520 250 Ranger Station Road - Tellico Plains - TN - 37385

Graham County Sheriff - NC 828-479-3352 Monroe Sheriff Dept- TN 423-442-3911

There is also a TVA Police station located at the top of the Fontana Dam near the Visitor's Center. The closest hospital is the Swain County in Bryson City. As a reminder, none of the drives are a race. Please drive safely, obey all traffic laws, and stay alert for changing road conditions.

History of MINIs on the Dragon

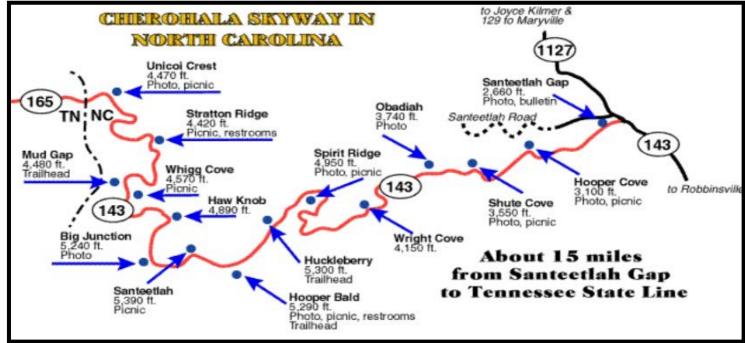
In May of 2003, the first group of Miniacs went to conquer the Dragon. Sixty cars in number and strong in spirit the first Dragon slayers were excited to come back and tell the rest of the world of their adventure. It was this group who ordained that the first weekend in May, they would return, bringing as many MINI friends as possible. Each year since, the daily events and host have changed, but the essence of the event remains. MINIs, Twisties and Friends sharing the common bond of a fun car and a great road.

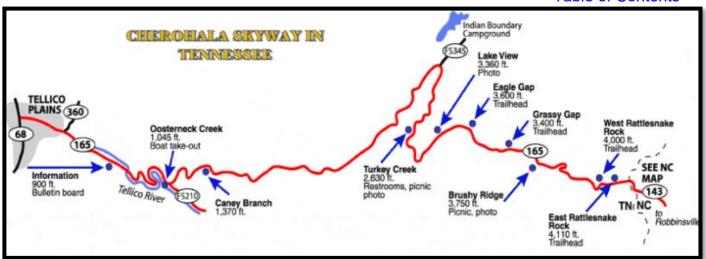
FONTANA VILLAGE RESORT

Fontana Village is exactly that: a village. It was originally built to house the workers building the nearby Fontana Dam in 1942. This small town contained everything needed to support the workers building the tallest dam on the East Coast: a general store, school, post office, hospital, church, even a police and fire department. As you travel around the resort you can see these buildings, some of which are still in use today. The dam was completed in 1945, and in 1947 the village was turned into the largest resort in the Smoky Mountains.

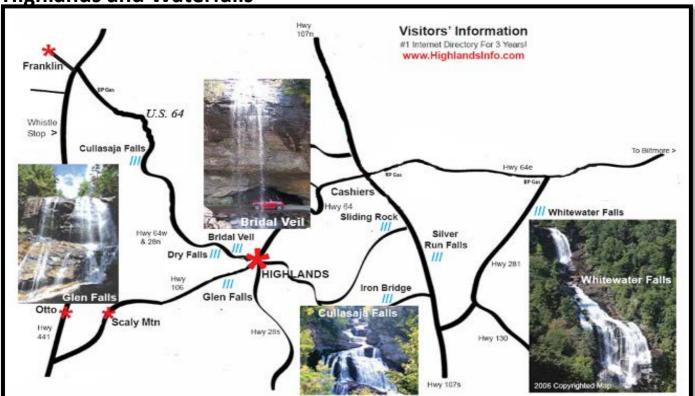
THE CHEROHALA SKYWAY

One of the region's more popular roads. Built along portions of a former Cherokee Indian trading route, this 40 mile road took over 30 years to build and cost \$100 million. Scenery along this route rivals the Blue Ridge Parkway and includes elevations up to 5,390 ft. Drive time can range from 90 miuntes to 2 hours depending on the number of stops you make.





Highlands and Waterfalls



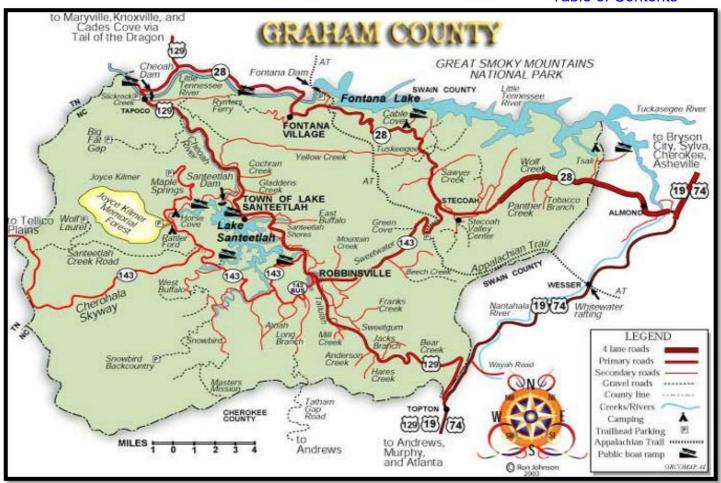
Bridal Veil Falls - 2.5 mi. east of Highlands on U.S. 64. Visible from the highway, which at one time routed traffic under the falls. Height 120 ft.

Cullasaja Falls - Visible from U.S. 64, in Cullasaja Gorge, 11 mi. east from Franklin, 9 mi. west from Highlands. Height 250 ft. Accessible by foot trail, a half-mile through steep, rough terrain.

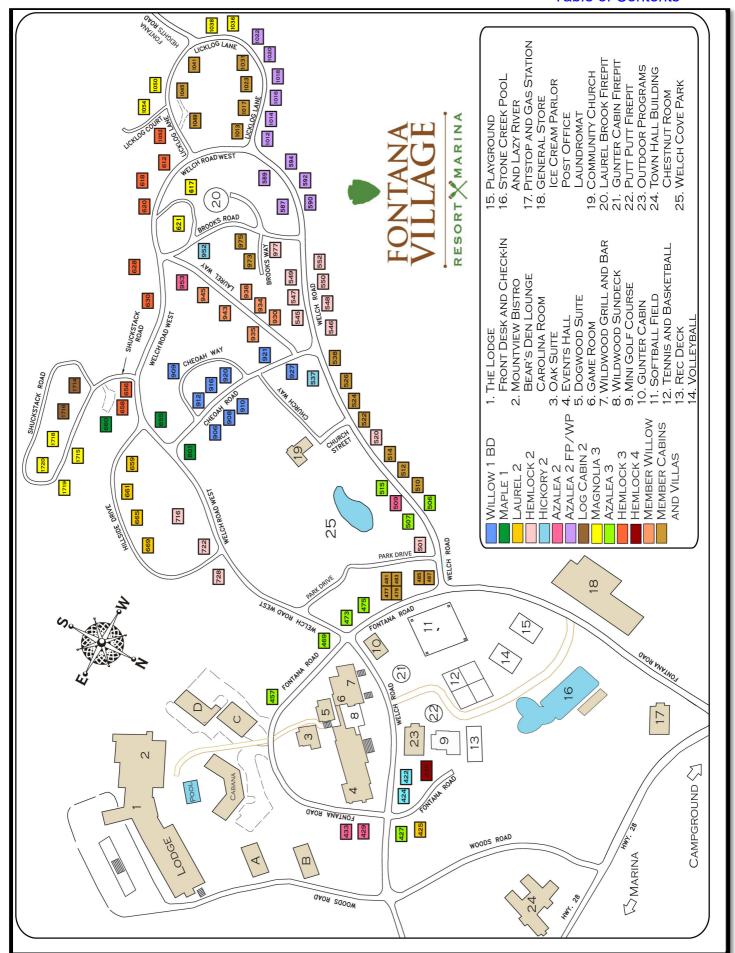
Dry Falls - Located near U.S. 64, 3.5 mi. west from Highlands, 16.5 mi. east from Franklin. Paved walkway leads to falls from parking area. Walk underneath the 75 ft. falls.

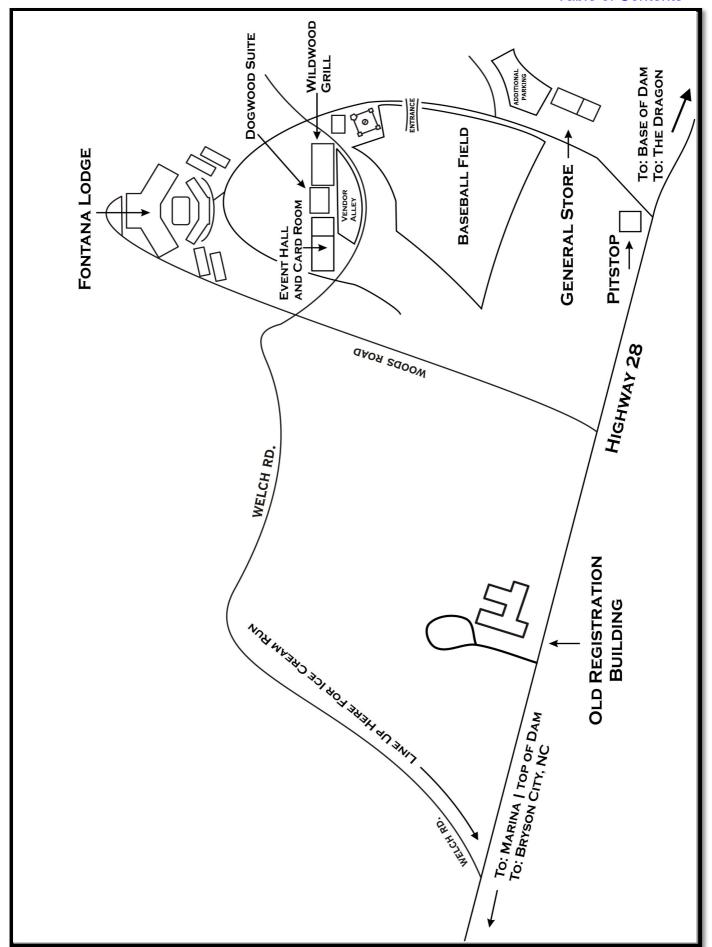
Glen Falls - From Highlands, travel 3 mi. south on NC 106. Turn left on U.S. Forest Service Rd. with "Glen Falls" marker. One-mile trail to falls is steep and rough. Consists of three large falls, each dropping approx. 60 feet.

Whitewater Falls - At 411 ft., the highest falls in Eastern America. From Cashiers, take U.S. 64 east, 10 mi. to "Whitewater Road." Falls are located 10 mi. south on Whitewater Rd., near the NC-SC state line.









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