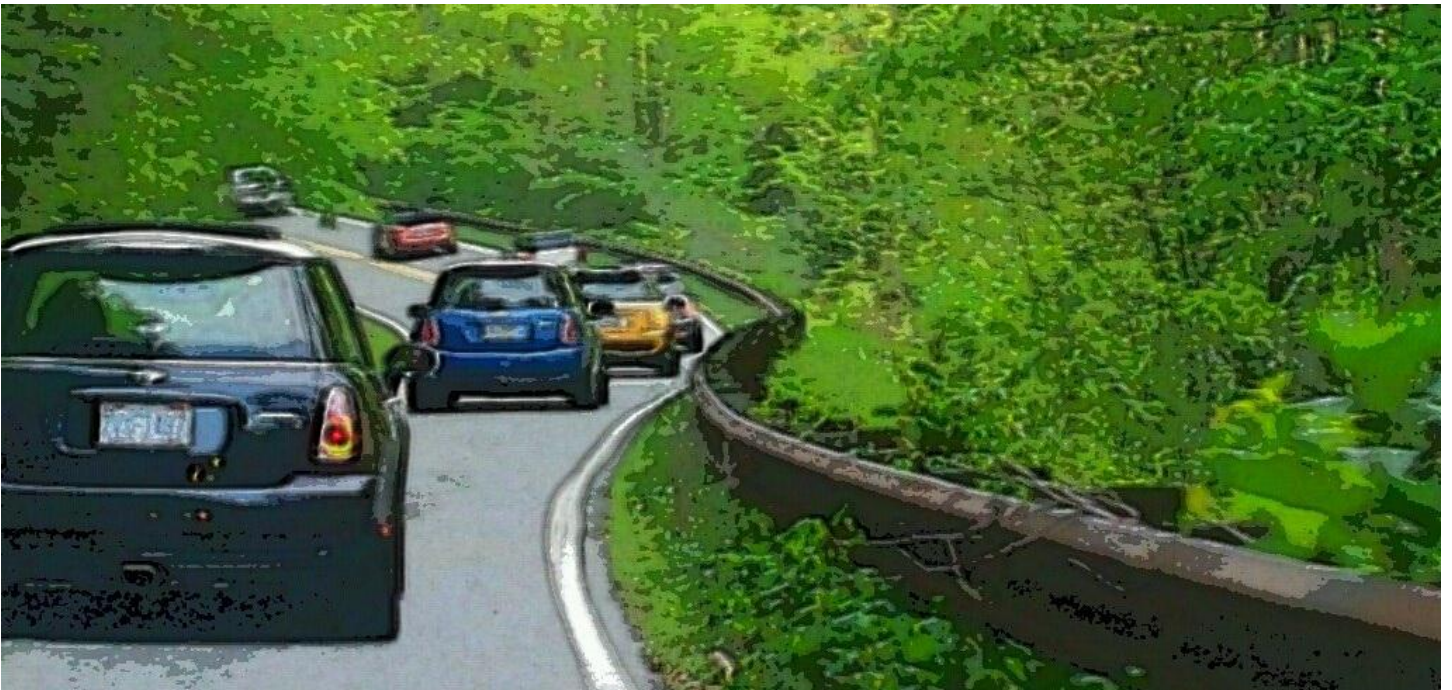


THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK SUNRISE DRIVE

MINIs on the Dragon

Driving Instructions

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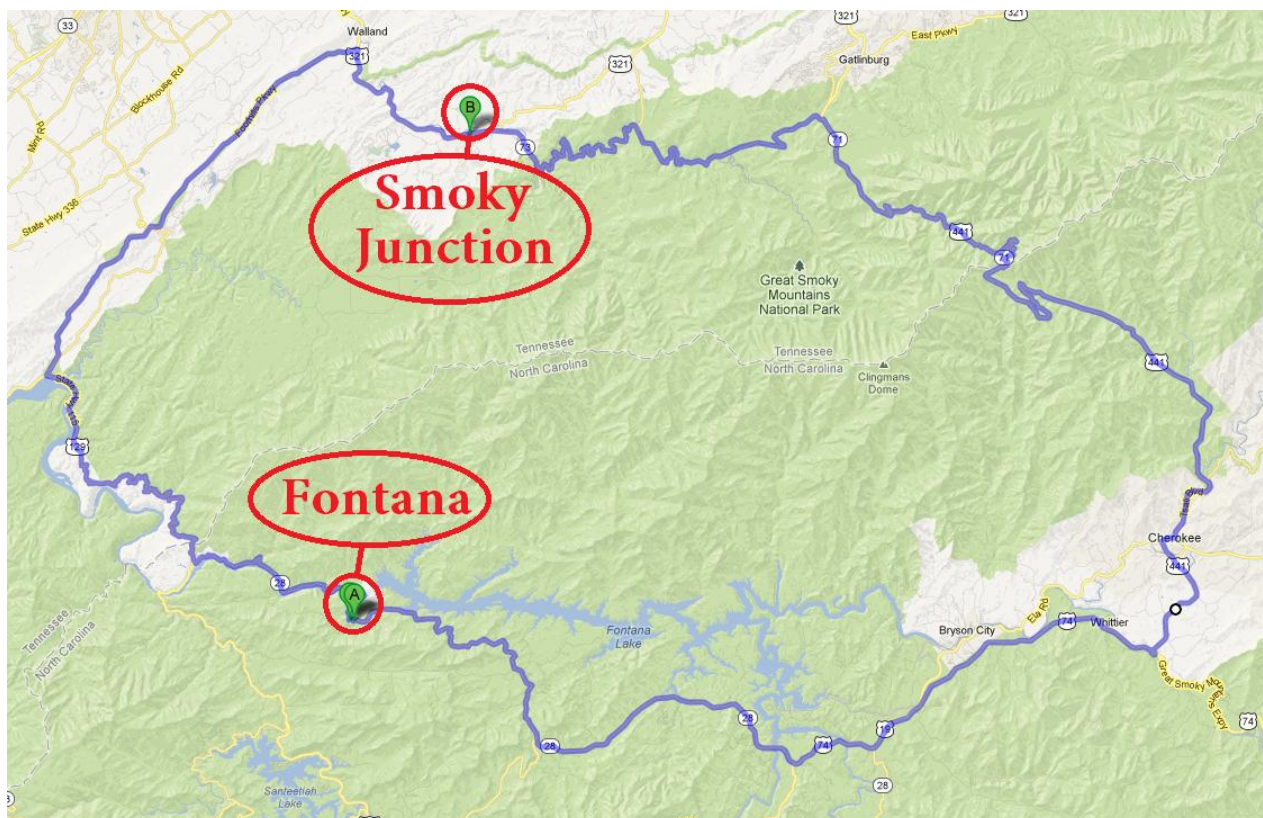
This drive is a great way to start your MOTD experience. I did this drive last year with a friend and it definitely set the mood for the entire week. Inside this packet, you will find everything you need to know about this drive.

As with all drives, we will obey the speed limit so please drive safely! Do not use a cell phone. Do not tail gate the other MINIs or other vehicles that we encounter. And DO NOT cross the double yellow line! As any MOTD veteran will tell you, driving safely is the ONLY way to drive in this area. Please remember that we are guests and we need to be respectful.

For this drive, please meet at the Fontana General Store for 6:30am. We will have a brief driver meeting at 6:50am and we will depart Fontana Village promptly at 7:00am. We will follow NC-28 (Hellbender) out to US-74 and continue until US-441. We then follow US-441 up through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and just before we reach Gatlinburg, TN, we turn off onto Old State Highway 73 / Little River Road. From there we continue through the Great Smoky Mountains and head into Townsend, TN. We will stop for breakfast at the Smoky Junction Restaurant. After breakfast, we continue following 73 to the Foothills Parkway, and then take that all the way down to US-129. Then we head back to Fontana by driving the Dragon and NC-28!

Again, we will follow all speed limits and obey all laws during this drive. Once we reach US-129, we will pull off at the parking lot at the end of the Dragon and anyone wishing to drive the Dragon more aggressively can do so. We should arrive back at Fontana between 11:30am and noon (depending on traffic conditions and how long breakfast actually takes).

This drive is VERY scenic, and although we won't be stopping along the way to sight see, we will be driving appropriately to allow you the opportunity to take in the scenery. This is not going to be a fast-paced drive, although you will find it very relaxing and fun to drive. When I originally did this with my friend, it turned out to be an amazing drive, and found that we didn't feel the need to go as fast or hard as we could.



A Fontana Rd

1. Head **north** on **Fontana Rd** toward **N Carolina 28 S/Fontana Rd**



go 469 ft
total 469 ft

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2. Take the 1st right onto **N Carolina 28 S/Fontana Rd**
Continue to follow N Carolina 28 S
About 27 mins



go 23.0 mi
total 23.1 mi

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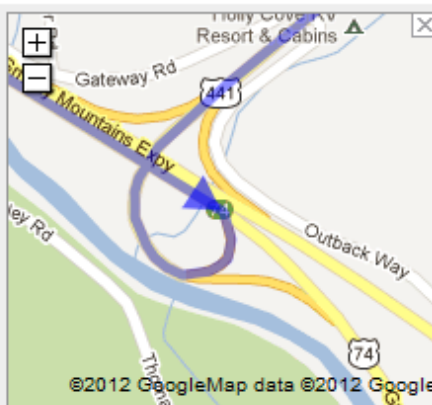
3. Turn left onto **N Carolina 28 S/US-19 N/US-74 E**
Continue to follow US-74 E
About 16 mins



go 15.1 mi
total 38.2 mi



4. Slight right onto the **US-441 N** ramp to **Great Smoky Mts/National Park/Cherokee**



go 0.1 mi
total 38.3 mi



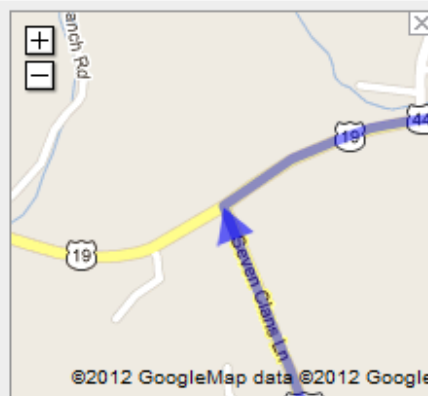
5. Merge onto **US-441 S**
About 6 mins



go 5.2 mi
total 43.5 mi



6. Turn right onto **US-19 N/US-441 N**
About 1 min



go 0.5 mi
total 44.0 mi



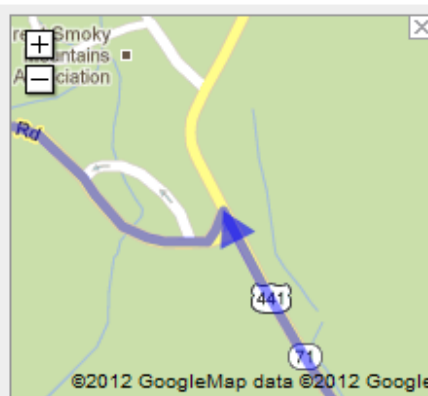
7. Take the 3rd left onto **US-441 N/Tsali Blvd**
Continue to follow US-441 N
Entering Tennessee
About 54 mins



go 32.1 mi
total 76.1 mi



8. Turn left onto **Little River Rd**
About 52 secs



go 236 ft
total 76.2 mi



9. Turn right to stay on **Little River Rd**
About 31 mins



go 17.6 mi
total 93.8 mi



10. **Little River Rd** turns slightly right and becomes
TN-73 Scenic/E Lamar Alexander Pkwy
Continue to follow **E Lamar Alexander Pkwy**
About 6 mins



go 3.2 mi
total 97.1 mi

Total: 97.1 mi – about 2 hours 13 mins



E Lamar Alexander Pkwy



total 0.0 mi



11. Head **west** on **TN-73 W/US-321 S/E Lamar Alexander Pkwy** toward **Chestnut Hill Rd**
About 8 mins



go 6.5 mi
total 6.5 mi



13. Slight right onto **Foothills Pkwy**
About 29 mins



go 16.8 mi
total 23.5 mi



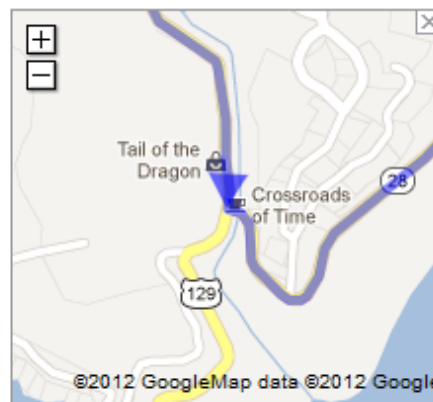
14. Turn left onto **US-129 S/Calderwood Hwy/State Hwy 115**
Continue to follow US-129 S
Entering North Carolina
About 26 mins



go 14.9 mi
total 38.4 mi



15. Turn left onto **N Carolina 28 S**
About 4 mins



go 2.9 mi
total 41.3 mi



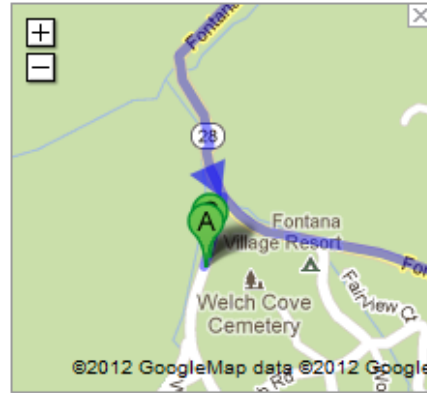
16. Turn right to stay on **N Carolina 28 S**
About 7 mins



go 6.0 mi
total 47.3 mi



17. Slight right onto **Welch Rd**



go 148 ft
total 47.3 mi

18. Continue onto **Fontana Rd**



go 259 ft
total 47.4 mi

Total: 47.4 mi – about 1 hour 17 mins



Fontana Rd

I hope you all enjoy this drive!