

Mountain Bike! the Southern Appalachian and Smoky Mountains: A Guide to the Classic Trails - Menasha Ridge Press, 1999 - 9780897322706 - Steve Jones - 1999

With better than 800 miles of trails in Great Smoky Mountains National Park alone, the Great Smokies have hiking adventures for every taste and skill level: from short, easy strolls on paved paths to multi-night backcountry treks through Southern Appalachian wilderness. Reached via the Chimney Tops Picnic Area along Newfound Gap Road, the Cove Hardwoods Nature Trail shows off some magnificent old-growth Southern Appalachian cove forest, including big tulip-trees, yellow birches, basswoods, eastern hemlocks, and more. A brochure available at the trailhead serves as a guide to the natural highlights you'll be wandering through—great for reading together out loud along the way! 3. Chasteen Creek Cascade. Appalachian Trail. Distance: 4.0 miles one way to Charlies Bunion. Terrain: Elevation change of 1,600 feet; this is a firm-packed trail that traverses some exposed cliffs. Rainbow Falls Trail. Distance: 2.7 miles one way to Rainbow Falls. The trail continues past the falls for a total of 6.7 miles up to the summit of Mt. Le Conte. Terrain: Elevation change of 1,700 feet; trail contains switchbacks and is rocky in sections. Alum Cave Trail. Distance: 2.5 miles one way to Alum Cave Bluffs. From steakhouses with amazing views to a classic drive-in with burgers and milkshakes everyone is sure to love, there are some great places to eat around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Here are some of our favorites from each of the surrounding entrances. The Peddler Steakhouse. Johnny Molloy, who has spent more than 800 nights backpacking in the Smokies, has updated his classic guide Top Trails: Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This revised edition has been completely updated, including the new backcountry reservation system implemented in the park. He has also added some excellent hikes, some of them well off the beaten path. New photos add flair to the book. Read More. Best Tent Camping: Southern Appalachian and Smoky Mountains: Your Car-Camping Guide to Scenic Beauty, the Sounds of Nature, and an Escape from Civilization. Author Johnny Molloy. Related Books. Things to do near Smoky Mountain Guides. Sugarlands Distilling Company. Smoky Tours. Smoky Mountain Guides provides high quality small group adventure tours. We accomplish this by providing interpretive and local guides, that lead Mercedes van tours, hikes, walks, family adventures, backpacking trips and a variety of unique specialty tours. All of our trips and tours are aimed at accomplishing our clients objectives, whether that be: attaining historical insights, seeing panoramic vistas, understanding the natural vegetation or learning a new skill. We're experienced hikers, but given all of the trails in the Smokies and wanting to hear about the area, we thought we'd get a guide for one hike. So glad we did!