

Hiking Great Smoky Mountains National Park: A Guide to the Park's Greatest Hiking Adventures. 2013. Kevin Adams. 9780762793778. Rowman & Littlefield, 2013. 320 pages

Great Smokey Mountains National Park is the most popular national park in the United States, with more visitors each year than any other park in the country. The park was established by Congress in 1934, and was officially dedicated in 1940 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In the end, the park concept won, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was born. Interesting Great Smoky Mountains National Park Facts 550 miles of hiking trails in the park are open for riders. There is no admission fee to the park, which is very rare for national parks. The park is the largest protected bear habitat in the eastern U.S. There are approximately 1,500 black bears in the park. This equals two bears in every square mile. The park is also referred to as the Salamander Capital of the World. Start by marking "Hiking Great Smoky Mountains National Park: A Guide to the Park's Greatest Hiking Adventures" as Want to Read: Want to Read saving... Want to Read. New edition coming 2021! See Hiking Great Smoky Mountains National Park, 3rd Edition for the fully updated and revised authoritative guide to hiking in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Get A Copy. Amazon. I bought this book in 2015 with the intention of heading to the Smoky Mountains for a long weekend. That trip didn't happen until November 2020. While my version is slightly outdated it was still full of good information. I assume the newer version has revisions related to the fires that happened in 2016. All of the hikes I did were as listed in this book. Unlike other national parks, Great Smoky Mountains National Park charges no entrance fee, though the park will charge a fee if you choose to stay in a car campground. For your backpacking trip, you'll need a backcountry permit. If you go with a guided tour, like REI Adventures, fees and passes are typically included in the cost of the trip. Guided Trips in the Great Smoky Mountains. Weather, Road Conditions and Visiting Tips for the Smokies. Elevations in the park range from 800 feet to 6,643 feet, a topographic difference that can drastically affect local weather. HikingintheSmokys.com provides details on 80 hikes in the Great Smoky Mountains: Trail descriptions, photos, difficulty ratings, elevation profiles and maps. We provide detailed information on more than 70 hikes in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, including trail descriptions, photographs, key features, difficulty ratings, maps and elevation profiles. Unlike the national trail websites, we've personally hiked every trail covered on this website to give you a consistent overview of each hike. To begin your next hiking adventure in the Smokies, simply click on one of the trail directories below: About Great Smoky Mountains National Park. A Brief Park History. From its inception in 1923, the idea for creating a national park of the smokey mountains travel Smoky Mountains area was fraught with seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Financial, cultural and political issues were overcome to create what is today the most visited national park in our American Park system. There are six entrances to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Besides the two main entrances at Gatlinburg, Tennessee and Cherokee, North Carolina, there's an entrance at Townsend, Tennessee (billed as the "Peaceful Side of the Smokies") and three lesser-known entrances at Cosby, Cataloochee, and Wears Valley.