

Visiting The Blue Ridge Parkway

DRIVING ON THE PARKWAY:

The speed limit on the [parkway](#) is 45 miles per hour (unless otherwise marked at less than that). The parkway was created to enjoy all there is to see at a leisurely pace, so take your time with the views and activities along the way. You do not have to wait until there is a designated “overlook” to pull off of the roadside to take in some scenery. Unless it is posted otherwise, you can pull your vehicle completely off the road to avoid endangering yourself and others. Be aware of your surroundings, deer and other animals can decide to cross the parkway at a moments notice. Stay extremely alert when driving in the rain and fog. You’ll need to keep your speed lower than normal and make sure your headlights are on. If you are a motorcyclist you should be alert even more so than others. A helmet is required for drivers as well as passengers on motorcycles and your headlight must be on when your bike is in motion. If you are in an accident or are a witness to one, try to find a Park Ranger at a nearby station or campground. If you have phone service call (800) 727-5928.

MILEPOSTS:

You will notice numbered posts as you drive along the parkway. Be alert and watch the roadside if you are looking for a specific milepost marker for your desired location or overlook, they can be hard to spot if not paying attention. The Mileposts range from zero (just South of the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia) to 469 (Just North of [Cherokee, NC](#) and at the entrance to the [Great Smoky Mountains National Park](#)).

RECOMMENDED MILEPOSTS AND MORE: [Blue Ridge Parkway/Places of Interest](#)

GAS AVAILABILITY:

You will not find a gas station on the parkway. However, it is available at many US or State highway intersections located just off of the Parkway.

US Hwy. 21 - MP 229.7
NC Hwy. 18 - MP 248.1
NC Hwy. 16 - MP 261.2
US Hwy. 321 - MP 291.9
NC Hwy. 181 - MP 312
US Hwy. 221 - MP 317.5
NC Hwy. 226 - MP 330.9
NC Hwy. 226A - MP 334
US Hwy. 70 - MP 382.4
US Hwy. 74A - MP 384.7
NC Hwy. 191 - MP 393.6
US Hwy. 25 - MP 388.1
US Hwy. 276 - MP 411.9
US Hwy. 74/23 - MP 443.1
US Hwy. 19 - MP 455.7

** All Hwy. above are in North Carolina*

PARK WATCH:

The Blue Ridge Parkway has a program called “Park Watch”, with the objective of encouraging park motorists and visitors to take a more active role in making sure the park is protected and preserved. Each visitor is asked to take action if any uncontrolled fires, accidents, emergencies or vandalism have been witnessed. If so, call toll-free and talk to a park employee @ **1-800-PARKWATCH (1-800-727-5928)**.

