

Bryson City & Swain County North Carolina

Have a Big Vacation in a Small Town!

**Bryson City in
30 Seconds**



Media Starter Kit

The Smokies are filled with interesting stories about history, outdoor adventures, mountain ingenuity and scenic beauty. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

New - #1702 Steam Engine Returns to the Smokies

After a 12-year hiatus including a 2-year complete restoration, **Great Smoky Mountains Railroad's** historic #1702 steam engine is again pulling excursions from the Bryson City depot to the Nantahala Gorge and to Dillsboro, as well as six special event trains. After each ride, the new people-powered turntable gets the engine set for another run.

New - Restored Bank Building Now Boutique Hotel

The Everett Hotel's nine luxury suites, restaurant, bar and rooftop terrace inhabit what was built in 1908 as the Bryson City Bank. Amenities include luxuriously appointed guest rooms, upscale baths and complimentary breakfast in the Cork & Bean Bistro, serving great Southern gourmet fare using locally grown and organic ingredients.

New - KidZip with Wildwater

Wildwater was the first company in the US to build multiple zipline courses specifically for kids 4 & older. **KidZip Nantahala** offers ziplines and adventure park elements for kids 4-12 years old in a scenic, wooded setting. There are 13 zipline sections – beginner, intermediate & advanced; and 8 climbing elements – entrances, exits & connections.

New - Delayed Harvest Waters in Bryson City

Downtown Bryson City boasts a new 2.2-mile Delayed Harvest section on the Tuckasegee River with one of the highest trout counts in the southeast. And the new 'Trout City' designation allows anglers to fish in marked waters with a \$5 3-day license; and even borrow a rod & reel for one day. Fishing in Swain County is so big it has its own website! **Learn more**

New - Treetop Soaking Cabana

Searching for something romantic and memorable? Look no further than the new treetop soaking cabana at **Lakeview at Fontana**, a boutique mountain inn and spa. Set on a forested hillside the secluded, open-air cabana features an oversized stand-alone tub (large enough for two), deck for two, and a spectacular view of Fontana Lake & the Smoky Mountains.

We Have Photos. Lots of Photos.

Need a great high-res image of the Smokies or Bryson City? You'll find over 500 on our website, GreatSmokies.com/media. If you need something else, give us a call, tell us what you need and we'll send a selection.



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Top 10 Family Friendly, Fun & Free Things To Do

We've created a **Top Ten list** for Bryson City & the NC Smokies of fun, free things to do. Everything from exploring Deep Creek to scenic drives, to splashing in Fontana Lake to Cherokee storytelling. **Get the Top Ten.**

Ever Been On The "The Road to Nowhere"?

Known to locals as "**The Road to Nowhere**," Lakeview Drive is a scenic mountain road that takes you six miles into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and ends at the mouth of a tunnel. What's the story? When Fontana Lake and the National Park were created in the 1940s, old Highway 288 was covered by the rising waters of the lake. A replacement road was promised, but construction was stopped permanently in the 1960s due to environmental issues. The 6-mile road does provide access to several trails in the Park and has a nice overlook of Fontana Lake. It's a beautiful drive or strenuous bike ride – particularly in the fall.

Craft Brewer Uses Smokies Water. And Gives Back.

Located in the shadow of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the **Nantahala Brewing Company** brews award-winning craft beer using clean, crisp water from Deep Creek which flows out of the National Park. According to co-owner Joe Rowland, "In terms of resources, the number one reason we are in Bryson City is because of the water."

In appreciation of this valuable resource, Nantahala Brewing donates a portion of sales of their Trail Magic Ale to the **Appalachian Trail Conservancy's Smokies Ridgerunner program**. Named for the random acts of kindness hikers may encounter along the AT, Trail Magic Ale sales have provided important support for this national park program.

Our Fall Color Isn't Just On The Trees

Not only do the Smoky Mountains explode with color in the fall, Bryson City puts on a festive fall show, too: **Great Pumpkin Pursuit**, a free-for-all raft race to scoop up as many pumpkins as possible from the Nantahala River

- **Crazy Maise Maze**
- **Pumpkin Patch Train Ride** with games and free pumpkins
- **Spooky Storytelling**
- **Haunted Indian Village**
- **Downtown Trick or Treat & Costume Contest**
- **Zesty Chili Cook Off & Fall Festival**
- **Free Music on Saturday Nights** - from bluegrass, to rock, to Elvis. **All fall events**

*Bryson City is 1 hour west of Asheville,
just 3 hours from Atlanta & Charlotte, and
2 hours from Greenville, Knoxville & Chattanooga.*



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