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Laurel Valley

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About Laurel Valley

Laurel Valley is a beautiful gated golf course community on the edge of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Townsend, Tennessee, "the peaceful side of the Smokies". Its 1,400 acres provide spacious home sites with some of the best views in East Tennessee.

For complete information, go to the Laurel Valley Website, www.laurelvalley.org

This information and website is provided by the homeowner's association and contains links and information for residents, property owners and anyone interested in Laurel Valley, the surrounding communities and area attractions.

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About Townsend

Prior to 1900, this area of the Little River Valley and the surrounding tributary streams was called Tuckaleechee Cove - a name meaning "peaceful valley" given to the region by the Cherokees who lived here prior to the first white settler’s arrival in the late 1700s. And, for more than a century after these first settlements, it remained a "peaceful valley," with subsistence farming along the valleys being the primary livelihood of the inhabitants. Then for a relatively brief period of less than 40 years it was a beehive of commercial lumbering activity. But since the establishment of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in the 1930s, the area has re-emerged as "The Peaceful Side of the Smokies."

The Townsend area has remained primarily an uncluttered, pleasant, scenic destination for those who want to enjoy the natural beauty of the Smokies without undue artificial distractions.

In 1900, Wilson B. Townsend and a group of fellow Pennsylvanians formed the Little River Lumber Company, initially intended to supply tanbark for a tannery located in Walland. They bought nearly 80,000 acres of land, much of which now comprises the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In order to log the rugged terrain and move the logs to the mill, they established the Little River Railroad. The headquarters for both the railroad and the lumber company were located in the village which was named Townsend. From here, rails were run deep into the mountains - with workers, equipment, and tools hauled in and logs hauled out by the power of the Shay locomotives, small, powerful, cog driven steam engines which had been developed specifically for working on steep slopes such as these.

During this period of intense commercial activity, the scenic mountain country became a popular attraction once the railroads had opened relatively easy access to it. Some of the logging camps, notably Elkmont, began to evolve into tourist hotels. As logging activities began to wane and the railroad tracks removed, the rail beds provided the beginnings of roadways and trails into the Smokies. A prime example is the scenic Little River Road now running from Townsend all the way along the wilds of the Little River to the Sugarland’s visitor’s center. This was originally the rail bed of the Little River Railroad.

In the mid-1930s, most of the forest land originally acquired by W.B. Townsend was sold to the state of Tennessee which turned it over to the National Park Service to form a major part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Because of its proximity to Cades Cove and the easy access to the scenic Little River portion of the park, Townsend became a major portal for visitors to the national park. The other main park portals such as Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Cherokee have seen the development of entertainment and "tourist" centers, many totally unrelated to the natural beauty of the Smoky Mountains, which draw crowds of tourists - and the corresponding traffic jams. Unlike more commercialized portals, the Townsend area has remained primarily an uncluttered, pleasant, scenic destination for those who want to enjoy the natural beauty of the Smokies without undue artificial distractions.

Source: [www.townsendchamber.org](http://www.townsendchamber.org)
Photos: [www.littleriverrailroad.org](http://www.littleriverrailroad.org)
Laurel Valley Board of Directors

The Laurel Valley Board of Directors is comprised of seven individuals, all of whom serve three-year terms. Officers are elected at the Annual Meeting, usually held in July each year. Each office has an area of responsibility as outlined below.

The Board meets at least quarterly and more often if necessary, to manage the affairs of the Association.

For phone numbers and email addresses, please go to www.laurelvalley.org

- **President** – Presides at Members’ meetings and Board meetings. The President also serves as a “back up” for all other functions.
- **Vice President** – Performs the president’s duties when the president is unavailable and performs other duties as reasonably imposed by the Board.
- **Secretary** – The secretary keeps minutes of Member’s meeting and Board of Director meetings, maintains the records required by the Board, and performs other related duties.
- **Treasurer** – The treasurer has responsibility for the Association’s funds and maintains records of all financial matters, including yearly association dues. The Treasurer also oversees the Finance Committee.
- **Information Technology & Database** - Manages mailing list and web page.
- **Security** – Manages all matters of security (including gate passes)
- **Roads** – Manages all matters pertaining to road maintenance within Laurel Valley.

Standing Committees

There are a number of Standing Committees that enhance the Laurel Valley Community. If you would like to help out with any of these committees, please contact a member of the Board of Directors.

- Architecture Review
- Black Bear
- Finance
- Firewise
- Information Technology
- Road
- Security
- Social
- Welcome
Laurel Valley Security Information

Laurel Valley is committed to the safety and security of all residents and visitors.

A security officer is on duty and access to the property is limited between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. You must have either a property owner's decal or a visitor's pass to enter between these hours.

Our Gatehouse has its own phone number and email. Residents can contact the guards if they have guests arriving by calling or emailing.

The Gatehouse phone number is: (865) 448-9857. Email requests to gatehouse@laurelvalley.org.

Security Procedures

1. All property owners who expect visitors, or allow persons to stay in you home without you being there, or need to provide contractor access to your property after 6 PM must provide the following information to the gatehouse:
   a) Your name and address
   b) Name of visitor(s)
   c) Date / time of arrival
   d) Length of stay
   This will allow the guard to prepare a visitor’s pass. Renters must also provide this information if they expect visitors during their stay.

2. During hours of operation, (6:00 pm to 6:00 am), admittance to Laurel valley will be restricted to:
   a. Property owners who display the Laurel Valley Property Owner window sticker.
   b. Visitors or contractors who have been authorized by the property owner and display a yellow pass.

3. If you observe acts of vandalism, theft, or any illegal activity, call the Blount County Sheriff’s Department dispatch: 865 448-6322.

4. If you observe aggressive bear behavior, call Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA) at 800 832-1174.

5. For non-emergency contacts, the Townsend Area Volunteer Fire Department may be contacted at 865 448-6322 or website www.tavfd.org.

6. Snow Road / Back Gate: Only Laurel Valley residents with a valid keycard are able to enter and exit this gate. Members must obtain a keycard to access this gate. To obtain a keycard, call (865) 448-9857 and leave a voicemail or send an email to Security@laurelvalley.org.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911
Townsend Fire Station #3 was dedicated in 2012.

Townsend Area Volunteer Fire Department

Volunteer fire departments have long served communities out of reach of municipal departments. In rural areas volunteer firefighters are the first, and sometimes only, line of fire defense.

The state of Tennessee has mandated that the volunteers have the same training as paid firefighters. Townsend firefighters are also trained in swift-water rescue, earn their EMT or medical first-responder license, and are certified in vehicle rescue, rope rescue and wild land firefighting.

The Townsend department has about 35 volunteers and averages 6,500 hours a year in training and calls.

The Townsend Area Volunteer Fire Department is a nonprofit organization that responds to fire, medical, and other emergencies in its response district. They depend on fund-raising activities and contributions for support of its operations. It is not tax-supported. Residents of Laurel Valley and those in the Townsend area are asked to support this organization by becoming sustaining members. A residential sustaining member is a single household (or cabin) that makes a donation of $75.00 each year.

This membership fee will allow you to receive emergency services for no additional charges. If you are not a member of the TAVFD, you will be required to pay for any fire or EMT services that you may receive. Please contact the TAVFD by calling 865-448-6559 or at www.TAVFD.org.

FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE, CALL 911

NON EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Fire Department
Townsend Volunteer Fire Department
(865) 448-6322

Blount County Fire Dept
(865) 983-2133

Police Department
Townsend Police Department
(865) 448-6886

Blount County Sheriff’s Dept
(865) 983-3620 (Dispatch)
(865) 273-5000

Hospital (nearest)
Blount Memorial Hospital
907 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy
Maryville, TN
Utilities
Call (865) 380-4890 or 380-4700 to report an outage!

If Your Residence is Without Electric Service, Alcoa Electric Suggests:

Check to see if neighboring residences are without power. If your home is the only place without power, the problem is probably in your house. Check your main electrical panels to make certain circuit breakers are on or that fuses are good.

If the problem is not yours, or if others are involved, call Alcoa Electric at (865) 380-4890 or 380-4700. They are available to serve you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

During power outages it is best not to assume that someone else has called Alcoa electric to report the outage. Our outages are often sporadic, and your neighbors may still have power when you do not.

SAFETY FIRST!
Stay away from downed lines and broken utility poles. Do not attempt to remove trees or limbs from lines. Notify Alcoa Electric immediately of downed lines or broken poles and prevent others from coming into contact with them. Even lines that look harmless can be very dangerous. Make sure everyone in your home understands the dangers associated with downed power lines.

Power Outage Information
You can call Alcoa Electric at (865) 380-4890 to report an outage.

Once you report an outage, please give Alcoa Electric time to respond and repair the damage. The cause of the outage may be miles from your site, and thus you may not see Alcoa Electric vehicles in your area. Be assured that repairs will be made as quickly as possible; however, if your power is still off after it has been restored to other homes in your neighborhood, do not hesitate to call again.

Be Prepared for an Outage
Outages that are not planned are often caused by Mother Nature through ice, snow, wind, rain or lightning. Accidents also happen: cars run into power poles, underground cables are damaged by construction crews, and wires are downed by someone carelessly and dangerously cutting down trees or trimming branches near the power lines. Sometimes there are equipment failures, and even animals or birds can disrupt electrical service.

Alcoa Electric recommends that you maintain the following emergency preparedness items:
- Flashlights and batteries
- Emergency lighting system
Bear Safety Rules

Each year, several “nuisance bears” have to be captured and relocated from Laurel Valley. And who is at fault? Humans are!

Bears wake up from their winter sleep hungry and they have amazing noses. Experts say they can smell bird feeders as much as a mile away, so just imagine how well they can smell food and garbage left outside.

For the safety and well-being of both people and bears, please follow these bear safety rules:

- Do not leave food, scraps, garbage or pet food outside.
- Store garbage indoors until taken to the compactor.
- Do not leave food in your car.
- Keep barbeque grills clean and store inside.
- Do not feed birds between April and November.
- Do not leave pet food outside.

For more information on the black bears in our area, please visit the Appalachian Bear Rescue website at http://www.appalachianbearrescue.org/

Seeing & Avoiding Bears

Bears are shy creatures, who only act aggressively as a last resort.

✓ If you see a bear, remain watchful—DO NOT approach it.

✓ Do not get between a mother bear and her cubs—she is very protective.

✓ If a bear shows behavior like huffs, short charges, or swats to the ground, it is demanding more space.

✓ DON 'T RUN; it might think of you as prey, and it will outrun you.

✓ Back up slowly, make noise, and look as big as possible by standing close to companions and waving your arms.

If you feel threatened in any way or if you have any questions, call TWRA, 468-6322 if you have any questions.
Trash Compactor Operations

Laurel Valley Property Owners Association owns and operates the only trash compactor within Laurel Valley. It is for the sole use of LVPO and their renters. The use of this compactor is outlined in a document posted on the web page and included in each welcome packet to new owners. This message will provide further guidance on the use of this compactor.

- The compactor must be activated in order to compress our waste into the smallest space possible. All users should deposit their waste in the compactor and then push the “start” (green) button on the pole adjacent to the pump. If not executed the trash will pile up in the small space at the front of the compactor and give the impression that the compactor is full. Instructions for this process are shown above the switches.
- The emptying of the compactor will vary based on the time of year and usage requirements. Currently, during the months of April through Sept the compactor will be emptied every other Thursday. During the months of Oct through March the compactor will be emptied on a “on call” basis. The unit is equipped with a warning light that turns on when the compressor can no longer compress the trash. Once this light turns on the vendor is contacted for pickup within 48 hours. If this occurs on the weekend it could stretch to 72 hours for pickup. Should the compactor be totally full during the pickup period or the compactor physically not there (on its way to the dump) owners should retain their trash and bring it back once the compactor has been returned or emptied.
- A reminder is necessary to ensure that third party contractors do not utilize the compactor. Should an Owner or management company require major renovations to their property the contractor is not permitted to use the compactor for discarding these materials. Contractor disposal of refuse should be included in the contract to be removed off site. When an owner personally remodels or renovates their property it should be scheduled during the spring and fall placement of the open topped construction dumpster. These dates will be published as far in advance as possible. At no time should construction materials be placed in the compactor.
- It is to our advantage to have the residents monitor the use of the compactor. Owners are encouraged to report any overt or perceived misuse of the unit. By use of non-confrontational means, report the individual(s) by obtaining names, plate numbers, or take a picture. Do not enter into an argument with the violator. Report all/any information about the individual(s) to the Director of Security or other Board member.

The Importance of Recycling

Trash comes from many sources. In addition to bottles, boxes, cans, paper, and yard waste, consumers discard several million tons of packaging waste, including glass, aluminum, plastics, metals, and paperboard.

By taking the time to recycle, not only will our need for landfills and incineration be reduced, but we will also be helping to conserve national resources and preserving the beauty of our area for years to come.

Recycling: For those residents interested in recycling Blount County has a recycling center at 331 Levi Street, Maryville (off Broadway). They are open for drop off on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays 8AM to 4:30PM. They can be contacted at 865-982-4652.
Laurel Valley Communications

The Laurel Valley Property Owners Association website at www.laurelvalley.org includes links to email and phone numbers for Board of Directors members, as well as copies of the Bylaws, Plans and Forms, Newsletters, Announcements, Board minutes, and other pertinent information.

The Laurel Valley Property Owner’s Association maintains an email list for the LVPOA Board to share information with the property owners. If you are a member of the LVPOA and would like to be added to the email list, please send a request to lvpoaboard@laurelvalley.org (please note, this is for members of the LVPOA only).

There is also a “social” email list which serves as a community bulletin board for any matters of general interest. This list is open to anyone who has an interest in Laurel Valley. To be added to the list, please send a request to lvbulletinboard@laurelvalley.org

Additionally, this Laurel Valley information directory is published by the Welcome Committee each year (with updates as necessary). If you would like to add a service provider, restaurant, or other information of interest to residents or visitors, please contact any Board member who will put you in contact with the Welcome Committee chair.

Cades Cove

Cades Cove is an isolated valley located in the Tennessee section of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, USA. The valley was home to numerous settlers before the formation of the national park. Due to its well-preserved homesteads, scenic mountain views, and abundant display of wildlife, Cades Cove today is the single most popular destination for visitors to the park, attracting over two million visitors a year.

A one-way, eleven-mile paved loop around Cades Cove draws thousands of visitors daily, and can take over four hours to traverse during tourist season.
Service Recommendations

Personal recommendations and word of mouth are usually the best ways to find a service provider. We have listed a few below, but we are always looking to expand this list by adding new categories and new providers.

If you have done business with a company (or person) that you would like to include on this list, please send an email to the responsible Board member who will forward the information on to the Welcome Committee.

A good resource for service providers is our local Ace Hardware. They maintain a list of vetted recommendations.

The LVPOA does not endorse or promote these businesses, nor are we guaranteeing any quality, price, or performance. We are just passing on information from other property owners. The property owner is responsible for conducting their own due diligence prior to hiring any contractor to perform services.

Baker / Cakes
- Dean Kyle, Party Perfection (865) 233-3801
- Jamie’s Sweet Side (865) 255-5422

Building / Remodeling
- Aaron Lehnert (865) 388-6713
- Mike Pentecost (865) 724-8672

Cabinetry
- Gordy Gilbertson (865) 982-4797

Carpenters
- Wayne Sizemore (also does painting) (865) 696-5755

Carpet/Upholstery Cleaning
- Big Orange Chem Dry (865) 995-0288
- Renew Carpet Cleaning (George Krueger) (865) 266-8595

Chimney Sweep
- Professional Chimney Sweeps (865) 637-1817

Concrete
- Bruce and Brent Sizemore (865) 388-0186

Contractors
- Chester Richardson* (also does roofing) (865) 804-1455
- Caylor Brothers Construction Co. (865) 448-9435

Electrician
- Matt Kobolak (licensed contractor & electrician) (865) 388-9258
- Tony Ferguson (865) 216-6331
Firewood
- Bill Allen (865) 740-8594
- George McCampbell (865) 448-6042
- Charlie Bishop (865) 995-2005
- Jake (865)

Generators
- Jeff Woods (931) 267-6509

Handymen
- Bill Godfrey (lot clearing & tree cutting) (865) 414-1694
- Gary VandenHeuvel (LV Services) (865) 591-5036
- Jeff’s Property Maintenance (865) 567-0118
- Philpot Construction & Lawn Pros (865) 414-2497

Hemlock Specialists (evaluation & treatment for hemlock woolly adelgid)
- Steven Shaper (865) 566-7847

HVAC
- A & L Heating & Air Aron Sweetwood (865) 856-8797
- Gary Taylor (865) 556-1766
- Jessie Underhill (865) 257-2949
- Foothills Mechanical Service, LLC (865) 856-0030

Landscapers / Yard Work
- Denu Yard Stewards (865) 977-9335 or (865) 748-1336 or (865) 274-8358
- Judy Moreland* (865) 382-5217
- Little River Landscaping (Mack Morton) (865) 335-7040
- Rainscape Irrigation & Lawn Care (865) 981-4270
- Caylor Landscaping

The Wooly Adelgid

Adelgids are aphid-like insects. The hemlock woolly adelgid is a tiny exotic invasive species that gets its name from its woolly white appearance and because its host is the hemlock tree (Tsugae species).

The hemlock woolly adelgid has a complex life cycle and produces two generations per year. Eggs are brownish-orange and wrapped in a white fluffy substance secreted by an adult female. Reddish-brown nymphs (or crawlers) hatch from the eggs and use their thread-like mouthpart to pierce a hemlock branch and suck sap from the branch.

The flying adults leave the hemlock in search of a secondary oriental spruce host (which does not occur in the United States). The wingless adults stay on the hemlock host and produce 50-300 eggs.

Adults, as well as the nymphs, suck sap from young twigs on hemlock trees and cause the hemlock needles to dry out and drop. This defoliation can cause the hemlock tree to die in only a few years.
Notary
- BB&T Bank, Townsend (865) 448-3371

Painters / Wallpaper
- Bob Coles (865) 789-5684
- David Orr (865) 803-3348
- Sunshine Bright (865) 567-6387

Pest Control
- Foothills Pest Control (865) 856-0911
- PesTech (865) 687-1817
- All About Bugs (865) 453-5574

Plumbers
- Ray Davis (865) 719-9724
- Ernie Wiggins (865) 254-6174
- My Plumber Bryan Lee (865) 414-4298

Property Management / Cabin Rentals
- Dogwood Cabins, Chad Rochelle (www.dogwoodcabins.com) (865) 448-9054

Radon Inspection
- Radon TN, Donnie Bentley (865) 300-2974

Remodeling
- Lifestyle Renovations, Inc., Ron Hill (865) 977-8280

Sewing
- Pat Holt (upholstery & consulting) (865) 984-6820

Stone Work
- Keith’s Masonry, Keith Riden (865)254-1708

Tree Service
- B&S Tree Service, Bryan Viars (865) 640-1624
- T & T Tree Service (865) 336-0268

Window Cleaners
- Better View Window Cleaning, Justin Krieger (865) 850-1216 or (865) 414-2498

Wildlife Intrusion / Critter Control
- C & M Wildlife Removal (865) 679-4938
- Predators & Prey Wildlife Control (865) 724-4569
- Classic Wildlife Control, Doug Ashe (865)860-TRAP
- Elite Wildlife Control Josh Pollard (865) 935-7077
Dining Out In & Around Townsend

Whether you’re in the mood for a quick lunch bite or a full sit-down dinner, there is a Townsend area restaurant just for you!

The dress ranges from very casual to “mountain-casual,” and the fare ranges from BBQ and pizza to filet mignon and salmon. Most are open year-round, but call ahead to verify since many operate different hours during the “off season.”

Some accept reservations, but usually they are not necessary.

Smoky Mountain Trout

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park boasts over 2,100 miles of streams and is home to nearly 60 species of fish in 12 different families, including lampreys, darters, suckers, bass, and trout. Of the 2,100 miles of streams, only about 800 miles contain fish.

The brook trout is the only trout species native to the Smokies, although non-native brown and rainbow trout have been introduced into the park and today are found in most large streams below 3,000 feet. Brook trout have lost approximately 75% of their native range in the park since the early 1900s mostly due to logging and the introduction of non-native rainbow trout. Today, brook trout are only found in about 133 miles of park streams.
## Townsend Area Restaurants

(Hours and days open are often seasonal)

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<td>7138 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy</td>
<td>7142 East Lamar Alexander Parkway</td>
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<td>(865) 448-9878</td>
<td>(865) 738-8960</td>
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<td><strong>Artistic Bean</strong></td>
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<td>8027 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy</td>
<td>137 Apple Valley Way</td>
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<td>(865) 310-2434</td>
<td>(800) 369-0111</td>
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<td><strong>Black Bear Café</strong></td>
<td><strong>Elvira’s Café</strong></td>
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<td>7621 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy</td>
<td>4143 Wears Valley Rd, Sevierville</td>
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<td>(865) 448-8887</td>
<td>(865) 366-2263</td>
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<td><strong>Brianna’s Italian Restaurant</strong></td>
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<td>7967 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy</td>
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<td>(865) 336-2006</td>
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<td>(865) 448-8408</td>
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<td>(865) 448-2263</td>
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The Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center is a nonprofit organization formed to preserve and present the heritage of the East Tennessee region.

The mission of the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center is to preserve, protect and promote the unique history and rich culture of the residents and Native Americans who inhabited the East Tennessee mountain communities that were incorporated into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and its surroundings.

For more information and for a listing of special events, concerts and exhibits, visit their website at [www.gsmheritagecenter.org](http://www.gsmheritagecenter.org).
**NAME / LOCATION**

Pizza Hut  
7955 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy  
(865) 448-6676  

Riverstone Family Restaurant  
8503 State Highway 73  
(865) 448-8816  

Smokin’ Joe’s BBQ  
7753 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy  
(865) 448-6881  

Subway  
7811 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy  
(865) 448-6909  

Townsend Abbey Beer Garden  
7765 River Road  
(865) 448-1925  

Trailhead Steak and Trout  
7839 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy  
(865) 448-0166  

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**Townsend Visitors Center**  
7906 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy.  
(865) 448-6134 or (800) 525-6834  

Stop in at the Visitors Center Store and shop for books, music, t-shirts and outdoor gear, toys, and other items related to the Smokies. Ask our knowledgeable staff at the front desk for area information. The store is operated with Great Smoky Mountains Association and purchases benefit the National Park.

Throughout the year, the Visitors Center is Festival headquarters for the:

- Winter Heritage Festival
- Smoky Mountain Fiber Arts Festival
- Herb and Wildflower Day
- Townsend Spring Festival & Old Timers Day
- Trout Fest
- Black Bear Expo, Appalachian Bear Rescue
- Townsend Fall Heritage Festival & Old Timers Day

From April through December, visit with local artisans demonstrating, displaying, and selling their work in the Exhibit Room, from paintings and photography, to woodcrafts, basketry, fiber arts, and stained glass.
Shopping

While Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg are known for their crowded outlet malls and themed shopping centers, you’ll find plenty of unique shops and stores right here in Townsend.

Looking for a gift for him or her or home? Need new clothing for hiking, fishing, or dining out? You don’t need to venture outside the Townsend city limits to begin your shopping adventures.

Stores that provide the necessities and the “niceties” are listed below based on their primary business. However, by exploring your local shops, you may find an unexpected gem at a surprising location. Best of all, you support local businesses that are owned and run by your neighbors!

Antiques / Art Galleries / Crafts/Gifts

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Gifts / Apparel / Home / Convenience

**Gifts:**
- Apple Valley Farms: 7138 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy 448-9878
- Appalachian Bear Rescue Shop - Trillium Cove: 738-3683

**Apparel:**
- Jakes on the River: 8215 State Highway 73 448-8995

**Home:**
- Country Elegance: 7138 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy 448-8766
- Cabin Treasures: 135 Painted Trillium Way 448-6868

**Thrift Store**
- Hearts and Hands Thrift Shoppe: 120 Tiger Drive 268-5558

**Convenience:**
- Frank’s Marathon: 8125 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy 448-0555
- Parkway Grocery: 7665 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy 448-9592
- Townsend Great Smoky: 8533 State Highway 73 448-2241
- Townsend Shopping Ctr: 7609 Old Highway 73 448-6915

**Winery**
- Cades Cove Cellars: 7126 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy 325-9463

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**Mt. LeConte**

At 6,593 feet, Mount Le Conte in the Smoky Mountains National Park is the third highest peak in the national park, behind Clingmans Dome (6,643 feet) and Mount Guyot (6,621 feet).

Mount Le Conte is notable for having the highest inn providing lodging for visitors in the Eastern United States. It can accommodate about 50 guests a night, and is generally open from March–November. There is no transportation to the lodge and all guests must hike in on one of the five trails that access the mountain. Due to this lack of access, supplies must be brought in via helicopter and llama pack trains.

Every trail to the top of Mt. LeConte offers its own unique attractions along the way to the summit:

- **Alum Cave Trail** — 4.9 miles. The most scenic and most-often used trail.
- **The Boulevard Trail** — 5.4 miles. It never dips below 5,500 feet.
- **Bullhead Trail** — 6.9 miles. The least traveled path, it offers the most solitude.
- **Rainbow Falls Trail** — 6.6 miles. LeConte Creek runs alongside the trail until Rainbow Falls, the single highest drop of water in the national park.
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Since its inception in 2007, the Townsend Artisan Guild (TAG) has sought to connect East Tennessee residents and visitors with locally produced fine art and fine craft. The members of the Guild promote appreciation of the arts through active participation in demonstrations, classes, and special events such as the Blue Ribbon Country Fair and Smoky Mountain Snowdown Winter Festival. The Guild’s annual Smoky Mountain Fiber Arts Festival has become a signature event for fiber artists from East Tennessee and beyond to sell their fleece, supplies and tools, finished art and wearables. The Guild also provides its artists opportunities to showcase their creativity through exhibits in Maryville and Knoxville at business establishments, galleries and at its annual art festival. TAG is committed to art education for young people and raises more than $3,000 annually to support local elementary school art programs.

In 2015 the Guild expanded its presence with the Gallery and Studios. Local artists display and offer for sale their original work at the Townsend Artisan Guild Gallery. This venue has become an enjoyable destination for residents and visitors to see the creative process in progress and on display. The Studios are rented to working artisans who also use the space to offer classes. The Gallery can accommodate the work of twenty TAG artists to display and sell for a low quarterly fee and a modest commission. Volunteers staff The Gallery and participate in all aspects of its management.

The Guild offers three membership levels. Juried Artisans are eligible to participate in the Gallery, TAG exhibits and festivals. Aspiring Artisans use their membership to learn and develop their creative skills. Supporting Members, including business and community leaders, provide expertise, assistance in activities and financial support. All members have opportunities to learn through education, workshops, and practice. Monthly membership meetings serve as a creative forum to share ideas, to inspire others, and to explore the realities of the art business. For additional information about TAG and its Artisans or to Become a Member, please visit the Gallery or our website.
Great Smoky Mountains National Park has about 750 miles of fishable streams within its boundaries, and protects one of the last wild trout habitats in the eastern United States. The park offers a wide variety of angling experiences from remote, headwater trout streams to large, cool water smallmouth bass streams.

Little River Outfitters
7807 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy
Townsend, TN 37882
(865) 448-9459
www.littleriveroutfitter.com

R&R Fly Fishing Guides
PO Box 60
Townsend, TN 37882
(865) 448-0467
http://www.randrflyfishing.com

Visit www.smokymountains.org or https://www.facebook.com/peacefulside for up-to-date information on events and activities in the Townsend area.

Laurel Valley Ladies’ Luncheons. Meet for lunch at various locations in Townsend and surrounding areas, second Tuesday each month at 11:30 am. Contact Lois Ann Wodarski at (865) 448-8372 or LA43Wodarski@comcast.net.

Townsend Library Book Club. Meets the 4th Thursday every month at 10:00 am. Call the Susan Pasquini at (865) 448-1942 for meeting location and further info. If you would like to be added to the book club email list, send a request to Kathy Rudd, at krudd1@comcast.net

Mexican Train Dominoes. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. 10:00 am-until. Contact Carol Weiner at (865) 448-1201 or Barbara Leach at (865) 448-6719.
Event Information & Resources

Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center website provides a list of ongoing events, concerts and exhibits at the center. [www.gsmheritagecenter.org](http://www.gsmheritagecenter.org)


Townsend Vacation Guide. [www.smokymountains.org](http://www.smokymountains.org)

Townsend Visitors Center. Open Daily, hours vary by season. 7906 Lamar Alexander Pkwy, 1-800-525-6834

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Hearts and Hands Thrift Shoppe

Shop in the heart of Townsend

Support our mission to provide scholarships to local students.

Save on new items every week.

Open Thurs, Fri, Sat
10 am – 4 pm
120 Tiger Drive

Donations & Volunteers
Always Welcome

Since 1994, the mission of the Hearts and Hands Scholarship Fund has been to provide scholarship money to any 37882 student attending higher education.

For more information:
[www.heartsandhandsfund.org](http://www.heartsandhandsfund.org)

Follow on Facebook: Hearts and Hands Scholarship Fund
Wild Laurel Resort
Golf, Swim & Fitness Center

With incredible views of The Great Smoky National Park, the Golf Course at Wild Laurel Resort is a challenging and enjoyable eighteen-hole regulation course. It was designed by Edmund B. Ault, ASGCA, and features bent grass greens and Bermuda fairways. Although private memberships are available Wild Laurel Golf Course is open to public play and events, and offers a practice putting green, as well as rental clubs for the travelling golfer.

The Wild Laurel Fitness/Swim Center is located adjacent to the clubhouse and offers annual household memberships. Cardiovascular and weight-training equipment is available, as well as flat screen televisions and picture windows overlooking The Great Smoky Mountains and the golf course.

702 Country Club Drive
Townsend, TN 37882
(865) 448-6690

Tuckaleechee Caverns

Carved over tens of thousands of years in one of the earth’s oldest mountain chains, Tuckaleechee Caverns are known as the "Greatest Site Under the Smokies".

Estimated to be between 20 and 30 million years old, the Caverns are rich in history and lore in recent years as well.

Tuckaleechee Caverns has been opened to the public since 1953 and the first tours were conducted by the light of kerosene lanterns.

One of the most remarkable sights in Tuckaleechee is an area of the cave called the Big Room - a room 400 feet long, 300 feet wide and over 150 feet deep at its deepest point.

Tuckaleechee Caverns is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April through November.

(865) 448-2274
http://www.tuckaleecheecaverns.com

Horseback Riding

Apple Valley Riding Stables
5614 Old Walland Hwy
Walland, TN 37886
(865) 448-8300

The Riding Stables at Cades Cove National Park
Townsend, TN 37882
(865) 448-9009

Cades Cove Stables, Inc
Hwy. 73 at Wears Valley Rd
Townsend, TN 37882
(865) 448-6286

Davy Crockett Riding Stables
505 Old Cades Cove Road
Townsend, TN 37882
(865) 448-6411

EchoBrooke Farm
117 Flynn Road
Walland, TN 37886
(865) 984-1459

Next to Heaven Stables
1239 Wears Valley Road
Townsend, TN 37882
(865) 448-6947

Twin Valley B&B Horse Ranch
2848 Old Chilhowee Road
Walland, TN 37886
(865) 984-0980
**Tubing on the Little River**

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**Little River Railroad Museum**

The Little River Railroad and Lumber Company is a non-profit corporation founded to preserve the heritage of the Little River Lumber Company and the Little River Railroad. The Museum collects, preserves, and exhibits the history of these companies, and of the people in this region.

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**Cades Cove Heritage Tours**

Cades Cove Heritage Tours is a private non-profit that seeks to provide a superior visitor experience that allows visitors to protect the natural and cultural resource of Cades Cove.

Cades Cove Heritage Tours was started in the summer of 2007 by local citizens who were concerned about the air quality and overcrowding in Cades Cove and Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The purpose of Cades Cove Heritage Tours is two-fold: first, the tours are designed to provide visitors with interpretative experiences worthy of the natural wonder and diverse history of the Cove; and second, they are intended to help alleviate the overcrowding, traffic and pollution in Cades Cove.

http://www.gsmdiscovery.org/home.aspx

Townsend Visitors Center
7906 East Lamar Alexander Pkwy
(865) 448-8838
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Religion in Cades Cove

Religion was an important part of life in Cades Cove from its earliest days, due in large part to the efforts of John and Lucretia Oliver. The Olivers organized a branch of the Miller’s Cove Baptist Church for Cades Cove in 1825. After briefly realigning themselves with the Wear’s Cove Baptist Church, the Cades Cove Baptist Church was pronounced an independent entity in 1829.

In the 1830s, a division in Baptist churches known as the Anti-mission Split occurred throughout East Tennessee. This debate made its way to Cades Cove Baptist Church in 1839, causing 13 members of the congregation to depart and form the Cades Cove Missionary Baptist Church later that year. The remaining congregation changed its name to the Primitive Baptist Church in 1841.

The Primitive Baptists remained the dominant religious and political force in the Cove, their meetings interrupted only by the Civil War. The Missionary Baptists, with a much smaller congregation, continued to meet on and off throughout the 19th century.

The Cades Cove Methodist Church was organized in the 1820s. The Methodist congregation, like that of the Missionary Baptist, was relatively small.

Walland

Cold Springs Baptist Church
1226 Cold Springs Road
(865) 982-3206

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses
4836 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway
(865) 981-8835

Oakview Baptist Church
2704 Ellejoy Road
(865) 977-6822

Prospect Baptist Church
519 Prospect Road
(865) 984-4860

Rocky Branch Missionary Baptist Church
4620 Cambridge Road
(865) 977-4187
The 9-mile Maryville-Alcoa Greenway connects Springbrook Park in Alcoa with the Bicentennial Greenbelt and Sandy Springs Park in Maryville. The greenway starts near the swimming pool in Alcoa's Springbrook Park, passes the schools, crosses Springbrook Road near Edison Road then follows Pistol Creek to Maryville.

Where the cities meet, Mile 0 begins on the greenway. From that point north through Alcoa is 5 miles; south the greenway is 4 miles to and around Maryville.

The greenway includes loops through the parks through which it passes, except for Sandy Springs, and offers links to shopping districts, businesses, nature areas, fitness stations and picnic pavilions.

Download a copy of the map at http://www.cycologybicycles.com/merchant/2469/images/site/GreenwayMap.jpeg
Townsend Hiking / Biking Path

The Townsend Hiking / Bike path runs the length of the town parallel to Highway 321. It starts at the Townsend Area Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall on one end, and going to the KOA Campground near the entrance of the park on the other. The path is fairly flat and includes three underpasses for safe and easy travel. Approximate round trip length is 9.5 miles.
Notes
Opportunities for Lifelong Learning

Smoky Mountain Field School

The Field School offers unique opportunities to Explore, Learn and Enjoy in one of the nation’s premier national parks through indoor workshops and outdoor field adventures. Participants may choose from 30 experts teaching more than 60 sessions to enhance their appreciation of nature and the wealth of diversity within our Smokies and southern Appalachians.

The environment for learning found within the 800 square miles of these Great Smoky Mountains and the dedication, enthusiasm, knowledge and experience of the Field School staff, comprised of college and university professors, park personnel and retirees, naturalists, wildlife advocates and other professionals, is unparalleled.

Come join us for a day or more to Explore, Learn and Enjoy and become part of the following of more than 700 individuals who participate annually in a multitude of offerings on flora and fauna. Get to know your national park, its landscape and wildlife, and intrinsic value to humankind while renewing the family spirit, making a new friend or simply fulfilling a desire for a wilderness learning adventure.

For more information or a current course listing, go to www.outreach.utk.edu/smoky

Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont

Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont provides in-depth experiences through education programs that celebrate ecological and cultural diversity, foster stewardship, and nurture appreciation of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Connecting people and nature summarizes our mission, which we accomplish through providing hands-on learning experiences with the National Park, focusing on developing in people a greater sense of place, a deepened appreciation and awe for the diversity of life and people, and an ethics of stewardship that follows them home.

http://www.gsmi.org/