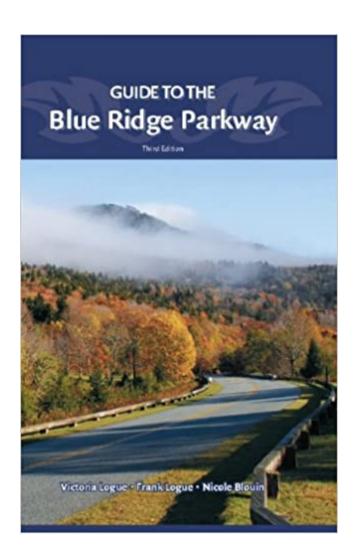


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# **Guide To The Blue Ridge Parkway**





## **Synopsis**

Flowing among the beautiful mountains and valleys of Virginia and North Carolina, the 469-mile-long Blue Ridge Parkway is a true American jewel. Built to expose motorists to nature as well as to preserve its beauty, the Parkway still delivers unrivaled beauty today. Guide to the Blue Ridge Parkway is filled with information useful to those traveling the Parkway and is detailed with color photographs throughout. It highlights the many significant points of interest located on and nearby the Parkway, including Mount Mitchell, the highest point east of the Mississippi, Moses H. Cone Memorial Park, and Mabry Mill, one of the most photographed sites on the Parkway. Also noted are locations of overlooks, waterfalls, and tunnels as well as key entry and exit points along the Parkway. The guide features a brief history of the Parkway itself, a look at the surrounding geology and human history of the area, and an extensive wildflower bloom calendar. The book is organized mile-post to mile-post, appropriate for travelers who are driving the entire Blue Ridge Parkway or only a small section.

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A national treasure that was designed to be enjoyed from the seat of a car, the Blue Ridge Parkway provides visitors awesome vistas and much more. With the milepost Guide to the Blue Ridge Parkway, you will find mile-by-mile explanations of all there is to see and explore on the scenic parkway, including flora and fauna, geography, history and culture and attractions. Whether you tour just a few miles, or take the 469-mile trek from Great Smoky Mountains National Park to Shenandoah National Park, this book will prove indispensable. Both as an essential reference tool, and a priceless enrichment of your parkway tour. This guide provides in-depth, critical, and easy-to-use information with color photographs and easy-to-scan text. (6 x 9, 160 pages, color photographs) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Saves all the tedious thinking and planning on where to stop to take photos and what one could "take a miss on"I wish they had a little on which towns to stay in to get sunrise shots easily but that is a very minor drawback. We usually spend a great deal of time on planning a trip. For example the Smokies. Had an entire trip planned then found one of the roads we really wanted to drive is a one way! Would have ruined our trip the way weoriginally planned. The other drawback is you have to use it backwards coming from the south but we found the north is actually warmer than the south end as far as spring or fall so I add that as valuable information.

Loved this book - just what I needed. Not too much info, but enough to get me going so I can look up the things I want to investigate further. I saw this at the Parkway bookstore for about 7x the price so buy online before you go (or after!). The book came quickly and is in perfect shape. Thank you!

The book is printed on very good paper. It should hold up well for many parkway trips. Content is detailed with information regarding what is located along the way, listed by mile post number and what plants are blooming when. The book is very informative. My only negative issue is numerous pages contain sections that are intended to deliver information on side subjects, such a White-Tailed Deer on page 44. The problem is that the printer used black text on a dark blue/gray background making it unnecessarily difficult to read. The rest of the book is easy to read. I would recommend it to others.

I purchased this book along with Best of the Blue Ridge Parkway before a recent trip down the Parkway. While there aren't many photos in this book, it gives very detailed info about all the various

vista sites along the Parkway - helpful to know what one is looking at.Good to have had both guides - Best of the Blue Ridge has many nice photos, but not much info on things other than what the author has deemed "best." Based on both books' reviews, we stayed at the Peaks of Otter Lodge along the Parkway which was very nice.

This book goes mile by mile to tell you about the blue ridge parkway. You can plan some stops ahead of time and there are notes about the history of a stop and thing like best views of mountains and valleys. Very helpful when there are at least 2 people so one can drive and the other can read the information as you drive. We had 2 books as well as a printout about the Blue Ridge Parkway and we used this book the entire drive.

Excellent milepost by milepost guide to the BRP. It tells you what to expect at each overlook, but does not direct you to any attractions beyond the Parkway. For that you'll want to check out Nye Simmons "Best of the Blue Ridge Parkway."

Really good guide. We stopped at many of the selections. I would not have enjoyed the trip without it. If it had included skyline would have been perfect.

Large easy-to-read type. Disappointed that there were so few pictures.

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