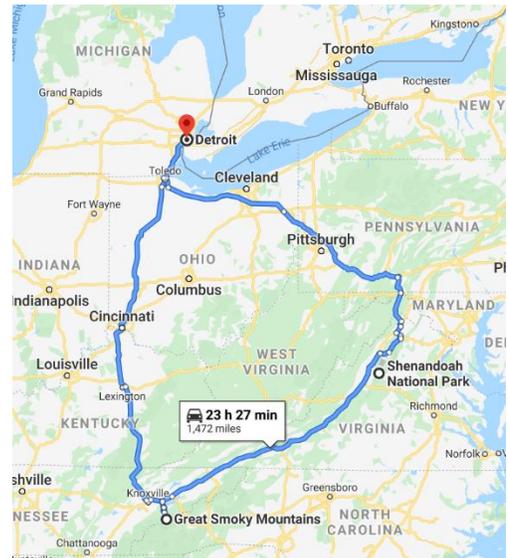


## Visit Two Great National Parks Without Crossing the Mississippi or Flying

### Great Smoky Mountains National Park

This great park straddles the border between North Carolina and Tennessee. The sprawling landscape encompasses lush forests and an abundance of wildflowers that bloom year-round. Streams, rivers and waterfalls appear along hiking routes that include a segment of the Appalachian Trail. An observation tower tops Clingmans Dome, the highest peak, offering scenic views of the mist-covered mountains.

Ridge upon ridge of forest straddles the border between North Carolina and Tennessee in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. World renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life, the beauty of its ancient mountains, and the quality of its remnants of Southern Appalachian mountain culture. This is one of America's most popular national parks for good reason.



### Shenandoah National Park

Shenandoah National Park extends along the Blue Ridge Mountains in the U.S. state of Virginia. The Skyline Drive runs its length, and a vast network of trails includes a section of the long-distance Appalachian Trail. Mostly forested, the park features wetlands, waterfalls and rocky peaks like Hawksbill and Old Rag mountains. Shenandoah is home to many bird species, plus deer, squirrels and the elusive black bear.

Just 75 miles from the bustle of Washington, D.C., Shenandoah National Park is a land bursting with cascading waterfalls, spectacular vistas, fields of wildflowers, and quiet wooded hollows. With over 200,000 acres of protected lands that are haven to deer, songbirds, and black bear, there's so much to explore...and your journey begins right here!

#### Restrictions:

<https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/conditions.htm>

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#### Consider stopping by

- Krohn Conservatory – Akron
- Daniel Boone National Forest - Kentucky
- Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame – Cleveland

## Lodging Options

One great thing about doing a National Park road trip is the flexibility. Campgrounds offer a great way to social distance while getting closer as a family and hotels offer a great space to relax after a long day of activities. Make sure to check on your preferred campsite and/or hotel. Restrictions are changing every day. Below are some suggestions.

### **Great Smoky Mountains National Park**

Camping: Cades Cove, Deep Creek, Elkmont, Smokemont

Hotels and resorts

- Black Fox Lodge Pigeon Forge, Tapestry Collection by Hilton – 4 star
- Riverstone Resort & Spa – 4 star

### **Shenandoah National Park**

Camping: currently a first come first serve basis operating at 50% occupancy

Hotels and resorts

- Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Valley Conference Center – 3 star