

Day 1 Durham – Cherokee & Clingmans Dome

Afternoon Arrival (5 hours drive):

- Blueridge Parkway (Jonathan Creek Overlook – Oconaluftee Visitor Center)
- Newfound Gap & Clingmans Dome
- Oconaluftee Indian Village (if time permits)
- **Hotel:** Best Western Plus River Escape Inn & Suites

Day 2 Mount LeConte – Honeymoon Hills

Morning (get up before 7 AM):

- 1 hour drive from Dillsboro to trailhead; 30 min drive to Honeymoon Hills
- **Alum Cave Trail** to LeConte Lodge (11 miles round trip; another 0.5 miles to the top)

Afternoon:

- **Hotel:** Honeymoon Hills 865-436-3901/800-930-9122 (check-in before 4:00 pm)
- Downtown Gatlinburg
- Grocery shopping: **Food City** 1219 East Pkwy, Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Day 3 Cades Cove – Gatlinburg

Morning & Mid-Day:

- From Cable Mill Visitors Center <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/cadescope.htm>

Late afternoon (1 hour 30 min drive to Gatlinburg):

- Downtown Gatlinburg

Day 4 Pigeon Forge -- Durham

- *Titanic Museum Attraction* or *MagiQuest*
- Smoky Mountain Alpine Coaster
- The Island in Pigeon Forge

Reference

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3. <https://www.pigeonforgechamber.com/2015/10/photography-spots-in-the-great-smoky-mountains/>
4. <http://www.visitmysmokies.com/blog/smoky-mountains/unbelievable-smoky-mountain-views/>
5. <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/learn/nature/black-bears.htm>
6. Food & shops:
 - a. Gatlinburg: *Sugarlands Distilling Company*
 - b. Monday Lunch: **Granny's Kitchen** 1098 Paint Town Rd, Cherokee