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Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Plan Your Visit

North Carolina side: Cherokee

- Oconaluftee is the southern gateway to the Smokies neighboring Cherokee, NC, and the Qualla Boundary. Enjoy elk, trails, and more.
- The Deep Creek area just north of Bryson City and west of Cherokee, North Carolina, is celebrated for its many streams and waterfalls.
- Fontana is one of the most remote sections of the park. Find solitude, scenic cascades, spring wildflowers, and remnants of logging history.
- Cataloochee Valley hosts elk and preserves rich cultural history. Nearby Balsam Mountain offers cooler weather with its high elevations.
- In Big Creek, a dense forest has reclaimed the former site of a logging town. Today, find a shady campground, picnic area, and trails.

Tennessee side: Gatlinburg

- Trail ideas

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