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*"God Created it, I just photograph it and show it to people" David George, 1978*



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## Section 2

The Beauty of the Smokey Mountains in eastern Tennessee.



# SECTION 3

## Tennessee Trivia

The actual word, "Tennessee" comes from the Cherokee Native American word, "Tana-see." This means, "The Meeting Place." It was admitted to the union June 1, 1796 as the 16<sup>th</sup> state.

Tennessee earned the nickname as, "The Volunteer State" for its participation in the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812

President Andrew Johnson born in Tennessee

3,800 caves in Tennessee

Home of the largest freshwater aquarium (Chattanooga)

Davy Crockett was born in Tennessee

Reelfoot Lake was formed entirely from a series of earthquakes in 1811-1812

The Grand Ole Opry holds the title as the longest radio show in history.

Hattie Caraway, the first female senator was from Tennessee

11,127,786 visitors went to the Knoxville World's Fair in 1982

The first mini-golf course was located in Chattanooga

During Teddy Roosevelt's 1907 visit to Tennessee, he was served Maxwell House coffee and coined the phrase, "Good till the last drop."

### State symbols:

**flower** iris (1933)

**Tree** tulip poplar (1947)

**Bird** mockingbird (1933)

**Horse** Tennessee walking horse

**Wild flower** passion flower (1973)

**Animal** raccoon (1971)

**2015 resident population:** 6,600,299

**Nashville's** Parthenon is a full size replica of the Parthenon in Athens Greece including the large indoor statue.

# Recommendations an Suggestions

Your experience may vary so act accordingly

## Places you may Miss

Food : On the road between Newport and Gatlinburg on Highway 32 and 321

Momma's Kitchen, gas, food and small

store

DJ's Market and gas. Has a hot deli with good food and prices. Food is cooked to order but has ready to eat pizza by the slice.

Donna Jo's has gas and store with a

# There are reasons for these despite what your GPS says



# *Section 4*

Bears being bears



This book will show you some of the wild bears in their natural environment. It also gives you some ideas of where to look for the animals in general area around the Great Smokey Mountain National Park. Some of the best viewing of the animals are in the lesser traveled areas in and around the park.

Hopefully you will find a new respect for the animals especially the bears and learn about the area that has so much to offer.





# General Tourist Information

No person or company has paid to be in this book.

## First Item: Travel hints.

1. In the mountain areas set your GPS to the fastest way not the shortest. Many of the roads that the GPS systems list are slow curving roads, gravel and are on steep grades requiring slower travel than the slightly longer routes that are all or mostly asphalt.
2. Remember to stay in your lane on the mountains as many accidents happen because people not used to steep grades and sharp turns do not. Slow down as the turns can be very sharp.
3. Many areas of the mountains have no cell or GPS signals so carry a map if you are going into those areas. More tourists stop to ask directions because GPS and the cell phone maps are wrong or incomplete with the hazards of the area. One that is particularly bad is when going to I-40 they say to use Ramsey Road or Ground Hog. Ramsey road is a very steep gravel one lane road. It is only a couple of places cars can actually pass. That road is not tourist friendly. Ground Hog will get you there but it also becomes quite narrow and has blind spots. Other routes are easier if you want them.

