



THE FOLDED MAP

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS

What makes it great

Notably two of the best chunks of American tarmac, the Cherokee Skyway and the Tail of the Dragon, rank tall on everyone's motorcycling bucket list. Straddling both the Tennessee and North Carolina state lines, the beauty of the Cherokee and Nantahala National Forests only adds to the Skyway's long sweeping curves and downhill runs that follow the Tellico River Basin. And while the Tail of the Dragon is only 11 miles long, that scant distance includes 318 tight and challenging curves.

Top motorcycle events in the area

Hogfest, Thunder on the Buffalo, Boogie Hollar, Tennessee H.O.G. Rally, Celebration of Speed

Biker-friendly establishments

Bar: Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine, Gatlinburg, TN

Restaurant: Town Square Café, Tellico Plains, TN

Lodging: MainStay Suites, Alcoa, TN

Quintessential local cuisine

Biscuits and hot (fried) chicken, Goo Goo Clusters, Tennessee moonshine

Dealerships in the area

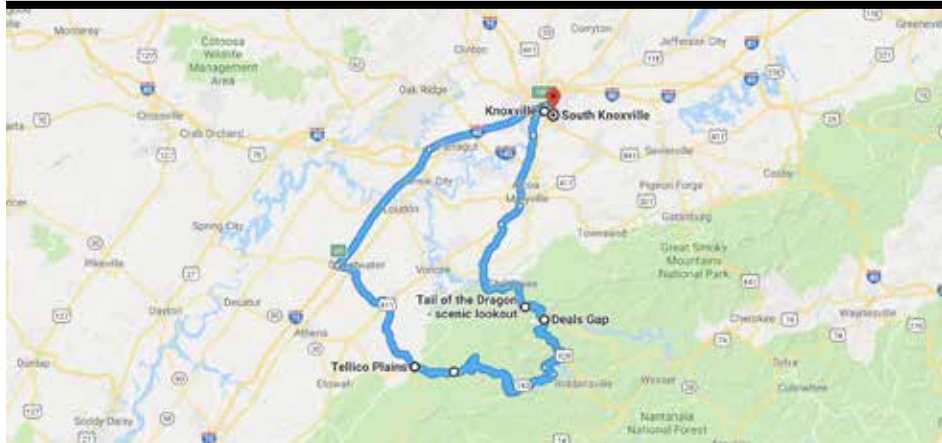
Harley-Davidson of Knoxville, Knoxville Harley-Davidson West, Indian Motorcycle Knoxville, Smoky Mountain Harley-Davidson, Bootlegger Harley-Davidson, Rocky Top Harley-Davidson

Motorcycle-related attractions

Deals Gap, Tree of Shame, Cyclemos Motorcycle Museum, Lane Motor Museum

Local rides

Head south out of Knoxville on I-75 exiting TN-68 East to Tellico Plains. Head east on TN-165 which becomes NC-143 in North Carolina. NC-143 ends at TN-28. Proceed on Hwy. 28 northwest to US-129, Deal's Gap and the Tail of the Dragon. Proceed with caution since this legendary road lures plenty of overzealous and dangerous fools. US-129 will eventually take you back to South Knoxville.



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