

Getting to Cades Cove

The major approach roads from Townsend, Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, Maryville and Cherokee



PLAN THE APPROACH, THEN CHECK CONDITIONS

Townsend is the closest gateway. From Gatlinburg, follow Little River Road; from Pigeon Forge, use US 321 through Wears Valley. Cherokee is a much longer cross-park drive. Mountain roads can close for weather, construction or fallen trees. Download the official NPS park map and check current road conditions before leaving reliable service.

Map geometry: National Park Service 2026 park map, GRSM Open Data and USGS GNIS place data • Reviewed September 2026 • Overview only—not turn-by-turn navigation.