



BASE CAMP FOR ADVENTURE

Here in **Swain County** the Great Smoky Mountains National Park occupies almost half of the land, offering the opportunity for visitors to explore to their heart's content and rediscover their adventurous spirit.

In the heart of this beautiful setting is **Bryson City, North Carolina**, a small mountain town with a big reputation for outdoor adventure and Southern hospitality.

Whether you like to hit the trails or ride the river, your good times begin here at the Base Camp for Adventure.

Accessibility. Easily accessible by interstate highways and within driving distance to nearby Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) just 1 hour, 30 minutes away (77.7 mi/125 km), served by U.S. Airways, Delta, Continental and Northwest.

Arts & Crafts. Discover some of the finest folk art in shops and galleries throughout the county.

Blue Ridge Parkway. America's most scenic byway.

Clingman's Dome. The highest peak in the Great Smoky Mountains (6,643 ft).

Festivals. We love to celebrate our music, crafts and heritage.

Fontana Dam. The highest dam east of the Rockies.

Fontana Lake. More than 238 miles of shoreline.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The world's oldest mountains; America's most visited national park and an international biosphere.

Great Smoky Mountains Railroad. The Carolina's most popular scenic railroad.

Outdoor Activities. Enjoy endless miles of wooded biking trails and wilderness hiking trails winding through the Great Smokies, mountain golf, whitewater rafting and more.

Nantahala River. The Southeast's most popular whitewater river travels through the beautiful Nantahala Gorge.

The Appalachian Trail. The trail crosses the top of Fontana Dam.

For more information on touring the Smokies, contact the Swain County Chamber of Commerce, 210 Main Street, P.O. Box 509, Bryson City, NC 28713; chamber@greatsmokies.com; or 800.867.9246.