

Friends of the Smokies Overnight Trip

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Come hike with [Friends of the Smokies](#) on **June 25-26** in Gatlinburg, TN. No camping required!

Day one of this special event features a guided experience of the Twin Creeks area of the Smokies, home to exciting and diverse park treasures like the Twin Creeks Science Center and Ogle Homestead, and an easy afternoon hike.



Day two offers a choice between two guided hikes.

The moderate 5.4-mile hike highlights the recently completed restoration work of the highly skilled Trails Forever crew and ends at stunning Rainbow Falls.

The second guided hike offers two extremes: one of the most popular trails in the park,

Laurel Falls, and one of the least traveled trails, Roundtop. It combines three trails for a 15-mile adventure across the southern exposures of Roundtop and Little Roundtop Mountains to a section of the Smokies that few visitors ever experience.

Participants will be treated to a surprise guest who will speak about the current state of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Lodging and meals are provided at The Buckhorn, East Tennessee's classic country inn, which features stunning views of Mt. Le Conte.

Friends of the Smokies (FOTS) is an official nonprofit partner of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. FOTS has raised more than \$65 million to support critical park programs and maintain the Smokies as a crown jewel of the National Park Service. Proceeds from the overnight experience will raise money to support the fight against the hemlock wooly adelgid infestation and the emerald ash borer, another invasive species.

Visit <https://friendsofthesmokies.org/event/gatlinburg-overnight-hike> for more information and to register.