

**EAST TENNESSEE WANDERERS  
GATLINBURG TOURIST WALK  
5K/10K**

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## GATLINBURG

Our walk will introduce you to the fun and interesting tourist side of the popular vacation resort of Gatlinburg, originally known as White Oak Flats. While first settled around 1806, it was in 1856 that a Post Office was established in the general store of Radford Gatlin, and Gatlinburg gained its name. Around 1900, tourists began to be drawn here by the natural wonders of the local area. Andrew Huff opened the first hotel in Gatlinburg (the Mountain View Hotel) in 1916. But it was the opening of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1934 that changed Gatlinburg forever. In 1912, Gatlinburg had a general population of 600, most of whom lived in log cabins. There were 6 houses, a blacksmith shop, a general store, and a Baptist church. In the first year of the National Park, an estimated 40,000 visitors passed through the city. By the second year, visitors had topped 500,000. As tourism took hold, land prices went from \$50 an acre in 1940 to \$8,000 an acre in 1950. OK, enough of the history; let's go walk through this tourist town, where you will find t-shirts, gift shops, pancake houses, and fun activities for everyone.

### STARTING POINT

You are starting your walk at the Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC), 1138 Parkway, Gatlinburg, TN 37738 (Traffic Light #10)

#### **Directions:**

From the West via I-40, take exit 407 toward TN-66 S/Winfield Dunn Pkwy. Turn right onto US-441 S (Parkway). NOC will be on your left.

From the East via I-40, take exit 447 toward Hartford Rd. Take US-321 to Parkway in Gatlinburg. NOC will be on your left.

**Parking:** Gatlinburg is quite congested and parking can be difficult and expensive depending on the time of year. Free street parking can sometimes be found on River Road, a couple of blocks from NOC. It may be possible to park in the NOC lot, but one would be wise to check to avoid the possibility of being towed.

**Latitude 35.706612, Longitude -83.521978**

### GENERAL WALK INFORMATION

This walk uses the sidewalks in Gatlinburg. There is always some construction going on; so, be flexible. Please be very careful as you cross the streets of Gatlinburg. Always use the crosswalks when available. While pedestrians have the right-of-way in the crosswalks, you might be right, but don't be dead right.

Be aware that things can change fast in a tourist driven town, and business come and go in a heartbeat. So, be more mindful of street names in the directions than business names

Bathrooms are available at the Nantahala Outdoor Center and a number of locations on the route.

## POINT OF CONTACT

Dan Lewis (president @easttennesseewanderers.org) 865-441-2429  
If you have questions, comments, or recommendations with respect to this event, please do not hesitate to make contact.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The two Special Programs associated with this walk are Walking the USA A-Z (Gatlinburg, TN), and 50 States (**Tennessee**).

## OSB REMINDERS

Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete this event. **DO NOT mix and match**, for example, by registering using the OSB then completing your event using the PSB, or using the OSB then signing the PSB log sheet. The sponsoring club only receives credit for OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB.

Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration. You can then print out your insert cards for this walk.

## OTHER EAST TENNESSEE WANDERERS EVENTS

While in the area, you might enjoy some of our other events.

Alcoa Greenway, Alcoa Bike, Alcoa/Maryville Extended Greenway, A.T. Through Tennessee, Gatlinburg Trail, Elkmont Historic, Newfound Gap (A.T.), Knoxville (Music, Moonshine, and Art), Knoxville (UT), Knoxville (North Knoxville – 4<sup>th</sup> & Gill), Seven Islands State Birding Park, Maryville, Clinton 12, Oak Ridge, Townsend, and Fort Loudoun State Historic Park.



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## The East Tennessee Wanderers GATLINBURG TOURIST WALK©

Gatlinburg, TN Rated 1A

5 KM Walk Y1308

1. **Go down the steps** in the front of the NOC store and at the sidewalk along the Parkway, **turn Right crossing Savage Garden Rd.** As you walk, note the Tramway Mall across the Parkway. For the best view of the magnificent Smoky Mountains, make sure to ride the Aerial Tramway. Departing regularly from Tramway Mall, the cable cars will take you on a breathtaking 2.1-mile ride up to the top of Mount Harrison and the only ski resort in Tennessee, Ober Gatlinburg, with 8 ski trails and 3 chair lifts.
2. **Continue** along the Parkway crossing LeConte Creek Rd.
3. **Turn Right** into Elks Plaza and walk to the back of the Plaza to try out some free samples of jerky. **Walk back** to the Parkway.
4. **Turn right** on the Parkway and pass the Gatlinburg Convention Center on your right where there are public restrooms.
5. **Cross** Historic Nature Trail - Airport Road (0.8km), then **turn right**.
6. **Walk up** Nature Trail – Airport Road until you reach Headcase Escape Adventures.
7. **Reverse course** to return to the Parkway noting on your right the Space Needle, an all steel 400 foot observation tower served by two glass elevators to an observation deck for a 360° view of the Great Smoky Mountains.
8. **Turn right** once you are back at the Parkway, and continue along the Parkway.
9. **Cross** the Parkway at Maples Lane/Reagan Dr. (1.2 km). You can take see the Sky Lift which takes passengers 1,800 feet up to the top of Crockett Mountain for spectacular views of the natural beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It was badly damaged in the wildfire of 2016, but is back in business now.
10. **Cross Maple Ln and continue along the Parkway**
11. **Turn left into Market Place Mall.** (The sign is small, turn left at LIDS.) Walk to the back of Market Place Mall. Right before the end of this section you will find **restrooms**. Continue on around and **return to the Parkway**.
12. **Turn left** on the Parkway and continue on to Baskin Square Mall (1.8 km).
13. **Turn left into Baskin Square Mall** and walk to the back and to the right where you **take the ramp to the upper level**.
14. **Continue** on around the upper level of Baskin Square Mall, then **take the steps back to the ground level**, and proceed back to the Parkway.
15. **Cross the Parkway and enter The Village** (2.0 km)
16. As you walk into The Village on Village Way, you may want to visit The Day Hiker. Whether you stop here or not, you will need to **turn right** on The Crescent **and continue around the loop of stores**.
17. As you reach the back of this "loop of stores," you will find an olive oil store, Zi Olive.
18. **Continue on around** and into Pin Oak Plaza, go behind the fountain, and **turn right** on Village Way
19. At the top of the hill you will find public **restrooms**. **Reverse course** and start back down hill. **Turn Left at Fountain Square** to head back on Village Way to the Parkway. You will pass the Donut Friar and the large fountain on your left.
20. **Turn right** at the Parkway (2.2 km) and continue walking along the Parkway.
21. **Pass** Ranger Bob's Trading Post at 2.3 km.
22. At traffic light 6 (Cherokee Orchard Road/Baskin Creek Road) if you are really in a shopping

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23. Once you satisfy those shopping urges, **return** to this side of the street, **cross Cherokee Orchard Road/Baskin Creek Road**, and **continue** on down the Parkway.
  24. **Pass** the former location of the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, the oldest craft school in Tennessee (2.4 km). Now in its place is Anakeesta (a family friendly adventure park)
  25. At traffic light 3, the Parkway Visitor Center Pedestrian Plaza on your right is a convenient water and **restroom** stop.
  26. At Traffic Light #3 **cross East Parkway (321/73)** and **continue up the Parkway (71/441/321) as it branches to the left**. Be very careful here as some cars going right tend to ignore the fact that you have a WALK signal. Don't become a hood ornament! **You should be on the right side of the road walking up hill with traffic coming from behind you**.
  27. **Continue on to the crosswalk at the Smoky Mountain Trout House**. Cross over the Parkway here and **turn left to walk back along the Parkway**. You will continue to walk into town on the right side of the road with traffic coming from behind you.
  28. Watch on your right for Riverwalk Mall where you can find **public restrooms**.
  29. Also on your right you will see the West Prong of the Little Pigeon River along with No Way Jose's Cantina. Not a bad place to stop for the Fourth F and a bit of liquid refreshment.
  30. **Cross at traffic light #5**, then **turn right** to Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies.
  31. **Go up the steps** on the left with the West Prong of the Little Pigeon River on your left.
  32. At this point you can stop and visit the Aquarium and when you are ready to complete your walk **proceed to your left across the bridge**.
  33. **Turn right** once down the steps on the far side of the bridge, (river will be on your right) **to follow River Road**.
  34. **Pass under** the chairlift and look to your right to see Christ in the Smokys Museum and Gardens where you can walk through a Biblical world of 2000 years ago, seeing life-size representations of important scenes from the life of Jesus Christ.
  35. **Cross** Long Branch Road at the light, and **continue** along River Road.
  36. **Turn left to cross** River Road at the traffic light at Ski Mountain Road.
  37. **Walk up** Ski Mountain Road on the left facing traffic.
  38. When you reach the Parkway, **cross over** at the light and proceed back to NOC.
- Congratulations!** You have completed your 5 KM walk. Hopefully you enjoyed this exploration of the tourist side of Gatlinburg. Now perhaps you will enjoy a walk through the woods along our Sugarlands Trail Walk YRE.
- Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration. You can then print out your insert cards for this walk.**
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# Gatlinburg Tourist 5K



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25. At Traffic Light #3 the road splits. **Continue** to the right along North 321 (East Parkway).
26. **Cross** Baskins Creek By-Pass
27. **Cross Pine Ln and Turn Right into Winery Square.**
28. **Walk up the hill and turn left.**
29. Take a few minutes to visit the Smoky Mountain Farm Store/Jelly House on your right. If you have visited a winery and sampled their wines, you've got the concept, but here you get to sample various homemade jams, jellies, butters, syrups, hot sauces, and more. Ever tried moonshine flavored jelly? You can try it and many other unique flavors here.
30. Now you must visit the world's only Salt & Pepper Shaker Museum on your left. The museum is normally open Monday thru Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adult admission is a nominal \$3, which goes toward any Salt and Pepper Shaker purchase in the gift shop. Children 12 and under are free.
31. **Continue** through the parking lot and **turn left onto Silver Bell Lane** (unmarked).
32. **Carefully cross Roaring Fork Rd and turn right on the Parkway.**
33. **Cross** Roaring Fork Ext and then Rattlesnake Hollow. As you look up the mountain ahead, note the condos along the side of the mountain and at the ridge line. Cabin and Condo rentals are a big business up here.
34. **Cross** Sleepy Hollow Rd and note Sleepy Bear Motel on your right.
35. **Continue** up the Parkway, **turn left and carefully cross the Parkway** at the Newman /Ridge Road traffic light (Bank on your right).
36. **Turn left** once across the Parkway, to walk back toward downtown Gatlinburg.
37. **Cross** Hickman Hollow Rd., Village Dr., and Ogle Dr. West. Be sure to stop at Mad Dog's Creamery and Donuts. Great treats! This has become my must-do stop whenever I visit Gatlinburg! They survived the wildfire intact while businesses next door and across the street were totally destroyed. (**restrooms**).
38. **Cross** Oglewood Ln, Water Tower Rd, E Laurel Rd, Poplar Ln, Spruce Ln, and Willow Ln.
39. Back at Traffic Light #3, **round the corner without crossing any streets** and start up the Parkway.
40. **At the Smoky Mountain Trout House** use the crosswalk to cross over the Parkway and **turn left to walk back along the Parkway**. You will

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**Congratulations!** Hopefully you enjoyed this exploration of the tourist side of Gatlinburg.

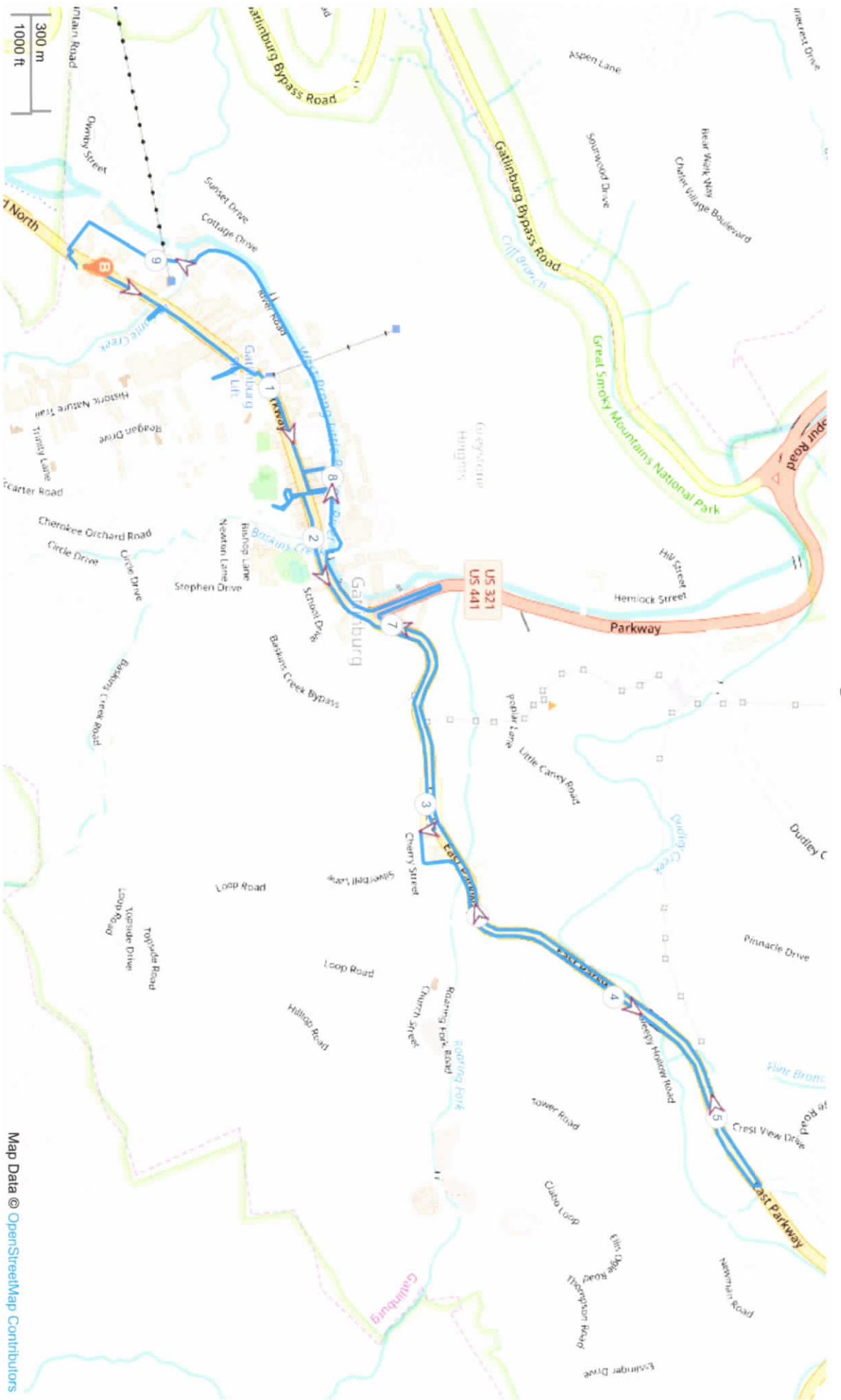
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# Gatlinburg Tourist 10K



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