

Cherohala Skyway Driving Itinerary

Start in Tellico Plains

Your Cherohala Skyway itinerary begins in the quaint historic town of Tellico Plains. A great place to eat is the Tellico Grains Bakery, located in the town square. Tellico Grains is a family owned artisan bakery, specializing in wood-fired brick oven breads, gourmet pastries, sandwiches and other delectable baked items.



On your way out of town, fill your tank and take drinks and snacks, as there are no gas stations or stores along the 42-mile Cherohala Skyway drive! It takes about 2 ½ hours to drive the Skyway. Stop at the Cherohala Skyway visitor Center, 225 Cherohala Skyway, 423.253.8010, for unique area gifts, artwork, maps and helpful Skyway information.



The Tellico Ranger Station and Bald River Falls

Your drive starts through the Cherokee National Forest, and you will be driving along side and crossing the Tellico River. About 5 miles into your trip you can take a right on Forest Service Road 210 and visit the Ranger Station on the left. Further along Forest Service 210 is Bald River Falls! The driving bridge goes right past the beautiful cascading 100 foot falls! It is not necessary to leave your car to view the falls. You can turn around here, retrace your drive to the Skyway, TN 165, and continue your trip.



Indian Boundary Campground



As you continue on the Skyway about 12 miles, you will be passing through the black bear sanctuary. Turn left on Indian Boundary Road to view Indian Boundary Campground and Lake. The campground is in among hardwoods and pine and offers different types of camping, from sites with electrical hookups and a modern bathhouse to rustic sites with outdoor showers and fire pits. Indian Boundary Lake is beautiful and tempting for a quick swim or walk!

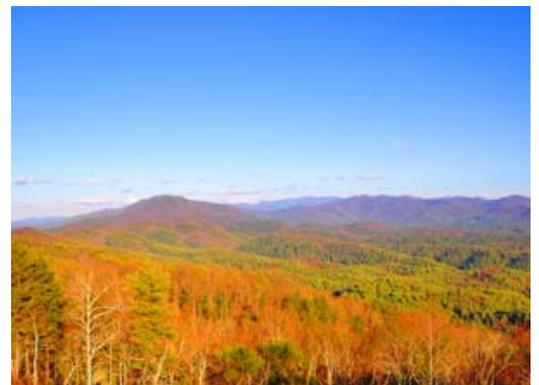
Retrace your drive back to the Cherohala and travel on along the Skyway and stop at the many overlooks for incredible views and photo ops. Stop and have a snack at the picnic tables. Be sure to put your trash in the bear-safe garbage cans!

Nantahala National Forest, North Carolina

Traveling on you will be entering the Nantahala National Forest. The Skyway keeps rising and the overlooks become quite amazing, with views of Tennessee, The Appalachian Mountains, The Great Smoky Mountains and Joyce Kilmer Forest. You will see Santeetlah overlook with majestic views of the mountains at 5,390 ft. elevation



The Road becomes NC 143, and you can continue on to Robinsville, N.C. or turn around and return to Tellico Plains and Monroe County!



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