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The Blue Ridge Parkway is "America's Favorite Journey" for millions of visitors, neighbors, friends, and family.

The Parkway is a refuge where you can find yourself, explore the history and culture of the mountains, and reconnect with nature. As a member of the Foundation's Community of Stewards, you know more than most how vital the Parkway is to the environmental health of our mountains, the economic health of our communities, and your personal health and well-being.

One positive outcome in this unprecedented year is the clear evidence of just how important the Blue Ridge Parkway is to the lives of thousands of supporters, including you. You have pushed ahead with your dreams for the Parkway and made an enormous impact on its future. Because of your dedication, socially distanced outdoor concerts at the Blue Ridge Music Center offered visitors a safe place to experience mountain music; the renovations of the storied Bluffs Restaurant are complete, and it will welcome diners next spring; and historical restoration work will get underway at Flat Top Manor this fall.

Although many of our gatherings in 2020 were postponed, we joined together in solidarity behind our park. Thank you for your continued support. It made all the stories in this Annual Report possible. And thank you for allowing the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation to amplify your voice, your impact, and your legacy for America's Favorite Journey.



Carolyn WardChief Executive Officer

Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, believed that the world is defined by constant change.

In a year that has seen many changes, I would like to acknowledge the importance of the constant and steady support from the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation's Community of Stewards. This year we were excited for some changes, such as entering into the park's first historic lease with the Foundation for the operation of The Bluffs Restaurant. This change was a bold step together in pursuit of the National Park Service mission. The Bluffs project now helps to ensure both the protection of one of the original developed areas along this historic route as well as the preservation of the area's cultural heritage that is beloved by so many. Because of your support, a new generation of park visitors can now discover and experience this special place.

There were also many unanticipated changes this year. Park staff and our partners have weathered the uncertainty and challenges of 2020 with skill and professionalism, and I am hopeful that we will emerge from this time more focused and with a renewed commitment to caring for the Blue Ridge Parkway. Public lands like the Blue Ridge Parkway and future generations of visitors will be the beneficiaries of this renewal. These uncertain days have reinforced how today's decisions and actions impact all our tomorrows. Thank you for being our partner on this important journey.



Neal D. Labrie Acting Superintendent Blue Ridge Parkway

ENHANCING VISITOR EXPERIENCES

Hiking adventures, unparalleled views, and favorite gathering places are just some of the experiences that make up a wonderful Parkway journey. Your support plays a key role in keeping visitors safe, creating great memories, and inspiring a deep connection to this magnificent landscape.

HIKER SAFETY

Wilderness Signs

Acres and acres of state parks, national forests, and recreation areas border the Blue Ridge Parkway and extend its expansive beauty. Graveyard Fields, at milepost 418, is one such place: the trailhead lies on the Parkway, but the trail itself leads hikers into Pisgah National Forest in Haywood County. Ninety percent of search and rescue calls in the county originate on federal land.

To help keep trekkers safe, the Foundation collaborated with The Pisgah Conservancy, Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards, U.S. Forest Service, and Haywood County Emergency Services to design and post 22 signs with tips about wilderness preparedness and bear encounter safety.

Following the installation of the signs, there has



been a 50 percent decrease year-over-year in search and rescue calls on federal land in the county. It is a great example of the power of partnerships, having helped hikers stay safe while freeing up emergency responders for the many demands of their critical jobs.



The Lump Overlook, milepost 264.4

TRAILS & VIEWS FOREVER

Clear Views

In January 2020, arborist crews cleared overgrown vegetation at seven overlooks in the Highlands District to give travelers back gorgeous views of the mountains. The ongoing work is a key aspect of the Trails & Views Forever program which will also repair and maintain hiking trails, campgrounds, and picnic areas. (Learn more on page 23)



PROJECT COMPLETE

The Bluffs Renewed

What's old is new again at The Bluffs Restaurant at Doughton Park. The renovations are complete, and for many visitors, the former coffee shop appears just as they remember it, with green and white checkerboard floors, the long lunch counter, and the same light fixtures that hung in the restaurant for more than 60 years.

Special care was taken to keep the charm of the original midcentury stone building, but there was much more behind the project, including a new electrical system, all new restaurant equipment, and reconfigured restrooms that are now ADA-compliant. This summer, volunteers lent a hand to clear overgrown plants and add new stripes to the parking lot.

Revitalization of The Bluffs has been a long-term effort. During the decade it remained closed, the facility fell into a serious state of disrepair. Four years ago, you stepped up and began the process of raising funds to restore the restaurant. A combination of donations from individuals and organizations and support from the State of North Carolina and

Appalachian Regional Commission ensured that the rehabilitation moved ahead. More than 500 donors contributed nearly \$1 million to help complete the extensive project.

Thank you for making sure this beloved destination was not lost forever. We can't wait to welcome you for a meal when The Bluffs opens in spring 2021!

Photo by David Huff.

Live Feed

No matter where you are, you can enjoy a view of the Blue Ridge Parkway every day via a new webcam atop The Bluffs Restaurant at milepost 241. With this live feed, you can witness fall colors progressing in trees, catch the occasional snowfall, or watch spring return as the leaves fill in the canopy. Thank you for supporting a project that brings a Parkway perspective into homes around the world. Take in the scenery at BRPFoundation.org/webcams.

PRESERVING HISTORY & CULTURE

The Blue Ridge Parkway weaves the narrative of history into our modern-day lives. This national park unit showcases the experiences of those who came before us and the special places that embody stories of the past. By offering engaging ways to discover our history, we can ensure traditions and tales endure for generations to come.



PROJECT COMPLETE

Photo Archive

Thanks to your gifts, anyone can now view and download photographs and documents that chronicle the Blue Ridge Parkway's history. This project allowed Parkway staff to host an intern who labeled and categorized more than 8,000 photographs and documents to upload to the National Park Service's online archive, NPGallery.

This fall, the gallery connected Neil Bridge with his family's past and ties to the Parkway.

"My grandfather worked for the National Park Service on the Parkway until his retirement. The gallery not only led me to photographs that could potentially show my grandfather, but the search feature let me find two photos that were actually tagged with his name, along with the date and location," Bridge explained.

All images in the gallery can be downloaded for public use. Bridge plans to print and frame the photos he found as a Christmas gift for his mom. "Thank you to the NPS and for helping me connect with my past, and to bring some holiday happiness to my mother."

ONGOING EFFORT

Cone Renovations

For years, a boarded-up dormer window at Flat Top Manor has served as a distinct reminder that the historical gem is in trouble. This fall, help will arrive when crews begin the extensive exterior renovation of Moses and Bertha Cone's former home. Fittingly, the work will begin with the windows, before moving on to the wood siding, columns, shingles, doors, porch ceiling, gutters, and additional features in the spring and summer of 2021.

Although the pandemic prevented work from beginning earlier this year, good news arrived during the holding pattern. The National Park Service reassigned additional funds to the restoration, in great part because of your past contributions. With your donations already secured, the project is considered "shovel-ready," a key factor in deciding the order of initiatives across the national park system. The increase in funds from the federal government will broaden the scope of work on the house, and multiply the impact of your generosity.

Soon you will be able to see that impact as the manor receives the care and attention it deserves. Thank you for your tremendous commitment, determination, and patience on this path to return Flat Top Manor to its former grandeur and honor all the history it holds.



A boarded-up dormer window is one of many features that will soon be repaired at Flat Top Manor.

Virtual Tour of the Manor

You can tour Flat Top Manor with a new virtual interpretive experience funded by your gifts. From your computer, you can explore the manor's interior, interacting with touchpoints that highlight the architectural features, stories of its former residents, and the furnishings it once held. Visit brpfoundation.org/tour today!

An earlier project laid the groundwork for the Parkway portion of NPGallery. Approximately 7,000 of the photographs in the gallery were originally scanned and digitized for the Driving Through Time website, a digital humanities project of UNC-Chapel Hill led by Dr. Anne Mitchell Whisnant, the author of Super-Scenic Motorway: A Blue Ridge Parkway History. Explore the archive at NPGallery.nps.gov/blri.

Opposite: Visitors at the summit of Sharp Top Mountain in 1960. Photo by Earl W. Estes.
Right: Bridge's grandfather, Gordon Demastus, in 1953.



EDUCATION & OUTREACH

By elevating the Parkway as a place of learning, we can create a deeper sense of responsibility for its care. Programs that highlight traditional mountain music and family-friendly trails are instrumental to the Foundation's mission.

NEW CONNECTIONS

Kids in Parks

As soon as COVID-19 shut down schools and places of business in March of this year, many found themselves cooped up inside their homes, wishing for a way to take their minds off their worries. Kids and families began flocking to parks and public lands, including TRACK Trails, in record numbers. To avoid contributing to the spread of the virus, Kids in Parks staff asked park partners to remove the self-guided brochures from trail kiosks.

The program needed a safer way to reach kids, and within weeks of the shutdown, it released a series of new e-Adventures on the program's website. These adventures provide kids and families with engaging activities to complete using a smartphone or tablet in their backyard, neighborhood, or any green space.

From Animal Athletes to Bug Out, e-Adventures convert some of the most popular TRACK Trail brochures into fun, electronic games, and kids can still record their progress online to earn prizes. The activities also include the meditative practice of Forest Bathing to help reduce stress and improve mental well-being during this challenging time.

"People are beginning to realize, or at least



A Trail TRACKer identifies lichens as part of the Hide and Seek e-Adventure.

remember, that our parks and public lands are here for them," said Jason Urroz, Director of Kids in Parks. "They see that exploring trails is a great way to improve their overall health."

For more information on E-Adventures, visit KidsinParks.com/e-adventures.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Webinar Series

When in-person events were put on hold earlier this year due to the pandemic, the Foundation introduced the Insider's Report, a free webinar series to highlight the projects you make possible and stories of Parkway history, culture, and nature. Each session

featured a different topic, including the history of Flat Top Manor, fly fishing, keeping kids active during COVID-19, and navigating the National Park Service's online gallery and archive. Look for more webinar announcements in our e-newsletter and on our website's events page. To view recordings of past presentations, visit our YouTube channel at youtube.com/BlueRidgeParkwayFoundation.



CULTURAL CONNECTION

The Blue Ridge Music Center

The Show Goes on

With new precautions set up in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Blue Ridge Music Center proved to be a summer refuge for fans of mountain music. The spacious outdoor amphitheater allowed guests to spread out and enjoy the five concerts that made up this year's Roots of American Music series. Highlights of the season included a stellar performance from Grammy-nominated singersongwriter Amythyst Kiah, an appearance by up-andcoming genre-bending artist Sierra Ferrell, and the old-time, new-time string band sounds of Chatham Rabbits. In addition to concerts, visitor services and interpretive programming carried on with help from Partner Ranger Aubrey Arrington, whose position was funded this summer in collaboration with the National Park Service.

A Fresh New Face

The Music Center updated its look with a new logo and website. This year's promotional materials featured the logo, fresh fonts, and a festive blue-and-orange color scheme that better represent the vitality of the musical experiences offered at the

amphitheater, museum, and visitor center. October brought the launch of the redesigned website, carrying the new look into the digital world while making BlueRidgeMusicCenter.org more mobile-friendly and intuitive for users.

More Music to Come

Later this year, the Music Center will host a series of online interviews as part of programming for A Place in the Band: Women in Bluegrass and American Roots Music. Hosted by North Carolina singer-songwriter Laurelyn Dossett, the interviews will focus on the backgrounds and experiences of women working in the music business, both as musicians and in other supporting roles. More information about the interviews, including release dates, will be announced through the e-newsletter and at BlueRidgeMusicCenter.org.

Thank you for supporting the Music Center through ticket purchases, donations, memberships, and sponsorships, which allowed the show to go on in a time when music lovers sought out safe and socially-distanced entertainment.

PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURCES

The Blue Ridge Parkway allows us to engage with the natural world in truly meaningful and inspiring ways. Each sweeping view encompasses a staggering diversity of flora and fauna playing critical roles in delicately balanced ecosystems. Your support safeguards this wild and wondrous place.

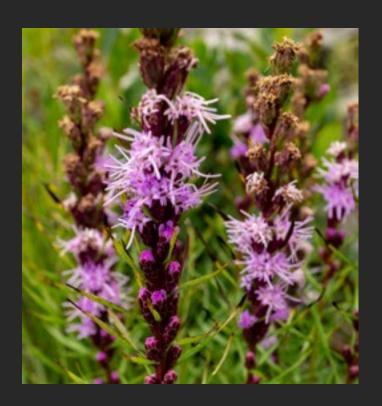
FUTURE CONSERVATION

Plant Nursery Feasibility Study

Within the bounds of the Blue Ridge Parkway, there are more than 1,400 types of vascular plants, making our national park unit one of the most diverse when it comes to flora. Many of these species make their homes in globally rare habitats found in the mountains, such as high-elevation grassy balds, rock outcrops, and spruce-fir forests. Even plants of the same species have genetic adaptations that can vary from the north end of the Parkway to the south. With the pressures of climate change and increasing numbers of visitors, not all of these plants are thriving, which can impact the entire ecosystem including pollinators and wildlife.

This summer, your support allowed the National Park Service to outline a proactive plan to help these plants flourish. Intern Marietta Shattelroe worked





with National Park Service Plant Ecologist Dr. Chris Ulrey to complete a feasibility study that laid out the priorities and projects for a native plant nursery designated for the Parkway. The possibilities include rejuvenating degraded habitats caused by erosion, bolstering rare plant populations, revegetation after construction and highway projects, and much more.

With this study, the National Park Service now holds an important tool to help protect the plant diversity that makes the Parkway a natural wonderland.

Pictured: Geum radiatum (left) and Liatris helleri (above) are endangered and threatened plant species native to the Blue Ridge Mountains.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Top Honor

In last year's annual report, we spotlighted Virginia Ward for her work with Parkway staff to protect native plant species in the park. This year, her dedication was recognized with the 2019 National Youth Award as part of the George and Helen Hartzog Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service, an annual recognition of volunteer excellence in the National Park Service. This award celebrates outstanding service performed by a volunteer younger than 18.

Ward, a 15-year-old from Fairview, North Carolina, holds a deep love and respect for the wild places tucked amongst the craggy rock outcroppings along the Parkway. She has been volunteering with the Blue Ridge Parkway for three years where she assists the park's plant ecologist, Dr. Chris Ulrey, with monitoring critically imperiled plant species.

"In my 21 years with the National Park Service, I have not encountered a young person that so inspired and filled me with hope about the future," Ulrey said. "Ward's assistance has been a welcome gift to the rare plant program on the Parkway, making it possible to complete the important monitoring work more safely and efficiently." Congratulations, Virginia!



Virginia Ward received the National Park Service's highest honor for youth volunteer work.

ONGOING EFFORT

Great Gardens

Volunteers put their green thumbs to use beautifying the grounds at Moses H. Cone Memorial Park during two training days. At one session, they learned to operate string trimmers and helped clear the Figure Eight Trail near Flat Top Manor.

In another, the hydrangea gardens at Bass Lake received much needed TLC after the volunteers were taught to properly prune and care for the plants. The group cut back dead wood and discussed how to trim them in the spring so that these 100-year-old specimens will remain healthy and full of blooms.



To give your time to improving the Parkway, visit BRPFoundation.org/volunteer.

EVENTS

FIRST ANNUAL

Blue Ridge Parkway Masters Fly Fishing Tournament

Anglers cast their lines in private trophy waters for the first Blue Ridge Parkway Masters Fly Fishing Tournament on September 24, 2020, near Boone, North Carolina. The event, hosted by guides with Chetola Resort Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Lodge, was a fun outdoor adventure in support of the Parkway. The winners were:

1st Place: David Moore with a rainbow trout

measuring 28 inches

2nd Place: Jan Waters with a rainbow trout

measuring 26.5 inches

3rd Place: Dewey Wells with a rainbow trout

measuring 22.5 inches

Most fish caught: Paul Bonesteel

A special thanks to the event's sponsors, Double Wood Farm and The Speckled Trout Restaurant and Bottle Shop.



1) Second place winner Jan Waters

2) First place winner David Moore shows off his catch





3) Paul Bonesteel releases one of his many catches.

PICK YOUR WAY TO GIVE

We invite you to explore these avenues of giving to sustain the Parkway for current and future generations.

Monthly Giving

As a Parkway Protector, you can support the Foundation's work year-round by making an automated monthly credit card payment of \$5 or more. (See the list of Parkway Protectors on page 21)

Tribute Gifts

A donation in honor or in memory of a loved one is a meaningful way to celebrate their connection to the Parkway or to commemorate a milestone such as a birthday, anniversary, or wedding. (See the list of 2019-2020 tribute gifts on page 19)

Beneficiary Designations

By naming the Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, 401(k), IRA, or life insurance policy, you will create an enduring legacy that protects the Parkway for many years to come.

Sample bequest language:

"I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise, and bequeath to the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation (Tax ID: 31-1512730), [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."

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Carolina Lily. Photo by A. Armstrong.

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Additional Opportunities

For more ways to give, including Donor Advised Funds, IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), and gifts of stock, contact development officers Jordan Calaway (*jcalaway@brpfoundation.org*) or George Ivey (*givey@brpfoundation.org*).

Give Now!

To make a gift right away, please visit BPRFoundation.org/donate or text PARKWAY to (833) 705-1234 and follow the prompts. Thank you!

This year, the Foundation earned a GuideStar Platinum Seal for transparency. To learn more, visit learn.guidestar.org/seals.

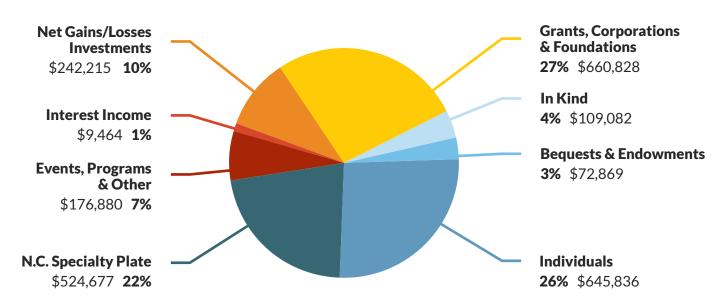


FINANCIALS

PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE	2019	2018	
Contributions	\$1,078,496	\$1,343,784	
Grants	\$293,180	\$78,000	
In Kind	\$109,082	\$89,991	
N.C. Specialty Plate	\$524,677	\$521,904	
Endowment Income	\$7,857	\$25,664	
Interest Income	\$9,464	\$9,097	
Other	\$176,880	\$300,202	
Net Gains (Losses) Investments	\$242,215	(\$97,279)	
Total Support & Revenue	\$2,441,851	\$2,271,363	

EXPENSES	2019	2018
Program Services	\$1,992,601	\$1,565,321
Management & General	\$154,430	\$84,395
Fundraising	\$350,086	\$256,581
Total Expenses	\$2,497,117	\$1,906,297
Change in Net Assets	(\$55,266)	\$365,066
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$5,036,784	\$4,671,718
Net Assets at End of Year	\$4,981,518	\$5,036,784

Support: \$2,441,851



Financial information is derived from the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation's 2019 financial statements, audited by an independent registered public accounting firm, and is available on our 990 and at bryfoundation.org/financials.

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The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation is thankful for the individuals, businesses, foundations, and partners who contribute to the safekeeping of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Donors who contributed \$250 or more between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019, are acknowledged on the following pages. They form a Community of Stewards that is truly committed to preserving and protecting the scenic route today and forever.

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"The reopening of The Bluffs Restaurant was serendipitous for the Fleck kids. Though we grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina, the Blue Ridge Parkway is our identity and Doughton Park is our home. After countless Saturday mornings of Dad piling us into the car, we remember and cherish all his campfire stories at the campgrounds, the long hikes through the rhododendronlined trails, eating our weight in cobbler at the restaurant, and sneaking away to watch the sunset beside the lodge's outdoor fireplace.

So, despite the closing of both the lodge and restaurant, it was no wonder that after suddenly losing our father in the spring of 2019, all four of us had an instinctual calling back to Doughton Park. Finding out that our beloved kitchen may reopen, we knew we needed to be a part of its revival. It was just obvious that we needed to give back to the place that raised us. The memories we've made there are invaluable and the potential to carry our Doughton traditions into adulthood and allow other families to build similar experiences gives us insurmountable joy. But most importantly, we know that every time we dig into a well-deserved meal at The Bluffs, Dad will be right there with us at the table."

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Thank you, Willa!

In June of 2020, the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation family said a tearful goodbye to Willa Coffey Mays when she announced her well-deserved retirement. Willa was more than the Chief Development Officer for our organization; she was one of the Parkway's strongest advocates and friends.

For more than 10 years, Willa dedicated her expertise to raising awareness and funds to address the needs of the Parkway. She worked to ensure donors and volunteers were welcomed into our Community of Stewards and given leading roles in the future of the place they treasure. Her passion allowed her to envision a better Parkway. Her persistence brought so many important projects to fruition.

Whether you are enjoying a meal at The Bluffs Restaurant, hiking a well-maintained trail, spending the day at Moses H. Cone Memorial Park, or



Willa Mays and Carolyn Ward at Rough Ridge.

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