



Where does this flume lead? To Mabry Mill. Making a donation to repair the water shoot at this iconic site is one of the many ways you can preserve and pass down history on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Learn more inside.

Spring into Action!

Read all about the progress your gifts are making possible on historic projects, plus a day of volunteering and a fresh season of concerts, as we prepare for another lively spring on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

It's all inside! >>>



Bringing the Past into the Present

Fixing the flume at Mabry Mill

The gristmill built by Ed and Lizzie Mabry in the early 1900s is akin to a living history museum where

New Project

visitors can learn about a bygone way of life, including how the mill operates. But to keep the waterwheel

turning, the flume must be repaired. You can preserve a cherished place and interpretive experiences when you support this project. Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar by a Centennial Challenge grant and other gifts!



A big stride in protecting Cone Manor

Your gifts are providing an essential form of protection at Cone Manor at Moses H. Cone Memorial Park, milepost 294. Thanks to you, crews are now installing a new fire suppression system designed to protect the 23-room Colonial Revival-style manor built in the early 1900s.

Project Update

The before and after photos of the exterior work at the home, like fresh paint and new woodwork, are thrilling, but this less noticeable project is critical to protecting the rich legacy of the Cones' summer home. We appreciate your support!



Save the date for The Denim Ball

Join us for *The Denim Ball* on Thursday, August 22, in Blowing Rock, N.C. A special announcement about the ball is coming soon! Visit brpfoundation.org/denimball

Signs of life at Bluffs Restaurant

Project Update

With a new roof, Bluffs Restaurant is ready for its interior rehabilitation, which is slated to begin this year.

With your continued support, the doors may open in 2020. We are looking for potential qualified operators for Bluffs at milepost 240. To get more information, e-mail us at brpf@brpfoundation.org.



Profile in Giving

Each gift to protect the Blue Ridge Parkway is personal. Thank you for sharing your stories and passion for this amazing park with us.



“My boys and I love the Blue Ridge Parkway for its beauty—the wonderful hikes to breathtaking mountaintop vistas and magnificent waterfalls to peaceful, pastoral walks around ponds or through fields—and for the effect on the psyche. Whether in my vehicle, or on a trail, I always feel at peace with the world when I’m on the Parkway. I donate in general so the Blue Ridge Parkway will be here for future generations to enjoy, and specifically, to help return Doughton Park to its former glory.

–**Catherine Mauro**, Parkway steward, with her dogs, Bosco and Rudy

Leave Your Mark on the Mountains

Do you want to create an enduring legacy that protects the Blue Ridge Parkway for generations to come? You can do it today by including the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation in your estate plans. Learn more at brpfoundation.org/giving or call (866) 308-2773.



Events

Project Parkway Campground Cleanup

9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 27
Parkway campgrounds

You're invited to help the Parkway make a great impression on millions of visitors with Project Parkway volunteer day. The goal is to rally Parkway lovers, volunteers, partners, and National Park Service staff to prepare all eight of the park's campgrounds for the May opening during a single morning of dedicated service. The event kicks off the celebration of National Park Week (April 20-28). There are projects for all ages, including leaf blowing, limb clearing, painting, and basic trail repairs and maintenance.

To sign up or learn more, visit brpfoundation.org/projectparkway.

Park Rx Day with Kids in Parks

3 p.m., Sunday, April 28
River Park North, Greenville, S.C.

Kids in Parks is inviting families to celebrate National Park Rx (Prescription)

Day, April 28, with an afternoon of outdoor activity.

You can come learn more about TRACK Rx, which gives tools to doctors to prescribe outdoor adventures for health benefits. Join us for hiking, prizes, and more!

For additional information, visit kidsinparks.com.





A personalized plate in honor of Waterrock Knob

Protect the Parkway. Get the Plate.

If you live in North Carolina, purchasing a gold and green specialty plate is an easy way to proudly display your commitment to the Parkway. From each specialty plate fee, \$20 is dedicated to the Foundation to protect and enhance the scenic route and \$10 supports the N.C. Wildflower Program. For an additional fee, you can personalize your plate. *Request the plate at a N.C. Tag Office or visit GetThePlate.org.*



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The Sounds of Summer

The Blue Ridge Music Center is hosting an exceptional lineup of performers for the Roots of American Music summer concert series with shows in the outdoor amphitheater at 7 p.m., Saturdays, Memorial Day through Labor Day, at milepost 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Galax, Virginia. Come join us!

- May 25 **The Po' Ramblin' Boys** | \$15
- June 1 **Mandolin Orange & the Winston-Salem Symphony** | \$30 advance, \$35 day of show, \$15 children
- June 14 **Mountains of Music Homecoming presents Bill Monroe's Sons of Bluegrass** (Friday show) | \$15 advance, \$20 after May 31, \$10 children
- June 22 **Kruger Brothers** | \$25 advance, \$30 day of show
- June 29 **Kelsey Waldon** | \$15
- July 6 **Virginia Luthiers with Wayne Henderson & Presley Barker** | \$15
- July 13 **Sam Reider & the Human Hands** | \$15



Chatham County Line

- July 20 **The Steel Wheels** | \$20 adults, \$10 children
- July 27 **Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper** | \$15
- Aug. 3 **Chatham County Line** | \$20
- Aug. 17 **The Hot Seats** | \$15
- Aug. 24 **Fireside Collective** | \$15
- Aug. 31 **John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band** | \$20
- Oct. 5 **Jeff Little Trio** (5 p.m., indoor theater) \$20 adults, \$15 children
- Oct. 19 **Rob Ickes & Trey Hensley** (5 p.m., indoor theater) | \$25 adults, \$15 children

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