



Steve Yocom's photograph, "Thin Blue Line," was a final selection in the 14th annual Appalachian Mountain Photography Competition

**We're celebrating
20 years of protecting
the Blue Ridge Parkway**

Thank you for your support!

“ When most folks think of the Blue Ridge Parkway, they think of overlooks and miles and miles of views. Some of us love it for its access to High Country fly fishing and our favorite thin blue line on the map. **”**

— Steve Yocom



20 years strong!

Thank you for protecting the Blue Ridge Parkway with us

It's time to celebrate a big milestone. For 20 years, you have been the driving force behind the Blue Ridge Parkway, making it an even more amazing journey through your commitment to its future.

From our first project, building the Visitor Center at Waterrock Knob, to the recently completed repairs of historic structures at the Peaks of Otter, your gifts, feedback, and ideas are making a difference on the Parkway. We thank you. Millions of visitors each year thank you. The Parkway thanks you!

In the last two decades, our Community of Stewards has contributed more than \$12 million to:

- **Protect natural resources** through wildlife surveys, trail repairs, environmental studies, and forensic training for law enforcement rangers
- **Expand education and outreach** by introducing young park stewards to the outdoors through our Kids in Parks program, rehabbing museum and visitor center exhibits, funding youth conservation crews, and engaging in citizen science projects
- **Preserve history and culture** by supporting programming at the Blue Ridge Music Center,

rehabbing Mabry Mill, Ramsey Cabin, and Johnson Farm, and Moses H. Cone Memorial Park

- **Enhance visitor amenities and experiences** at stops up and down the Parkway, including Waterrock Knob, Graveyard Fields, Bass Lake, Linville Falls, Abbott Lake, and additional locations

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for our 20th Anniversary Celebration on **November 9** at **Lioncrest at Biltmore** in Asheville, N.C.

- Now, 20 years later, you are still making a lasting impact on the Parkway. We have many more initiatives on the horizon. This year, we are committed to:
- Preserving historic structures at **Humpback Rocks Farm**, milepost 6
 - Rehabilitating **Sharp Top Shelter** at Peaks of Otter, milepost 86
 - Replacing the bridge at **High Meadow Trail**, milepost 213
 - Revamping **Craggy Gardens Visitor Center**, milepost 364

We can accomplish these projects and so much more because of you!

Visit brpfoundation.org/your-gifts-work to learn more about our 2017 projects and how you can make our 20th year the best yet.

SATURDAYS
at 7 PM
except where noted

Blue Ridge Music Center

SUMMER SERIES

Since 2013, the Blue Ridge Foundation has helped support programming at the Blue Ridge Music Center to preserve the rich musical heritage of the mountains. We hope you'll join us for the exciting 2017 Roots of American Music Season.



1-4 p.m.
MAY 20

JAM & Family Day



MAY 27

The Steel Wheels +
Dan River Girls



JUNE 3

Redhead Express +
The Walker Brothers



JUNE 17

The Quebe Sisters +
Bill and the Belles



JUNE 24

Phil Wiggins &
The Chesapeake Sheiks
+ Jim Lloyd



JULY 1

Slate Mountain Ramblers +
The Zephyr Lightning Bolts



JULY 8

Steep Canyon Rangers +
The Wildman Family Band



JULY 15

Snyder Family Band +
Five Mile Mountain Road



JULY 22

April Verch Band +
Grayson County Daredevils



JULY 29

The Harris Brothers +
Joe Troop & Che Apalache



AUG 5

Crooked Road Ramblers +
New Ballards Branch Bogtrotters



AUG 19

Barr-Williams +
Cabin Creek Boys



AUG 26

Mipso + Amythyst Kiah



4 p.m. FRI
SEPT 1

A Show for Joe: The Joe Wilson
Memorial Music Festival



5 p.m.
OCT 7

Anna & Elizabeth



5 p.m.
OCT 21

Dom Flemons



BlueRidgeMusicCenter.org or (866) 308-2773, ext. 245

Milepost 213, Blue Ridge Parkway | 10 miles from Galax, VA | 20 miles from Mount Airy, NC

Visitor Center open daily May through October, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | (276) 236-5309

LIVE MIDDAY MOUNTAIN MUSIC DAILY • ROOTS OF AMERICAN MUSIC MUSEUM

Hit the trails with the kids this summer!



Children learn how box turtles see the world during a TRACK Trail hike.

Spring weekends and summer vacation are the perfect time to introduce kids to the outdoors, and we have a great way to do it: TRACK Trails. Our Kids in Parks program is nationwide, but there are nine trails along the Blue Ridge Parkway waiting to be explored. The adventures are easy and fun. Just pick up an activity guide at the trailhead kiosk, and start a trek. After the outing, be sure to register your visit at kidsinparks.com and start collecting free prizes!

Are you interested in sponsoring a TRACK Trail at a park near you? Contact Jason Urroz at jurroz@brpfoundation.org or (866) 308-2773, ext. 384.

TRACK Trails along the Parkway

- Peaks of Otter Recreation Area, milepost 86
- Blue Ridge Music Center, milepost 213
- Julian Price Memorial Park Picnic Area, milepost 297
- Price Lake (paddling trail), milepost 297 (reserve a boat at pricelakeboatrentals.com)
- The Orchard at Altapass, milepost 328
- Mount Mitchell, milepost 355
- Parkway Visitor Center in Asheville, milepost 384
- North Carolina Arboretum, milepost 393
- Cherokee Oconaluftee River Trail at terminus of the Parkway, milepost 460

Be a happy camper

Need-to-know info for your next night under the stars

Fee Increase

This year, site fees increase from \$16 to \$20 per night to help the National Park Service better care for campgrounds on the Parkway.



Keep the Fire Burning

Only heat-treated firewood will be allowed at campsites this year to reduce the introduction of pests that can be harmful to forests.



Your gifts at work

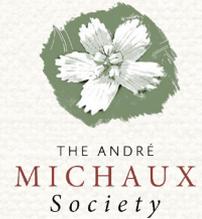


Crews replace roof at Flat Top Manor

Thanks to your generous support, crews are hard at work replacing the roof of Flat Top Manor at Moses H. Cone Memorial Park, milepost 294. This is one of many planned rehabilitation projects. This summer, a youth crew with the American Conservation Experience will rejuvenate the surrounding landscape, a key feature that helped secure the former estate's listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Leave a legacy

By naming the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation as a beneficiary of your IRA, a life insurance policy, or in your will, you create an enduring legacy that protects this special place for generations to come.



With a planned gift, you also become a member of The André Michaux Society, which honors the French botanist and explorer who enlightened others about the natural wonders of our mountains. For more information, call Ashley Edwards at (866) 308-2773, ext. 170, or e-mail aedwards@brpfoundation.org.



Bluffs info station opening

Stop by Eastern National's new traveler information station and gift shop at Bluffs at Doughton Park, milepost 241. The venture is a first step in the plan to reopen Bluffs, which closed in 2010. Restrooms will also be open. There is still work to be done at this beloved location, and you can help. For details, visit brpfoundation.org/doughtonpark.



Interpretive signs installed at Graveyard Fields

As hikers explore the trails at Graveyard Fields, milepost 418, new educational panels will provide information about the surroundings, including bear and waterfall safety tips, and how to keep the streams healthy. The project was a collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and Foundation.



New showers coming to Price Lake Campground

We're building a new shower facility at Price Park Campground, milepost 297. The addition makes this the second campground on the Parkway to feature showers. The other is Mount Pisgah.

Stay up to date on the progress of these and more projects with our e-newsletter. Visit brpfoundation.org to sign up.



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GetThePlate.org

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Join us for The Denim Ball!

We're hosting our annual fundraiser for Moses H. Cone Memorial Park on Friday, August 4, at Chetola Resort at Blowing Rock, and you can help us get ready for the big night! Here are three ways to support this lovely event:

Donate an Auction Item:

We love to feature art, jewelry, vacation packages, gift certificates, antiques, and more during our silent auction. Businesses

and individuals who donate to the auction will be acknowledged in the evening's program. To donate, contact Mandy Gee at mgee@brpfoundation.org or (866) 308-2773, ext. 364.

Invite a Group: What's a party without your closest friends? Bring them along, so they can also play a role

The Denim Ball

Friday, August 4, 6 p.m.

Chetola Resort at
Blowing Rock, N.C.

Tickets: \$100

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in preserving a piece of High Country history.

Buy tickets: Be sure to purchase your tickets soon for this fantastic event by the lake. Last year, tickets sold out in advance, so don't wait. We'll see you there!

