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A Visit To The Great Smoky Mountains National Park

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When you think of a holiday destination, you must keep in mind the various places and other recreational activities that will be available there for your amusement. It's obvious that we think of several details while we plan our holidays in a beautiful place or wherever we want to go and the list of holiday destinations is endless. Among all the destinations, the United States must be one of your favorite choices. Why not? America is one such place in the entire world, which caters to every tourist's needs and desires. There are endless recreational facilities there and a visit to America is always an incredible experience for tourists. I am sure, on your earlier visit to America, you have seen lots of attractions although one visit is not sufficient to view all the destinations. You may have visited a good number of famous places but did you visit the Great Smoky Mountains National Park? Never mind, on your next visit to the USA, make sure to visit it once and for the first timers who all are ready to spend their holidays in the USA, it's a golden chance. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a part of the Appalachian Highlands located in Tennessee. It covers more than a half a million acres of land. It includes a number of mountains including Mount Le Conte, which has a height of more than 6,000 feet. It is the tallest mountain east of the Mississippi. Mount Le Conte has been one of the favorite sites that visitors love in the park. There are lots of outdoor activities such as bicycling, horseback riding, camping, fishing, kayaking, white water rafting and hiking available in the Smoky Mountains. The park provides excellent hiking facility for visitors. It has more than 850 miles of long roads and trails. The park is the perfect hiking venue and said to be a hiker's paradise. The park is also a great place for camping. There are four different campsites in the park. They are:

- The backcountry sites offer you a completely different experience with wilderness. Go with your fellow tourists, it will be a unique camping trip for you.
- The Front country camping sites are accompanied by rest rooms, cold running water, picnic tables and fire grates.
- The group campgrounds are basically for groups. These are designed for tents only, where a group of at least eight people can be accommodated. There is ample space for several tents.
- The primitive sites are best for horse camps. These are a great place, which provide the true option for outdoor living.

Apart from these adventurous activities, being in the park is a complete pleasure for visitors. The cheerful sounds of birds singing in the trees, the peacefulness of a flowing stream, the breathtaking sights of the mountains and the wildlife, give a pristine feeling to everyone. There are plenty of things to keep you busy, while you are in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Bears, deer and other wildlife creatures are sure to enthrall you. As most of the park is covered by dense forest, viewing wildlife is quite challenging. However, open areas like Cataloochee and Cades Cove offer some of the best opportunities to see white-tailed deer, black bear, raccoon, turkeys, woodchucks and other animals. The Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail leads you to a panoramic view of the forest and the historic buildings of the Roaring Fork area. It is a narrow, winding, 5-mile-long road through the park. The area offers mountain streams, glimpses of old-growth forest and a number of well-preserved log cabins, gristmills and other historic buildings. The Great Smoky Mountains is a favorite vacation spot for many and is truly one of the most beautiful areas in the United States. So, don't miss the opportunity to visit it on your next vacation in the United States. Take the chance to enjoy the best of hiking, fishing, picnicking or just sitting back to mingle with nature.

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