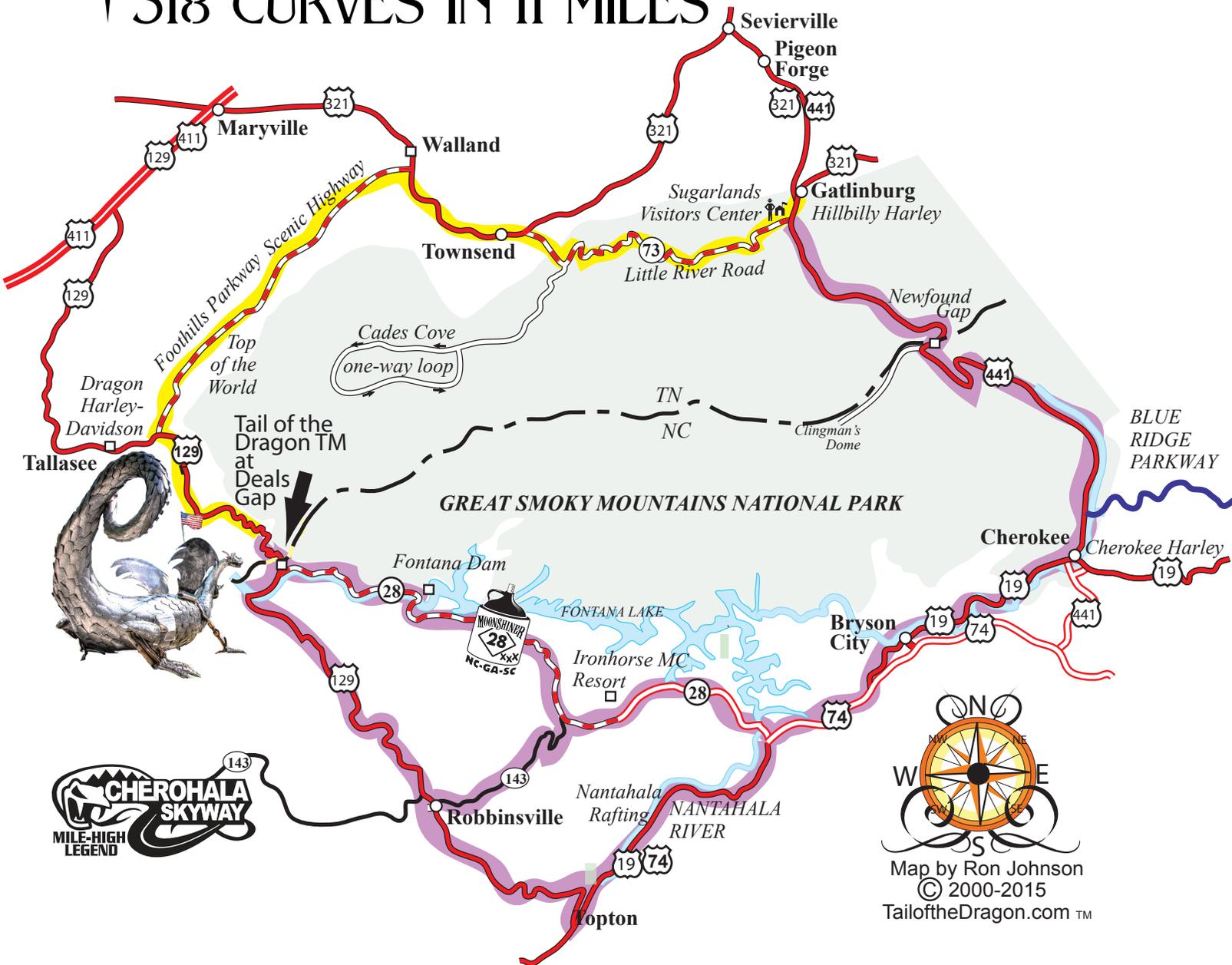


# TAIL of the DRAGON

## 318 CURVES IN 11 MILES



The best way to the Dragon from Gatlinburg is to take 441 south into the Great Smoky Mountain National Park for about 2 miles. Then take a right onto TN 73 (Little River Road) at the Sugarlands Visitor Center. This road (34 miles) is listed as one of the 10 most scenic roads in America. Continue on TN 73 all the way into Townsend. Do not take the Cades Cove turn-off. In Townsend you will merge into US 321 West. Continue on US 321 West to the Foothills Parkway, another scenic road. Take the Foothills Parkway to US 129. Turn left onto US 129 South and you will meet the Dragon in about 3 miles.

Total miles one way: 49 miles

Riding Time: 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 45 minutes depending on traffic (stops not included). **Yellow route**

OR you can take a big loop by taking US 441 south through the Great Smoky Mountain National Park to Cherokee. Then take US 19 west through Bryson City to US 74. Then US 74/19 south. The shortest route is NC 28 (Moonshiner 28) west to the Dragon. This route takes you by Fontana Dam. Or stay on US 74/19 through the Nantahala Gorge, a whitewater kayak/raft destination. Then US 129 north through Robbinsville to the Dragon.

Total Mileage: 158 miles

Riding time: Plan for a full day. **Purple Route**