# Smoky Mountain Park Family Adventure
# One-Day Family Itinerary

## Overview

Best For: Ages 3–11
Budget: Low to Moderate
Pace: Relaxed with plenty of breaks
Start Location: Gatlinburg

## 8:00 AM – Breakfast in Gatlinburg

Family favorites include Crockett's Breakfast Camp and Pancake Pantry. Arrive early to avoid long waits.

## 9:30 AM – Sugarlands Visitor Center

Explore wildlife exhibits, pick up a Junior Ranger booklet, and learn about local wildlife and bears. Allow 30–45 minutes.

## 10:15 AM – Laurel Falls Adventure

Enjoy a family-friendly waterfall hike. Distance: 2.6 miles roundtrip. Bring water, snacks, and a child carrier if needed.

## 12:30 PM – Picnic Lunch

Have lunch at Metcalf Bottoms or Chimneys Picnic Area and let the kids stretch their legs.

## 1:30 PM – Cades Cove Wildlife Loop

Look for deer, wild turkeys, historic cabins, and mountain scenery. Bring binoculars for extra fun.

## 4:30 PM – Ice Cream Break

Stop at Maddog's Creamery or Kilwins for a well-earned treat.

## 5:30 PM – Scenic Drive to Newfound Gap

Take in panoramic mountain views and capture family photos.

## 7:00 PM – Dinner in Gatlinburg

Family-friendly favorites include The Park Grill and Big Daddy's Pizzeria.

## Bonus Adventure

Visit Gatlinburg SkyPark if the kids still have energy and enjoy the views at sunset.

## Family Adventure Scorecard

✓ Waterfall ✓ Wildlife Viewing ✓ Junior Ranger Activities ✓ Historic Buildings ✓ Picnic in the Mountains ✓ Scenic Overlooks ✓ Ice Cream Reward