

# **Details of Guided and Unquided Tours**

The Peachtree MG Registry welcomes you to the Southeast British Car Festival in beautiful Dillard, GA, and we invite you to experience one or many of our guided and/or self-guided tours. Relax, and soak in some of the beauty that surrounds you!

#### **THREE GUIDED TOURS:**

#### **Guided Tours General Information:**

- All Guided tours will depart from the parking lot in front of The Dillard House Conference Center on Friday morning Sept 18.
- Please arrive at the parking lot at least 15 minutes before the published departure time for a brief driver's meeting
- Driving directions will be provided at the drivers' meeting
- Please ensure your car is in good working order and **fully fueled at the start**

## 1. Crane Creek Vineyards

Estimated Mileage: 90 round trip. Time: **Depart 10:00 a.m. – Return approximately 4:00 p.m.**Tour Guides - Jeff Adams and Susan Hunter

This is a **moderate** driving tour with a couple of very steep hills, which combines driving scenic mountain roads through the Nantahala National Forest, with a wine tasting at Crane Creek Vineyards and lunch in Young Harris, GA.

#### https://cranecreekvineyards.com/

- This tour is limited to 40 people. The cost for the wine tasting is \$16 per person and must be reserved/paid for upon registration (see registration form).
- You are on you own to order/pay for your lunch off the menu. See website above for selections and price.

#### 2. Franklin Shopping and Lunch

Estimated Mileage: 57 round trip. Time: **Depart 10:30 a.m. – Return approximately 3:30 p.m.**Tour Guides – Jack and Kathy Orkin

This scenic drive to Franklin, NC will be on twisty mountain roads with elevation changes and will be driven at a comfortable pace. If you're after more excitement, you may want to consider tour #3! After lunch we'll explore downtown Franklin's shops, including an arts and crafts store featuring local NC made items, and museums, including the Scottish Tartan Museum, Gem and Mineral museum (housed in a former jail) and the Macon County Historical Museum.

https://scottishtartansmuseum.org/ https://www.maconnchistorical.org/

#### 3. The Trifecta Tour

Estimated Mileage: 171 round trip Time: Depart promptly at 8:30 a.m. – Return 4:00 p.m.

Tour Guide: Tom Nadelhoffer

This is a spirited, **more strenuous** driving tour. The Trifecta Tour combines 3 of the most popular driving roads in the southeast in one tour: Thunder Road (Wayah Rd), The Tail of The Dragon (HWY 129) and Moonshiner 28 (HWY 28).

http://www.openroadjourney.com/rides-and-roads/view/wayah-road-sr-1310-the-locals-call-it-thunder-road/876

https://tailofthedragon.com/

https://moonshiner28.com/details/

This scenic tour contains over 1,500 turns, twists, sweepers and switchbacks with significant elevation changes throughout the route. This is a <u>very strenuous</u> route on both the driver, passenger, and the car. Please ensure your vehicle is in good working order and capable of long mountain "pulls" and descents (low gears/high revs). Same goes for the driver/passenger. Approximate time for the roundtrip tour is 7 hours. The goal, barring any unforeseen problems, is to be back at the Dillard House by 4:00 pm. The activity breakdown is as follows:

Actual total in-the-seat drive time for this tour is approximately 4 hours. (2 hours each way)

- Two 30 minute fuel/bio breaks (one each way)
- Lunch at Tapoco Lodge/Tavern 1.5 hours https://tapoco.com/
- Tail of the Dragon/Deals Gap souvenir shopping .5 hours
- Two runs on "The Dragon"

## **ELEVEN SELF-GUIDED TOURS**

Below is a list/general description of the Self-Guided Tours. Detailed directions will be in your welcome package.

WARNING! – ALWAYS obey the speed limit while traveling on GA 441 through MOUNTAIN CITY, GA between Clayton, GA and Dillard, GA!!

#### **SHORT LENGTH DRIVES**

- **R. M. Rose and Company Distillery** located in the stone building between The Dillard House and Dillard City Hall. You can walk there for free tours and tastings of fine, locally distilled whiskey. Show your Southeast British Car Festival badge and receive a 10% discount.
- **12 Spies Vineyards** This vineyard is only 1.85 miles/5 minutes from the Dillard House. The sunsets are spectacular and views from the vineyard are stunning. There are many gardens filled with gourds, pumpkins, flowers, and vegetables scattered around the property. Bring your camera and enjoy a glass of wine from the covered deck.

**Betty's Creek** – A short 14 mile/27minute loop from Dillard, heading NW on some sharp country twisty's into North Carolina and then back to Dillard. For a diversion you may want to stop by the gallery at the Hambidge House and tour their grounds. <a href="https://www.hambidge.org/the-gallery">https://www.hambidge.org/the-gallery</a>

**Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center and Black Rock Mountain State Park** – this is a short (7 miles/15 minute drive from the Dillard House south to Mountain City, GA. The 5 mile drive to Mountain City is flat, however the remaining 2 mile drive up the mountain past Foxfire takes you on steep, winding roads (all paved) to reach the Parks' Visitor Center at an elevation of 3640 feet.

The Foxfire museum is set in a beautiful mountain setting to remind one of why the museum was developed based on the Foxfire books and magazines. For the older generations who visit can recognize items from either their parents or grandparents that lived, used or visited with relatives that lived the life shown. For the younger generation it provides insights of how people lived and survived through producing what they needed or brought beauty into their lives. It's a wonderful place to explore and learn of how the past impacts our present. More info at:

https://www.exploregeorgia.org/mountain-city/arts-culture/museums/foxfire-museum-heritage-center

Black Rock Mountain State Park is Georgia's highest state park and encompasses some of the most outstanding scenery in Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Roadside overlooks provide spectacular 80-mile vistas, and four hiking trails lead visitors past wildflowers, streams, small waterfalls and lush forests. Visitors enjoy the summit visitor center for its views, gift shop and picnic tables. More info at:

https://www.exploregeorgia.org/mountain-city/outdoors-nature/hiking/black-rock-mountain-state-park

**Tiger Drive-In** – this is where the Thursday night drive-in movie will be shown. It's a short drive from The Dillard House through downtown Clayton, GA (20 miles/30 minutes) to Tiger, GA and back.

You may also want to take this drive during the day to visit the Tiger Mountain Vineyards. <a href="http://www.tigerwine.com/">http://www.tigerwine.com/</a>

or visit "Goats on the Roof", an eclectic general store with Ice Cream, Café, Baked Goods, Homemade Fudge, Novelty items, Amish Foods, Clothing, Grille. Oh! And goats on the roof!!! <a href="http://www.goats-on-the-roof.com/">http://www.goats-on-the-roof.com/</a>

#### **MEDIUM LENGTH DRIVES**

The Highland (Sport) Tour – The drive from Dillard to Highlands is short (16 mile/30 minute) and scenic. Highlands has a very nice downtown with shops and restaurants. If inclined. you can just follow the same route back to Dillard and your roundtrip would be short (32 miles/1 hour). If you feel more adventurous you can add a bit of "SPORT" to your return by taking an alternate, but longer (33 miles/55 minute) route back to Dillard. This is a more adventurous route using NC 28 and Warwoman Rd to Clayton GA and then 441N to Dillard.

Wolffork Rd Loop and Tallulah River (Scavenger Hunt) – this is a scenic drive (32 miles/1 hour) through a valley farming community with a short detour to view the raging waters of the Tallulah River. There are plenty of curves to be taken at a slower pace and if you so choose, the opportunity to participate in a rolling Scavenger Hunt. The questions for the hunt will be included with the map in your registration package. A small award will be given for the most correct answers.

**The Dillard, Highlands, Franklin Triangle Tour** – in case you are unable to participate in the **Franklin Shopping and Lunch** guided tour or you want to spend a little more time in Highlands,

Franklin or at one of the waterfalls along US HWY 64 try this 57 mile route including a scenic stretch of <u>US Highway 64 Waterfalls Byway</u> through the Cullasaja River Gorge in the <u>Nantahala National Forest</u>. This section of road is also dubbed as the Mountain Waters Scenic Byway. In places, you are literally driving along the edge of the cliff. So drive slowly! Other waterfalls nearby include the <u>Bridal Veil Falls</u>, <u>Dry Falls</u> and <u>Cullasaja Falls</u>. Unfortunately, you are no longer allowed to drive under Bridal Veil Falls in your car due to a rock slide.

https://www.romanticasheville.com/cullasaja\_falls.htm

https://www.romanticasheville.com/dry falls.htm

https://www.romanticasheville.com/bridal veil falls highlands.htm

https://www.romanticasheville.com/glen\_falls.htm

## **LONGER LENGTH DRIVES**

**The Lakes Tour-- Burton, Rabun, & Seed** – A scenic (52 mile/2 hour) drive on the shoreline roads of Lake Rabun, Lake Burton, and Lake Seed. The roads are curvy; however, the speed limits are very low, providing ample opportunity to view the gorgeous lake homes and enjoy the drive.

You may want to include a lunch stop at "The Chophouse At Laprades" on Lake Burton, "The Attic", or "Hog Wild BBQ" in Clarkston.

http://murphyschophouse.com/laprades/main.html

https://www.theatticrestaurant.us/

http://clarkesville.hawgwildbbq.com/

The Warwoman / Chattooga Tour- Deliverance / Bull Sluice – this (56 mile/ 1.5 hour) tour combines driving curvy mountain roads and the opportunity to view a large rapid (of Deliverance fame) on the Chattooga River. Local favorite driving roads you'll be taking are Warwoman Rd, GA 28, Chattooga Ridge Rd, and GA Hwy 76. You will cross over the Chattooga River several times. At one crossing you will have the opportunity to stop/park in a paved lot and, after a short walk, view Bull Sluice. The projected duration of this tour does not include the time you spend at Bull Sluice.

https://wandernorthgeorgia.com/bull-sluice-chattooga-river/https://discoversouthcarolina.com/articles/venture-to-the-bull-sluice-rapid-overlook

**Pottery Tour** – this scenic (60 mile/1.5 hour) tour provides the opportunity to enjoy both gentle and curvy backroads, all taken at your desired pace. You'll have the opportunity to stop by a couple of interesting pottery galleries displaying local work.

https://www.hickoryflatpottery.com/

https://www.markofthepotter.com/

You may want to include a lunch stop at the "Chophouse at LaPrades" on Lake Burton.

http://murphyschophouse.com/laprades/main.html