



OAK RIDGE & GATLINBURG, TN Nov 18 - 19, 2017

Adventure Weekend

Oak Ridge National Lab* and Gatlinburg, TN

Itinerary:

Saturday. Leave Asheville at 9:00am, drive 140 miles to [Oak Ridge and the American Museum of Science and Energy](#) with exhibits and information about the Manhattan Project and this WWII secret city. Arrive at 11:30. Entrance is \$5 for adult, \$4 over age 65. The walk is on the grounds. We will do lunch, the walk and tour Museum in whatever order works until 3:30pm. There are restaurants nearby and, as long as you keep your ticket, you can leave and reenter the museum.

3:30pm. Drive 70 miles to Gatlinburg area and arrive/check in at hotel in Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge about 5:00 pm. Hotels in Gatlinburg run \$100+. We will try to balance cost and convenience to restaurants and activities -- a group rate if we have enough people.

6:00 pm supper at [Calhoun's](#) in Gatlinburg.

[Gatlinburg > Gatlinburg Restaurants](#)

Sunday. 10:00am. Register at the Nantahala Outdoor Center for the walk.

Your choice of the Park walk that follows the Little Pigeon River out of town to the Smoky Mountain Park Visitor Center and to a nice little waterfall. Easy scenic route. Go to the [AVA](#) site to find events, Gatlinburg TN for more details.

Or take the Tourist walk that goes past every tacky shop in Gatlinburg.

Some may opt for visiting the Aquarium or taking the Tram up to Ober Gatlinburg before leaving. Also, a good idea to have lunch before leaving Gatlinburg. No restaurants until Clyde.

Drive back to Asheville 85 miles (1 3/4 hours). If just walk and lunch, should be home by 3:30pm.

* Addendum from Wikipedia: Oak Ridge was established in 1942 as a production site for the [Manhattan Project](#)—the massive American, British, and Canadian operation that developed the [atomic bomb](#). As it is still the site of [Oak Ridge National Laboratory](#), scientific development still plays a crucial role in the city's economy and culture in general.

Please let [Judy Michele](#) know if you will attend Adventure Weekend.

Only people who say they are coming will receive follow up details. If you answer before October 10, she will take that number coming and try to get a group rate at a Sat night hotel/motel in Gatlinburg. (by saying you are coming, you are not obligated to stay at this place - you can make your own reservations). Of course, you may say you are coming later and I will update you. To make sure you are in on all activities (like optional Sat night supper,) you must let her know by Nov. 15.

If you are interested in carpooling, please let Judy know if you are willing to drive and we will try to match you with another Ambler. The mileage from place to place is noted on the suggestion, extra miles will be added going out to eat etc. If gas prices in Asheville stay at \$2.00 to \$2.50, riders will pay \$1 per 30 miles traveled (plus excess portion). If gas \$2.50 to \$3, riders will pay \$1 per 25 miles

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