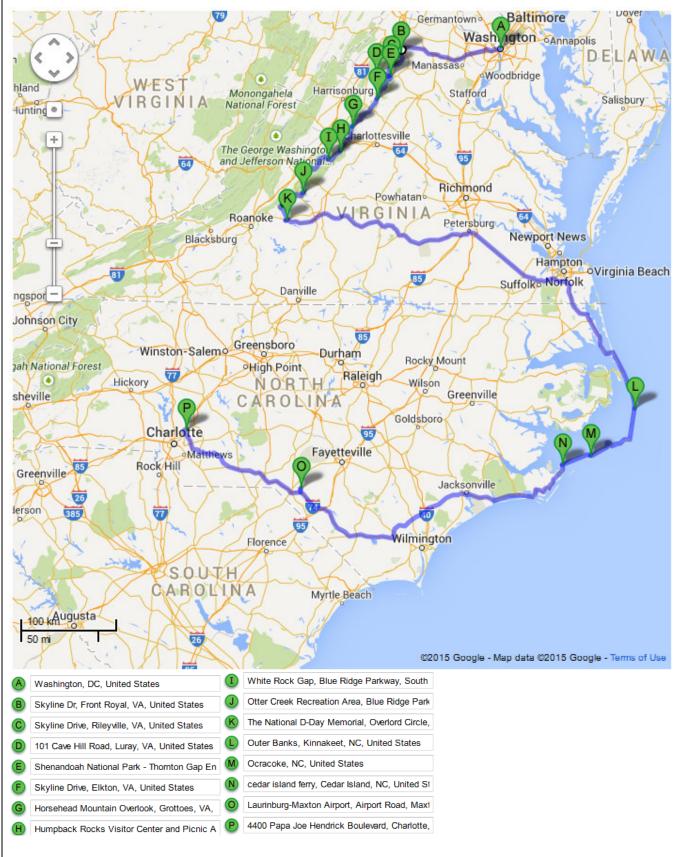
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Washington DC - Skyline Drive, VA - Luray Caverns - Blue Ridge Parkway - National D-Day Memorial - The Dare Trail, NC (incl ferry Cedar Island to Ocracoke) - Laurinburg-Maxton boneyard - Rick Hendrick Motor Museum



Skyline Drive -- N 38.90653°, W 78.200397° to N 38.034031°, W 78.859234°,

105 *mi*, **169** *km*, **3:04** *hrs*, from Front Royal to Waynesboro proximity. Along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia, you'll find Skyline Drive. This road is a 105-mile (169-kilometer) drive through Shenandoah National Park. It is the only public road through the park. Cars, RVs and trailers are all welcome, provided they can clear the 12-foot, 8-inch high Mary's Rock Tunnel along the route.

It takes about three hours to drive without stopping, and features 75 scenic overlooks for taking photos. Drivers will see stunning views of mountains and valleys, flowers and wildlife as they wind through the park. Authorities keep the speed limit at 35 mph (56 kpm) throughout the park in order to protect the animals that often cross the roadway. Skyline Drive is dotted with various campsites and visitor centers along the route as well.

The best times to visit Skyline Drive are autumn and spring. Autumn provides miles of brightly colored foliage to enjoy. During spring, all the wildflowers bloom in an explosion of color.

Writhing along the crest of the mountains, within a few yards of some of the best stretches of the hikers' famous Appalachian Trail, Skyline Drive earns its name with 105 miles of panoramic views over the Shenandoah Valley and Virginia Piedmont regions. Because it's in a national park, speeds are limited to 35 mph, but the gentle curves and undulating topography make Skyline Drive a delight.

Where to Stop: Midway along the Skyline Drive, a rustic restaurant and overnight lodge known as Skyland marks the highway's highest point. <u>http://adventure.howstuffworks.com/10-beautiful-drives.htm#page=0</u> <u>Attractions/USA-americas-most-scenic-iconic-roads.doc</u> <u>http://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/adventuretravel/15-must-see-sights-in-</u>

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Luray Caverns, 101 Cave Hill Road, Luray N 38.663799, W 78.483288

Luray Caverns is open every day of the year. Tours depart approximately every twenty minutes. The General Admission includes the attraction entrance fee and Luray Caverns tour, a self-guided tour of the Car and Carriage Caravan, and the Luray Valley Museum. Tours begin each day at 9 am

The last tour departs at: April 1 to June 14 – 6 pm, June 15 to Labor Day – 7 pm Day after Labor Day to October 31 – 6 pm

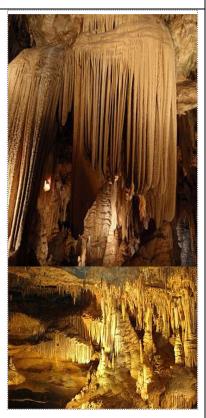
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http://www.thegardenmaze.com/ http://www.ropeadventurepark.com/

LURAY CAVERNS GENERAL ADMISSION RATES: Adults: \$24 MAZE ADMISSION RATES: \$ 9.00 Adults ROPE ADVENTURE PARK ADMISSION RATES: \$9 for persons 48 inches tall and above

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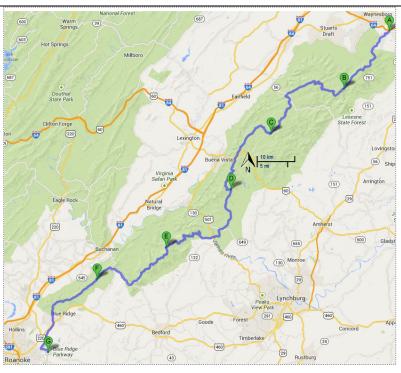




Blue Ridge Parkway **N 38.034031°**, **W 78.859234° to N 37.357605°**, **W 79.835644°**, **113 mi, 182 km, 3:32 hrs**: From Waynesboro proximity to Laymantown. Attractions/USA-15TopMcRoads.jpg

For most of its 469-mile route, the Blue Ridge Parkway alternates between grand panoramas and up-close looks at lush forests and meadows. That's no surprise considering that it runs atop the Appalachian Mountains between Virginia's Shenandoah National Park and the Great Smoky Mountains of far western North Carolina. The parkway is a leisurely cruise rather than a roller coaster, with one exception—its most breathtaking section, the Linn Cove Viaduct, which skims the treetops as it winds around the parkway's highest peak. **Where to Stop:** Grandfather Mountain. Rising high above Linn Cove, this 5,837-foot peak offers great views and the famous "Mile High Swinging Bridge."

The nearly 500 miles of blacktop twisting through the Great Smoky Mountains and Shenandoah national parks was built for travelers seeking Appalachian overlooks. It's a panoramic drive for all seasons, with undulating slopes of color in autumn, a bounty of forest canopy in summer, and hot-cider ski resorts in winter. The parkway has



become a paradise for birders: with 59 resident species, it boasts more diversity than the entire continent of Europe. **Stop:** In the mines of the mineral-rich Appalachian Mountains, visitors can pan for emeralds, amethyst, rubies, topaz, and even gold. (<u>emeraldvillage.com</u>; from \$10.)

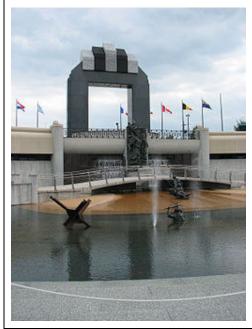
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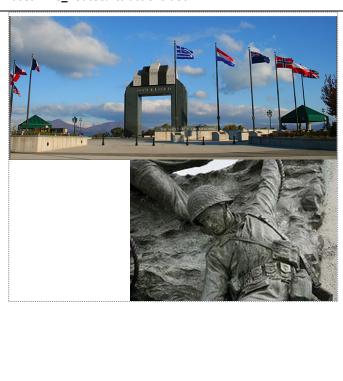




The National D-Day Memorial, 3 Overlord Circle, Bedford, VA 24523, +1 540-587-3619. *N 37.330515°, W 79.535977°*

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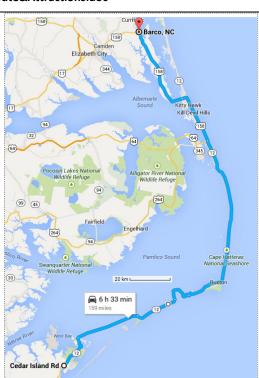


The Dare Trail - North Carolina Highway 12 (NC 12) N 34.892577°, W 76.390725° to N 36.392435°, W 75.978738°, 159 mi, 256 km, 6:33 hrs, is a state highway that traverses the northeastern coastline of North Carolina, linking the peninsulas and islands of the northern Outer Banks. Most sections of NC 12 are two lanes wide, and there are also two ferry routes which maintain continuity of the route as it traverses the Outer Banks region. NC 12 is part of the Outer Banks Scenic Byway one of the National Scenic Byways. The first NC 12 appeared on the 1924 North Carolina Official Map and at its height ran from NC 30 in Pollocksville to NC 48 near Murfreesboro. Overtime it was replaced by both US 258 and NC 58 and ceased to exist in 1958. The current NC 12 first appeared on the 1964 state highway map running from US 158 in Nags Head to Ocracoke. In 1976 NC 12 was extended to US 70 on the mainland and in 1987 was extended north to Corolla.

Linked together by ferry crossings, and never rising more than a few feet above sea level, Highway 12 skips along the series of barrier islands that form Cape Hatteras, separating the usually placid waters of Pamlico Sound from the frequently raging Atlantic Ocean. Though many sections were flooded and damaged by Hurricane Sandy, Highway 12 is an unforgettable drive, winding past sand dunes, landmark lighthouses, and historic villages.

Where to Stop: If you've ever wanted to try hang gliding or kite surfing, you'll find outfitters all along Cape Hatteras.

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Dare trail ferry <u>http://www.outerbanks.com/cedar-island-ferry.html</u>

From Cedar Island to Ocracoke



Laurinburg-Maxton Airport in Maxton Aircraft boneyard. N 34.796519, W 79.368541

Today the airfield is noted for being the home of Charlotte Aircraft, a company which parts-out and scraps older aircraft. Visitors to the airfield can see a number of 727s, DC-10s, and other aircraft in various stages of being dismantled and scrapped.

Rick Hendrick Performance, N 35.357124°, W 80.705557°
http://www.hendrickperformance.com/

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