

# August Cruz Blue Ridge Parkway

From Cherokee NC to Boone NC

- Saturday and Sunday August 15 & 16
  - Leave Saturday at 9:00 am

Meeting Point: **Sphinx** Gas Station & Dunkin Donut Shop

Location: Sphinx corner of **Rt 25 North & 2 Tigerville Road**, Travelers Rest

Look for Whitaker Used Cars on the right. Just after that is our starting location.

We will leave at 9:00 am Leisurely Drive, mostly Highway

Our Route;

Leaving **Sphinx** Station turn right onto RT 25 North

Follow Rt.25 to Rt. 26 West/74 West

Exit 31B Rt. 40 West

Exit 27 to Rt. 74 West

Exit 103 Rt. 19 South

Pit stop **Sunoco** Station on right

Turn right onto Rt. 19 South

We will follow 19 South to Cherokee Rt. 441 North

Turn Right onto Rt.441 North.

Travel time approx 2.5 hrs.

Lunch

Newfound Lodge and Restaurant on the left.

1303 Tsali Blvd Cherokee, NC.

Lunch Buffet or order from menu. Average cost \$10. P/P

For menu choices before, go to: [Newfoundlodgerestaurant.com](http://Newfoundlodgerestaurant.com)

“Dry County” ☹

Gas station across the street if your car is thirsty (Johnny) or needs Oil (Don)

After lunch head to the Blue ridge Parkway entrance.

Possible Stops.

Most have facilities.

Big Witch Gap

Water Rock Knob Visitor Center about one hour in.

Highest on Parkway 6053 FT. Great place for pictures in front of marker

Graveyard Fields

Folk Art Center

Some areas not enough parking for our group.

Drive on to Little Switzerland to Rt.226 A

Arrive at Big **Lynn Lodge** around 4:30 5:00 ish

Spend the night in Little Switzerland at Big Lynn Lodge

Should arrive at the Big Lynn Lodge around 4-5 pm

One night Stay \$145 includes, taxes

Dinner and breakfast included in the room fee

Dinner: I have to apologize I said they would give us three choices,

the choices for dinner are many, however they will only cook one choice.

of Roasted Pork, Roast Beef, Turkey Brest, Or Ham for the **group**. Meatless Lasagna

for those that don't eat meat.

Breakfast:

Beer & Wine extra at dinner.

Tips would be appreciated in the amount of \$2.5 for Dinner per person

and \$2. Per person for breakfast

We cannot bring our own drinks into dining room.

Most Rooms have a view overlooking the valley.

We have access to game room that night, pool tables, fuze ball.

We can set up our own little bar and party there. BYOB,  
and use of fire pit if we want.

There is a Walmart and other stores within driving distance.

### **Sunday Second day leave at 10:00 AM**

Drive upper Blue ridge Parkway to Boone

The upper parkway is a different world from the lower parkway

We were amazed at the different scenery, Great panoramic views. One section is made for Corvettes lots of curves, nothing too difficult at 45MPH

304 **Linn Cove Viaduct** – *This 1243-foot concrete segmental bridge on the Blue Ridge Parkway snakes around the slopes of Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina. It was completed in 1987 at a cost of \$10 million and was the last section of the Blue Ridge Parkway to be finished. There are restrooms at this visitor center.*



Some really great stops for pictures

North Cove Parking Overlook

Bear Den Parking Overlook

Grandfather Mountain Overlook (limited parking)

Lin Cove Viaduct Visitor Center

Then off the parkway to Boone, to Peppers Restaurant for a great lunch, even the Police recommend it!

240 Shadow Line Drive, Boone NC, in shopping mall.

I recommend you enter the restaurant address into your GPS. I did not write them down.

After lunch head home you can take several roads to return home:

1. Rt. 321 to Rt. 40
2. Rt. 321 to 85 south
3. RT 421 to Rt. 77 south to RT 40
4. Rt. 421 Rt. 77 to Rt. 485 to Rt. 85

**Some important details:**

If during our drive we get separated Dale Chandler volunteered to be the sweeper. He will contact me. I will, if possible, pull over or slow down. There is no reason to run traffic lights. The directions seem to be pretty clear bring a copy and a map. On the highway I will try not to separate us by passing slow cars, unless I have a clear path ahead of and behind the group.

I have reserved a block of ten rooms 9 are together one is separate.

**Please call Big Lynn Lodge 1-800-654-5232**

Tell them you are with Carolina Corvette to receive the discounted price

They will hold the rooms until July 31<sup>st</sup>

Rooms can be canceled up to ten days prior. Cancellation policy \$20 fee.

No refunds if cancellation after the ten days. **(they will work with you on certain types of cancellations)**

Rain or Shine plan on going, you can bring *the other car*.

Day of trip we will leave at **9:00 AM** if you are not at the starting point you will have to catchup. I'll have full directions and possibly stopping points listed. Phone numbers to call if you will be late,

Gas please start with a full tank of gas, we stop at one Sunoco station for a pit stop, top your tank off. There are no gas stations on the parkway. You should easily make it to Little Switzerland & maybe Boone on one top off.

Things to bring: munchies, something to drink, during the day and something to munch on later that night. Bring mixers and what you'd like to drink the first night.

There are two stretches without pit stops one is about a one and ½ hours, second little longer, Sunday morning pit stop at Linn cove.

Questions: Call or text Emilio Zordan at 860 806 1241 Leave a message & return phone number.

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