



DRACHENFEST V

A DEALS GAP WEEKEND GETAWAY

Hosted by:

Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

THURSDAY TO SUNDAY – SEP. 11-14, 2025 - Murphy, NC

Rain or Shine

RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG

Disclaimer: Agenda, Routes, Restaurant and Stops subject to changes



ABOUT THE EVENT

DrachenFest V is not just a weekend trip; it's an opportunity to forge lasting bonds and create cherished memories. This adventure will take you through the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains, Nantahala, Cherokee, and Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, covering about 750 miles of picturesque landscapes and exhilarating roads, an unforgettable mountain getaway.

This isn't just a driving event – it's four days and three nights of pure Porsche passion, connecting with fellow enthusiasts while conquering some of the best driving roads in America. From thrilling curves to breathtaking views, expect many miles of exhilarating mountain roads each day, hidden backroads and scenic routes, iconic must-drive legendary roads, including the Tail of the Dragon, Cherohala Skyway, The Hellbender, Foothills Parkway and the Chasing the Dragon Hillclimb.

We're thrilled to announce that this year's event will be the **Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel** in Murphy, North Carolina. This stunning location promises the perfect base for a weekend of camaraderie, adventure, gambling and unforgettable memories. We're taking care of every detail—from mapping out epic routes to securing the best dining experiences, so all you need to do is show up ready to drive and enjoy! As we fine-tune the event, expect some minor adjustments to the schedule and arrangements.

This is a driving event, not a Bingo-night event! You **MUST** RSVP at WTRPCA.ORG to attend this event.



Harrah's[★] CHEROKEE VALLEY RIVER CASINO & HOTEL

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LODGING / HOTEL

We're thrilled to announce that our accommodations for DrachenFest V will be at the **Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel** in Murphy, NC. Nestled amidst the stunning mountain scenery of Western North Carolina, this destination offers a perfect blend of comfort, luxury, and entertainment to complement your Porsche-driving adventure.

The hotel boasts 300 contemporary rooms with breathtaking views of the majestic Smoky Mountains. By Spring 2025, Harrah's will unveil an exciting new hotel tower with 296 more rooms, a five-story parking deck, and the highly anticipated **Gordon Ramsay's Kitchen rooftop restaurant**. Additional amenities include a year-round indoor pool, a spa and salon, and a state-of-the-art fitness center to ensure your stay is as relaxing as it is exhilarating. On the **75,000 sq ft casino floor**, you'll find endless entertainment options, including over 1,400 gaming machines, 200 table games, a poker room, and a Sportsbook featuring a massive 32-foot high-definition screen for all the heart-pounding action. If gaming isn't your style, enjoy family-friendly activities at the **UltraStar Bowling Center**, or simply soak in the breathtaking sunsets from your room.

Dining options available with **six restaurants**, from quick bites at the food court to a variety café and full-service bars scattered throughout the property and easy access to dining outlets in Murphy downtown. The hotel and the Casino's **smoke-free policy** ensures a fresh and inviting atmosphere across both the casino and accommodations.

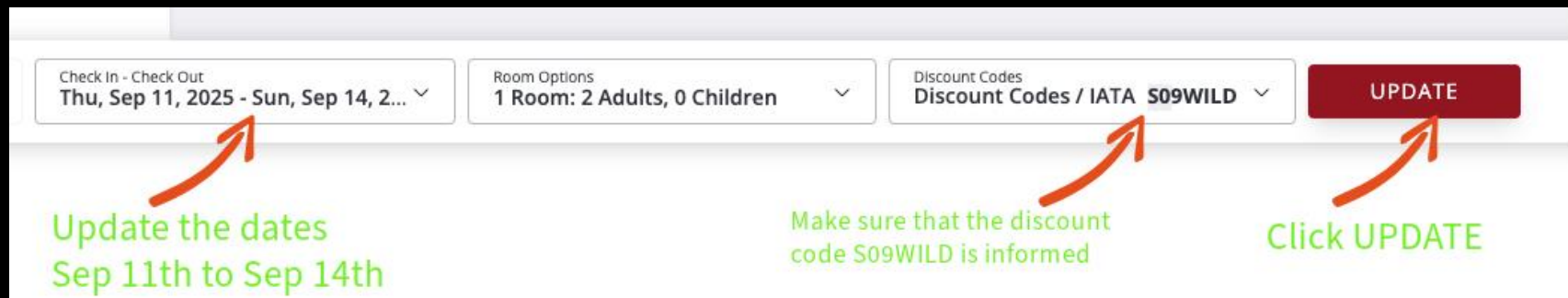
Located at **777 Casino Parkway, Murphy, NC**, Harrah's Cherokee Valley River is a different location than the Harrah's Cherokee in Cherokee, NC, so please take note when planning your arrival. Whether you're unwinding in your room, enjoying fine dining, or experiencing the thrill of the casino floor, Harrah's offers the perfect balance of excitement and relaxation. We can't wait to share this unforgettable experience with you!

BOOKING INFORMATION

Before making your reservation, review the whole event's program to decide when you should check-in and check-out. Our suggestion for this event is check-in 9/11 (Thu) and check out 9/14 (Sun) – 3 nights.

LINK FOR RESERVATION:

<https://www.caesars.com/book/?propCode=CVR&action=FindRooms&groupcode=S09WILD>



The screenshot shows the Caesars booking interface with three main sections and an 'UPDATE' button. Red arrows point from green text annotations to each section:

- Check In - Check Out:** Thu, Sep 11, 2025 - Sun, Sep 14, 2... (Annotation: Update the dates Sep 11th to Sep 14th)
- Room Options:** 1 Room: 2 Adults, 0 Children (Annotation: Make sure that the discount code S09WILD is informed)
- Discount Codes:** Discount Codes / IATA S09WILD (Annotation: Click UPDATE)

The number to call to make reservations directly with the property is 1-800-CAESARS. Guests should reference their group code to book at the group rate. Your group code is S09WILD

ROOMS

There are 1 King Bed and 2 Queen Beds with and without mountain view at first-come-first-serve basis until the rooms that we have blocked are sold-out. When booking you will see the average amount of \$212 but the negotiated room rates are the same:

- Thursday night: \$79
- Friday night: \$279 (regular is \$319 - \$40 in savings here)
- Saturday night: \$279 (regular is \$319 – another \$40 in savings here)

Facility Fee: \$24 total for 3 nights

Taxes: \$75.05 total for 3 nights

The Hotel offered to our group a complimentary \$40.00 Free Play for each attendee to be used at the Casino. With the \$80 in savings on rooms' rate, that's a \$120 savings to the Porsche Club!

TERMS & CONDITIONS: Please note, the hotel will make every effort to fulfill your room preference requests; however, they are not guaranteed as rooms are assigned at check-in. Additional charges may apply for some requests. For accommodation preferences for the physically challenged, please call them at 1-800-CAESARS. The hotel requires that a credit card be presented upon check-in to cover any incidentals incurred by the guest. In addition to the room rate, there will be a hold placed on the card for \$75.00 per night, which will be released upon checkout.

CANCELLATION & CHECK-IN: Property allows individual attendee cancellations without penalty up to **seventy-two (72) hours** prior to the attendee's scheduled arrival date. Property will charge either the individual one (1) night's guestroom rate plus tax for cancellations within seventy-two (72) hours of the scheduled arrival date or failure of the individual attendee to check-in on the scheduled arrival date (each a **"no-show"**). Any remaining nights of a no-show reservation will be canceled without additional penalty. Check-in time is 4:00 PM and check-out time is 11:00 AM. Any departures after 11:00 AM are subject to the full day charge.

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Friday, 09/12/2025	\$279.00
Saturday, 09/13/2025	\$279.00
Wilderness Trail Region - Porsche Club of America ⓘ	
TAXES & FEES	\$99.06 ^
Facility Fee ⓘ	\$24.00
Taxes	\$75.06
TOTAL	\$736.06

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- 🛏 596 Contemporary Rooms ✓
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- 🚭 Smoke-Free Hotel ✓
- 🚭 Smoke-Free Casino ✓

\$85 EVENT ENTRY FEE (Free T-Shirt Included)

This fee helps us create an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. As a non-profit organization, these funds cover the costs of organizing such a high-quality event, from route planning, recognition runs and incidentals to supporting our lead drivers and volunteers who make it all happen. Included with your entry fee is a **FREE** event T-shirt (\$30 value!) with both Men's and Women's fits available – select the size at WTRPCA.ORG - By contributing, you're not only treating yourself to an amazing experience but also supporting the continued success of our club and its events. We welcome Porsche Club of America (PCA) members from all 149 regions across North America. **To pay the entry fee, follow this link:**

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/drachenfest-v-deals-gap-weekend-getaway--2025>

Entry Fee refundable if cancelled 30 days prior the event.

PS.: During the check-out, there will be a field saying something like this: **"Help keep Zeffy free for Wilderness Trail Region PCA ♥ (optional). Your generosity allows Wilderness Trail Region PCA to use Zeffy's 100% free fundraising and emailing platform with unlimited support, making your impact even stronger.** (this extra contribution does not go to our organization. This is a donation to the payment platform Zeffy).

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There is a field at the bottom (below the T-shirts selection) where you can toss some extra donation that will go to Wilderness Trail (that's optional too), those extra bucks are welcomed though

Add a donation for Wilderness Trail Region PCA

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BUY AN EXTRA T-SHIRT OR AN EVENT POSTER

One more way to help our club is ordering our exclusive event merchandise! We have Event Poster, T-Shirts, Keychains, YETI drinkware and more!

POSTER

Celebrate the spirit of Drachenfest V with this exclusive, high-quality 11x17 inch poster! Printed on premium matte paper with intricate detail, the design showcases a classic Porsche in full throttle, pursued by a fiery dragon racing across poker chips. Featuring bold colors and a dynamic layout, this poster is the perfect keepsake for any Porsche enthusiast. Whether displayed in your garage, office, or home, it will remind you of the unforgettable mountain drives. Order here: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/drachenfest-v-deals-gap-weekend-getaway--2025>



T-SHIRT

Order your passenger's T-Shirt. Men and Women fits available! Celebrate our Deals Gap Weekend Getaway with this high-quality, limited-edition event T-shirt! Made from premium Next Level® fabric, this shirt offers a soft, comfortable fit with durability to last you through countless adventures. Expertly screen-printed (printed locally by a family-owned business) with vivid, lasting colors, this shirt features a unique design inspired by the adventure, camaraderie, and excitement of our casino-hotel getaway weekend. Order here: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/drachenfest-v-deals-gap-weekend-getaway--2025>

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AGENDA AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY (09/11) – 95 mi. / 2:20h drive + stops – Radio Channel 5.0

- 01:15 p.m.: Meet at the Hotel Parking Lot for the **Peaks to Pints Drive**
- 01:30 p.m.: Safety Meeting
- 01:45 p.m.: Start driving
- 02:45 p.m.: **Restroom** stop at Smithgall Woods Visitors Center
- 03:15 p.m.: Resume driving
- 03:30 p.m.: Overlook Stop
- 03:50 p.m.: Resume driving
- 05:00 p.m.: Arrive at Hofbräuhaus Restaurant for Happy Hour & Dinner
- 08:00 p.m.: See you at the Casino's Bar, Tables or at the Pool!

Note:

- Ask your lead car to share his phone # with you.
- Arrive with a full tank for the drive. No gas stop planned on Thursday.
- There is no lunch stop on this drive. We will have early dinner at the end of the drive at the Hofbräuhaus restaurant in Helen (German Town)
- For insurance purpose, PCA event ends when we arrive at the restaurant
- Those not meeting 1:15 p.m. for the drive can come meet us for dinner!
- Head back to the resort on your own (48 miles away)
- Get gas on your way to the hotel (there is a BP and a Shell in Murphy 5 miles away from hotel)
- Bring a Radio/WalkieTalkie/FRS Radio – See recommendation more below if you don't have one

Peaks to Pints Drive – Thursday – 1:15 p.m.

From mountain peaks to Bavarian brews at Hofbräuhaus, it's the perfect journey. Helen, GA, is calling—a charming Bavarian-style town in the northeast Georgia mountains, surrounded by vineyards, scenic trails, and waterfalls. It's the perfect backdrop for some exhilarating driving and good times with friends.

We'll kick off the fun Thursday at 1:15 p.m. in the hotel parking lot for a scenic and thrilling drive you won't forget. We will drive through the **Brasstown Bald Mountain**, the highest point in Georgia, followed by a quick restroom pit stop at **Smithgall Woods State Park**. From there, we hit the **Russell-Brasstown Scenic Byway**, winding through the gorgeous **Chattahoochee National Forest**. We'll take a quick break at an overlook to soak up the breathtaking views before jumping back on the road. Next, we conquer the legendary Blood Mountain—a must-drive for anyone who loves mountain roads. If you were with us last summer, you'll remember how exhilarating this stretch is!

The drive wraps up with dinner at **Hofbräuhaus Restaurant** in Helen. It's a slice of Germany in Georgia with authentic Bavarian vibes, beautiful riverside dining, and murals that'll transport you straight to Europe. We'll aim to hit happy hour and dinner around 5:00 p.m. The drive itself is about 2 hours and 20 minutes, covering roughly 95 miles, with two 20-minute stops. This route is Porsche paradise: curve after curve, like a rollercoaster for car lovers. After dinner, it's an easy 48-mile drive back to the hotel. Let's hit the road, enjoy the curves, and wrap up the day with great food, friends, and vibes in Helen!

Hofbräuhaus Restaurant: <https://www.hofbrauhaushelenga.net/>

Route: Coming a few days before the event!

FRIDAY (09/12) – 222 mi. / 5:40h drive + stops – Radio Channel 5.0

- 07:30 a.m.: Last chance to get gas (serious folks, just get gas the evening before)
- 08:00 a.m.: Meet at the Hotel Parking Lot for the **Thrill of the Dragon Drive**
- 08:15 a.m.: Safety Meeting
- 08:25 a.m.: Start driving
- 10:00 a.m.: **Restroom** Stop at Fontana Dam
- 10:30 a.m.: Resume driving
- 11:30 p.m.: Arrive at Restaurant for Lunch / **Restroom** Stop
- 01:15 p.m.: Resume driving
- 02:00 p.m.: Arrive at Shell **Gas Station** in Townsend / **Restroom** Stop
- 02:30 p.m.: Resume driving
- 04:00 p.m.: **Restroom** Stop at Fontana Dam
- 04:20 p.m.: Resume driving
- 05:30 p.m.: Arrive **back at the Hotel**
- 06:30 p.m.: Dinner (on your own – see list of restaurant options more below)
- 08:00 p.m.: See you at the Casino's Bar, Tables or at the Pool!

Note:

- Ask your lead car to share his phone # with you.
- Arrive for the drive with a full tank and get gas when drive ends (before arriving at the hotel)
 - There is a BP and a Shell in Murphy 5 miles away from hotel
- Pack a snack to eat during the stops.
- Watch your bladder (Check the restroom stops above)
- It is a packed day! You can do it!

Thrill of the Dragon Drive – Friday – 8:00 a.m.

Get ready for 222 miles of pure adrenaline through some of America's best sports car roads! We'll kick things off on **US-129N** towards Robbinsville, then hit some top-secret, palm-sweating mountain backroads—we won't even *name* them to spoil the fun. From there we'll cruise through the engineering marvel of **Fontana Dam**. Next up: the twisty **Hellbender**, where the road dances with the land's contours. But that's just the warm-up! The legendary **Tail of the Dragon** awaits—11 miles of 318 curves that'll challenge your skills and leave you grinning. After conquering the Dragon, we'll roll into the **Restaurant** for lunch, where you can snag cool souvenirs while refueling yourself.

Then, we climb to the **Top of the World**—the epic **Foothills Parkway**. This 33-mile stretch offers breathtaking views, tight curves, and elevation changes that'll keep your focus sharp. After a quick gas and restroom stop in Townsend, we'll do it all again: back down the **Foothills Parkway**, another run at the **Tail of the Dragon**, and a second pass through the **Hellbender** and we will then shift gears onto the scenic **Moonshiner 28**, winding our way toward Murphy. This drive is a marathon of epic curves, mountain views, and unforgettable scenery. Drivers will love the challenge, and passengers? A visual feast of beauty around every corner. Get ready for a day packed with adventure, Porsche passion, and roads that'll leave you speechless. This is what driving dreams are made of!

Route: Coming a few days before the event!

SATURDAY (09/13) – 206 mi. / 5:07h drive + stops – Radio Channel 5.0

- 07:45 a.m.: Last chance to get gas (serious folks, just get gas the evening before)
- 08:15 a.m.: Meet at the Resort Parking Lot for the **Skyway Soar**
- 08:30 a.m.: Safety Meeting
- 08:45 a.m.: Start driving
- 10:00 a.m.: **1, 2 & 3** - Scenic Stop at Santeetlah Scenic Overlook at Cherohala Skyway
- 10:15 a.m.: **4, 5 & 6** - Scenic Stop at Turkey Creek Overlook at Cherohala Skyway
- 10:30 a.m.: **1, 2 & 3** - Resume driving
- 10:50 a.m.: **4, 5 & 6** - Resume driving
- 11:30 p.m.: **1, 2 & 3** – Arrive at La Loteria for lunch / **Restroom** Stop
 - Groups 1, 2 & 3 - Get gas on your own at **Exxon** (450 Cherohala Skyway, Tellico Plains, TN) or **Shell** (141 Bank St, Tellico Plains, TN)
- 11:30 a.m.: **4, 5 & 6** - Arrive at Iron Works Grille / **Restroom** Stop
 - Groups 4, 5 & 6 - Get gas on your own at **Exxon** (450 Cherohala Skyway, Tellico Plains, TN) or **Shell** (141 Bank St, Tellico Plains, TN)
- 01:15 p.m.: All Groups - Resume driving
- 02:30 p.m.: **Restroom** Stop at Shell in Robbinsville
- 03:00 p.m.: All Groups - Resume driving
- 03:30 p.m.: Stop at Maple Springs Observation Deck
- 04:00 p.m.: All Groups - Resume driving
- 05:00 p.m.: Arrive **back at the Hotel**
- 06:00 p.m.: Dinner (on your own – see list of restaurant options more below)
- 08:00 p.m.: See you at the Casino's Bar, Tables or at the Pool!

Note:

- Ask your lead car to share his phone # with you.
- Arrive for the drive with a full tank and get gas when drive ends (before arriving at the hotel) – BP & Shell 5 mi away from hotel
- Pack a snack to eat during the stops.
- Watch your bladder (Check the restroom stops above)
- It is a packed day! You can do it!

Skyway Soar – Saturday – 8:15 a.m.

Buckle up for the " Skyway Soar" a Porsche drive that's straight out of a dream! We'll kick things off heading toward Robbinsville via **US-129N**, warming up for what's next: the stunning **Cherochala Skyway**. This 41-mile stretch is the ultimate playground for those who crave sweeping curves and jaw-dropping views. Starting at 2,660 ft in North Carolina, climbing to 5,390 feet at Santeetlah Overlook and dropping to 900 ft in Tennessee. We'll definitely stop for some epic photo ops at the scenic pull-offs while we ride this rollercoaster.

Feeling hungry? We'll take a break for lunch at Iron Works Grill and La Loteria before heading back for round two on the **Cherochala Skyway** —it's just that good! After a quick pit stop in Robbinsville, we'll hit the roads around **Lake Santeetlah**, leading us to the thrilling "**Chasing the Dragon Hillclimb**." This twisty, heart-racing route rewards you with spectacular views at the top.

To wrap things up, we'll cruise through the exciting **Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest** and tackle the long stretches of **US-129N** as we head back to the hotel. Covering 206 miles, this drive is pure Porsche bliss, mixing adrenaline-pumping roads with picture-perfect scenery. The Skyway Soar isn't just a drive—it's an experience you won't forget!

Route: Coming a few days before the event!

SUNDAY (09/14) – 180 mi. / 5:07h drive + stops – Radio Channel 5.0

- 08:00 a.m.: Last chance to get gas (serious folks, just get gas the evening before)
- 08:30 a.m.: Meet at the Resort Parking Lot for the **Sunday Wanderlust** drive
- 08:45 a.m.: Safety Meeting
- 09:00 a.m.: Start driving
- 11:00 p.m.: Lunch Stop in Cullowhee / **Restroom** Stop
- 12:30 p.m.: Resume driving
- 02:30 p.m.: **Restroom** Stop
- 03:00 p.m.: Resume driving
- 03:45 p.m.: Arrive at **Southwestern Community College** / End of PCA event

Note:

- Ask your lead car to share his phone # with you.
- Arrive for the drive with a full tank – No Gas Stop planned today!
- Pack a snack to eat during the stops.
- Watch your bladder (Check the restroom stops above)
- If you're driving home from anywhere during the drive, let your lead car know please.

Sunday Wanderlust – Sunday – 8:30 a.m.

Get ready for a day packed with adventure and stunning roads! We'll kick things off heading into the lush **Nantahala National Forest**, carving through the mountains via **Wayah Road**—a 30-mile hidden gem. This secret passage winds along a whitewater river, offering scenic beauty at every turn. While you won't get big mountain views, the peaceful ride over the mountain tops more than makes up for it. From there, we'll venture onto less-traveled roads like **Ellijay Road** and **Tilley Creek Road**. These routes are pure gold for anyone who loves a forest-lined drive. As we climb higher, the residential areas disappear, and it's just you, the road, and the trees. It's a narrow stretch, with few places to pull off, but it's made to be driven. Our lunch stop will be in **Cullowhee** before we tackle the **Wolf Mountain** area in **Pisgah National Forest**—a dream for twisty-road junkies! With sharp technical turns and little traffic, it's a driver's playground nestled in the middle of nowhere. After conquering these epic roads, we'll retrace our path through **Ellijay** and **Tilley Creek Roads**, stopping in Franklin for a quick break before hitting the famous Moonshiner 28. This stretch offers everything: twisties, wide sweepers, and jaw-dropping scenery. Our drive wraps up at the intersection of Moonshiner 28 and US-74 in Bryson City. From there, it's an easy 38 miles of highway west back to the hotel. For the Wilderness Trail lead cars, it's 150 miles east to home, but we'll end this amazing weekend with smiles all around!

Route: Coming a few days before the event!



RADIO

Don't forget to bring a radio (2-Way radio/WalkieTalkie/FRS Radio). Even if you think you won't need it! The BaoFeng UV-5R 8-Watt Ham Radio BaoFeng Radio with Extra 1800mAh Battery is less than \$40 on Amazon and it is our recommendation for events like this.

Other models recommended are: Radioditty FS-T1 and Midland LXT630VP3.

We will use channel 5.0 / Frequency 462.662 and if you got a BAOFENG UV-5R and can't get it on frequency 462.662, let us know and we will send you the instructions – it's easy!

SELF-SERVICE ROUTES

Self-Service Routes offer alternatives for those who chose not to participate in the organized guided drives or just wish to head on your own for a few hours or a day. These drives offer the flexibility to go when and where you want at your own pace. Note that on self-service routes, you're on your own and not part of the PCA event, therefore, PCA insurance is not applicable.

Wayah & Moonshiner 28 Loop

Start your day with a relaxed morning cruise along US 64 East, setting the tone for an unforgettable drive. After a smooth start, we'll turn onto Wayah Road—a 30-mile stretch of pure driving bliss filled with twists and turns that'll have you wide awake! Along the way, we'll take a well-deserved break by the scenic Nantahala River, perfect for stretching your legs and snapping some photos. The next section offers a more laid-back cruise, giving you time to soak in the scenery before the real fun begins. We'll hit the best part of NC 28 South, heading toward Franklin, where we'll stop for a hard-earned lunch to refuel both you and your Porsche.

But don't get too comfortable—there's still plenty of excitement ahead! The final stretch combines NC 28 and US 64, delivering more thrilling twists and turns as we make our way back to the hotel. On the way, we'll stop at the Shooting Creek Scenic Overlook, offering epic views and ample parking to capture the moment. This drive is the perfect mix of relaxation, adventure, and stunning scenery!

- Distance: 167 miles, 3:45 hrs
- Restaurants suggestion: Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant / Haywood Smokehouse

Route: Coming a few days before the event!

Cherohala Adventure

Get ready to wind through the hidden mountain roads of Murphy, exploring the Owl Creek area with its twisty, low-traffic gems. Kicking things off on Hanging Dog and Beaver Dam roads, you will cruise to Hiwassee Lake for a quick stop at the Hiwassee Dam—perfect for taking in the stunning views. From there, you will hit NC-294 and head north via TN-68, a beautiful route filled with rolling country landscapes, creeks, and charming small towns. By the time you reach Tellico Plains, you'll be ready for lunch. Next comes the crown jewel: the 41-mile Cherohala Skyway, a thrilling ride of uninterrupted curves and breathtaking vistas. Known as "a drive among the clouds," this route climbs to over 5,400 feet, offering sweeping corners and tight hairpins that will test your skills—so keep your wits about you! Don't forget to pull over at the scenic overlooks to soak in the views. After conquering the Skyway, make a pit stop in Robbinsville for gas and a quick break. The final stretch takes you on US-129S and US-74, offering a more relaxed drive to enjoy the scenery and unwind as you head back to the hotel. This 150-mile journey is an unforgettable mix of adrenaline, stunning landscapes, and Porsche perfection—truly one of the best drives in the country!

- Distance: 150 miles, 3:45 hrs
- Restaurant Suggestion: Iron Works Grille / La Loteria

Route: Coming a few days before the event!

Murphy Mountain Cruise

Looking for a shorter, laid-back drive close to the hotel? This one's for you! Explore the hidden mountain roads of Murphy, starting with the twisty, low-traffic gems of Hanging Dog and Beaver Dam roads. You'll cruise over to Hiwassee Lake for a quick stop at the Hiwassee Dam—perfect for soaking in some breathtaking views. From there, the drive takes you back to Unicoi Turnpike. Instead of looping back via Beaver Dam Road, you'll follow Unicoi Turnpike all the way to Murphy's downtown. This stretch is just as thrilling as the start, with plenty of fun curves to keep you on your toes! Once in Murphy, you'll find plenty of great spots to grab a bite before heading back to the hotel. It's a shorter drive, but it packs in plenty of smiles as you enjoy the curvy mountain roads in your Porsche without the hassle of traffic.

- Distance: 60 miles, 2 hrs
- Restaurants suggestion: Legends Steakhouse / Murphy's Chophouse

Route: Coming a few days before the event!

DINNER

We made plans for group dinner on THURSDAY, leaving FRIDAY and SATURDAY open to you to go anywhere you want. Find below some suggestions of restaurants that you can go on FRIDAY and SATURDAY.

The Landing Café – 0 miles: Don't want to drive to dinner? Have a low-key dinner on-site at The Landing Café, located just off the casino floor. The best part? No need to drink with moderation!

DOWNTOWN MURPHY – All restaurants located about 5 miles away from the Hotel:

- **Murphy's Chophouse:** Murphy's Chophouse 130 Valley River Avenue Murphy, NC. Phone: 1-828-835-3287
- **The Mason Bar** - Casual bar featuring comfort food, a solid beer selection, and live music, plus a kids' menu - 46 Valley River Ave, Murphy, NC. Phone (828) 390-4333
- **Yogi's Neighborhood Grill** - Cozy restaurant with a small-town vibe offering Italian fare such as chicken parmigiana, plus steak. - 269 Valley River Ave, Murphy, NC - (828) 516-5116
- **Freight Yard Bar** - Drinks and comfort eats served in an easygoing setting with regular specials and weekly events - 3711 E U.S. Highway 64 Alt, Murphy, NC. Phone (828) 516-5139
- **Legends Steakhouse** - Steaks, seafood, and burgers served in a family-owned eatery with a lively atmosphere. - 42 Tennessee St, Murphy, NC. Phone (828) 837-8500
- **Chevelle's 66** - Casual eatery with a big menu of comfort fare and a full bar, plus live entertainment. - 66 Hiwassee St, Murphy, NC. Phone (828) 835-7001
- **Downtown Pizza Co** - 52 Hiwassee St, Murphy, NC 28906 – Phone: (828) 837-0500
- **Monte Alban Restaurante Mexicano** - Unpretentious restaurant with colorful decor presenting an extensive menu of familiar Mexican fare. - 865 US-64, Murphy, NC. Phone: (828) 835-9767

BREWERIES in Murphy Downtown:

- **Buck Bald Brewing** - 104 Tennessee St Suite D, Murphy, NC - With 14 taps of delicious brews in Copperhill and 12 taps of equally delicious brews in Murphy, you can bet you'll find a beer or two you'll love!
- **Valley River Brewery** - Family-friendly pub serving brick-oven pizzas and other comfort food, plus a wide selection of beer - 71 Tennessee St, Murphy, NC

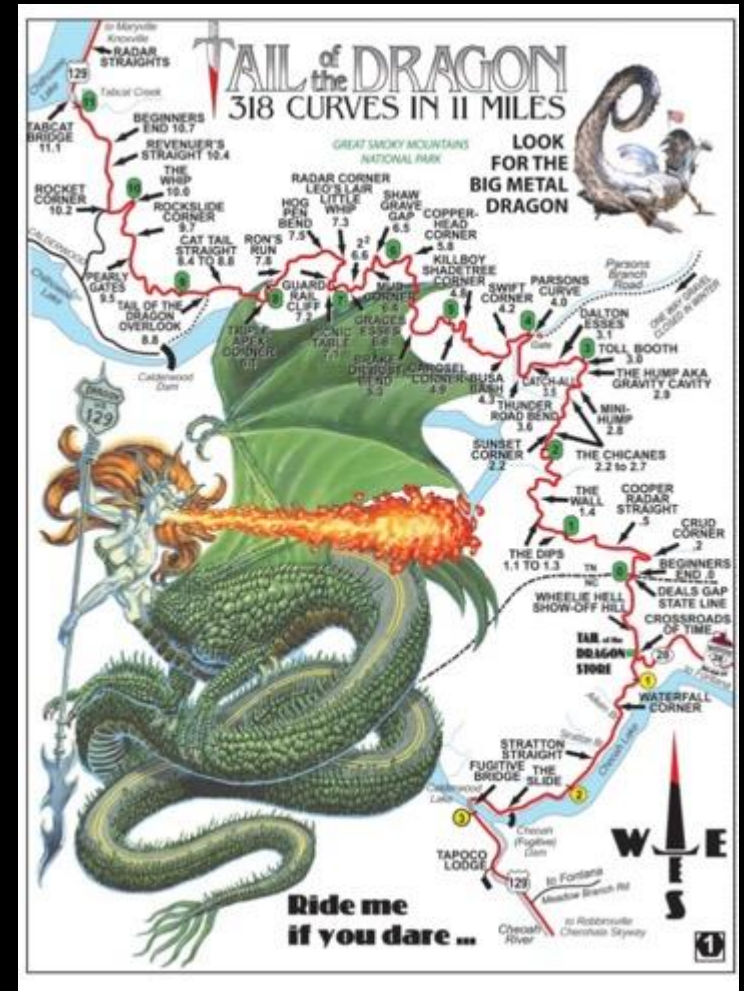


THE ROADS

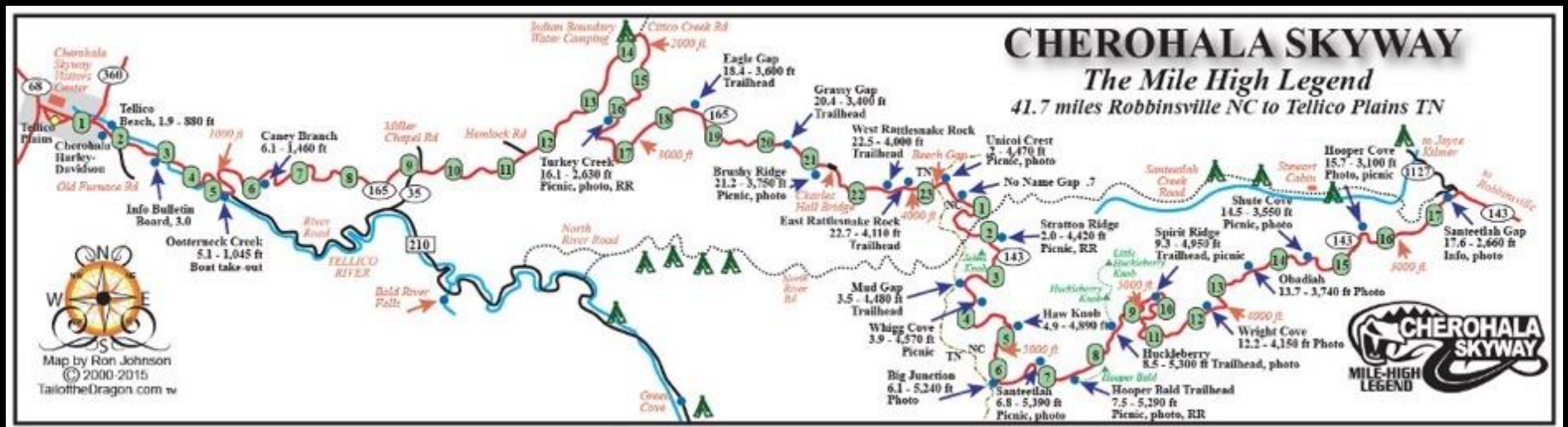
Here are **some** of the roads that we will drive during this event! Come ready for a packed weekend!

TAIL OF THE DRAGON

The legendary Tail of the Dragon, 318 curves in 11 miles, period. Some of the Dragon's sharpest curves have names like Copperhead Corner, Hog Pen Bend, Wheelie Hell, Shade Tree Corner, Mud Corner, Sunset Corner, Gravity Cavity, Beginner's End, and Brake or Bust Bend. The road earned its name from its curves being said to resemble a dragon. Most of the road lies in Tennessee yet a small section of it crosses into North Carolina. The Tail of the Dragon is one of the best roads to test your skills on. NOT for the weak of heart. Be very careful, and DO NOT push your skill level . . . ride your ride and enjoy the experience.



The Cherohala Skyway starts in Tellico Plains, TN and ends in Robbinsville, NC. From the city limits of Tellico Plains to the city limits of Robbinsville is a 41 miles trip of nothing but uninterrupted curves and no intersections. Its sweeping curves will tempt you to ride faster, then you will be in one of the tighter curves with too much speed, so, be careful! The road is in excellent condition and is well maintained. Often referred to as "a drive among the clouds" you will drive to elevations of over 5400 feet high. This truly is one of the best rides in the nation!



HELLBENDER & MOONSHINE 28

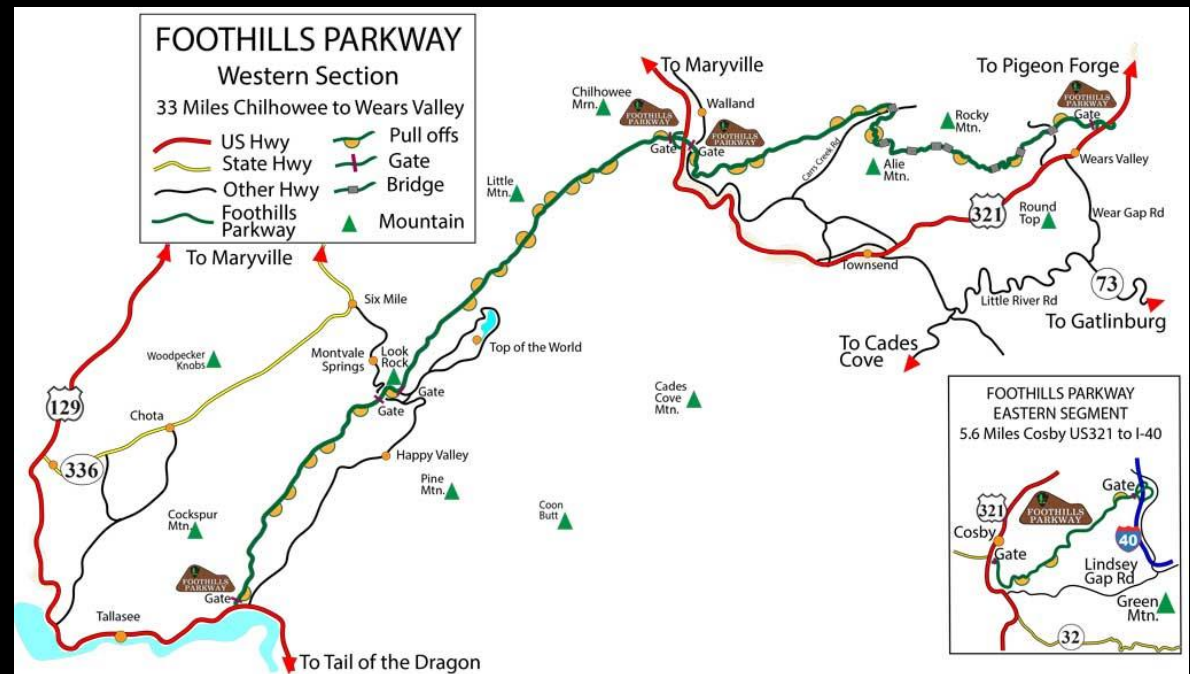
Hellbender is the initial 22 miles of the Moonshiner 28 trail, starting at Deals Gap going towards Fontana Dam. Heading north on the Hellbender 28, you find a completely different road experience with sweeping curves and drop-offs, all lakeside in the Great Smoky Mountains. There are few drives in America that can equal the views as you travel this beautiful byway along Fontana Lake in North Carolina. The road is an intersection at the end of the Tail of the Dragon, and it is, in my opinion, far better than the Dragon and has very little traffic. I have ridden this road several times, and it is one of my favorites in the area.

After the initial 22 miles on NC-28, the Hellbender is over, but Moonshiner 28 is just getting started. The road winds its way southeastward 103 miles through Franklin and Highlands, North Carolina, before turning southward into Georgia and South Carolina and ending at the sleepy town of Walhalla. On this ride, we will ride its portion up to Franklin. The road boasts some great twisties, wide sweepers, and unsurpassed scenery.



FOOTHILLS PARKWAY

Just slightly southwest of Pigeon Forge is Foothills Parkway, a beautiful 31-mile-long road that is closed off to commercial traffic. It brings a little bit of everything you could want in a good ride. The trail offers scenic views, tight curves, and multiple elevation changes to keep you engaged. Some consider it to be less work than the 'Dragon', yet still just as fun and possibly even more visually appealing! The US Congress authorized construction of the 71-mile Foothills Parkway project in 1944, yet funding issues have plagued the project ever since. Although it remains Tennessee's oldest unfinished highway project, this 31.5 mile section of the Parkway is complete; and it is beautiful. You will not see billboards, homes or commercial buildings. The Foothills Parkway is as pristine as it gets. The only man-made thing you will see from the seat of your Porsche, is the road.



WAYAH ROAD

The 30-mile Wayah Road is a hidden gem that connects US 64 near Franklin, NC to US 74 in the heart of Nantahala Gorge near Tipton, NC. This road is your secret passage through the high mountains and national forests, leading straight to the Tail of the Dragon at Deals Gap. While you won't find expansive mountain views here, the route is packed with scenic landscapes along the whitewater river. The road starts with a steep and twisty ascent right from the powerhouse, hugging the riverbank and crossing narrow bridges. It's a quiet path with little traffic, except maybe a few fishermen in the lower stretches. As you reach the climb's peak, Wayah Road unwinds, offering a gentle ride across the mountain tops. You'll pass a quaint community near the lake before the road tightens along the lake's shoreline. Watch out for tight turns and gravel as you navigate the last short climb across Wayah Bald. Need a break? There's a cozy restaurant on the lake, perfect for a quick stop or a photo op. The descent on the east side is thrilling, with hairpin curves leading into a valley that broadens as you near Franklin. Wayah Road concludes at 'Loafer's Glory' – a country store and gas station known for its charm. You have two options at the end of Wayah Road: head south on Old Murphy Road to reach four-lane US 64 or follow Old Murphy Road about 5 miles into downtown Franklin for some local exploration.



WINERIES & RESTAURANTS

Crane Creek Vineyards

Address: 1040 Crane Creek Rd, Young Harris, GA

Distance: 18 miles

Website: <http://www.cranecreekvineyards.com/>

Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Friday & Saturday 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Hightower Creek Vineyards

Address: 7150 Canaan Dr, Hiawassee, GA

Distance: 35 miles

Website: <https://hightowercreekvineyards.com/>

Hours:

Thursday 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Friday 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Sunday 12:30pm - 5:00pm

Eagle Fork Vineyards

Address: 08 Cedar Cliff Road, Hayesville, NC

Distance: 25 miles

Website: <http://www.eagleforkvineyard.com/>

Hours:

Tuesday – Sunday: 12:00pm – 07:00pm

Paradise Hills, Winery Resort & Spa

Address: 366 Paradise Rd, Blairsville, GA

Distance: 30 miles

Website:

<https://www.paradisehillsga.com/Winery/>

Hours:

Sun - Wed, 1-5 p.m. (last tasting at 4:30)

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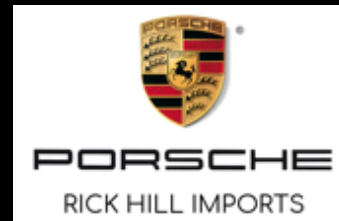
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