



# DRACHENFEST VI

## A DEALS GAP WEEKEND GETAWAY

Hosted by:

Wilderness Trail Region Porsche Club of America

**THURSDAY TO SUNDAY – OCT. 1-4, 2026 - Murphy, NC**

**Rain or Shine**

*Disclaimer: Event's program below subject to changes*



# 3 STEPS: READ, REGISTER, RESERVE

To attend Drachenfest VI you must follow the 3 steps below:

- 1) READ the event program (all the details below) before you go to steps 2 and 3.
- 2) REGISTER to attend the event by paying the \$100 registration fee at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/organizations/wilderness-trail-region-pca>

*On this link above we also have extra merch for sale, including Sweatshirt Pullover Hoodies and your passenger's T-shirt! You can also donate some \$ extra if you would like to do so!*

- 3) RESERVE your room at Harrah's valley river from 10/01 to 10/04 using the discounted group reservation link:  
<https://www.caesars.com/book/?propCode=CVR&action=FindRooms&groupcode=S10WILD&arrivalDate=10/01/2026&departureDate=10/04/2026>

If you wish to arrive before 10/1, you will need to make the 10/1 to 10/4 reservation using our group discounted link and another reservation to arrive before 10/1 via hotel's website, without using our link. Then let US know (pcawtr@gmail.com) and we will ask the hotel to merge the two reservations.

# ABOUT THE EVENT

Drachenfest VI 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 915 miles of picturesque landscapes and exhilarating roads, an unforgettable mountain getaway.

We will experience 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 some surprises!

Once again we are staying at **Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel in Murphy, North Carolina**. This stunning location was the perfect base for a weekend of camaraderie, adventure, gambling and unforgettable memories in 2025.

We've taken care of the details for epic routes and delicious dining experiences - all you need to do is show up ready to drive and enjoy!

This is a driving event, not a Bingo-night event! You **MUST REGISTER** to attend this event.

**Harrah's**  
**CHEROKEE**  
**VALLEY RIVER**  
**CASINO & HOTEL**

HOME OF  
**DRACHENFEST**



# LODGING / HOTEL

Drachenfest VI 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 596 contemporary rooms with breathtaking views of the majestic Smoky Mountains. Last Spring of 2025, Harrah's unveiled 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

Step 1: Determine your personal schedule based on where you're coming from! Review the program to decide when you should check-in and check-out. Our suggestion for this event is check-in **10/1 (Thu)** and check out **10/04 (Sun)** – 3 nights.

Step 2: Take note: We are staying at Harrah's Cherokee Valley River in **Murphy, NC** (*not* Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, NC).

Step 2: Make your reservation:

## LINK FOR RESERVATION:

<https://www.caesars.com/book/?propCode=CVR&action=FindRooms&groupcode=S10WILD&arrivalDate=10/01/2026&departureDate=10/04/2026>

## MAKE SURE YOU ARE ADJUSTING THE CHECK IN / CHECK OUT DATES:

The screenshot shows the booking interface with the following elements:

- Where do you want to go? Harrah's Cherokee Valley River
- Check in - Check Out: Thu, Oct 1, 2026 - Sun, Oct 4, 2026
- Room Options: 1 Room: 2 Adults, 0 Children
- Discount Codes / IATA: S10WILD
- UPDATE button

Red arrows point from the following text to the corresponding elements in the interface:

- "Update the dates: 10/1 to 10/4" points to the Check in - Check Out field.
- "Make sure discount code says S10WILD" points to the Discount Codes / IATA field.
- "Click UPDATE" points to the UPDATE button.

Below the interface, a group code is displayed:

**GROUP S10WILD** Remove

**WILDERNESS TRAIL REGION - PORCHE CLUB OF AMERICA**

Welcome to Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino and Hotel! We are pleased to offer special rates of \$79 and \$199 per night. Valid Thu 10/1/26 thru Sat 10/3/26. Rates do not include tax. NOTE: A credit card guarantee is required at time of booking. Each guest will be asked for payment at check in. Credit, debit, and cash are accepted. We do not accept checks. A credit card deposit, \$75 per night, is required at check-in for incidental charges.

Valid for Stays 09/28/2026 - 10/07/2026

(If you would rather call to make a reservation, the number to call the property is 1-800-CAESARS. Guests should reference their group code to book at the group rate. Our group code is **S10WILD**. Make sure you're talking to Harrah's Cherokee Valley River in Murphy, NC (*not* Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, NC).

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## ROOMS

They have 1 King Bed and 2 Queen Beds at the newest tower (opened on Spring of 2025) at first-come-first-serve basis until the rooms that we have blocked are sold-out.

The negotiated room rates are:

- Thursday night: \$79
- Friday night: \$199
- Saturday night: \$199

Resort Fee: \$75 total for 3 nights

Taxes: \$78.30 total for 3 nights



**VALLEY LUXURY ROOM** Edit  
1 King

Thursday **OCT 01** — Sunday **OCT 04**

**1 ROOM** \$477.00 ▾

**TAXES & FEES** \$153.30 ▲

Resort Fees ⓘ	\$75.00
Taxes	\$78.30

**TOTAL** \$630.30

**DUE NOW** \$90.85  
Due at Property \$539.45

*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.



- 🏠 596 Contemporary Rooms ✓
- 🏞️ Rooms with Views of the Smoky Mountains ✓
- 🅅 Five-Story Parking Deck ✓
- 🍽️ Gordon Ramsay's Kitchen Rooftop Restaurant ✓
- 🏊 Year-Round Indoor Pool ✓
- 🛀 Spa and Salon ✓
- 💪 State-of-the-Art Fitness Center ✓
- 🎰 75,000 sq ft Casino Floor ✓
- 🎮 1,400 Gaming Machines ✓
- ♠️ 200 Table Games ✓
- 🃏 Poker Room ✓
- 📺 32-foot High-Definition Screen Sportsbook ✓
- 🎳 Bowling Center ✓
- 🚭 Smoke-Free Hotel ✓
- 🚭 Smoke-Free Casino ✓

# EVENT REGISTRATION

The \$100 event entry fee (FREE event T-shirt included\*) helps us deliver a truly unforgettable experience for everyone involved. As a non-profit organization, these funds go directly toward covering the costs of planning and executing a high-quality event, charity events, and expanding the scale of our small but mighty club!

New for this year, we will have a dedicated meeting room available throughout the event to host the drivers' safety meetings—no more struggling to hear over garage acoustics or warming engines.

By registering, you're not only signing up for an incredible driving experience—you're also supporting the continued success of our club and future events. We welcome **Porsche Club of America (PCA) members from all 149 regions across North America.**

To pay the entry fee and secure your spot, please follow this link:  
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/organizations/wilderness-trail-region-pca>

**\*FREE event T-shirt (a \$32+ value)**, available in both men's and women's fits, for registrations up to 8/25/2026.

**Fit Notice:** The Next Level 3600 tees have a slim/athletic fit and tend to run slightly small. We recommend ordering one size up if you prefer a more relaxed fit. It is a very popular brand for custom shirts, so if you have any doubt, check your closet before selecting a size as we order very few extras.

Entry Fee refundable if cancelled 30 days prior the event. After that, refund of 50%.

PS.: During the check-out, there will be a field asking for a donation to "Help keep Zeffy free for Wilderness Trail." **THIS DOES NOT GO TO WTR – IT GOES TO ZEFFY.**

The screenshot shows a checkout page with the following elements:

- Order Summary:** 1x EVENT ENTRY FEE (per car) + FREE TEE, priced at \$85.00.
- Donation Section:** "Help keep Zeffy free for Wilderness Trail Region PCA ❤️ (optional)". Below this is a text box with the message: "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." There is a "Learn more" link.
- Dropdown Menu:** A dropdown menu with "Other" selected.
- Contribution Field:** A text input field containing "0" and a dollar sign "\$".
- Total:** \$85.00.

If you do wish to donate extra to WTR, add the "I would like to donate \$ for Wilderness Trail Region PCA" to your shopping cart using the registration link.

# 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

This exclusive 11x17 poster captures the energy, power, and spirit of our Murphy, NC mountain takeover. Featuring a striking white GT3RS beneath the watchful eye of a fierce dragon, this artwork blends Porsche performance with the mythical intensity of the mountains we conquer. Printed on premium matte stock with rich detail and bold colors, this design celebrates the curves, the camaraderie, and the unforgettable roads of our Deals Gap weekend.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/organizations/wilderness-trail-region-pca>



## T-SHIRT

Printed on premium Next Level 3600 fabric, this tee delivers an ultra-soft feel with a modern athletic cut. Lightweight, breathable, and built for comfort, it's the kind of shirt you'll keep reaching for long after the event ends.

Each shirt is professionally screen-printed locally by a family-owned business, ensuring rich, lasting color and high-quality detail.

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## SWEATSHIRT PULLOVER HOODIE

Celebrate our Deals Gap Weekend Getaway with this **limited-edition Drachenfest VI Heavyweight Sweatshirt Pullover Hoodie**, made for those who understand that the best memories are forged in tight switchbacks and shared miles. The bold back artwork says it all: a striking white GT3RS under the watchful eye of a fierce dragon. It's Porsche performance meets mountain legend. Each hoodie is **professionally screen-printed locally by a family-owned business**, delivering rich color, crisp detail, and durability that lasts far beyond the weekend.

### Premium Build – Independent Trading Co. IND4000

This is not your average sweatshirt.

- 10 oz. heavyweight construction
- Premium ring-spun cotton 3-end fleece
- Smooth, stable fabric surface for high-quality print
- Fleece-lined hood for extra warmth
- Heavy gauge round drawcord
- Nickel eyelets
- 1x1 ribbing at cuffs and waistband
- Generous fit
- 70% Cotton / 30% Polyester



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# AGENDA AT A GLANCE

## **THURSDAY (10/01) – 122 mi. / 3:00h drive + stops – Radio Channel 5.0**

- 12:00 p.m.: Event Check-in at Euchella Meeting Room – Near the Sky Bridge
- 01:15 p.m.: Drivers' Safety Meeting at Euchella Meeting Room
- 01:45 p.m.: **Chattahoochee Curve Festival** Drive start
- 03:00 p.m.: **Restroom** Stop
- 03:30 p.m.: Resume Driving
- 05:30 p.m.: Arrive at Restaurant for Happy Hour & Dinner
  - For insurance purpose, the PCA event ends when we arrive at the restaurant
  - Return to hotel on your own (18 miles)

### Notes for the whole weekend:

- Ask your lead car to share their phone # with you. Be mindful that service is spotty in the mountains
- Arrive with a full tank for the drive (No gas stop planned on Thursday).
- Get gas on your way to the hotel (there are 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
- Pack a snack to eat during the stops.
- Watch your bladder (Check the restroom stops on the agenda)

## **Thursday – Chattahoochee Curve Festival**

We'll kick off the event with a spectacular mountain drive starting right from the hotel. Our route climbs to mountain roads of North Georgia and takes us across narrow, technical mountain pavement filled with elevation changes and endless curves that will keep your hands busy and your adrenaline flowing.

We'll make a short restroom and stretch stop at a scenic state park, then continue along a scenic road winding deep through the heart of the national forest. Expect sweeping mountain vistas, dense forest canopies, and the kind of perfectly flowing pavement that feels made for a Porsche.

From there, we'll tackle one of the most iconic mountain passes in the Southeast. If you joined us in previous years, you already know how thrilling this section can be. This year, we've redesigned the route to create a loop that brings us back toward the hotel while allowing everyone to experience that unforgettable high-elevation stretch together as a full group.

The drive covers approximately 122 miles over about 3 hours, plus a short stop along the way. We'll arrive at our restaurant in around 5:30 p.m. for happy hour and dinner. This location keeps us much closer to the hotel than in previous years and gives everyone the perfect opportunity to relax a little longer over great food, refreshing drinks, and stories from the road.

After dinner, it's an easy 18-mile return to the hotel at your own pace. Expect curve after curve, dramatic elevation changes, and breathtaking scenery—a true mountain rollercoaster to kick off the weekend.

## **FRIDAY (10/02) – 242 mi. /5:26h drive + stops – Radio Channel 5.0**

- 07:30 a.m.: Event Check-in at Euchella Meeting Room – Near the Sky Bridge
- 08:15 a.m.: Drivers' Safety Meeting at Euchella Meeting Room
- 08:30 a.m.: **The Grand Tour** Drive start
- 09:45 a.m.: **Restroom** & Group Photoshooting
- 10:30 a.m.: Resume Driving
- 12:00 p.m.: Lunch Stop Groups 1, 2, 3, 4 – Get Gas on your own
- 12:45 p.m.: Lunch Stop Groups 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 – Get Gas on your own
- 01:30 p.m.: Resume Driving Groups 1, 2, 3, 4
- 02:15 p.m.: Resume Driving Groups 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- 03:30 p.m.: **Restroom** & Gas Stop
- 03:50 p.m.: Resume Driving
- 04:30 p.m.: Arrive at Hotel
- 05:30 p.m.: Dinner (on your own – see list of restaurant options more below)
  - We are working on an option for group dinner, but at the moment, it is TBC. We will announce more details later.

## **Friday - The Grand Tour**

Get ready for an unforgettable day behind the wheel as we tackle 242 miles of some of the finest sports car roads in America. This isn't just a drive, it's a full-day immersion into the curves, elevation changes, and scenery that make this region world-famous among driving enthusiasts.

We'll depart the hotel and head north, easing into the rhythm of the mountains before transitioning onto a series of flowing, technical roads known for their constant elevation changes and perfectly linked sweepers. Along the way, we'll pause at a scenic overlook, offering breathtaking views and a chance to take it all in before continuing deeper into the mountains on roads that feel carved directly into the landscape.

Midday brings one of the most iconic and technically demanding stretches anywhere, a road legendary among drivers for its relentless sequence of corners and the focus it demands. After completing this highlight, we'll stop for lunch, with groups split between two locations to keep things relaxed and efficient.

The afternoon shifts into quieter backroads, where rhythmic curves, rolling hills, and open vistas provide a different kind of driving pleasure. From there, we'll climb to some of the highest elevations of the weekend, where long, sweeping curves and panoramic mountain views create an unforgettable high-altitude driving experience.

We'll return to the hotel in the late afternoon after a full day that blends technical challenges, legendary pavement, and spectacular scenery. This is a true driver's marathon, designed to challenge, inspire, and remind us all why we love driving Porsches.

## **SATURDAY (10/03) – 266 mi. / 7:30h drive + stops – Radio Channel 5.0**

- 07:30 a.m.: Event Check-in at Euchella Meeting Room – Near the Sky Bridge
- 08:15 a.m.: Drivers' Safety Meeting at Euchella Meeting Room
- 08:30 a.m.: **Saturday Wanderlust** Drive start
- 09:45 a.m.: **Restroom** & Gas Stop
- 10:30 a.m.: Resume Driving
- 12:30 p.m.: Arrive at Community Center for Lunch
- 01:45 p.m.: Resume Driving
- 03:30 p.m.: **Restroom** Stop
- 03:45 p.m.: Resume Driving
- 05:45 p.m.: Arrive back at the hotel

## **Saturday - Saturday Wanderlust**

Saturday will be our longest and most immersive driving day of the weekend, and that's intentional. When you're behind the wheel of a Porsche on world-class mountain roads, more miles simply mean more unforgettable moments. We've balanced the schedule with a shorter Sunday, so Saturday is all about diving deep into the mountains and exploring roads most drivers never experience.

Last year, some roads on this route was originally planned for Sunday. As often happens during multi-day events, many participants had already begun heading home, leaving only about 50 cars by the afternoon. But those who stayed all agreed on one thing: it was the best driving day of the entire weekend. Based on that overwhelming feedback, we refined the route and moved it to Saturday so everyone can enjoy it.

We'll begin by heading into the heart of the national forest, following a remote mountain road that traces a rushing river and climbs across quiet ridgelines. This section isn't about scenic overlooks, it's about rhythm, precision, and that perfect connection between driver, car, and road.

From there, we'll venture onto lesser-known backroads, narrow, technical, and completely immersive. These forest-lined stretches feel untouched, with very little traffic and elevation changes that keep drivers fully engaged. As we climb higher into the mountains, civilization fades away, leaving only the sound of engines echoing through the trees.

Late in the morning, we'll enter a particularly technical mountain area known for its constant curves, elevation changes, and remote setting. This section leads us to our group lunch stop, where catered food will be waiting at a spacious community venue. It's the perfect time to relax, recharge, and share stories from the morning drive.

In the afternoon, the adventure continues along some of the region's most rewarding mountain roads, crossing rivers, climbing through dense forest, and delivering everything a Porsche driver could want: tight technical sections, flowing sweepers, dramatic elevation changes, and breathtaking scenery.

We'll then pass through scenic mountain communities and open pastoral landscapes before returning once again to one of the day's most memorable stretches, this time experiencing it from the opposite direction. Driving it both ways reveals entirely new perspectives and makes the experience even more special.

After completing the final mountain crossing, it's just a short drive back to the hotel.

For those who prefer a shorter day, there will be an option after lunch to return directly to the hotel via the fastest route. This portion would be on your own and not part of the organized PCA drive. However, those who stay for the full afternoon loop will experience what many consider the highlight of the entire weekend, a day where the roads, the cars, and the mountains all come together perfectly.

## **SUNDAY (10/04) – 168 mi. / 4:30h drive + stops – Radio Channel 5.0**

- 08:30 a.m.: Event Check-in at Euchella Meeting Room – Near the Sky Bridge
- 08:45 a.m.: Drivers' Safety Meeting at Euchella Meeting Room
- 09:00 a.m.: The Last Roar Drive start
- 11:00 a.m.: Lunch Stop - Groups 1, 2, 3, 4 (Grill) / Groups 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 (Mex)
- 12:30 p.m.: Resume driving
- 02:00 p.m.: Restroom & Gas Stop
- 02:30 p.m.: Resume Driving
- 04:00 p.m.: Restroom & Gas Stop – End of PCA Drive in Maryville, TN

## **Sunday – The Last Roar**

Sunday may look like a shorter day on paper, especially after Saturday's epic 7-hour adventure. With about 4 hours and 20 minutes of driving, it might sound relaxed, but don't let that fool you. We know many of you traveled long distances to experience the region's most legendary mountain drives, and since we only visited them once earlier in the weekend, we've planned a special encore, blending those icons with several lesser-known mountain gems.

Another advantage of Sunday is the smaller group sizes. With fewer cars on the road, the experience becomes more personal, more fluid, and even more memorable than the larger runs earlier in the event.

We'll begin the morning surrounded by stunning lake scenery, carving through quiet mountain roads and enjoying the peaceful rhythm of the Appalachian foothills. A brief stop at a scenic overlook and historic dam will give everyone a chance to stretch, take photos, and soak in the views before continuing along one of the area's hidden-treasure mountain routes on the way to lunch.

After lunch, we'll climb into the higher elevations on a breathtaking ridge-line drive known for its sweeping curves, cool mountain air, and panoramic vistas that stretch for miles. With lighter traffic and smaller groups, this segment offers a completely different perspective and a chance to fully enjoy the flow of the road.

Following a short restroom and fuel stop, we'll head toward the grand finale, a world-renowned stretch of pavement famous for its continuous rhythm of curves and pure driving engagement. It's the perfect way to close out an unforgettable weekend behind the wheel.

Our official PCA drive will conclude in Maryville, Tennessee, marking the end of another incredible Drachenfest adventure. For our Wilderness Trail lead cars and Tri-Cities members, there's still a bit of road ahead, but we'll all leave with the same thing: lasting memories, great friendships, and smiles that only a weekend like this can create.

# 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

*Self-Service Routes will be shared 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

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## **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

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## **Murphy Mountain Cruise Shorter Version (Pre-Dinner)**

We took the route above and made it shorter so you can have a nice quick run before dinner!

Distance: 33 miles, 1 hr

- Restaurants suggestion: Legends Steakhouse / Murphy's Chophouse

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# 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.

\*We are working on an option for group dinner on Friday, but with over 200 people, it is quite challenge to find a restaurant to fit everyone in Murphy. We are discussing with some options. More information to come.

**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!

**Brew Brothers – 0 miles:** Also inside the casino. Craft beer, pub fare & sports at Harrah's Cherokee Valley River.

**Ramsay's Kitchen – 0 miles:** Discover the culinary artistry of Chef Gordon Ramsay at Ramsay's Kitchen in Harrah's Cherokee Valley River. Reservation Recommended.

## 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



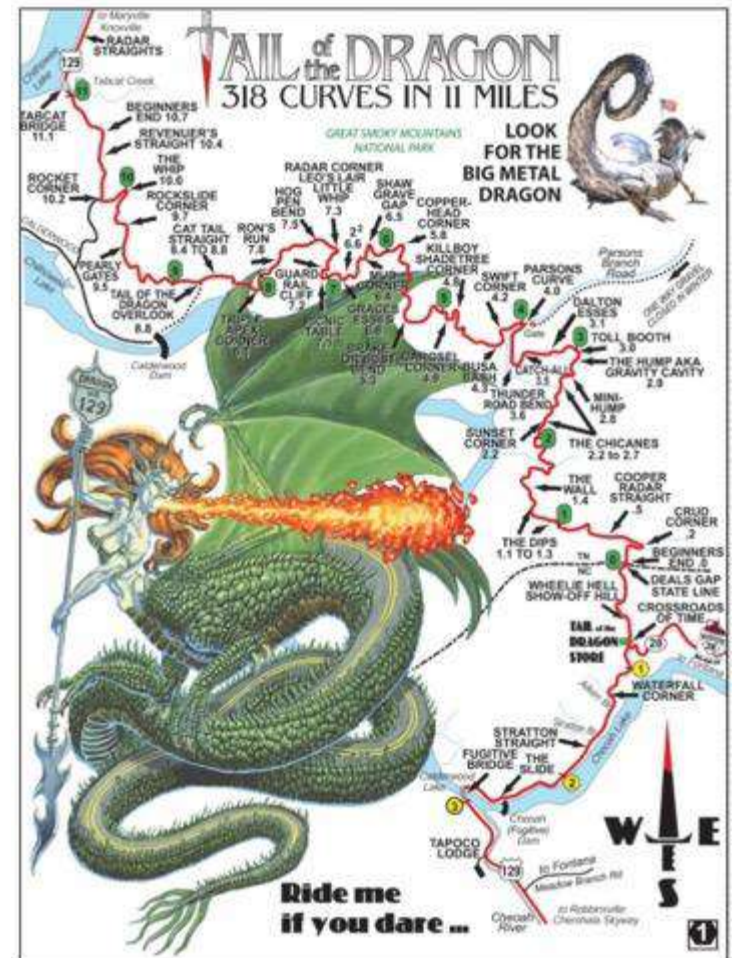
## The Most Iconic and Rewarding Roads of the Weekend

1. Tail of the Dragon (US-129): 318 curves in just 11 miles. No intersections, no driveways—just pure focus, rhythm, and one of the most legendary driving experiences in the world.
2. Cherohala Skyway (TN-165 / NC-143): A breathtaking 41-mile ridge-line drive climbing above 5,000 feet. Long sweepers, smooth pavement, and endless panoramic mountain views.
3. Hellbender (NC-28): Often overshadowed by its famous neighbor, this technical masterpiece delivers fast transitions, elevation changes, and incredible flow through the mountains.
4. Moonshiner 28 (NC-28 / GA-28): A historic smuggler's route turned driver's paradise, featuring continuous curves, dramatic elevation changes, and stunning lake and mountain scenery.

5. Wayah Road (NC-1310): A hidden gem deep in Nantahala National Forest. Remote, technical, and immersive, following rivers and ridgelines through untouched wilderness.
6. NC-215 (Pisgah National Forest): One of the Southeast's best-kept secrets. Tight technical sections mixed with fast sweepers, river crossings, and dramatic elevation changes.
7. NC-281 (Western NC): A perfect blend of rhythm and scenery, crossing rivers, climbing ridges, and offering a constant variety of curves and elevation.
8. Blood Mountain (US-19 / US-129): A classic Southeast mountain pass with dramatic elevation changes, tight corners, and incredible ridge-top scenery.
9. TN-68 (Tellico Plains region): A lesser-known treasure offering smooth pavement, flowing curves, and quiet mountain isolation—perfect for drivers who appreciate rhythm and precision.

## 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.





# HELLBENDER & MOONSHINER 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.



# 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 Topton, 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)

Thurs - Sat, 12 - 6 p.m. (last tasting at 5:30)

May – Nov: Live music on Saturdays afternoon and extended hours to 8 p.m.

# **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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