

# MOTORCYCLE RIDES TO TAKE NOW

## Cruising the Great Wilderness Road around Lakes and Mountains



Road Trip

Riding

Scenery

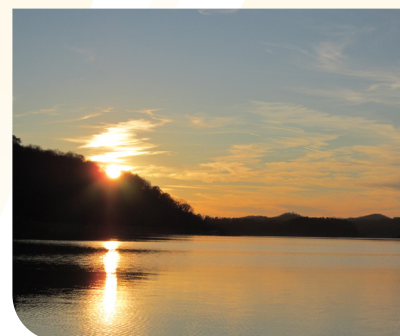
Historic Sites

**Lakes and mountains** make for a dramatic backdrop on this easy going, touring trip plan. There are no tight twisties, but there are some incredible **scenic roads** over mountains, around lakes, and through some of the most **historic sites** in Tennessee. Daniel Boone explored here; the Cherokee and Iroquis hunted game, and the **TVA** flooded portions of the deep valleys to create three of the **most popular lakes** in the 9 Lakes Region.



DAY  
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**Check In** to a cabin or RV site at one of the lakefront marinas such as **Beach Island Resort Marina** or **Norris Landing Marina**. Cabin rentals are available year-round with lakeside views. Guests enjoy amazing, waterside sunsets and sunrises from their back porches. Take a short ride to **Cumberland Gap** and stop for a walk around downtown. Sip a coffee from **Gap Creek Coffee** while sitting alongside the creek. Choose between a scenic drive along US58 to **Wilderness Road State Park** at Martin's Station or drive east along the SR63 to 25 West. Visit the **Hatfield Knob Elk Viewing Tower** at the Sundquist WMA. Head back and stop at **Shelly Belle's** on the River for dinner. Choose a picnic table along the river or take your meal to go. Enjoy a restful night's sleep.



DAY  
2

**BLAZE A TRAIL - East Tennessee Crossing Byway**  
Today, you will be riding along the route that Daniel Boone walked to open the west. Portions of the route are also part of the **Great Indian Warpath** and have significant **Civil War sites**. Begin on 25E and travel eighty three miles between **Cumberland Gap National Historic Park** and Hot Springs, NC which will take you along mountain ridges, lake shorelines, rolling farmlands, and along one of the oldest rivers in the US. The trail has a must stop overlook on the **Clinch Mountain Overlook**. Loop back on 25E to Newport to Rutledge on SR92. Stop for a late lunch at the Down Home restaurant. Continue on 11W to Blaine and follow SR 61 to Maynardville.



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Take a short ride to **Norris Dam State Park** to the dam. Head out on SR33 south to 170. Head west until Hickory Valley intersects with 61. Bear left. You will pass by **Big Ridge State Park**. Continue until you hit the intersection of Norris Freeway. Turn left into the **Town of Norris**. Follow Norris Rd which will take your through town. Stay on Norris Rd until it intersects with 441. Turn right and continue to the **dam overlook**. Plan on eating lunch at **Clinch River Brewing**. The backyard patio area features a trout pond, seating, and a fire pit. Nearby is the **Museum of Appalachia** if you prefer an alternate stop for lunch.



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