

Johnson's Inn Newsletter



RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS

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May is a great time of year to visit the Smokies



Spring time at Johnson's Inn

May weather in Gatlinburg is ideal with the average high being 76 degrees and the low around 49. Most schools have not let out yet for the summer but all spring breaks are over so there are less crowds. Flowers are blooming and streams are flowing. What better time to head to the mountains.

To make it even more tempting to visit Gatlinburg this May **Johnson's Inn is offering a 10% discount in the month of May for anyone who brings in a photo of Johnson's Inn (you can use the one on this page) But if you bring in photo that you took yourself in years past that was taken on Johnson's Inn property that we can share with others—we will give you a 15% discount.** This offer does not include holidays (May 28,29 and 30th). We would like to post the personal photos on our Facebook page so start following us on [Facebook](#) if you aren't already.

MAY EVENTS

6th Annual Gatlinburg Fine Arts Festival. The 2010 two-day street fair at Ripley's Aquarium and River Road is set for May 15 and 16, with attendees of the free event mingling riverside with their favorite artists. [Watch this YouTube video.](#)

29th Annual Scottish Highlands Festival and Games. May 15 and 16th at Mills Park. Small admission fee. The weekend kicks off with a parade through downtown Gatlinburg on Friday at 6:00pm. [Here is a YouTube video.](#)

For more information on events in Gatlinburg go to www.eventsgatlinburg.com

Gatlinburg Facts:

- THE FIRST SETTLERS CAME TO GATLINBURG IN 1807 -MARTHA JANE OGLE AND HER CHILDREN
- GATLINBURG WAS ORIGINALLY NAMED WHITE OAKS FLATS
- THE CITY OF GATLINBURG HAS A TOTAL AREA OF 10.1 MILES.
- TOTAL POPULATION OF GATLINBURG IS 3,382.

Great Smoky Mountains Facts:

- BETWEEN 8-10 MILLION PEOPLE VISIT THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK EACH YEAR MAKING IT THE MOST VISITED NATIONAL PARK IN THE UNITED STATES
- MORE THAN 100 NATIVE TREE SPECIES MAKE THEIR HOME IN THE GSMNP— MORE THAN ALL OF NORTHERN EUROPE
- THE GSMNP IS HOME TO OVER 66 SPECIES OF MAMMALS, 200 VARIETYS OF BIRDS, 50 NATIVE FISH SPECIES AND MORE THAN 80 TYPES OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Interstate I-40 and Cades Cove Loop Roads Now Open

Interstate I-40 between Asheville, NC and the Tennessee boarder is now open according to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The detour has ended. Travelers can head east and west once again on I-40 through the Great Smoky

Mountains. Two eastbound lanes and one westbound lane are now OPEN and BACK IN BUSINESS!

The Cades Cove Loop Road is also newly paved and open to traffic as of April 24th.

Other area road closures: Clingman's Dome Road will be closed until May 28th for repaving as well as Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail until May 28th. For more GSMNP road closure information go to their web site www.nps.gov

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