The 11-mile Cades Cove Loop Road rolls past vast meadows filled with wildlife in a scenic valley. Lots of history here too. The Foothills Parkway swings past stunning mountain views while Abrams Creek hides a pretty campsite.

Historic cabins and tumbling waterfalls border a scenic drive while solitude awaits in the eastern wilds.

Head to Fontana Lake for water-based adventures like canoeing and kayaking. You can hop onto the Appalachian Trail at Fontana Dam – the tallest dam east of the Rockies – or hike lonely trails to lofty viewpoints.

This 33-mile road across the park links Tennessee and North Carolina. The main drag, it is lined with trailheads and pretty overlooks. You’ll find visitor centers at both ends of the road.