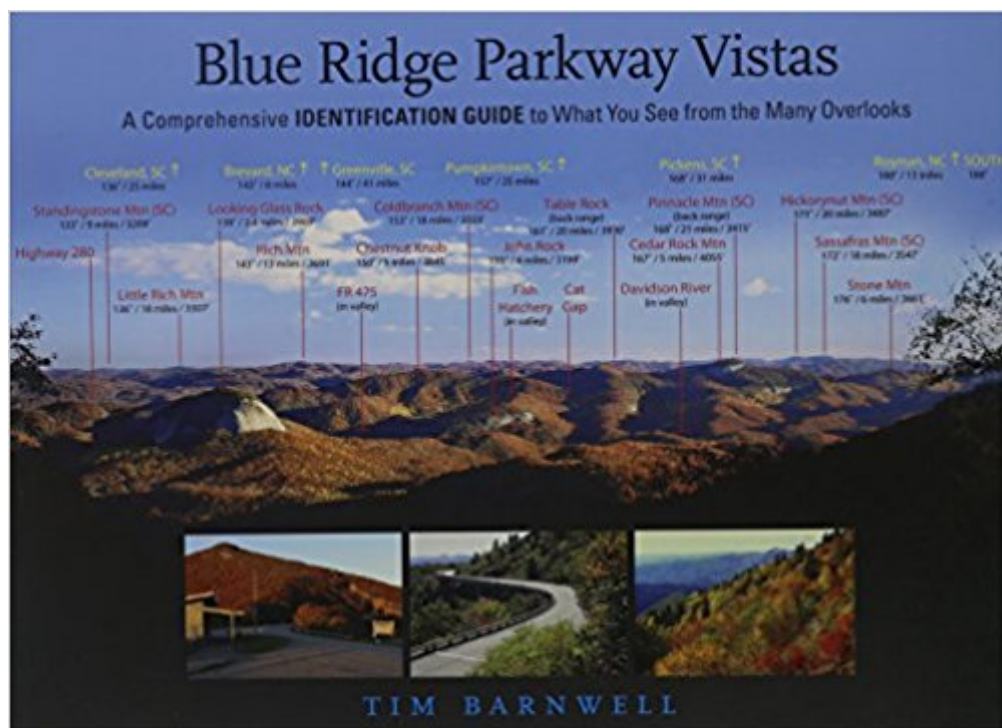




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# Blue Ridge Parkway Vistas: A Comprehensive Identification Guide To What You See From The Many Overlooks



## Synopsis

Have you ever wondered what mountain peaks you were actually seeing as you enjoy the view from one of the many beautiful overlooks along the Blue Ridge Parkway? Are you curious how high those mountains are and how faraway one is from the other? This book is designed to answer those questions and much more. It is a driving guide to the Parkway, featuring views from more than 40 overlooks along its 469-mile track through North Carolina and Virginia, with information about what you are viewing, and nearby attractions such as waterfalls, visitor centers, craft shops, and museums. Author and photographer Tim Barnwell identifies the mountain peaks you can see from each overlook, marking their compass heading, distance, and elevation. Major roads, rivers, lakes, and towns are also identified. The book is easy to use: when you drive to a featured overlook, simply find the corresponding panoramic photograph made from that exact spot, and you will soon know the names of all the peaks you are admiring. Hikers will appreciate the book, too: it's great to be able to put a name to the mountain peaks you see from your favorite trail. In addition to the Parkway overlooks, the book also features numerous stunning views from popular attractions across western North Carolina, including the Biltmore Estate and Chimney Rock Park. This unique guidebook, over five years in the making, touches on the history, geography, natural attractions, geology, and communities traversed by the Parkway, and provides everyone with a "bigger picture" of where they are and what is nearby that they might want to visit. Whether you are a local or a first time visitor, this beautiful book is sure to become a trusted traveling companion as you drive the winding majesty that is the Blue Ridge Parkway.

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## Customer Reviews

This book took me more than five years to complete. It was one of the most difficult things I have ever attempted as I had to learn map reading, topographic software, and online programs and travel extensively up and down the length of the 469-mile long Blue Ridge Parkway through North Carolina and Virginia. No one has done identifications of this type on this scale before, so there were no reference books or websites to which I could go for information. I had to become the expert in identifying the peaks and points of interest visible in the photographs. This is a truly unique book as there is nothing like it anywhere in the world on this or any other region, as far as I can determine. In addition to the identifications I included descriptions and photographs of interesting places to visit along the drive and provide historical, geographic, and tourist related information. So if you are planning a drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway for the first time, or a seasoned traveler who wants to see familiar scenes in a whole new light, I know you'll find this book informative and fascinating!

"During my tenure with the Blue Ridge Parkway, I encountered many folks who were interested in knowing what they were seeing from the beautiful overlooks. This thorough guide answers those questions by providing a wealth of information about mountains, peaks, history, geology, natural attractions, popular tourist spots, and towns of the region. Tim Barnwell's outstanding photography and well-researched descriptions add up to a terrific book about the Parkway and the mountain communities it traverses. Whether you travel on the Parkway regularly or are visiting for the first time, you'll find this book will add to your enjoyment." --Gary Everhardt, Superintendent, Blue Ridge Parkway (1977-2000) & Director of National Park Service (1975-1977) "It's a human characteristic to want to know where we are in time and place. Mr. Barnwell's book satisfies this natural curiosity and brilliantly connects all of us with our surroundings. As a ready reference to the Blue Ridge Parkway's bountiful views, this book will predictably become dog-eared and well used." --Dr. Houck Medford, Founder and CEO Emeritus, Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation

If you are planning a trip through the Blue Ridge, I highly recommend this book as a tool to help you get the most out of your trip. The Blue Ridge is one of the most beautiful trips one can take on the East Coast, and one that everyone should try to take. This book is like having a personal guide to help you enjoy the wonderful views. If you can't ever get to take the trip....buy the book and you will feel like you have enjoyed the trip anyway.

This is a great book for those of us who can't get enough of mountains. I live near the Parkway, and my son is at university nearby, so this is a great reference to carry along. Informative text and nice photography. I love knowing the names of some of the mountains that I didn't know previously. Thanks Tim Barnwell.

The best guide to the Parkway I have seen. The identification of the mountains from the overlooks is priceless in helping to identify them. I wish I had seen something like this from the beginning of my visits to the Parkway in the 1950's. The pictures are beautiful and would be a special treat even without the identifications. I'd recommend it to folks who have traveled the Parkway before as well as first time visitors.

What a disappointment. The style and method are exactly what I was looking for. However, I live in Virginia at the Blue Ridge. I was shocked to get the book and discover that the author chose to include only 5 photos of Virginia overlooks while including more than 50 from the state of North Carolina. Half of the parkway is in Virginia and half is in North Carolina. The imbalance of coverage should have been mentioned in the description.

Imagery and information in the book is excellent. I rate the book 5-star for usefulness and unique product. It answers many questions folks have regarding which mountain top is that one in the distance. I rate the transaction as a 4 since the book had a tear on the cover. It wasn't enough of a tear to warrant a return.

Love the book! The next time we drive the Blue Ridge Parkway, we can stand at the overlooks and know what mountains we are viewing!

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