



### **IT'S SUMMER YEAR-ROUND AT WILDERNESS AT THE SMOKIES**

**Short Getaway or Extended Vacation – Wilderness at the Smokies Defies Inclement Weather and Offers More Family Fun in One Location Than Anywhere Else in Eastern Tennessee**

**Sevierville, Tenn.** – [Wilderness at the Smokies](#) is an ideal destination for families visiting the Great Smoky Mountains - the #1 most visited national park, drawing 10 million visitors annually. The region offers a multitude of attractions in Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, but it's Wilderness at the Smokies' mountain-modern lodging and year-round waterpark and family attractions that weather-proof the family vacation experience and ensure optimal family fun.

Conveniently located just off of Interstate 40 in Sevierville, Tenn., and sprawling across more than 200 acres, Wilderness at the Smokies offers beautifully appointed guest rooms, suites and villas, the largest year-round indoor waterpark in Tenn., two seasonal outdoor waterparks, a family adventure center, daily activities, two championship 18-hole golf courses, dining, shopping, and more than 200,000 square-feet of meeting and convention space.

"The Smoky Mountains is a premier vacation destination, attracting millions of families from all over the United States," said Phillip Froelich, general manager, Wilderness at the Smokies. "With our fantastic year-round indoor waterpark, families can make the most of their getaway, and eliminate any concern about inclement weather impacting their vacation plans."

#### **First-Class Amenities and Accommodations**

Wilderness at the Smokies' River Lodge Suites and adjacent Stone Hill Lodge feature 713 modern mountain guest rooms, suites and condos. There are 14

different configurations to comfortably accommodate a wide range of traveler preferences, all offering world-class amenities. Additional lodging options include seven beautifully appointed sanctuary villas located off-site.

### **Entertainment Galore Including Tennessee's Largest Indoor Waterpark**

The year-round Wild WaterDome indoor waterpark and two seasonal outdoor waterparks include 17 waterslides, nine pools and multiple water rides and attractions. Waterpark passes are included in the price of the guest room. A limited number of day passes are also available based on the resort's capacity through the resort's website. The resort's lifeguards are trained and certified through Ellis & Associates, the industry leader in aquatic safety. Coastguard certified lifejackets are available for use and lockers are available to rent.

Listed as one of the top 10 indoor waterparks in the U.S. by *USA TODAY'S*'s ["10Best Readers' Choice"](#) poll, **Wild WaterDome** is the largest indoor waterpark in Tenn. An innovative, energy efficient Foil Tech glass roof allows guests to soak up the sun year-round indoors. The waterpark offers attractions for guests of all ages and heights, and boasts seven waterslides, five pools and a multitude of thrilling water attractions. The hugely popular **Storm Chaser Thrill Ride**, which is illuminated at night and can be seen for nearly a mile, drops up to four riders 55-feet into a giant, swirling funnel. Guests can body surf or ride the waves in tubes in **The Great Wave** giant wavepool, take an indoor or outdoor soak in **Magnolia Grove Hot Spa**, play basketball in **Snapping Turtle Play Lagoon**, and splash with mom and dad in the **Flying Squirrel** zero-depth entry pools. The **Smokies Surf Rider** offers the only body-surfing simulator of its kind in the region. **Washout Mountain** invites guests of all ages to play and spray throughout a multi-level water exploration structure with a giant tipping bucket.

Two outdoor waterparks add more seasonal fun. **Lake Wilderness Outdoor Waterpark**, located at River Lodge, is home to six waterslides, a lazy river and a giant wave pool. The newest waterslide, **The Wall**, delivers an exhilarating experience with dark twists and steep drops and a 35-foot wall, while **The Wild Vortex** is the only 66-

foot tall, near-vertical, trap door release looping body waterslide in the Southeast.

**Private poolside cabanas** are available for rent and equipped with flat screen TVs, ceiling fans, luxury outdoor furniture, poolside service, lush towels and cool misters.

**Salamander Springs Outdoor Waterpark**, located at Stone Hill Lodge, offers five waterslides and four pools, including the **Catfish Corral** activity pool, zero depth entry play area, and **Lunker's Landing**, a four-level play structure with a 750-gallon tipping bucket and more than 40 water features. Guests can take on the 207-foot **Timber Rattler** to experience one of the longest tube slides in the state.

On the drier side, the 25,000 square-foot **Adventure Forest**, located at River Lodge, features: **Tree Top Towers**, a three-story ropes course with cargo nets, balance beams and more; **Mount Wild**, a 23-foot indoor rock climbing wall; **Howlin' Hound Dog Alley** miniature bowling; **Moonshine Run** black-light mini-golf; **Copperhead** laser maze; **Daredevils Drop** indoor kiddie ride; and **The Adventure Forest Mega Arcade**, a huge family-friendly arcade with ticket redemption for prizes. Adventure Forest is open to the public and offers great birthday party packages. Additional amenities include **Adventure Forest Kids Klub**, offering daily crafts and activities and **Polka Dot Pots** pottery painting center both located at River Lodge.

Don't forget your clubs! **The Sevierville Golf Club**, with two 18-hole championship courses, is located adjacent to Wilderness at the Smokies and recognized by *Golf Digest* as one of the top ten course renovations in the country. Visit [SeviervilleGolfClub.com](http://SeviervilleGolfClub.com) for tee times.

### **Delectable Restaurants, Eateries and Bars**

Three sit-down restaurants and multiple bars and eateries add to the unique mix of amenities. **Firefly Bar & Grill**, located at River Lodge, offers indoor and outdoor seating, and is open for lunch and dinner. It features a BBQ menu and several other menu items sure to tempt the foodie in everyone. There is also nightly seasonal entertainment. **Hidden Trail Bar and Grill**, located at Stone Hill Lodge, is open for breakfast and dinner with an extensive Tapas and unique menu, but it's their Attitude

Adjustment Hour that's become most popular with guests and locals. Every day from 5-7 pm, patrons can enjoy \$2 tacos (chicken, steak or pork), \$2 glasses of house wine and \$2 draft beer. The **Thirsty Miner Restaurant** overlooks Wild WaterDome indoor waterpark at River Lodge and is open to the public, and very popular with resort guests, serving breakfast, lunch (seasonal) and dinner. Kids under eight and under eat free at both Hidden Trail and Thirsty Miner restaurants, but certain restrictions apply. Located in the heart of the waterpark action are **Grizzly's Grill**, **Coyote Cove** and **Bluegill's Cove** serving burgers, hot dogs, pizza, fries and more. On the drier side next to the Arcade, guests and the public can enjoy a similar menu at **Billy Jacks Snack Shack**. **Mountain Marketplace Deli**, located adjacent to the lobby in River Lodge, serves Starbucks® coffee drinks, Krispy Kreme Donuts®, made-to-order sandwiches, ice cream, candy and homemade fudge.

### **Conference and Meeting Space**

Meeting and conference space abounds with the 200,000 square-foot Sevierville Convention Center, located at Stone Hill Lodge, and an additional 7,500 square feet of more intimate meeting space throughout the property. Wilderness at the Smokies is an ideal setting for conventions, corporate and association meetings, sporting events, school outings, weddings and honeymoons, birthday parties and more.

For more information about Wilderness at the Smokies, or to make a reservation, call 1.877.325.WILD (9453) or visit [www.WildernessattheSmokies.com](http://www.WildernessattheSmokies.com).

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