The border between Tennessee and North Carolina runs northeast to southwest through the centerline of the Smoky Mountains National Park. It is the most visited national park in the United States. We first visited this national park in 1997, and even though this month marked our second visit, we found quite a bit of new spots to explore.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park:

They don't call them the Smoky Mountains for no reason.

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The park has over 900 miles of hiking trails for any level of hiker. Many of the hikes pass or end at cascading waterfalls and scenic vistas. A wide range of easy day hikes can be found throughout the park. The Appalachian Trail runs through the park and crosses many of the park trails. Aside from the hundreds of miles of hiking trails, mountain drives and breathtaking views, there's a chance that you may get to see a bear or any number of other interesting wild creatures.

Iced rocks. In month of March.

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Surrounding towns include Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, Sevierville, and Townsend, Tennessee; and Cherokee, Sylva, Maggie Valley, and Bryson City, North Carolina.

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General information: http://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/index.htm
http://greatsmokymountains.areaparks.com

Accommodations: Majestic Mountain Vacations
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