



North Carolina Trip Spring Break 2015

Day One: Saturday, March 7th, 2015 - Leave Johnstown at 7AM, Drive to Cade's Cove or Smokemount, Great Smokey Mtn Natl Park (~550 miles, ~9 hrs)

Day Two: Sunday, March 8th, 2015 - Great Smokey Mts. There are several good hikes to choose from here.

Day Three: Monday, March 9th, 2015 - Great Smokey Mts. More hiking.

Day Four: Tuesday, March 10th, 2015 - Leave Smokey Mountains, drive to Asheville (115 miles, 3.2 hrs), spend the day in Asheville, drive to Spruce Pine Area to spend the night in cabins (50 miles, 1 hr)

Day Five: Wednesday, March 11th, 2015 - Spruce Pine Area, pegmatites and gem collecting

Day Six: Thursday, March 12th, 2015 - Mountain Mitchell - Linville Falls - Linville Caverns - Grandfather Mountain. Drive to Gabe Casale's house near Boone, NC, stay in Gabe's backyard (40 miles, 1 hr).

Day Seven: Friday, March 13th, 2015 - Gabe Casale of Appalachian State will give a day tour of some of his favorite local geology stops. Eclogites! Augen Gneisses!! Stretched Pebble Conglomerates!!!!

Day Eight: Saturday, March 14th, 2015 - Leave Gabe's House by 9AM, Return to Johnstown at 8 PM (~475 miles, ~9 hrs)