

Roan Mountain State Park and Rhododendron Gardens Weekend Cruise

Join CGCC on a weekend cruise to [Roan Mountain State Park](#) in TN on June 25 through 27, 2010. The highlight of the trip will be to visit the [Rhododendron Gardens](#) during the period when they are in full bloom. These are vast natural gardens that are near the 6,285 foot summit of Roan Mountain. I have visited this location while this beautiful spectacular event was occurring and it is awesome.

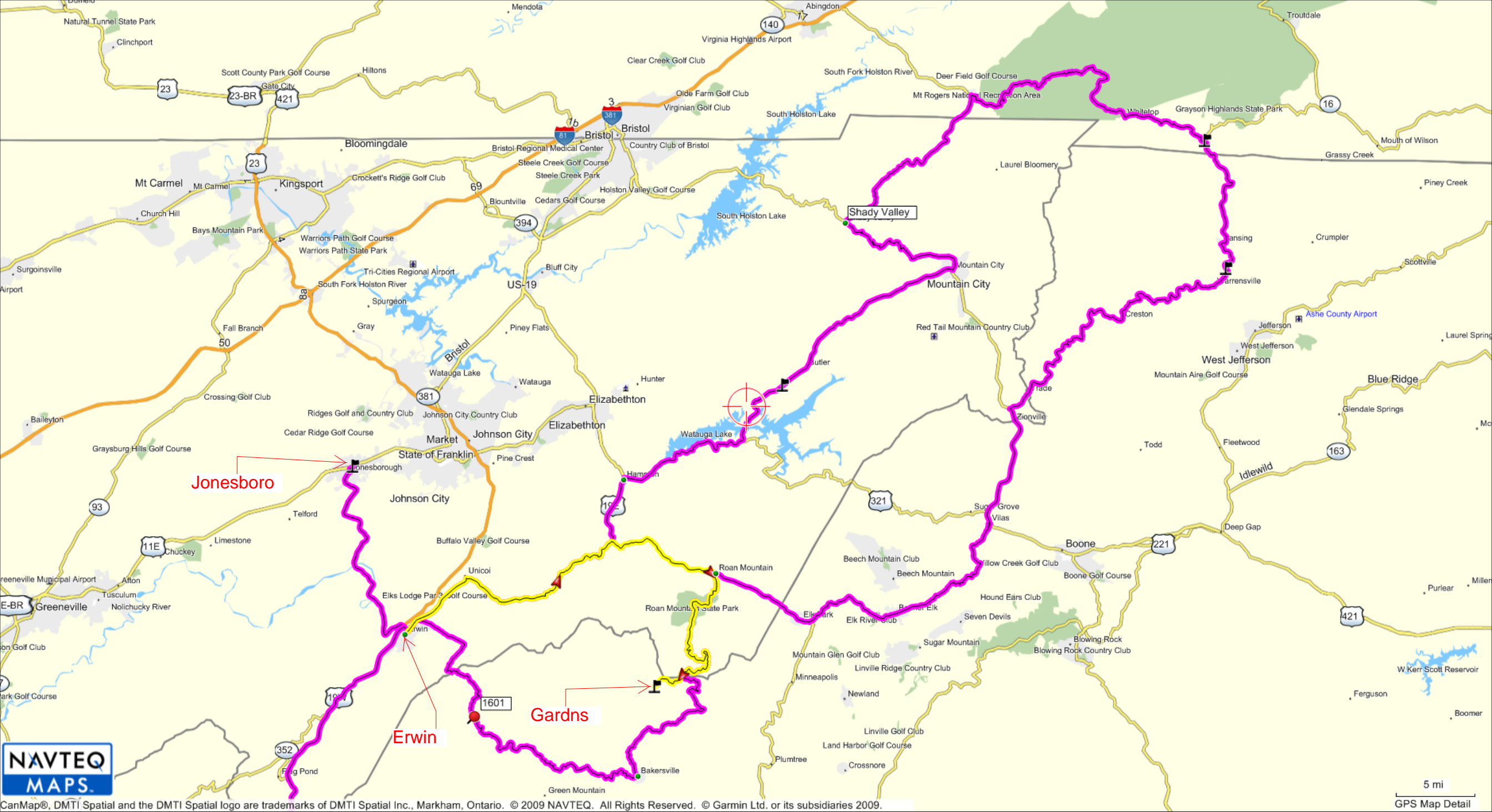
Our plans are to leave on Friday June 25 from the Engle's parking lot at Exit 13 on the west side of GA 400 at 2 PM. We should arrive at the Holiday Inn Express, Irwin, TN (220 mi) about 7 PM. I will arrange for dinner at a local restaurant. We will leave at 8 AM on a Saturday Cruise to Shady Valley and the "Snake" returning through Roan Mountain Park and the Rhododendrons in full bloom arriving back in Erwin about 4 PM. We will depart for Dinner at 7 PM returning to the hotel about 9 PM. We will travel home on Sunday at our own individual paces and routes.

The Saturday cruise will include 220 miles of twisty mountain roads just made to challenge our cars and our driving skills. The "Snake" is similar to the "Tail of the Dragon" that most of us have driven. [Go here](#) for a web site that describes this area and its roads with pictures. For those that desire a less competitive ride, the gardens are an easy 40 miles away. Also there is an easy 16 mile trip available to historic Jonesboro, TN for great sightseeing and shopping for those seeking an alternative. Also note that the Blue Ridge Parkway and Asheville, NC are located conveniently for those that want to steal away and do their "own thing".

I have stayed at the [Holiday Inn Express in Erwin](#) on several occasions. It is modestly priced at approximately \$75 and is comfortable and clean. They cater to car and motorcycle groups and typically will provide a car wash area as well as buckets and cloths so that we all "look and feel good". A large room is available to us for nightly assemblies. More detailed hotel and contact information will be available soon.

Refer to the map below of the Erwin Area showing the different routes available to us.

Wayne Mobley
Event Leader



Jonesboro

Erwin

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Shady Valley

