



## North Carolina Trip Spring Break 2015

**Day One: Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015** - Great Smokey Mts. There are several good hikes to choose from here.

**Day Three: Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015** - Great Smokey Mts. More hiking.

**Day Four: Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015** - Spruce Pine Area, pegmatites and gem collecting

**Day Six: Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015** - Leave Gabe's House by 9AM, Return to Johnstown at 8 PM (~475 miles, ~9 hrs)