

Imagining the Blue Ridge Parkway for the 21st Century:
History, Scenery, Conservation and Community
Hosted by Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
Preliminary Program

Thursday, April 22

- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Registration for conference participants
- 5:30-7:00 p.m. Opening Reception
- 7:30-9:00 p.m. Blue Ridge Documentary Film Preview
- 2:00-7:00 p.m. 1930s Camping in the Old Style

Friday, April 23

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration for conference participants
- 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Film Festival
- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Plenary Session: What does Diversity Mean for the Blue Ridge Parkway?
- 9:30-10:00 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Session I: Concurrent Sessions
- A. Blue Ridge Parkway Tour (pre-registration required)
 - B. Parkway Management in the 21st Century
 - C. Parkway's Missing Voices
 - D. On ASU Mall: 1930s Camping Demonstration. The Use of Living History to Interpret the Past
- 12:15-1:30 p.m. Lunch on Your Own
- 1:30-2:00 p.m. Not Just a Scenic Road. Mr. Gene Conti, NC Sec. Transportation
- 2:15-4:30 p.m. Session II: Concurrent Sessions
- A. Parks and Partnerships
 - B. What is a Healthy Park?
 - C. Back to the Future: Parkway Design in Historical Context
- 4:30-5:00 p.m. Coffee Break
- 5:15-6:00 p.m. Plenary Session: Driving into the Past: Technology and the Parkway
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Keynote Address and Dinner
Ethan Carr, Associate Professor, University of Virginia
Parks, Cars, and Landscape Architecture: The Blue Ridge Parkway and American Park Design

Saturday, April 24

- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Registration for conference participants
- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Film Festival
- 8:30-10:15 a.m. Session III: Concurrent Sessions
A. Traditional Music
B. Recreating Along the Parkway
C. Telling Stories
D. Gateways to the Park
- 10:15-10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session IV: Concurrent Sessions
A. Hazards and Views
B. Models in Practice
- 12:15-1:45 p.m. Lunch (included in registration) Rep. David Price (NC)
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Wrap Up: The Parkway at 100 – Looking Forward with an Eye to the Past

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