

Travel Alert

I-40 Closed from Exit 435 in Tennessee to Exit 20 in Haywood County (Waynesville, Maggie Valley, Lake Junaluska, Canton, & Clyde) North Carolina

Update:

A rockslide has forced the closure of Interstate 40 near the North Carolina/Tennessee state line at Exit 451. The last Exit to detour off of I-40 will be exit 435. According to the NC Department of Transportation, initial estimates indicate that it could take several months to clean up the site and restore traffic. The last exit available on I-40 Westbound will be exit 20 at U.S. 276 (Maggie Valley). **Travelers heading to Haywood County on I-40 from Asheville and points east are not affected, with exits 31, 27, 24, and 20 still accessible.** Visitors from areas to the south and north, not traveling on I-40, will not be affected. **Call 511 for the latest traffic information.**

There is no reason to postpone or cancel a visit to the beautiful mountain communities in Western North Carolina. Several alternate routes are available to those with plans to travel to Haywood County, North Carolina, from Tennessee and other points west on I-40. These routes will add additional travel time and all roads are not commercial travel routes. Please consider possible weather and traffic congestion issues on winding two-lane roads.

Detour Options to Haywood County (Waynesville, Maggie Valley, Lake Junaluska, Canton & Clyde):

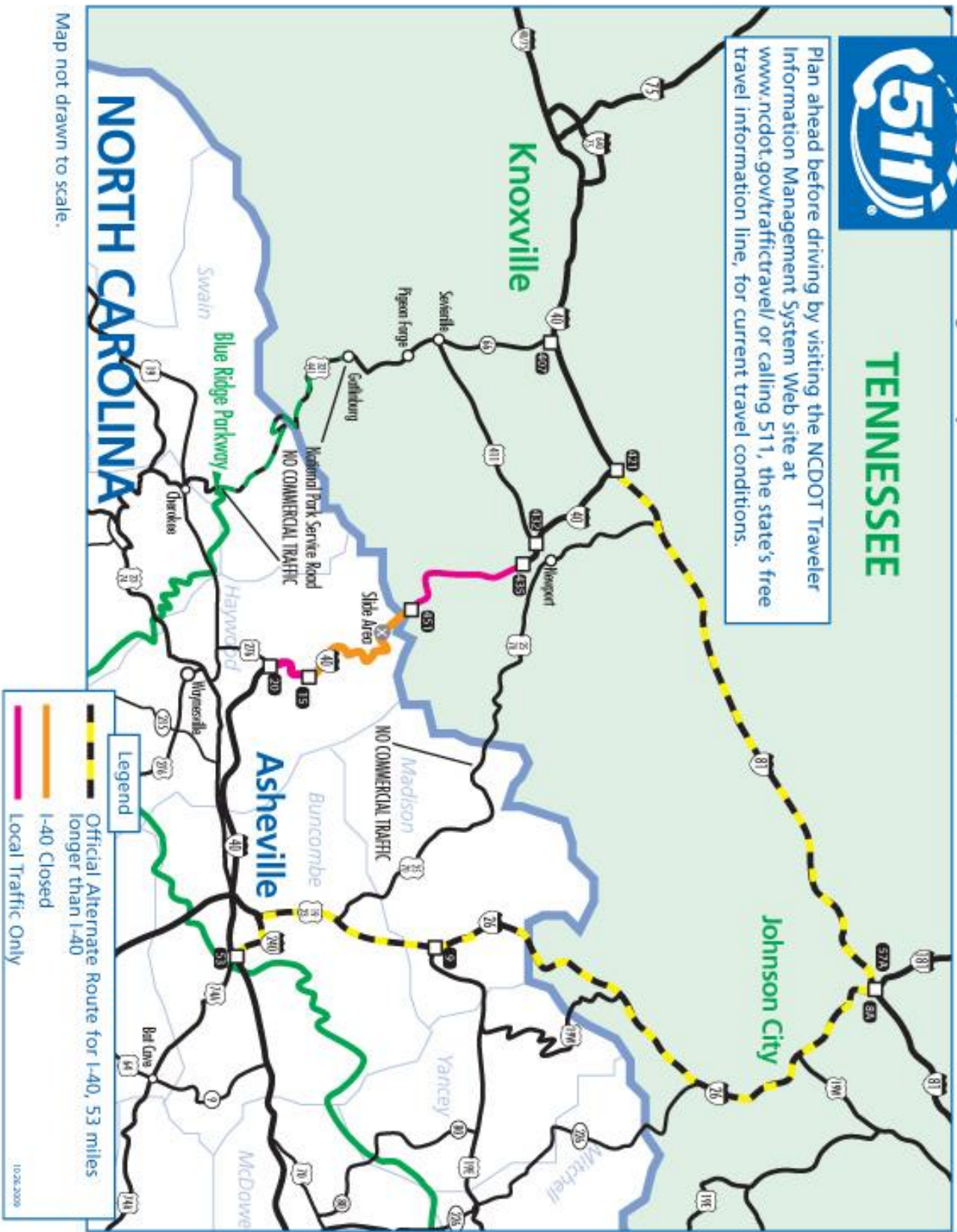
- Take Exit 435 (Newport, Tenn.) off I-40 West. Make a left off the exit ramp onto Highway 321/32 (Cosby Highway) toward Newport. Make a right onto Highway 25/70 (East Broadway Street). Continue on Highway 25/70 toward Hot Springs, N.C. In Hot Springs, make a right onto N.C. 209. Bear left at Ferguson Supply Store to stay on N.C. 209. Continue on N.C. 209 through the Crabtree and Iron Duff communities. N.C. 209 soon intersects with I-40 at Exit 24. Continue on N.C. 209 to Lake Junaluska. From here, take the Great Smoky Mountains Expressway (U.S. 19/23/74) east to Exit 106 to Clyde and Canton. Take Exit 103 off U.S. 19/23/74 West to Maggie Valley. Continue to the following exit (Exit 102) to Waynesville.
- Take Exit 407 (Sevierville, Tenn.) off I-40 West. Make a right off the exit ramp onto Highway 66 (Winfield Dunn Parkway) toward Sevierville. Continue straight through intersection with Main Street in Sevierville, where road becomes Highway 441/71. Stay straight on U.S. 441, which becomes 441/321/73/71. Continue on this highway through Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, at which point you will enter the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Follow U.S. 441 through the national park to Cherokee, N.C. Make a left onto U.S. 19 and follow to Maggie Valley.
- For those who would prefer an all-interstate detour, take I-40 East to I-81 North to I-26 East to I-40 West. From I-40 West, take Exit 31 to Canton, Exit 27 to Clyde, Lake Junaluska and Waynesville, and Exit 20 to Maggie Valley.



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Blue Ridge Parkway information is available at (828) 298-0398.

Plan ahead before driving by visiting the NCDOT Traveler Information Management System Web site at www.ncdot.gov/traffic/travel/ or calling 511, the state's free travel information line, for current travel conditions.



Map not drawn to scale.

Legend

- Official Alternate Route for I-40, 53 miles longer than I-40
- I-40 Closed
- Local Traffic Only

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