

# 01 BY ROAD

## Driving Directions

FROM	DISTANCE	DRIVE TIME
Knoxville, TN	75 mi	~1h 45m
Asheville, NC	120 mi	~2h 30m
Chattanooga, TN	170 mi	~3h 15m
Atlanta, GA	180 mi	~3h 30m
Nashville, TN	250 mi	~4h 30m
Charlotte, NC	250 mi	~4h 30m

### THE TAIL OF THE DRAGON

The lodge sits along **US Route 129** — better known as the Tail of the Dragon, an 11-mile span with **318 curves** and a worldwide reputation among motorcyclists and sports-car drivers.

From Tennessee, US-129 is the most direct (and most thrilling) approach. From points east in North Carolina, the **Cherochala Skyway (NC-143)** offers a gentler, equally scenic alternative — and the two roads make for a perfect loop drive during your stay.

### GPS

**35.4544° N · 83.9329° W**

## Private Air Travel

### From wheels-up to riverside in under two hours.

Tapoco Lodge is served by three regional airports — one for direct private arrivals, two for full commercial service. **Western Carolina Regional (RHP)** in Andrews is the closest field at about 30 miles, with a 5,500-ft lighted runway capable of hosting corporate jets.

For commercial connections, **Knoxville McGhee Tyson (TYS)** is just 35 miles north on US-129 and offers nonstop service on seven major airlines. **Asheville Regional (AVL)** sits two hours east with an 8,001-ft runway suited to heavier private jets.

Our concierge can recommend operators — from Paramount Business Jets and JetVizor into RHP, to Surf Air, FlyXO, and Mercury Jets into TYS.

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#### **RHP** Western Carolina Regional

~30 mi · 5,500 ft runway · corporate-jet capable

#### **TYS** Knoxville McGhee Tyson

~35 mi · closest commercial · 38 nonstops

#### **AVL** Asheville Regional

~72 mi · 8,001 ft runway · heavy-jet capable

COMMERCIAL

## Scheduled Airlines

VIA KNOXVILLE (TYS) & ASHEVILLE (AVL)

### American Airlines [↗](#)

Charlotte, Dallas-Fort Worth, Chicago, Philadelphia, DC & Miami via TYS & AVL

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### Delta Air Lines [↗](#)

Atlanta, Detroit, Minneapolis & NYC-LGA to TYS and AVL

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### United Airlines [↗](#)

Chicago, Houston, Newark & Washington-Dulles to TYS & AVL

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### Southwest Airlines [↗](#)

Nashville, Baltimore, Dallas & Orlando to TYS (launching March 2026)

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### Allegiant [↗](#)

Florida & Las Vegas leisure routes to TYS & AVL

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### Avelo Airlines [↗](#)

New Haven & Burbank to Knoxville

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### Frontier Airlines [↗](#)

Denver & Florida points to Knoxville

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### JetBlue [↗](#)

Boston & New York-JFK to Asheville

[DIRECT TO RHP](#)

## Charter & Air Taxi

WESTERN CAROLINA REGIONAL & REGIONAL FIELDS

### **Paramount Business Jets** ↗

Worldwide private jet charter direct into Andrews-Murphy (RHP)

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### **JetVizor** ↗

King Air 200 turboprop & light-jet charter into RHP

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### **Surf Air** ↗

On-demand charter into Knoxville (TYS) & Asheville (AVL)

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### **Stratos Jet Charters** ↗

Asheville Regional (AVL) charter — light jet to heavy jet

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### **Boulevard Jet Charter** ↗

Asheville-based premium private jet operator

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### **Air Charter Advisors** ↗

On-demand jet charter into Asheville & the Smokies

ON-DEMAND

## Private Jet Operators

NATIONWIDE & BROKERS

### **FlyXO** ↗

Premium private jet membership flights to Knoxville

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### **Victor** ↗

On-demand private jet marketplace, regional airports rated

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### **PrivateFly** ↗

Worldwide on-demand private jet to TYS, AVL & RHP

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### **evoJets** ↗

Global private travel provider, A+ BBB-rated since 2006

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### **Mercury Jets** ↗

Light to heavy jet charter into Knoxville & the Smokies

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### **Air Charter Service** ↗

Bespoke jet charter to RHP, TYS, AVL & CHA

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### **AlbaJet** ↗

Up to Super Midsize Jet charter into RHP

# 03

THE LAST MILE

## Airport Transportation



### Pre-Arranged Car Service

Our concierge will book a private sedan or SUV from TYS, AVL, RHP, or Atlanta. Recommended for evening arrivals and for guests not renting a vehicle. At least 48 hours' notice appreciated.



### Rental Cars

Enterprise, Hertz, Avis, and National operate at TYS and AVL, with on-airport pickup at RHP available on request. We strongly recommend a rental for guests planning to explore the Smokies, drive the Dragon, or visit Fontana Lake.

To arrange any transportation, call our concierge at **(828) 498-2800**

# 04

FOR YOUR RIDE

## EV Charging



### Tesla Destination Charger

Free for overnight guests · Available 24/7

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TESLA CHARGERS

16

KW MAX

24/7

ACCESS

### Charge while you stay

- ✓ **Two Tesla High Power Wall Connectors** (HPWC, 80A) — for any vehicle in Tesla's lineup, up to 16 kW.
- ✓ **One ClipperCreek HCS-60 J1772 port** — universal connector for non-Tesla EVs (Rivian, Ford, GM, Audi, Porsche, and more).
- ✓ **Tin Can Theater parking lot** at the far western (uphill) end of the property — well lit and a short walk to the lodge.
- ✓ **Complimentary for overnight guests.** Listed on Tesla's destination charging network and PlugShare.

# Motorcycle & Trailer Parking

## TWO WHEELS

### Covered Motorcycle Parking

A purpose-built wooden shed offers full shade and weather protection for every bike in the lot. Riders coming off the Dragon park alongside us regularly — your machine will be in good company overnight.

## GEAR

### Hanging Hooks for Gear

The walls of the shed are lined with hooks for jackets, helmets, gloves, and rain gear — so your kit airs out overnight and you're back on the road before breakfast.

## FOUR WHEELS & MORE

### Trailer & Group Parking

Trailer parking is available on request — please contact the lodge to reserve space, especially during peak season (April through October). Performance-car clubs and group rides welcome.

## EXTRAS

### Wash-Down & Group Packages

Bike wash-down area and tailored group packages available on request. Whether you're a club of ten or a couple riding two-up, we'll set up the right basecamp for your trip.

Reserving trailer parking? Call ahead — especially for peak motorcycle season.

(828) 498-2800

# Let Us Help You Arrive

From private jets to wash-down stations, our team has handled every kind of arrival the Smokies can dream up. Tell us how you're getting here — we'll handle the rest.

[CONTACT THE CONCIERGE](#)