Winter in the Smoky Mountains is simply beautiful. Great Smoky Mountains National Park offers some breathtaking views of winter's magic. Park roads are closed during a snowfall but snowplows make it possible for the roads to be reopened usually within 24 hours. Skiing is a popular sport at nearby Ober Gatlinburg.

Jumpstart your day with a hearty Wears Valley breakfast!

**Genuine Mountain Fixins**

Take your pick of a variety of menu items like a full stack of hotcakes served up with fresh fruit or hot buttermilk pancakes with farm fresh eggs, sausage or bacon, grits or cheesy hashbrown casserole. Other choices include biscuits and gravy served with eggs, eggs benedict, chicken crepes, and a variety of fruit crepes. An Early Riser's Breakfast includes two fresh farm eggs, hashbrown casserole or stone ground grits, and your choice of toast or fresh homemade biscuits.

4143 Wears Valley Road

Complete your day at Smokin' Joe's BBQ

A day in Wears Valley isn't complete until you spend time at Smokin' Joe's BBQ in nearby Townsend with locals and other tourists. This popular restaurant serves up some of the tastiest food in the Smokies.

Start with a tasty appetizer -- choose from a variety of delicious items like the best hush puppies you'll ever eat, Smokin' Joe's popular onion rings, fried green tomatoes, fried pickles, jalapeno peppers, or skins.

A few favorite entrees include beef brisket, slowed cooked chicken, and ribs. Sandwiches are pulled pork, beef, chicken, and sausage dog. Sides are all homemade from Smokin' Joe's private recipe collection.

A kid's menu aims to please even the pickiest of eaters.

Hiking on Mountain Trails

In the winter, you can choose from 800 miles of hiking trails where you will see cascading streams, smell the scent of evergreens, and hear the sounds of birds. Hiking in the winter is good for your health! It opens your lungs and boosts your creativity.

View wildlife, historic structures, and awesome views in Cades Cove

Cades Cove is nestled among some of the most beautiful mountains in the southeastern United States. Here you will find deer grazing in the fields and historic buildings that have been preserved.

Surrounded by majestic mountain peaks, this isolated valley was a very populated and prosperous settlement in what is now Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Once known for its farms and grist mill, today's Cades Cove is one of the most picturesque areas of the park.

The peaceful views as you travel from the highway to Cades Cove are breathtaking. The road is curvy with plentiful pullovers, so you will need to drive slowly and take in the views.

Directions: From Wears Valley turn left onto Lyon View Road at National Park Store. Follow the road four miles into the National Park at Metcalf Bottoms. The road will end at Metcalf Bottoms. Turn right onto Little River Road and follow it 20.3 miles into Cades Cove. Be sure to take your cameras!