

Corridor Management Plan for the WALTON ROAD SCENIC BYWAY

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Walton Road Location

- Walton Road Scenic Byway
- City Boundary
- Walton Road Traces
- Feature or Attraction
- Visitor Center
- National Register Regions & Districts
- National Register
- Other Historic Site
- Cave
- Landslot
- Park or Natural Area
- Public Land
- Scenic View Point
- State Forests
- Tennessee Valley Authority Land
- TDEC Trails
- TWRA Access

Sources: Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; Land Trust for Tennessee; US Geological Survey; OR GIS Services; State of Tennessee; Tennessee State Parks; USGS Seamless Server; Tennessee Spatial Data Server.

*Walton Road Traces based on research in "The Walton Road & Northwest Century Wilderness Highway in Tennessee" by W. Calvin Oakes.

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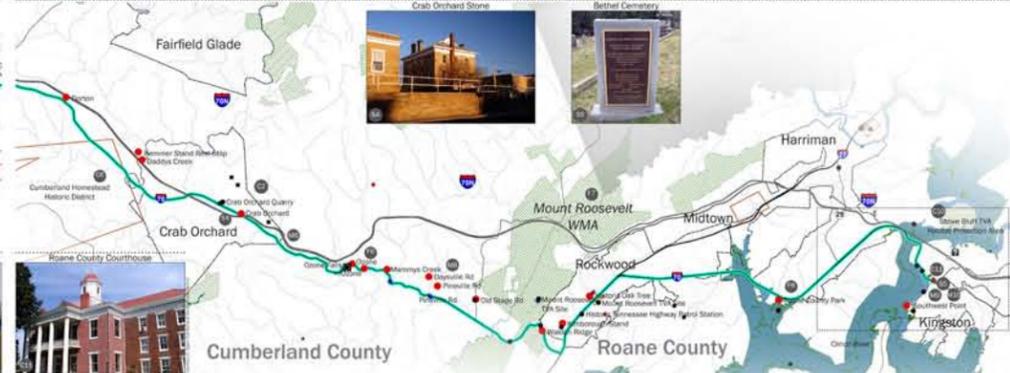
PIONEER LANDSCAPES



PATHS TO WESTWARD EXPANSION ...



... AND SETTLEMENT



Welcome

The purpose of today's meeting is to provide information about the corridor planning process and to gather ideas about how the byway can help attract visitors and enhance the quality of life for those that live along its route.

Agenda

1. Introduction and purpose of the planning effort
2. Overview of a Corridor Management Plan process
 - What is a scenic byway?
 - What have other scenic byway groups accomplished?
 - What does the Walton Road Scenic Byway have to offer?
3. Discussion and Questions
 - Who may be interested in visiting the byway?
 - What are the most attractive and interesting themes and sites to visitors coming to the area?
 - Are there any new things to see and do that could be developed along the route to encourage visitors to stay longer or to increase their knowledge and understanding of the history and significance of the Cumberland Plateau?
4. Next Steps

About the Walton Road Scenic Byway

As one of the earliest wagon roads over the rugged Cumberland Plateau, the Walton Road tells an important story of frontier settlement, the challenges of migration across the wilderness, and the forging of a national identity. The Walton Road, opened in 1801 and named after its builder, Revolutionary War veteran Captain William Walton, is one of the most historic pioneer roads in Tennessee.

Linking Fort Southwest Point at the confluence of the Clinch and Tennessee Rivers near present-day Kingston in Roane County, with the Middle and Upper Cumberland River settlements, the Walton Road crossed the Cumberland Plateau, its western terminus the confluence of the Caney Fork and Cumberland Rivers near present-day Carthage, Smith County.

Walton Road closely followed the path of the Cumberland Trace, or Tollunteskee's Trail, named after a Cherokee chief whose village was near the site of modern day Rockwood. The route of the Walton Road has been used for millenia, and parts of it are now incorporated into U.S. Highway 70, and Interstate 40; but sections of the original road can still be seen in isolated areas of the Cumberland Plateau and Eastern Highland Rim.

About the Walton Road Corridor Management Plan (CMP)

The Walton Road Scenic Byway is part of a regional, ongoing effort to preserve, promote, and protect the cultural and natural resources of the Upper Cumberland and Cumberland Plateau region, and to develop the area as an ecological and heritage tourism destination. The counties involved in the project are Cumberland, Putnam, Roane, and Smith.

The Upper Cumberland Development District (UCDD) has hired a multidisciplinary team led by Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects to assist with this planning effort. Lardner/Klein has prepared corridor management plans for byways throughout the eastern United States and is well known for its collaborative working style. One of the first tasks will be to reach out to members of the communities along the Walton Road Scenic Byway for their involvement, ideas, and suggestions as to how this byway planning effort can help preserve and enhance the heritage tourism opportunities--as well as eco-tourism-- that are abundant in the region. Input from all the stakeholders within the byway corridor will be critical to the success of the CMP. All are encouraged to provide their input at the April 2012 public workshops/information meetings, or by contacting UCDD.

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Corridor Management Plan

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