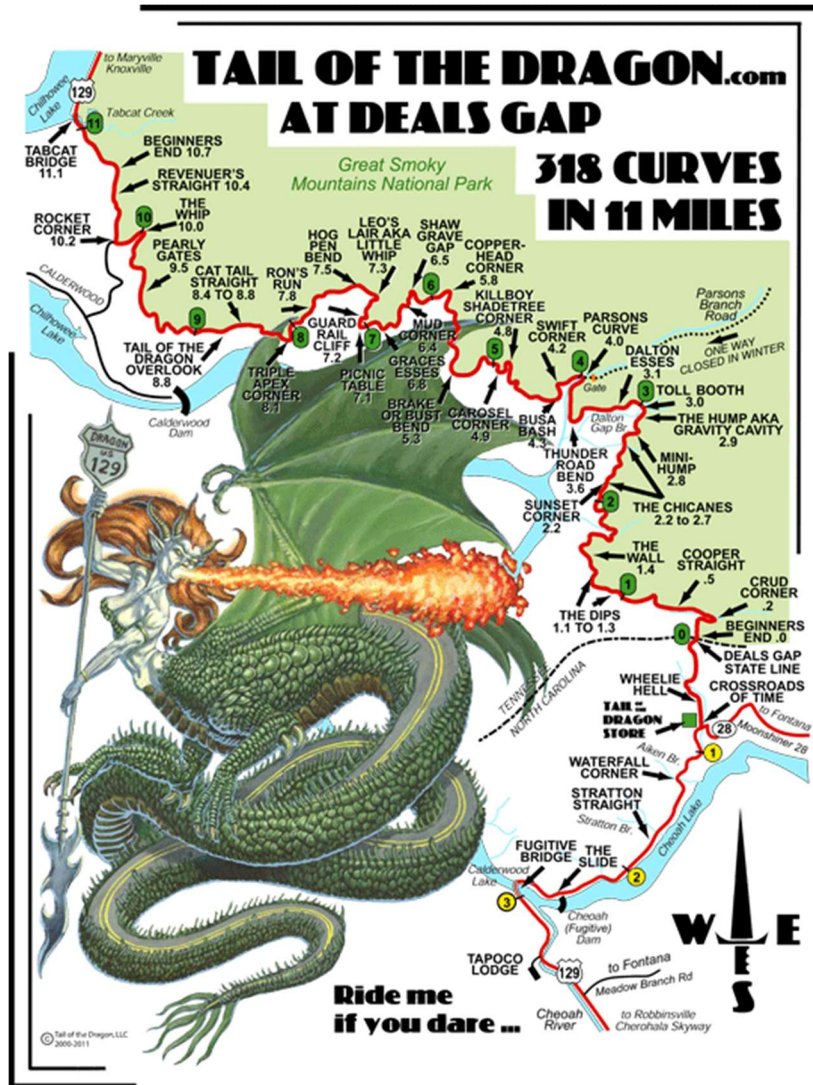


First thing to note it that this will be an ALL-DAY EVENT.

If you don't know what this is, the "Tail of the Dragon" is 318 curves in 11 miles. It is HWY 129 between Deals Gap N.C. and Chilhowee T.N. It can get busy and traffic can be a pain, but it is still a lot of fun.

The Plan: We will meet in the Parking lot of the Sam's Store on HWY 92 right near I-575. (Full gas tanks, radios and empty bladders) There will be a quick drivers meeting 7:50 and we will depart 8:00. The first leg will be about 2:30 from there to Robbinsville N.C. After a short break there, we will proceed onto the Dragon itself. We will run the Dragon from Deal's Gap to the other end and then hit a rest area to catch our breath. After a short break we will go back the way we came and run it the other way. We will stop on that leg at Deal's Gap. There are two locations here that offer a variety of souvenirs and picture opportunities.



After everyone has had a chance to check out what they like, we will head back toward Robbinsville. Before getting all the way there, we will pick up the Cherohala Skyway and take that across to Tellico Plains. There will be a lunch stop here (not sure where at the moment).

After Lunch we will have a couple options for the route home depending on the mood of the group at the time. I have done this before and it is a fun day, but remember that it is a full day.