Located near the top of the 6593 foot Mt. LeConte, in the middle of the half-million acre Great Smoky Mountains National Park, LeConte Lodge is the only place where a visitor can sleep overnight in the Smokies in a snug permanent structure.

LeConte Lodge actually predates the Great Smoky Mountains National Park which was established in 1934. Jack Huff, a Gatlinburg pioneer and founder of LeConte Lodge, started building the Lodge in 1926. Eight years later Jack and Pauline Huff were married at a sunrise service at LeConte’s Myrtle Point. Jack, Pauline and family continued to operate the Lodge until 1960. It is presently operated under the auspices of Stokely Hospitality Enterprises, supervised by General Manager Tim Line.

LeConte Lodge is open from late March to mid-November.

Facilities and Amenities:

- There is one 2-bedroom lodge that has one upper and lower double bunk bed in each bedroom and 2 single person beds in the common room. This lodge will sleep a maximum of 10 guests.

- There are two 3-bedroom lodges with one upper and lower double bunk bed in each bedroom and a single person bed in one of the bedrooms of one lodge and a single person bed in the common room of the other lodge. The lodges will accommodate a maximum of 13 guests.

There is no electricity at LeConte Lodge. Kerosene lamps light your accommodations and propane heaters warm the cabins and lodges. An up-to-date privy building with flush toilets is available. There are no showers. Wash basins are standard in all lodging for sponge baths. Complete bedding is provided in all units.

You live by the sun on Mt. LeConte, early to bed, relaxed by your climb, and early to rise to enjoy a renowned Myrtle Point sunrise. For leisure activities, the Lodge office provides reading materials, games and comfortable chairs. Then there’s the most popular activity of all, sitting on the deck in rocking chairs, soaking up the view of mountain tops and distant valleys.

From the Top
Check out our daily blog post from the top of Mount LeConte at www.highonleconte.com

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Meals:
Breakfast and dinner are served family style to overnight guests in the lodge dining room. Please allow ample hiking time so you can arrive in time to explore the lodge area before the 6:00 pm Eastern time dinner hour. Lunch is included for overnight guests staying for more than one night. Sack lunches are available every day without reservations.

Hiking Trails:
The only way to access LeConte Lodge is by hiking one of five moderately strenuous trails. None of these trails can be considered a stroll, and you can occasionally encounter ice and snow as late as May or early as October. Parking is available at the beginning of each trail. Regardless which trail you hike, you will enjoy a similarly wide spectrum of flora and fauna that you would see hiking the entire Appalachian Trail, as if the height and climate of the mountain had compressed thousands of miles of geography into one day’s hike. Remember the park’s Leave No Trace Policy. Dispose of waste properly, respect wildlife and leave what you find.

Boulevard
The Boulevard trail is 8 miles and can be hiked in about 5.5 hours. Begin at the Newfound Gap parking lot. You will follow the Appalachian Trail for 2.7 miles to the junction where the Boulevard Trail branches left (North).

Alum Cave Trail
The most popular and is the shortest and steepest at 5.5 miles, which a hiker in good condition can do in approximately four hours. Begin at the Alum Cave parking area on Newfound Gap Road located 8.5 miles south of Park Headquarters and Sugarland’s Visitor’s Center on U.S. 441.

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Rainbow Falls
At 6.5 miles, Rainbow Falls Trail can be hiked in about five hours. Begin at Rainbow Falls trail at the Rainbow Falls/Bullhead parking lot located on Cherokee Orchard Road.

Trillium Gap
Also 6.5 miles, a hiker can reach the lodge in about five hours. Start at the Grotto Falls parking lot at mile 1.7 on the Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail. This is the trail used by the llamas carrying supplies to the lodge three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Bullhead
At 7.2 miles this trail can be hiked in about five hours. You will begin on the Bullhead trail at the Rainbow Falls/Bullhead parking lot located on Cherokee Orchard Road.

Things to Bring:
For your LeConte adventure you should have the following:

• Sturdy hiking shoes or boots, already broken in
• More than one change of socks in case of wet feet
• Layered, lightweight clothing as temperatures can fluctuate as much as 20 degrees between the valley and the lodge
• A raincoat or poncho is a must. Summer nights can dip to thirty degree readings and in spring and fall, nights can drop into the teens with snow
• Remember to pack a snack for the hike and an adequate supply of water (drinking from streams is discouraged for health reasons)
• Your own hand-towel, wash cloth and flashlight
• Cash for souvenirs and snacks

Cancellations/Refunds Policy
Refund provided for cancellations up to 30 days prior to arrival, less a $15 processing fee. No refunds for cancellations with less than a 30 day notice unless we are able to rebook your reservation(s); in that event the amount received from another party for your reservation dates will be refunded; less a $15 processing fee. Any partial cancellation up to 30 days prior to arrival will result in a refund, less a $15 processing fee. Any change in reservation dates will result in a $15 processing fee. There are no exceptions to our cancellation policy. We are not responsible for the weather or weather related conditions and weather conditions do not change the terms of the cancellation policy.