

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.

## **Facilities and Amenities:**

LeConte Lodge has a capacity of sixty guests per night, housed in either rough-hewn cabins or multi-room lodges.

• There are seven one-room cabins each furnished with upper and lower double bunk beds making them ideal for two couples or a family of four or five.

- 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.



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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.

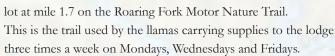
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#### **Rainbow Falls**

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

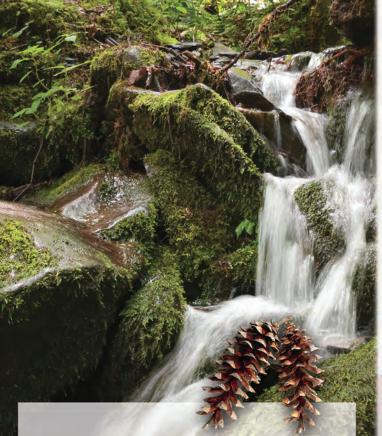
Also 6.5 miles, a hiker can reach the lodge in about five hours. Start at the Grotto Falls parking



#### 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.







## LeConte Lodge Reservation Office

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## Cancellation/Refund 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.

# LeConte Map



# 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

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