

Wilderness Trail Region of Porsche Club of America & Backroads of Appalachia presents:

Schwarzer Berg* Weekend Getaway

First things first:

- Go ahead and **make your reservation**. It's easier to cancel a room than not having it! Cancellation Policy for Reservations is 48 hours prior to arrival to avoid one night cancellation Fee.
- Hosting Hotel: Pine Mountain State Resort Park - 1050 State Park Road, Pineville, KY - Phone: 606-337-3066
 - <https://parks.ky.gov/pineville/parks/resort/pine-mountain-state-resort-park>
- Check-in: 8/27 @ 4:00 PM
- Check-out: 8/29 @ 11:00 AM
- **Ask for Group Code #2493 or "Car Club":**

Room Night Only Rates		
Room Type	Single Rate	Double Rate
2 Double	\$134.95	\$134.95
1 King	\$140.95	\$140.95
1 Queen Handicap Acc	\$134.95	\$134.95

You MUST reserve your room ASAP or before 7/27. They have 30 rooms on hold to our Club and after that there is no guarantee that a room will be available. Our driving events are pretty popular, and we usually have guests from many different PCA regions.

Now that you reserved your room, go to our website to RSVP to this event: <https://wtrpca.org/>

The extra stuffs:

I say you can't beat a weekend getaway for strengthening bonds and creating lasting friendships over and above the acquaintanceships we experience during a morning drive. Our last weekend getaway in April was a big success. We had more than 35 cars coming from 8 different PCA regions, driving almost 500 miles in TN and NC mountains.

Our next Weekend Getaway is scheduled to late August, this time we will be exploring the gorgeous mountain views and amazing hospitality of Eastern Kentucky.

A detailed plan, including routes and etc., will be shared in August. For now, here is the macro plan:

Friday

- Check-in at 4:00pm (or earlier check-in if we are lucky) – Here is a video I did at this resort Mid-June: <https://youtu.be/TSGHskbyx14>
- SCCA approved Hillclimb Road drive (road that gives you access to the Resort). I have experienced this road late in June, here is a video to get you excited: <https://youtu.be/5TffewGUmno>
- Dinner at McCloud Mountain Restaurant. It is the prettiest sunset view you will ever have for dinner on a PCA drive... see for yourself: <https://www.mtcloud.com/>

Saturday

- Busy day! We need to make it worth! Expect around 6 hrs driving (3 hrs in the morning, 3 hrs in the afternoon)
- Some of the roads we will hit are:

- o **Dragon Slayer KY-160** (this road is being micro-paved in July, pavement will be perfect in August). Here is a video I did in June on Dragon Slayer: <https://youtu.be/LudBL7l4pZY>

With more than 226 significant curves and breathtaking views of the Appalachian Mountains as well as the highest point in Kentucky, the Black Mountain, experienced riders will definitely be challenged, and beginners will learn how to ride. This is an adrenaline rush road and the Appalachia's best secret. It's common to pass more Black Bears than vehicles as you snake through the western edge of Virginia, crossing into east Kentucky at the crest of the mountain. Slowing on your descent, keep an eye on the beauty of miles of undisturbed lush forests as you near the home of the once-largest coal mining company, in the town of Lynch.

- o **Laidens Trail** (aka The Road), nested in the Pine Mountains, with a lot of influence from the British's but kept with American's heart. Don't let this 6-mile road fool you! Lots of sharp curves and scenic views as you climb through it! Here is a video we recorded on a PCA drive last year: <https://youtu.be/K24A0YPwE9Q>
- o Hwy 1679, **The Little Shepard Trail**. That's a very narrow 14 miles trail road surrounded by nature. Don't trust me? Here is a video of Little Sheppard Trail that I did this past June: <https://youtu.be/C8gVsEdNKXY>

- At the end of the afternoon, we will be driving our cars to Pineville, KY for a downtown block party. The city will block one street to us to park our cars so that locals can come and see the cars, talk to us, perhaps you can help me telling stories and inspiring the young kids. There will be live music playing nearby, local vendors and good food!

BRING A TOY!!! The Backroads of Appalachia** is having an empty stocking fund drive for the many kids that won't get toys for Christmas. Please bring a Toy if you want to help a child getting something for Christmas this year.

Sunday

- Another busy driving day but we will try to end the drive around 4:00pm so that those driving back home on Sunday can start heading home! We are planning to drive 2.5 hrs in the morning and 2.5 hrs in the afternoon. We may visit a Bourbon Distillery. One of the roads we will be hitting is the **Copperhead Trail** on the KY side (don't confuse with TN's Copperhead Loop). Here is a map:



We are planning also to drive the **2 Headed Dragon**: 2 Headed Dragon at The Crater is the only destination with a Crater nestled inside a meteorite impacted crater. A great scenic ride for Ky and TN, located between I-75 in Jellico, TN and Middlesboro, KY, we will enjoy driving through beautiful state parks and historic towns such as Cumberland Gap, TN.



* Schwarzer Berg is German for “Black Mountain”. Black Mountain is the highest mountain peak in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, United States, with a summit elevation of 4,145 feet (1,263 m) above mean sea level and a top-to-bottom height of over 2,500 feet (760 m). The summit is located in Harlan County, Kentucky near the Virginia border, just above the towns of Lynch, Kentucky and Appalachia, Virginia. Black Mountain's history is intimately tied to the coal mining of the surrounding region. Lynch, Kentucky, was once one of the largest coal mining towns in the nation. On this drive we will be hitting the Black Mountain and surrounding roads.

** Backroads of Appalachia is co-hosting this event. They have been a bless to our PCA club, helping organizing reservations, suggesting routes, events, places to stop, giving us VIP treatment, TV/Media exposure, etc.

Backroads of Appalachia is a 501(c)3 with a passion and empathy for the Appalachian region driving economic development, job training and opportunity to the poverty-stricken areas of Appalachia through tourism and motorsports.

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