

## II SUMMARY

This plan envisions a pattern of use and suggests a program of visitor services and resource management designed to meet the needs of the parkway visitor.

The sections of the Foothills Parkway now being enjoyed by motorists are splendid examples of scenic roadways offering a landscape of outstanding aesthetic character. Planning, land acquisition, and design and construction of the remaining sections will progress until all 71 miles of the parkway are completed. With major traffic arteries and related accesses to Great Smoky Mountains National Park interconnected, the parkway will be a nationally significant scenic recreational resource. Access to the parkway will be provided at seven interchange points. The interchanges are shown on the General Development Plan, which is bound in the back of the report for ready reference.

*Will provide the only camping facilities along the Parkway.*  
Look Rock developed area <sup>at this</sup> a parkway campground and picnic area high on Chilhowee Mountain, is an existing facility which helps to relieve the pressure for similar facilities within Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It will be one of three principal development areas located along the parkway; future ones will be added at Wear Cove and Green Mountain. Each will offer a wide range of complementary facilities for public use as well as facilities for interpretation, maintenance, and protection.



**Mt. Cammerer (center) as seen across Cosby from the parkway on Green Mountain, marks the beginning of the high ridges in the northeast corner of Great Smoky Mountain National Park.**



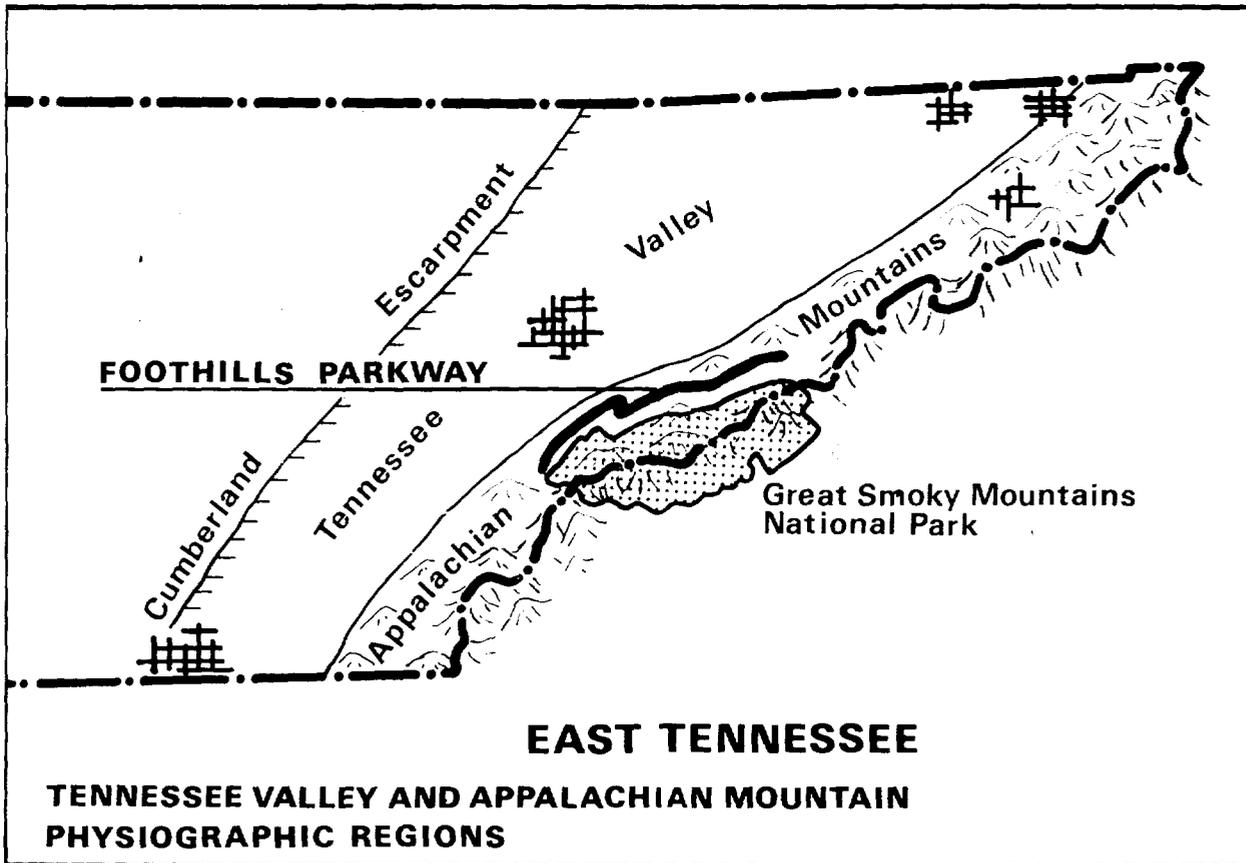
**Overlooks, planned for Webb Mountain will offer outstanding views of the Great Smoky Mountains.**

An observation facility providing a 360-degree vista is located at Look Rock. The general development plan proposes similar installations at Rocky Mountain and Webb Mountain.

This plan advocates the development of private recreational facilities near the parkway and incorporates a belief that a close working relationship between the National Park Service and private entrepreneurs is needed to produce the optimum range of developments and opportunities for public use.

Parkway interpretation will be closely associated with Great Smoky Mountains National Park and will be communicated to visitors through media and methods adapted to parkway-user patterns. The primary objective of the interpretive program will be to provide the visitors with information and interpretation of the spectacular views of the Great Smoky Mountains.

This plan proposes staffing levels for suitable visitor protection, interpretation, and maintenance.



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Ridges and valleys northwest of Green Mountain as seen near the parkway's northern terminus.