

Oconaluftee Visitor Center Planning

Improving Visitor Services

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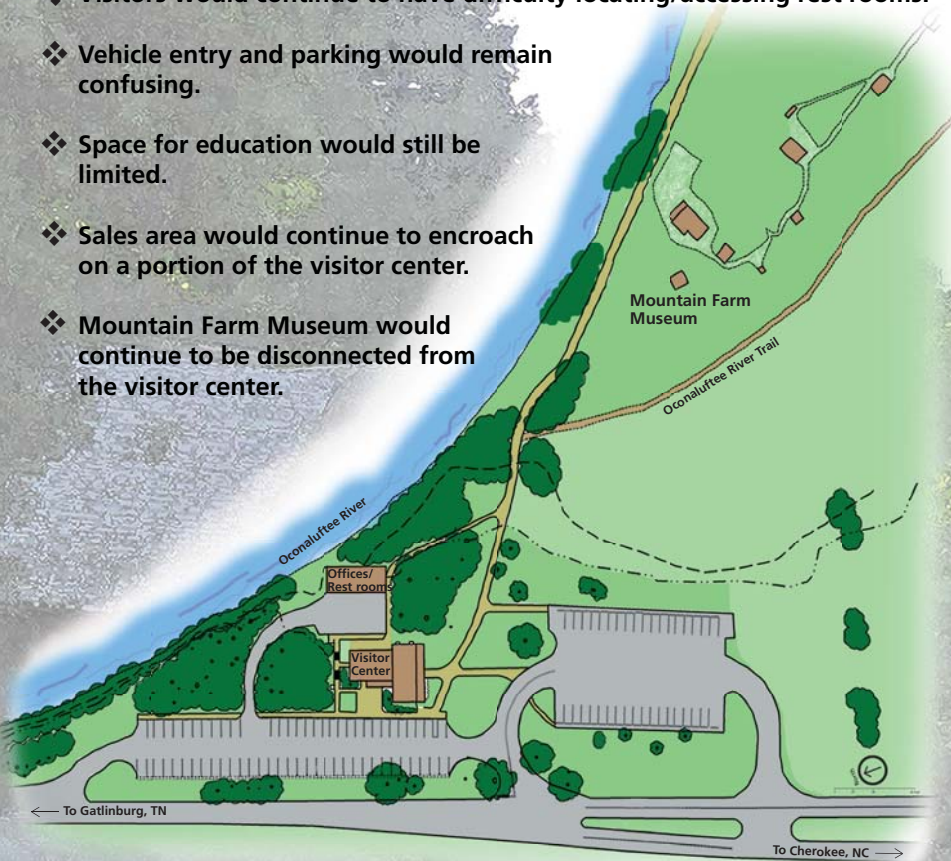
Great Smoky Mountains
National Park



PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

Alternative A - No Action

- ❖ Existing visitor facilities would not change.
- ❖ Visitors would continue to have difficulty locating/accessing rest rooms.
- ❖ Vehicle entry and parking would remain confusing.
- ❖ Space for education would still be limited.
- ❖ Sales area would continue to encroach on a portion of the visitor center.
- ❖ Mountain Farm Museum would continue to be disconnected from the visitor center.



Alternative B - Build Action

- ❖ New 6500 sq. ft. visitor center building with museum, information desk, and sales area.
- ❖ New 1000 sq. ft. rest room/vending building.
- ❖ New 400 sq. ft. information kiosk.
- ❖ Enhanced visitor experience.
- ❖ Improved connection to the Mountain Farm Museum.
- ❖ Existing visitor center building to remain as administrative space.
- ❖ Reconfigured Parking.

