



## Welcome

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Welcome to tonight's meeting for the Oconaluftee Visitor Center Development Concept Plan/Environmental Assessment for new visitor facilities.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide an opportunity to review information on the proposed project and to provide input on the alternative design concept for new visitor facilities. You will have a chance to speak with the project team members and submit comments.

## Your Input is Important

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### Learn About the Project

Project displays and project team members are available to help you learn about the project and to answer any questions you may have.

### Provide Your Input

The back of this sheet contains questions concerning the project to obtain your input. The information that you provide will help identify key concerns and issues regarding the proposed project. Please submit your comments tonight in the comment box, or mail your comments to the address below postmarked by August 19, 2007.

### Visit Us By the Web or Mail

The project web site provides detailed information on the proposed project in a downloadable and printable format. The web site also contains a comment submission form to submit your comments.

**Go to:** <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>

**Choose a park:** select **Great Smoky Mountains NP**

**Under Current Projects:** select **Oconaluftee Visitor Center**

**Oconaluftee Visitor Center Planning  
Great Smoky Mountains National Park  
107 Park Headquarters Road  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738**

## The Proposed Alternatives

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### Alternative A - No Action

Existing visitor facilities would not change. Problems associated with the current facilities would remain:

Visitors would continue to have difficulty locating and accessing rest rooms.

Poor vehicular access and circulation.

Limited interpretive / educational space.

Sales area would continue to encroach on a portion of the visitor center.

Mountain Farm Museum disconnected from informational area.

### 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.

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# Comments

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1) To help Park staff plan for the future of the Oconaluftee Visitor Center, please list the issues important to you and how you would resolve them.

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2) Which proposed alternative do you most prefer? Please explain what you like about this alternative and add any suggestions you may have to improve it.

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3) Do you have any suggestions for a new or modified alternative? If so please explain.

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4) Do you have any comments on the proposed impact topics? Please identify cultural or natural resources that are important to you.

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Before providing your name, address, or other personal information in your comment, please be aware that your comment and personal information may be made publicly available at anytime. You can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal information from public review, although we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the meeting?  Newspaper  Mailing  Friend/Family  Radio

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your comments.