

**Great Smoky Mountains National Park
75th Anniversary Concert in Cades Cove
Performed by
Knoxville Symphony Orchestra**

As part of Great Smoky Mountains 75th anniversary celebration, the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra (KSO), led by Music Director Lucas Richman, will perform pop and light classical compositions during a 90-minute outdoor concert in Cades Cove on June 13, beginning at 3 p.m. Some favorites will include *The Star Spangled Banner*, *Overture to The Cowboys*, *Beautiful Dreamer*, *Ashokan Farewell*, *America the Beautiful*, selections from *Sound of Music* and more.

A vehicle pass will be required to attend the concert. Vehicle passes will go on sale **Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m.**, and then again on Monday-Friday, March 30-April 3 between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. until all passes are sold. Passes can only be purchased by calling the KSO Box Office at 865/291-3310. Only two passes will be issued per person. The cost of the pass is \$25 for vehicles with up to a 15-passenger capacity and \$50 for vehicles with a capacity of greater than 15. A portion of the ticket sales will be donated to the Friends of the Smokies, which is sponsoring the event.

The KSO has contributed to the cultural life in East Tennessee since 1935. The KSO is part of the Knoxville Symphony Society which includes the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, Knoxville Symphony Pops Orchestra, Knoxville Symphony Chamber Orchestra, five orchestras of the Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra Association and several smaller performing ensembles. Under the leadership of Lucas Richman, the orchestra consists of more than 80 professional musicians and performs more than 250 programs throughout East Tennessee each season. For more information on the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra and Cades Cove program visit www.knoxvillesymphony.com.

FOR CONCERT ATTENDEES:

Concert Ticket – A vehicle pass, along with a receipt, will be mailed by the ticket office and are required for admission. These two items must be clearly displayed on the driver's side of the dashboard **BEFORE** entering the national park.

Concert Location: Cades Cove is a rustic 6,000+-acre pastoral valley with spectacular mountain scenery located on the western end of the national park in Blount County near Townsend, Tennessee. Historic cabins, farmhouses and churches that date from the 19th and 20th Centuries are maintained in Cades Cove. The concert will be held in a large open grassy field/meadow adjacent to the Cades Cove Visitor Center at Cable Mill, located half way around the 11-mile one way Cades Cove Loop Road.

Visitor Amenities: Cades Cove has no food services, vending machines, or gas stations. There is no cell coverage in the Cove. The only restroom facilities at the concert site will be port-a-johns.

Other Visitor Activities: Volunteers and Park staff will be performing cultural demonstrations at the Cable Mill area before the concert begins at 3 p.m.

Outdoor Conditions in June: The average high temperature is 85 degrees with a high relative humidity. Afternoon thundershowers are possible. The Park is known for its abundance of life, as well as insects such as gnats, mosquitoes, flies.

Things to Bring: Dress appropriately for summer outdoor weather and bring a rain jacket. Hat, sunscreen, and bug repellent are advisable as are good walking shoes. Since there are no food services, you may want to bring food and drinks. Water will be available for purchase. There is no seating so you may want to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Things Not to Bring: No alcohol beverages, portable stoves and grills (all prohibited by NPS regulations), or umbrellas will be allowed.

Parking: All vehicles will be parked in fields adjacent to the concert site. Attendees should expect to walk up to 1/3 mile on an uneven, grassy field and gravel road.

When to Get There: Access to the Symphony area will open at 10 a.m. We recommend that you arrive early.

Eco-Friendly Concert: We are encouraging all pass holders to fill each seat in their vehicles. Concert goers will be required to pack out everything they packed in, leaving no trash behind. Litter bags will be distributed to carry out trash.

Attendance: 1,500 vehicle passes will be issued with an estimated number of attendees expected at between 4,000 and 6,000.

Traffic Management: In order to reduce traffic delays, motorists should not stop on the roadway to view wildlife. Following the concert, a traffic plan will be implemented to move vehicles out as efficiently as possible, but because of the high volume of vehicles, we are alerting visitors that it may take some time for all of the vehicles to leave the Cove.

FOR GENERAL DAY USE ON JUNE 13

Cades Cove Loop Road – The Loop Road to Hyatt Lane will be open from sunrise (around 6:30 a.m.) to 12 p.m. The Saturday morning bicycle closure will be cancelled. The far west end of the Cove will be closed at Hyatt Lane (the second crossroad) and motorists and bicyclists will be directed across the valley to exit Cades Cove. The detour will shorten the length of the trip to an 8-mile tour of Cades Cove. The Hyatt Lane bypass will eliminate access to the Cades Cove Visitor Center and Cable Mill area as well as the several trailheads located on the western end of Cades Cove. At 12 p.m. general access to Cades Cove will be terminated at the Townsend Wye near Townsend, Tenn.

Trails in Cades Cove– All the trails on the western end of Cades Cove will be closed on Saturday as they are located beyond the Hyatt Lane closure. See map for trails affected.

Trails along Laurel Creek Road – No access after 12 p.m.

Trails in the Tremont area - No access after 12 p.m.