



CHEROKEE
north carolina

I-40 ROCKSLIDE ANSWERS

ACCESS AND ROUTES TO CHEROKEE

Although a massive rockslide at mile marker three on I-40 has closed a portion of the interstate in North Carolina at the Tennessee-North Carolina border, **there is no obstruction on the route to Cherokee from virtually anywhere**. Accessing Cherokee from Atlanta, Knoxville, Sevierville, Charlotte, Maggie Valley, Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, Asheville, Great Smoky Mountain National Park, Franklin, Raleigh, and Greenville is unaffected. Below you'll find scenic routes to Cherokee as well as an all-interstate option for tour buses and other commercial traffic.

From Sevierville, Tenn., take exit 407 off I-40 West. Turn right off the exit ramp onto Highway 66 (Winfield Dunn Parkway) toward Sevierville. Continue straight through intersection with Main Street in Sevierville, where the road becomes U.S. Hwy. 441/71. Stay straight on U.S. 441, which becomes 441/321/73/71, through Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg. Follow U.S. 441 through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to Cherokee.

From Newport, Tenn., take exit 435 off I-40 West, turning left on Highway 321/32 (Cosby Highway) toward Newport. Turn right onto Highway 25/70 (East Broadway Street) toward Hot Springs, N.C. In Hot Springs, make a right onto N.C. 209. Bear left at Ferguson Supply Store to stay on N.C. 209.

Continue on N.C. 209 through the Crabtree and Iron Duff communities. N.C. 209 soon intersects with I-40 at Exit 24. Continue on N.C. 209 to Lake Junaluska. From here, take the Great Smoky Mountains Expressway (U.S. 19/23/74) west toward Sylva. Pick up Hwy. 441/74 in Dillsboro just past Sylva, and follow Hwy. 441 into Cherokee.

For those who would prefer an **all-interstate detour**, take I-40 East to I-81 North to I-26 East to I-40 West. From I-40 West, take exit 27, Hwy. 19/23/74 toward Sylva. Pick up Hwy. 441/74 in Dillsboro just past Sylva, and follow Hwy. 441 into Cherokee.

For Additional Information about the Rock Slide and Detour Routes, go to www.i40detour.com.

Cherokee Visitor Center: 1.800.438.1601 | www.cherokee-nc.com

North Carolina Department of Transportation: NCDOT.org | 511 Travel Info Line | 877.DOT.4YOU

