

IF YOU DECIDE TO LIVE IN EAST TENNESSEE, THE CLIMATE IS #1!!!

East Tennesseans have the perfect attitude and latitude. Sevier County is located about 35 degrees, 44 minutes north latitude. Our unique geography and latitude on the planet delivers four incredible seasons: long Summers, long Falls, short Winters and long glorious

Springs. We enjoy 1500 flowering plants. In the Autumn 135 different kinds of trees (more varieties than all of northern Europe) paint a breathtaking masterpiece, and clear autumn skies are brimming with stars. Our golf courses stay open all year long and a snow shovel is unnecessary.

Winter limps in, dumps a few loads of snow to let us take a few pictures and then heads back to antagonize northerners.

About 12 million people save up each year to come down to visit East Tennessee for a week or two. If you're lucky enough to live here year-round, you're lucky enough!!

Gatlinburg Named One of America's Great Towns

Gatlinburg is acclaimed as one of the 100 top vacation towns in the country in a new guidebook. The Great Towns of America by David and Joan Vokac was written with both travelers and urban escapists in mind. Gatlinburg was described by the authors as "a rollicking blend of Southern mountain culture and recreation." The Vokacs also say that "Gatlinburg's studios, galleries and specialty shops house a treasury of authentic mountain crafts and collectibles. Downtown is a panoply of playful pursuits ranging from bizarre to memorable - like the aquarium." They make special note of the accommodations where "plentiful lodgings often capture the romance of this frolicsome place with adult-pleasing features like fireplaces, streamside balconies, and whirlpool tubs." Voçac and his wife devoted two years and 80,000 miles criss-crossing the nation in search of the hundred best from among 221 semi-finalist communities. Their rigorous fieldwork in every great town resulted in a comprehensive guidebook full of concise, accurate descriptions of the prime attractions, restaurants and lodgings in each selected town.

