

# **GATLINBURG-PIGEON FORGE-SEVIERVILLE, TN**

## **TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO/FROM FREE PARKING AT BMS**

### **GATLINBURG/PIGEON FORGE/SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE**

#### **TO BMS**

There are two options for traveling from the Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge/Sevierville area to BMS – via Blountville (to approach from the west on Highway 394) or via Johnson City (to approach from the south on Highway 11E). Highway 394 carries the heaviest load of race traffic of all the designated race routes.

#### **Via Blountville**

From Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge/Sevierville, go east on Interstate 40 and take Exit 421 (a left-side exit) to northbound Interstate 81. You can get off at either Tennessee Exit 66 (Tennessee Highway 126) or Tennessee Exit 69 (Tennessee Highway 394).

Using the Exit 66 route, turn right at the bottom of the ramp along eastbound Highway 126 towards Blountville. Go through the intersection with State Route 75. Take the second right past State Route 75 (Franklin Drive) in the Blountville community (there is a TO BMS→ sign at that intersection). Go two blocks and turn right at the traffic signal onto eastbound Highway 394. Using Franklin Drive allows you to avoid the heavily-used intersection of Highway 126 and Highway 394. Continue east on Highway 394. Go under the US 11E bridges. Get in the right lane. Go through the traffic signal at Tennessee Highway 390, staying in the right lane. To go to Speedway Parking, take a right turn at the next intersection (White Top Road); Speedway Parking is the first driveway on the left. To go to Whitetop Creek Park, continue straight on Highway 394 past the Dragway Entrance and take the next right onto Sportsway Drive at the Copperhead Entrance. Go south on Sportsway Drive about 2,000 feet and Whitetop Creek Park is at the end of the road.

Using the Exit 69 route, at the bottom of the exit ramp, turn right onto eastbound Highway 394. Go through the community of Blountville. Go under the US 11E bridges. Get in the right lane. Go through the traffic signal at Tennessee Highway 390, staying in the right lane. To go to Speedway Parking, take a right turn at the next intersection (White Top Road); Speedway Parking is the first driveway on the left. To go to Whitetop Creek Park, continue straight on Highway 394 past the Dragway Entrance and take the next right onto Sportsway Drive at the Copperhead Entrance. Go south on Sportsway Drive about 2,000 feet and Whitetop Creek Park is at the end of the road.

#### **Via Johnson City**

From Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge/Sevierville, go east on Interstate 40 and take Exit 421 (a left-side exit) to northbound Interstate 81. Get off at I-81 Exit 57A onto eastbound Interstate 26. Go east on I-26 to Exit 19 (State Route 381, State of Franklin Road) in northern Johnson City. At the bottom of the ramp, turn left and get into the left lane on eastbound State of Franklin Road. Go past the interchange with Highway 36 and take the left ramp to northbound US 11E/19W in northern Johnson City (this is where you enter on Diagram D2). Go north on US 11E/19W across the first Boone Lake bridge (DeVault

Bridge) and through the Piney Flats community into Bluff City. Continue north on US 11E through the interchange with US 19E and across the second Boone Lake bridge (Charlie Worley Bridge) into Bristol.

After crossing the Charlie Worley Bridge, get in the right lane. Get off at the Highway 394 interchange (a right-side exit); at the bottom of the ramp, turn right onto eastbound Highway 394 and stay in the right lane. Go through the traffic signal at Tennessee Highway 390, staying in the right lane. To go to Speedway Parking, take a right turn at the next intersection (White Top Road); Speedway Parking is the first driveway on the left. To go to Whitetop Creek Park, continue straight on Highway 394 past the Dragway Entrance and take the next right onto Sportsway Drive at the Copperhead Entrance. Go south on Sportsway Drive about 2,000 feet and Whitetop Creek Park is at the end of the road.

### **TO GATLINBURG/PIGEON FORGE/SEVIERVILLE**

You will not be going back to Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge/Sevierville the same way that you came in. Westbound Highway 394 is the heaviest-traveled of all the post-race routes. The route below is a few miles longer, but takes less time because the volumes are less and the speeds are much higher. The route back in the Bristol area is shown on Diagram D12. The White Top Route will get Speedway Parking patrons back to Highway 394. From Speedway Parking, turn left onto eastbound White Top Road along the White Top Route. Go east on White Top Road, following the TO 81 signs, and turn left onto eastbound Vance Tank Road. At the STOP sign at Broyles Lane, do not turn onto Broyles Lane; keep going straight on Vance Tank Road. After passing a railroad signal on the right, turn left to go up the concrete ramp of Sweet Knobs Trail to its eastern intersection of Highway 394. You must turn right onto eastbound Highway 394 in the right lane.

From Whitetop Creek Park, go north on Sportsway Drive and turn right onto eastbound Highway 394, get in the right lane, and go over the bridge at the Vance Tank Road interchange.

From either parking lot, the next Highway 394 interchange is at Tennessee State Route 358 (Weaver Pike); once you go over that bridge, get in the left lane. At the traffic signal with US 421, turn left to get to Interstate 81 (a right turn will get you there as well, but adds about 25 miles to the trip) by getting onto northbound US 421. Follow the signs to Interstate 81 along the following routes (there are TO 81 signs along the way):

- a. Continue north on US 421 (the street name will change to Virginia Avenue)
- b. Follow northbound US 421 as it turns left onto Maple Street
- c. Follow northbound US 421 as it turns right onto Pennsylvania Avenue
- d. Go through the traffic signal at Ash Street
- e. At the traffic signal at Anderson Street, the road curves so that a through movement goes onto the Anderson Street bridge over the railroad and a right turn goes onto northbound Pennsylvania Avenue. Go through onto the Anderson Street bridge and immediately get in the right lane

- f. At the end of the bridge, turn right onto northbound Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and get in the left lane
- g. Go through the Shelby Street and State Street traffic signals; you are now in Virginia, but the street name is still Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
- h. Continue straight on northbound Martin Luther King, Jr Boulevard towards Interstate 81
- i. Go through the Mary Street traffic signal and get in the right lane
- j. At the next traffic signal (Moore Street/Oakview Avenue), turn right; in one block, you will intersect Lee Highway (US 11/19). Continue straight on northbound US 11/19 (Lee Highway).
- k. At the Interstate 81 interchange, turn left onto southbound Interstate 81.

In about five miles, you will re-enter Tennessee at Mile Marker 75. As you approach Exit 69, you may be advised to get in the left lane, depending on what time you get there. Motorists entering onto southbound Interstate 81 at Exit 69 are given their own lane, so all southbound traffic already on the Interstate must get in the left lane. Past Exit 69, you can travel in either lane as you typically would. Continue onto westbound Interstate 40 and thus on to the Gatlinburg-Pigeon Forge-Sevierville exit.