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# Wilderness is our common ground.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, Ducktown, Tennessee, was a thriving mine town. Now we are prospering from something else: tourism. Our location in the Southern Appalachian Mountains near the Cherokee National Forest has put us on the map as a “go to” destination for the many recreation opportunities and scenic wonders that the forest provides. Whether it is hiking the Benton MacKaye trail, paddling or rafting the Ocoee River or enjoying our many bike trails, visitors are drawn here. They shop in our stores, eat at our restaurants and stay at our motels and bed and breakfasts, helping to drive our local economy. Protecting part of the Cherokee as wilderness will not only ensure that the activities that bring tourists here can continue on land unspoiled, but that future generations will seek out this special wild place for years to come.

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