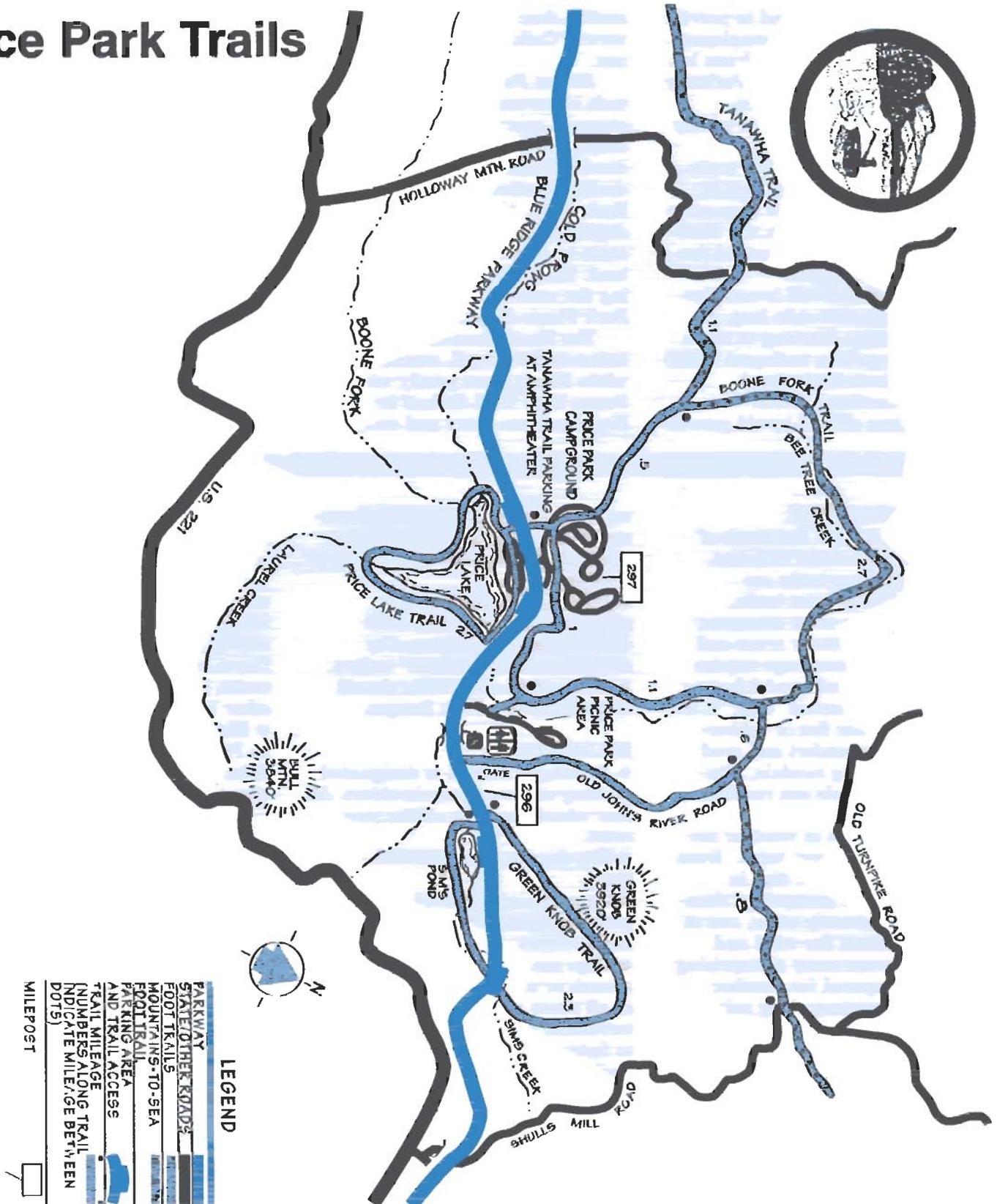


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Julian Price Memorial Park comprises 4,200 acres of rolling mountain land with elevations from 3,400 feet to nearly 4,000 feet.

Founder of one of the nation's largest insurance companies, Julian Price purchased this land to provide a recreation area for his employees. When he died in 1946, his heirs left the land to the Blue Ridge Parkway as a memorial to a man who enjoyed sharing the natural beauty of the area with others.

Visitors who take to the trails will find scenery and solitude in abundance. Price Park is open year-round, however travel on the Parkway motor road is discouraged during inclement weather.

**Green Knob Trail** is a moderately strenuous 2.3-mile loop, diverse in scenery. Starting at Sim's Pond Parking Area, (milepost 295.9) the trail follows Sim's Creek through a section of dense rhododendron shaded by old growth

timber. Several hemlocks measure more than 41 inches in diameter. A steady climb through pasture and woods leads to the top of Green Knob, crowned on clear days with a distant view Price Lake. The last section descends a steep hill with a view of Calloway Peak on the horizon.

**Boone Fork Trail** provides solitude in several environments - clear streams, pastures, large rock outcrops, meadows, and shaded, rhododendron-filled woods. Colorful wood ducks sometimes swim in Boone Fork creek. Allow at least 3 hours of daylight-walking time on this moderate to strenuous 5.5-mile loop trail. Trail access is gained by crossing the wooden footbridge in Price Park Picnic Area (milepost 296.4).

The North Carolina **Mountains-to-Sea Trail**, marked with white blazes, runs jointly with the Boone Fork Trail for half its length. Signs indicate entry and exit points

for the Mountains-to-Sea Trail.

**Price Lake Trail** can be reached from the Price Lake Overlook (milepost 296.7) or the Boone Fork Overlook (milepost 297.1). This easy 2.7-mile loop circles the shoreline of 47-acre Price Lake. Low-growing evergreen galax and ground pine flourish year - round near the trail. Ducks and loons take a spring and summer pause here in their yearly migration.

13.5-mile **Tanawha Trail** leaves Boone Fork Trail near Price Park Campground. It meanders through field and forest in Price Park and parallels the Parkway on the flanks of Grandfather Mountain, ending at Beacon Heights (milepost 305.5). Parking and access for the Tanawha Trail in Price Park are available at the Boone Fork Overlook (milepost 297.1). Separate Tanawha Trail maps are available.

### IMPORTANT ADVICE

- Lock valuables in the trunk of your car or take them with you.
- Hiking shoes or boots are recommended for most trails, especially for the most strenuous ones. Steep and rocky areas and slippery stream crossings require extra attention and careful footing. Even for trails marked "easy," it is advisable to wear flat or rubber-soled shoes for comfort and good traction. Wearing sandals, "flip-flops," or high heels can result in accidents.
- Sudden changes in weather are common in these mountains. Even in mild seasons, rapid dips in temperature and unexpected thunderstorms frequently occur, and at higher elevations the wind and temperature can carry a surprising chill. Be prepared for weather changes by bringing along suitable clothing.
- For your safety and the protection of the resources, stay on established trails. Shortcutting at switch-backs causes soil erosion, disfigures the trail, and makes it difficult for other hikers to find their way. Take advantage of log

walkways, steps, or other trail construction. They are there to minimize human impact on the natural environment.

- Do not drink the water in streams or springs. Bacterial diseases can be contracted by drinking untreated "wild" waters.
- Lost and found articles should be reported to a Park Ranger.

### REGULATIONS

- Parking is limited to designated parking areas or road shoulders. All four wheels must be off the pavement.
- Bicycles are not permitted on trails.
- Camping is permitted only in park campgrounds or designated back-country sites.
- Dogs and other pets must be on a leash or under physical restraint at all times while in the park. The territorial instinct of dogs can lead to fights with other dogs on the trail. Dogs also frighten hikers and chase wildlife.
- Deposit all litter in trash cans or recycling bins.
- Metal detectors are prohibited.
- Natural resources are protected

by Federal law. Do not disturb animal and plant life in any way. Hunting, trapping and carrying weapons are prohibited. Do not interfere with animals by feeding, touching, or frightening them. Do not cut, deface, or damage trees. Leave wildflowers and other vegetation in their natural condition for other hikers to enjoy.

- Historic resources are protected by Federal law. Do not damage, deface, or remove any of these structures, furnishings, or exhibits.

For Emergencies call:  
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