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EZ Directions to the Lookout Mountain Parkway & U.S. Highway 127 Corridor

The Lookout Mountain Parkway takes on various road numbers as it spans county and state lines throughout Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee. The scenic drive has been touted as a "Must See" by Reader's Digest, The National Geographic and Southern Living Magazine.

Follow the Lookout Mountain Parkway from Gadsden, Alabama to Chattanooga, Tennessee and Highway 127 North from Chattanooga for the remainder of the sale to Hudson, Michigan.

#### Directions from South to North:

From Noccalula Falls Park in Gadsden, Alabama, take Tabor Road, across from Noccalula Falls Park. Stay on this road and it will become Alabama 176. Follow 176 to the Dogtown Community and stay straight through the 4-way stop. The road then becomes DeKalb County Rd. 89. Stay on 89 through communities such as Five Points, Fort Payne, Fischer, DeSoto State Park and on into Mentone, Alabama. From Mentone turn right onto Alabama 117 and follow into Georgia where it becomes Georgia Road 48. You will stay straight a short distance before turning left on GA 157 in Cloudland. Follow GA 157 until you come to the stop sign at GA 136 where you will turn left on 136, and then right on 189 and then right on 157 again. This carries you directly in front of Rock City where you travel down Lookout Mountain following Ochs Hwy. to Tennessee Ave., to Broad St., to Hwy 27 to the U.S. Hwy. 127.

### Directions from North to South:

If you will be coming from the North, you will follow Hwy 127 through Chattanooga toward I-24 East. Take Broad St. Exit, staying left following signs for Lookout Mountain. Turn right at stop sign, then left at next traffic light onto Broad St. South. Travel approximately 1.5 miles and take a left onto Tennessee Ave. Travel through two traffic lights and at 3rd light turn right onto Ochs Highway up Lookout Mountain. On Lookout Mountain, go through stop sign and at T intersection turn right, then take next left following Highway 157. At next T intersection turn left onto Highway 189 south. Follow 189 to Hwy 136 and turn left. Go to caution light and turn right onto Hwy 157. Take 157 to Cloudland and turn right onto Hwy 48. Hwy 48 will become AL Hwy 117 as you cross into Alabama and travel through Mentone. In Mentone, you will turn left on County Rd. 89 South. Stay on 89 S through DeSoto State Park, Fisher, Fort Payne and Five Points. In Dogtown, you will go straight through the four way stop and the road becomes Hwy 176 and Tabor Road into Gadsden.

\*Note - The Gadsden to Chattanooga route is called the Lookout Mountain Parkway and will bear green signs that state this.

## TIPS & SUGGESTIONS

The yard sale brings about various questions from people that are new to the event. Hopefully these answers will help to give people a better understanding of the events.

- **Q.** How do I become a vendor? **A.** Anyone can be a vendor by simply having a yard sale in their yard, at their business or setting up in designated vendor places. Many communities have different places where vendors from within and outside of that town or city can set up a booth. The main thing is to be sure you have permission from the land owner to set up a booth. Check out the vendor section on the website for a list of vendor spaces available.
- **Q.** What can I sell? **A.** Almost anything! Popular is antiques, collectibles, dishes and glassware, to farm implements, food items, produce and more. Some things to consider however are business licenses and health department permits. Each town has different rules and regulations, so be sure to check with the local City Hall and Health Department where you set up your booth for any licenses or permits you may need to purchase.
- **Q.** Where does it begin and where do I park? **A.** The current length of the World's Longest Yard Sale takes you from Gadsden, AL to Hudson, MI. You might decide to start at the southern end and travel north or right the opposite. You may decide to jump on board anywhere in between. Parking may be limited in some areas to virtually impossible in other places to ample. It depends on the area.
- **Q.** What time do the sales begin? **A.** Each vendor is on their own and can choose when they want to begin but typically vendors are active by 8:00 a.m. and operate until late in the evening.
- **Q.** Can I ship items home? **A.** Definitely! Many communities have shipping centers and of course Post Offices. They will be glad to work with you to get your items home so you can continue on the yard sale route.
- Q. What does it cost to participate and is there an admission fee?

  A. There is no fee to participate however some vendor spaces may charge a nominal rental fee to allow you to set up a booth. You should NEVER pay an admission fee.
- **Q.** Are there hotels near the yard sales and should I make reservations? **A.** Yes, there are plenty of accommodations located along the way.

  Making reservations is a wise decision but you have to have a plan and be disciplined to make your destination for the night. Getting a room may be difficult if you wait too late in the day to find a place

# but not impossible. Helpful Suggestions:

- Drive a large car. You never know what oversize treasures you might find.
- Bring items such as sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, and mosquito repellant, to protect yourself from the elements. It's hot and humid in this part of the country and the sun can roast you even on a cloudy day.
- Wear comfortable shoes and drink plenty of fluids, chances are
  you'll be doing a lot of walking. It is usually very warm and all
  the walking and activities can drain you before you know it. Don't
  succumb to a heat stroke or dehydration.
- Many vendors don't take credit cards or checks, so bring cash.
- Get out there early! Though there are hundreds of vendors who sell all day long from sunup to past sundown, you'll be competing with thousands of other shoppers. And as with any yard sale, the good stuff goes quickly.
- Be very cautious of other vehicles. You will often find yourself looking off on the sides of the road at the yard sales and before you know it the vehicle in front of you has come to a stop. Be alert.
   Watch for pedestrians.

