

ITINERARY – CVMC @ MATG XXX

August 5-9, 2026

Dee and Greg have puttogether a tentative itinerary for our **Miatas at the Gap** trip. By no means do we need to follow it exactly, but they wanted to have a plan in the binder to give everyone an idea of what we're thinking. As always, we're on vacation, so flexibility is the key!



This itinerary is simply a starting point. If you have ideas for additional stops, scenic roads, attractions, or restaurants, please let us know. We will send out scenic routes as it gets closer. The best part of Miatas at the Gap is enjoying great roads, great cars, and even better company.

We're looking forward to another fantastic trip with our Central Virginia Miata Club family!

Greg & Dee

Wednesday, August 5 – Travel Day

We'll caravan to Fontana Village with several planned meeting points and fuel/rest stops. **Let Greg know which starting point you will be at, we don't want to leave without you.**

6:25 AM – Meet for a 6:30 AM departure

- Shell Station
7274 Mechanicsville Turnpike
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

7:20 AM – Pick up additional members. Depart at 7:35 AM

- Sheetz
6101 Back Chappell Drive
Petersburg, VA 23803

Rest/Fuel Stop

- Sheetz
1990 NC-68
Hillsborough, NC 27278

12:10 AM -Meet Kim and Scott

- Chick-fil-A
1815 US Hwy 70 SE
Hickory, NC 28602

Final Fuel Stop Before Fontana

- Shell
845 Russ Avenue
Waynesville, NC 28786

Thursday, August 6 – Dragon, Smokies & Cherokee

We'll leave Fontana Village and head to the Tail of the Dragon stores before making a spirited run across the Dragon. From there we'll enjoy the Foothills Parkway and continue through Great Smoky Mountains National Park on US-441 to Cherokee.

Our destination will be **Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort**, where we'll stop for lunch and, for those interested, try our luck in the casino.

If time allows, we can also visit the nearby **Cherokee Bear Zoo**.

After lunch we'll pick up the **Blue Ridge Parkway**, travel toward Bryson City via NC-74, fuel up if needed, and, if there's interest, take a drive to the famous **Road to Nowhere** before returning to Fontana Village for a relaxing evening of LRC.

Friday, August 7 – Cherohala Skyway Adventure

We'll leave Fontana Village and follow the route Scott discovered last year toward Robbinsville.

Our first stop will be **Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest**, where anyone interested can stretch their legs and explore one of the nation's last remaining old-growth forests.

From there we'll continue across the beautiful **Cherohala Skyway** toward Tellico Plains, making a stop at **Bald River Falls**, a spectacular 90-foot waterfall.

The only rule is... **no double-dog daring Keith to go over the falls!**

After the falls we'll head to **Iron Works Grille** for lunch.

Following lunch we'll decide as a group whether to retrace our route across the Cherohala or explore some new roads on a southern loop before returning to Fontana Village. Possible stop for some pineapple whip.

Saturday, August 8 – MATG Activities

We'll spend the morning exploring **Vendor Alley**, checking out the vendors, displays, and everything Miatas at the Gap has to offer.

For the afternoon, we're open to suggestions for a scenic drive or activity.

One idea is to take a leisurely drive to **Rivers End Restaurant** for a late lunch or early dinner before returning to Fontana Village to enjoy our final evening together.

Sunday, August 9 - Depart

We will decide on a time to leave for those who would like to convoy back together.