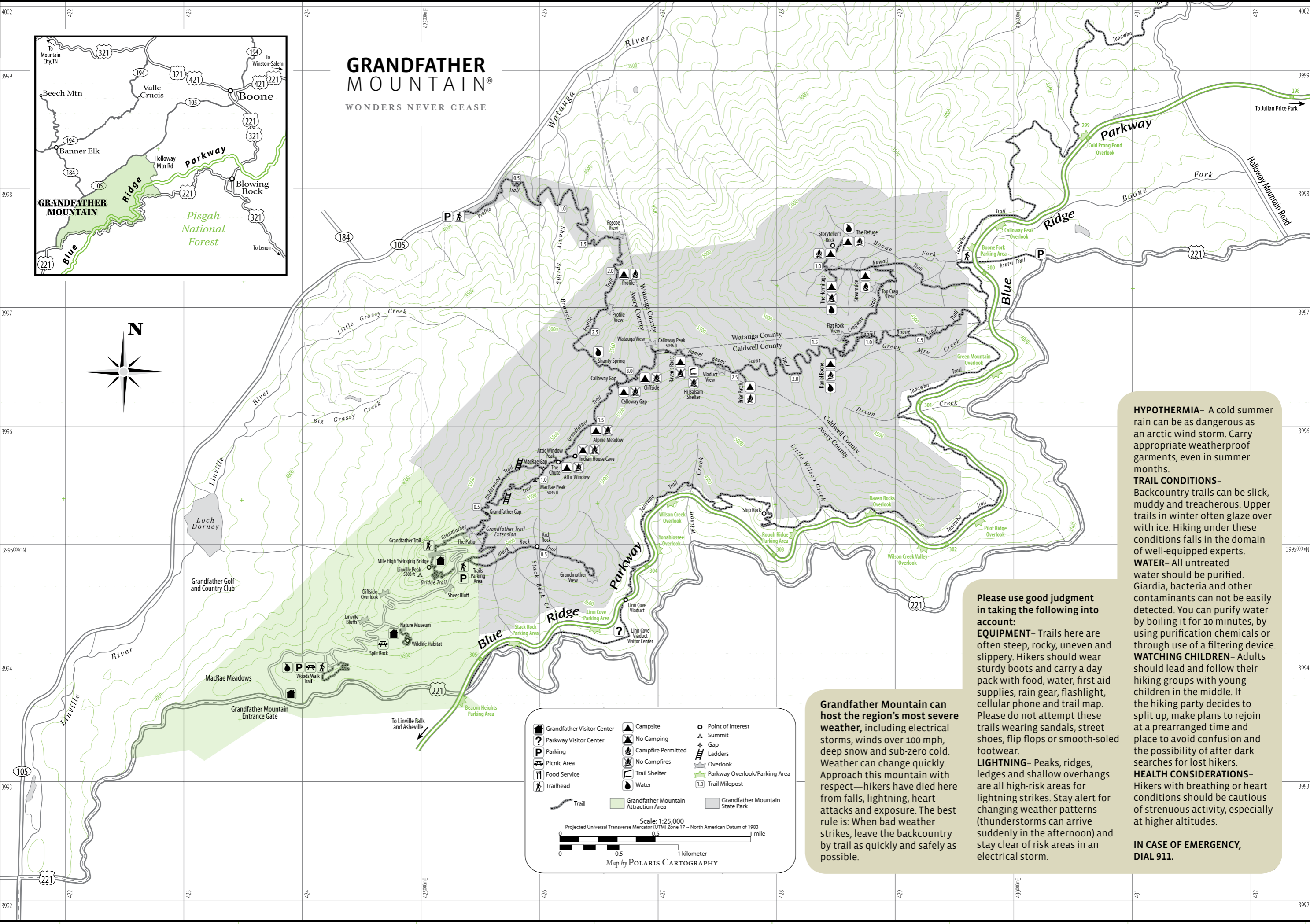
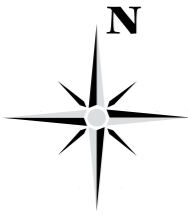


# GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN®

WONDERS NEVER CEASE



Grandfather Visitor Center	Campsite	Point of Interest
Parkway Visitor Center	No Camping	Summit
Parking	Campfire Permitted	Gap
Picnic Area	No Campfires	Ladders
Food Service	Trail Shelter	Overlook
Trailhead	Water	Parkway Overlook/Parking Area
Trail	Grandfather Mountain Attraction Area	Trail Milepost
	Grandfather Mountain State Park	

Scale: 1:25,000  
Projected Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Zone 17 - North American Datum of 1983

0 0.5 1 mile  
0 0.5 1 kilometer

Map by POLARIS CARTOGRAPHY

**Grandfather Mountain can host the region's most severe weather, including electrical storms, winds over 100 mph, deep snow and sub-zero cold. Weather can change quickly. Approach this mountain with respect—hikers have died here from falls, lightning, heart attacks and exposure. The best rule is: When bad weather strikes, leave the backcountry by trail as quickly and safely as possible.**

**Please use good judgment in taking the following into account:**  
**EQUIPMENT**— Trails here are often steep, rocky, uneven and slippery. Hikers should wear sturdy boots and carry a day pack with food, water, first aid supplies, rain gear, flashlight, cellular phone and trail map. Please do not attempt these trails wearing sandals, street shoes, flip flops or smooth-soled footwear.  
**LIGHTNING**— Peaks, ridges, ledges and shallow overhangs are all high-risk areas for lightning strikes. Stay alert for changing weather patterns (thunderstorms can arrive suddenly in the afternoon) and stay clear of risk areas in an electrical storm.

**HYPOTHERMIA**— A cold summer rain can be as dangerous as an arctic wind storm. Carry appropriate weatherproof garments, even in summer months.  
**TRAIL CONDITIONS**— Backcountry trails can be slick, muddy and treacherous. Upper trails in winter often glaze over with ice. Hiking under these conditions falls in the domain of well-equipped experts.  
**WATER**— All untreated water should be purified. Giardia, bacteria and other contaminants can not be easily detected. You can purify water by boiling it for 10 minutes, by using purification chemicals or through use of a filtering device.  
**WATCHING CHILDREN**— Adults should lead and follow their hiking groups with young children in the middle. If the hiking party decides to split up, make plans to rejoin at a prearranged time and place to avoid confusion and the possibility of after-dark searches for lost hikers.  
**HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS**— Hikers with breathing or heart conditions should be cautious of strenuous activity, especially at higher altitudes.  
**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, DIAL 911.**