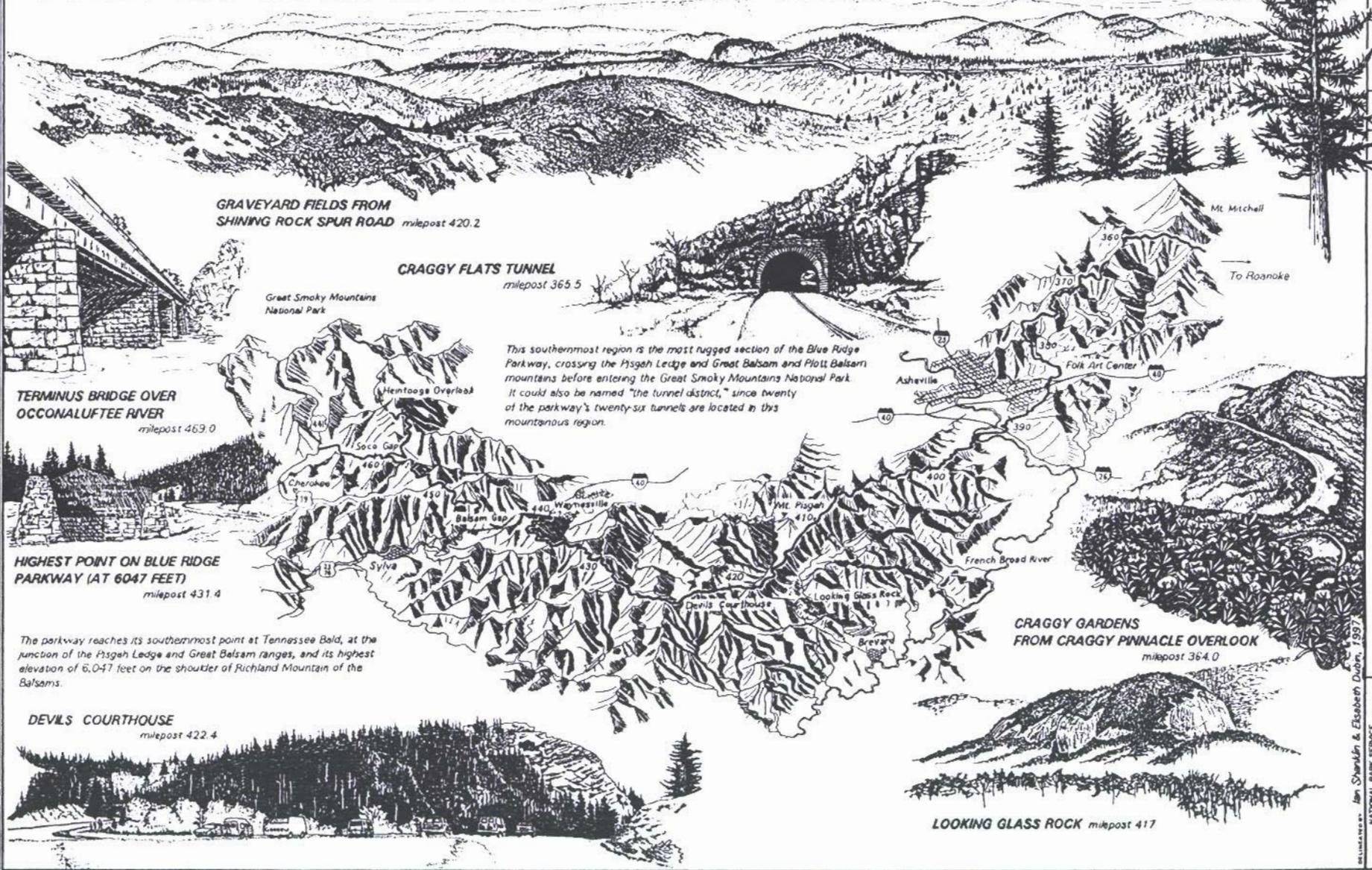


THE BALSAM MOUNTAINS



GRAVEYARD FIELDS FROM SHINING ROCK SPUR ROAD milepost 420.2

Craggy Flats Tunnel milepost 365.5

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

This southernmost region is the most rugged section of the Blue Ridge Parkway, crossing the Pisgah Ledge and Great Balsam and Plott Balsam mountains before entering the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It could also be named "the tunnel district," since twenty of the parkway's twenty-six tunnels are located in this mountainous region.

TERMINUS BRIDGE OVER OCCONALUFTEE RIVER milepost 469.0

HIGHEST POINT ON BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY (AT 6047 FEET) milepost 431.4

The parkway reaches its southernmost point at Tennessee Bald, at the junction of the Pisgah Ledge and Great Balsam ranges, and its highest elevation of 6,047 feet on the shoulder of Richland Mountain of the Balsams.

DEVILS COURTHOUSE milepost 422.4

Craggy Gardens FROM CRAGGY PINNACLE OVERLOOK milepost 364.0

LOOKING GLASS ROCK milepost 417

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