

Blue Ridge Parkway News Release
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Special autumn activities at Mabry Mill

The annual fall gathering at Mabry Mill will take place on Saturday October 17 and 24 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Demonstrations include apple butter making and other activities that mountain folk had to do in earlier times to get ready for winter. Jim Price will also be on hand to explain how the giant millstones used in the water-driven gristmill were quarried and prepared for use.

Mabry Mill is at milepost 176 on the Blue Ridge Parkway. It is open daily 9-5 through October. The water wheel is turned on for demonstrations at 11 am, 1 and 3 pm Fridays, Saturday and Sundays. The Giles Mountain String Band will perform from 2-5 on Sunday 10/18 and The Mountain Ivy Band will perform Sunday 10/25. Everyone is invited up to the Rocky Knob Campground on Saturdays at 6 pm for a campfire talk.

For more information, call the Rocky Knob Visitor Center between 9 am - 5 pm. Mabry Mill, Rocky Knob and most National Park Service visitor facilities on the Blue Ridge Parkway, with a few exceptions, will close for the season on November 1. Blue Ridge Parkway information is available year round on line at www.nps.gov/blri or by calling the Parkway information line (828) 298-0398.