

Blue Ridge Parkway (VA, NC)



Ethan Crump was born and raised in North Carolina. He graduated from Appalachian State University, in Boone, North Carolina, with a degree in Recreation Management and a minor in Geography. During college, Ethan became interested in public lands and conservation. His public lands journey began in college with an internship with the Southeast Conservation Corps at Great Smoky Mountains National Park. There he worked with biologists to treat hemlock trees infested with the invasive pest, the hemlock woolly adelgid. The following summer he worked as an

interpretive ranger for North Carolina State Parks. His most recent related position was at Gunnison National Forest (USFS) in Colorado, where he was an interpretive field ranger. While there he roved and answered visitors' questions and presented programs to school groups and the public. While at Appalachian State, the Blue Ridge Parkway was essentially in his backyard, so he spent lots of time exploring it. He is very excited to work at the Blue Ridge Parkway as the Community Volunteer Ambassador and continue his public lands journey.