Directions from the Southeast to Hidden Valley Motel, Boone, NC, 28607

From points southeast of us I tend to travel through Spartanburg, SC.

From Charleston, SC take I-26 to Spartanburg, SC
From Savannah, GA take I-95 to I-26 to Spartanburg, SC
From Augusta, GA take I-20 to I-26 to Spartanburg, SC
From Atlanta, GA take I-85 to I-26 at Spartanburg, SC

My directions begin at the junction of I-85 and I-26 at Spartanburg, SC

5 miles or more towards Charlotte, NC, when Business 85 rejoins I-85 quickly get into the right lane and exit at Hwy 221 North. (Exit 78 I think). Turn left onto Hwy 221 and cross over I-85. (Cheaper Gas at the Raceway Station and a Barbeque restaurant on your left soon as you get across the interstate.) If not stopping for gas or food continue on Hwy 221 North.

15 miles more or less on a 4 lane road (some at 45mph some at 55mph) continuing to the town of Chesnee. The road will narrow to 2 lanes as you get in to town (small town, several blocks of downtown area) after a traffic light at a main cross street you will start somewhat downhill. Just about a city block down, Hwy 221 makes a right turn. There is a Hot Spot Gas Station on that corner (on your left as you make the turn) again cheaper gas, some food available, you will soon enter North Carolina and higher gas prices.

30 miles more or less continuing on 221 North to Rutherford NC, there is a small attractive downtown area that will require slower driving for a mile or two.

30 miles more or less continuing on 221 you will come to I-40, right after you cross I-40 the Hwy 221 bears to the right, you will see I-40 out of your passenger window. I think you will see a Hampton on your left. You should soon come to a traffic light. Turn left at this traffic light and you should be on the 4 lane bypass around Marion, NC

5 miles or more on this limited access section should bring you to a traffic light. Wal-Mart should be on your left, several eating places on the cross road if you need a rest stop.

5 miles or more on a section of Hwy 221 that has cross streets and stop lights, still a nice 4 lane road. You will enter a rural section and know that you are leaving the town. The road should soon narrow down to only 2 lanes before you start climbing the mountain. Speed limits will vary; 55, 45, 35 and some curves where even 35 seems a bit fast to me.

25 miles or more to Linville, you will pass through a couple of small communities, North Cove and Linville Falls, and pass under the Blue Ridge Parkway. At Pineola Hwy 181 joins Hwy 221, just outside of Linville you will come to a traffic light. Hwy 221 turns to the right

1 mile or less, just over a small rise in the road there is another traffic light at the junction of Hwy 105, make a left turn you will first be travelling up hill.

4 miles you will come to another traffic light at Hwy 184 (Tynecastle). Banner Elk and the Sugar and Beech ski areas are to your left at this light. McDonalds, gas stations, Pappy's Barbeque, and a large grocery store at this general location. You continue straight on Hwy 105 at this traffic light to go to Hidden Valley Motel and on into Boone.

4 miles downhill on Hwy 105 to Hidden Valley Motel, we are on the right side of the highway. As you near our location you will pass a fire station on your left, Foscoe Mining Co. on your left, a gas station on the right, and antique mall on the right and Swedish Werke auto center before you reach our location.