

# BARRELING ACROSS AMERICA



A Puzzle Lover's Road Trip: Word Games,  
Trivia, Crosswords & Rebus Challenges  
Inspired by Cracker Barrel



Welcome to **Barreling Across America**—a special puzzle series inspired by the spirit of the open road and the joy of discovery.

Since 1969, Cracker Barrel has been committed to **Pleasing People®** by offering a trusted place for travelers to rest, refuel, and reconnect. This six-book collection celebrates that legacy, capturing the charm of every state and inviting families to slow down, explore together, and have a little fun along the way.

This series was created in collaboration with Word Jaunt, a small family team that shares our love for puzzles and classic road trip traditions. It's filled with creative challenges, surprising trivia, and hidden games. You'll even find secret phrases to decipher and redeem at mystery Cracker Barrel locations, where exclusive collectible prizes await.

Whether you're at home or out on the highway, we hope this book brings smiles and sparks curiosity. May it remind you of the simple joys of connecting with each other and with the road ahead.

*Happy travels and happy puzzling,*

*Your friends at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store.*



Draw a line from each state to its correct license plate motto. The eight states are listed in the order they appear in this book.

**LICENSE  
PLATES**



*First in Flight*

*The Sunshine State*

*..... Is For Lovers*

*Unbridled Spirit*

*The Volunteer State*

*The Peach State*

*Wild, Wonderful*

*While I Breathe, I Hope*

**Did you know?** State license plate slogans reflect each state's history and culture. For example, California's "The Golden State" celebrates the Gold Rush, while Minnesota's "Land of 10,000 Lakes" highlights its many lakes. Delaware's "The First State" honors its role in ratifying the U.S. Constitution. These slogans capture what makes each state unique!

*Florida is brimming with Southern charm. Can you fill in the final word of these Southern expressions? We've included a hint and their meanings.*

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Unscramble the names of these Cracker Barrel menu items. As you go, note the circled letters.... they'll reveal a Florida location's secret phrase.

SECRET  
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**Next Step:** Use the circled letters from the puzzles to complete the secret phrase. Then, solve the **location clue** to find the **mystery Cracker Barrel to visit**. Bring your book to the gift shop register, show the phrase, and receive an exclusive prize.

**Secret Phrase:** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

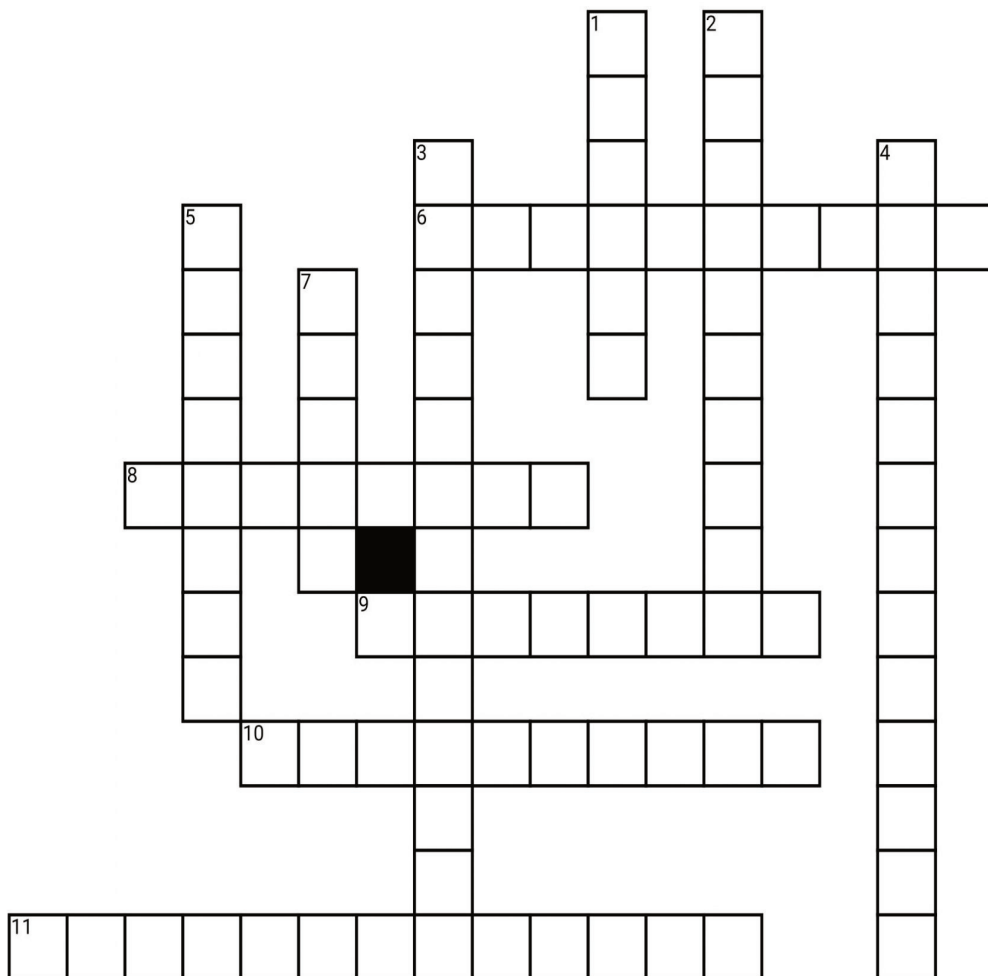
**Secret Location:** 2325 West International Speedway Boulevard  
\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Beach, FL 32114

(This Florida city has a world-famous beach and a world-famous racetrack.)



## CROSS WORDS

Try solving this South Carolina crossword. Every clue is related to the Palmetto State. Test your knowledge and fill in the blanks.



### Across

6. Popular island known for golf and beaches (2 words)
8. South Carolina state gemstone, purple variety of quartz
9. This Native American tribe was one of the largest in colonial South Carolina
10. The Military College of South Carolina (2 words)
11. State directly to the North (2 words)

### Down

1. The attack that marked the start of the American Civil War took place at this fort
2. Famous letter turner from South Carolina (2 words)
3. South Carolina singer that loved to "twist" (2 words)
4. South Carolina state nickname (two words)
5. Capital of South Carolina
7. Popular side dish in South Carolina; made from ground corn

1. Kiawah Island is located about 25 miles from Charleston. During a visit, we spotted 26 white-tailed deer walking along the beach. How many deer legs did we see in total?

- A.52 legs
- B.96 legs
- C.104 legs

D. That's probably more legs than you'd see at a Radio City Rockettes Show.

2. I decided to play a round of golf at the famous Harbour Town course in Hilton Head. I began with 5 dozen golf balls, but by the end of the game, I only had 12 left. How many golf balls did I lose during the round?

- A.36 balls
- B.48 balls
- C.60 balls

D. I lost so many, that I donated my clubs to the pond on hole 18 as well.

3. The Myrtle Beach SkyWheel features 42 gondolas, each with a capacity to hold 6 people. What is the maximum number of people the SkyWheel can accommodate at once?

- A.48 people
- B.248 people
- C.252 people

D. Never mind that, what's the maximum weight limit?

4. The South of the Border sombrero stands 200 feet tall, and there are 24 stairs for every 20-foot rise. How many stairs will you need to climb to reach the top of the sombrero?

- A.48 stairs
- B.120 stairs
- C.240 stairs

D. According to Pedro's billboards, if you climb those stairs "today," you'll be really sore "tamale"!

**FIND  
THE  
FAKES**

South Carolina's math made me hungry. I'll just order something from Cracker Barrel's website. Circle the five items that **can't** be delivered.



**Plastic  
Silverware**



**Coffee**

**A Time  
Machine**

**The  
Kitchen  
Sink**

**Fireworks**

**Breakfast**



**Kids Meals**

**Appetizers**

**Desserts**

**Pancake Mix**

**Party  
Platters**

**Candy**



**Family Meals**

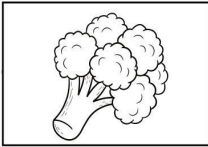




Solve the rhyming riddles below to uncover words associated with North Carolina. Write your answers in the empty box on the right.

**RHYMING  
RIDDLES**

*I'm not cabbage,  
cauliflower, or a Brussel  
sprout....but I'm green  
and healthy, there is  
no doubt.*



*We flew a plane, and  
we did it Wright....but  
it's not Ben Franklin,  
he flew a kite!*

*I'm the tallest around  
in the USA....  
guiding ships at night  
and during the day!*



*I'm fiery, hot, and I'll  
make you sweat....  
with a name like death,  
you won't forget!*

*These donuts are great  
when they're all warm  
and glazy....after eating  
a dozen, my blood  
sugar goes crazy.*



*A mountain range is my  
claim to fame.... a  
colorful ridge is part  
of my name.*

*This movie with De Niro  
gave a scary emotion....  
but it's actually a river  
that ends in the ocean.*



*I started as a health  
tonic, which marked my  
genesis.... but look at  
me now, Coca-Cola's  
big nemesis.*

**WEIRD  
PLACES**

North Carolina has some uniquely named cities, townships, state parks, and islands. See if you can match each description to the correct one!

**A** Michael Jordan, Telly Savalas, Vin Diesel, and our country's eagle probably live here.

**Town of Duck**

**B** Watch out for tongue-flicking reptiles in this unincorporated community.

**Happy Valley Community**

**C** Not surprisingly, Shrek's mood turned gloomy and desolate after buying a house here.

**Town of Eureka**

**D** This community boasts two subdivisions named Howkome and Whatfore.

**Town of Coat**

**E** People who move to this township are always busy, busy, busy.

**Bald Head Island**

**F** The Wraines, Overs, Trenches, and Sportz families all live next to each other in this town.

**Frog Level Community**

**G** This is so strange, everything in this town is built 2 feet too low.

**Lizard Lick Community**

**H** This is not the same community where Barbara Eden was the target of the local PTA.

**Dismal Swamp State Park**

**I** Some really big "Aha!" moments happen every day in this town.


**Whynot Community**

**J** After retiring from the Muppet Show, Kermit moved here to feel more even-keeled.

**Town of Beaver Dam**

See if you can circle all the words related to Tennessee. The words may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, or even backwards.

WORD SEARCH



B	D	G	Y	X	Z	C	U	V	I	L	G	F	Q	M	Q	I
Y	G	R	M	A	A	R	O	C	M	O	P	U	Y	J	W	G
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Lost Sea

Caverns

Whiskey Trail

Pigeon Forge

Nashville

Smoky Mountains

Titanic

BBQ Contest

Dollywood

Grand Ole Opry

Lynchburg

Gatlinburg

**Did You Know?** The Hinkle Chair Company, founded in 1834 in Springfield, Tennessee, is one of the oldest continuously operating furniture manufacturers in the U.S. It supplies the iconic rocking chairs found on Cracker Barrel porches. Made from Appalachian red oak, these handcrafted rockers have become a symbol of Southern charm, with Cracker Barrel selling tens of thousands each year.



**FIND THE  
THREE**

Fill in the blanks with 3-letter groups from the box (cross off each group as you use it). The unused groups will reveal Tennessee's secret phrase.

1. **Cr\_\_\_er Barrel** is headquartered in **Lebanon, Te\_\_\_ssee**.
2. Each **store** has about **900 pie\_\_\_** of **authe\_\_\_c décor**.
3. They serve approximately **210 \_\_\_lion biscuits** each **\_\_\_r**.
4. **Ch\_\_\_ens** work **overt\_\_\_** to lay the **162 million eggs** they use.
5. The **peg g\_\_\_** on every table is actually called "**Peg Solit\_\_\_e**".
6. About **230 million gu\_\_\_s** walk through its **d\_\_\_s** each year.
7. They have more than **1,400 bill\_\_\_rds** across **\_\_\_rica**.
8. With over **650 st\_\_\_s**, they sure need a lot of **r\_\_\_ing chairs**.
9. **Pig\_\_\_ Forge, TN** is beautiful and home to **two Cracker Barrels**.

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**Next Step:** Use the remaining groups of letters to complete the secret phrase (start with the groups from left to right). Then go to **either location from question #9**, show your book with the phrase at the gift shop register, and receive an exclusive prize.

**Secret Phrase:** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think you can learn about Kentucky through rhymes? Fill in the blanks.... both words will rhyme and reveal fun facts about the state!

**RHyme  
TIME**

1. At the Kentucky Derby, women love to sport the fanciest \_\_\_\_\_, and while some choose to wear high heels, most opt for \_\_\_\_\_.



2. It's said that Kentucky invented a beer cheese \_\_\_\_\_, it goes great on pretzels, crackers, and even sourdough \_\_\_\_\_!

3. If drinking bourbon makes you a little \_\_\_\_\_, imagine how you'd feel if you drank an entire bottle of \_\_\_\_\_.



4. If your flock of chickens all have bad \_\_\_\_\_, remind them of Colonel Sanders and his 11 herbs and \_\_\_\_\_.

5. You wouldn't find sweaters, denim pants, or even a ball \_\_\_\_\_, if you go and visit Kentucky's famous Cumberland \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Your body may get tingly and experience the \_\_\_\_\_ when you see Kentucky's fields of bluegrass and its rolling \_\_\_\_\_.



7. Wearing a buckskin jacket and a fur cap made from a \_\_\_\_\_, he was a famous frontiersman, and his name was Daniel \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Want an "echoing" tour your wife is sure to \_\_\_\_\_? Go to Park City and visit the Diamond \_\_\_\_\_.



9. Lexington is considered the capital of the world for raising \_\_\_\_\_, with over 450 equestrian farms and two major racetrack \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Even the greatest burglar who's sly as a \_\_\_\_\_, shouldn't try to crack the military-guarded safe at Fort \_\_\_\_\_.



**FACT OR  
FAKE**

Let's see how well you know Kentucky. Below are five true facts and five fakes. Can you figure them out? (Hint: The five fakes are in a row.)

**1.** *In Louisville, Thomas Edison introduced the first electric light bulb back in 1883.*

**2.** *Vent Haven Museum has the world's largest collection of ventriloquist dummies.*

**3.** *Toyota's largest facility is in Georgetown, KY.*

**4.** *The gold vault door at Fort Knox weighs 985 pounds.*

**5.** *Transylvania Univ. in Lexington is the largest phlebotomist college in the world.*

**6.** *Due to its longitudinal position, the top of Black Mtn. is the closest spot on earth to the moon.*

**7.** *Mammoth Cave is approximately 2.5 miles long.*

**8.** *The Kentucky Derby's motto is "the most exciting four minutes in sports".*

**9.** *At the Louisville Slugger Museum, the world's largest bat stands 120 feet tall and weighs 34 tons.*

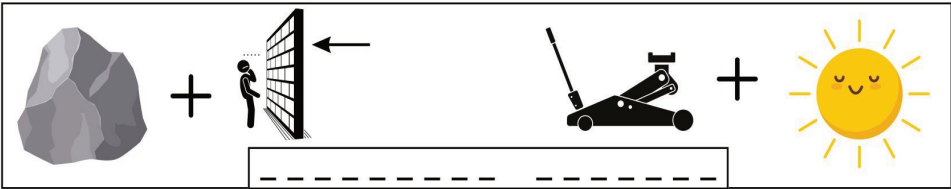
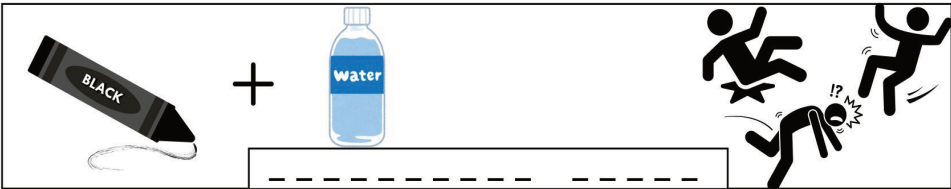
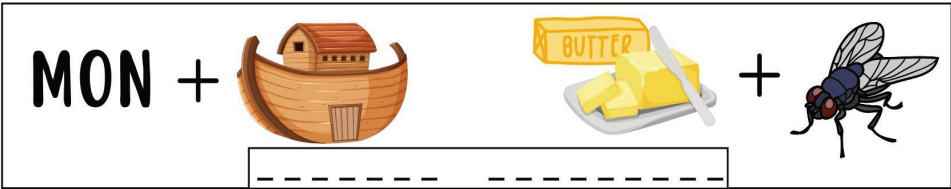
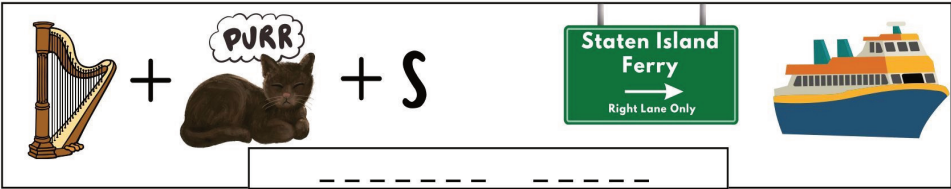
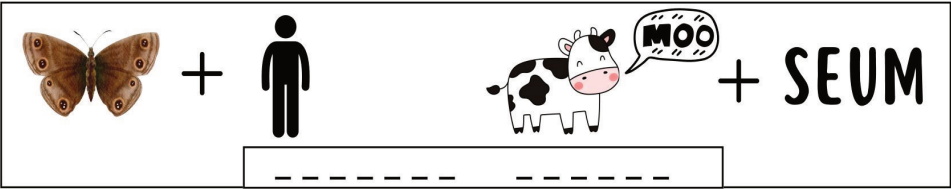
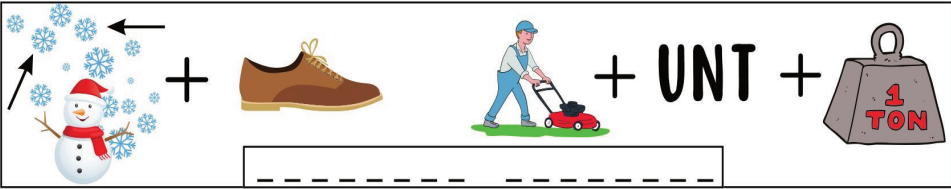
**10.** *KY produces about 95% of the world's bourbon.*

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A rebus puzzle uses pictures, symbols, or letters to represent words. Use the clues to fill in the blanks with some West Virginia-related words.

REBUS  
PUZZLE



## TRIVIA

West Virginia has 9 Cracker Barrel locations. Answer more of this Cracker Barrel trivia, then use the circled words to solve the secret phrase.

1. **Cracker Barrel's** classic **peg** **game** has **15 holes**, but how many **pegs** do you **start with**? \_\_\_\_\_

2. **140 million slices** of this **breakfast pork product** are served every year in their stores. What **is** it? \_\_\_\_\_

3. In addition to **food**, the **first Cracker Barrel** sold this **vital liquid** that **pretty** much every car **needs to run**. \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Coca-Cola** and **Pepsi** never made **crackers** **that** needed to be **shipped in barrels...** but these **types of crackers** had to be. \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Cracker Barrel's 3-in-1 rug game** features **Tic Tac Toe** on one side. What's on the **other side**? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Once you start **relaxing** in one of these **chairs**, they're **tough** to **get out of**. What are they? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What **cozy feature** is commonly used in **Cracker Barrel's dining rooms** during cold weather? \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Step:** Use the circled words to figure out the secret phrase. Then visit the **Cracker Barrel in West Virginia's capital**, show your book with the phrase at the gift shop register, and receive an exclusive prize.

**Secret Phrase:** \_\_\_\_\_

Virginia has been home to many notable figures. Test your knowledge by matching each person to what they are most associated with.

FAMOUS PEOPLE

- A. Declaration of Independence

B. 4th President of US

C. Female Country Music Legend

D. Tennis Legend

E. American Revolution Commander-in-Chief


- F. First Lady of Song

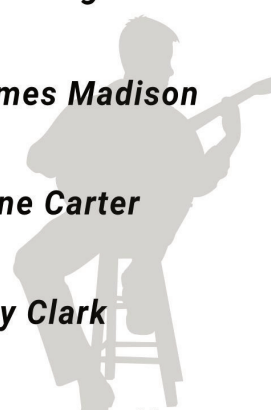

G. Co-host of Hee Haw

H. Today Show Host

I. Played Dick Tracy

J. Today Show Weatherman



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| Willard Scott     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ella Fitzgerald  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Katie Couric      | <input type="checkbox"/> | James Madison    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| George Washington | <input type="checkbox"/> | June Carter      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Warren Beatty     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Roy Clark        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Arthur Ashe       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Thomas Jefferson | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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**Did You Know?** Roy Clark, born in Virginia in 1933, was a country music legend and Hee Haw host. A virtuoso guitarist, banjo player, and fiddle master, he won a Grammy and was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2009. His showmanship and fingerpicking style made him one of the greatest country entertainers.

**FIRST  
THINGS  
FIRST**

*Virginia has been the home of many notable firsts. Fill in the blanks to uncover some of its most remarkable achievements.*

**1.** Back in 1607, Jamestown was the first permanent type of this settlement in America.

\_\_\_\_\_

**3.** In 2019, Virginia launched its first all-electric vessel of this type to service people on the James River.

\_\_\_\_\_

**2.** Virginia was the first state to commercially grow this crop, which was once a popular snack served on Southwest Airlines.

\_\_\_\_\_

**4.** In 1987, Virginia became the first state to convict a serial killer using this type of evidence.

\_\_\_\_\_

**5.** A medical package delivered in 2016 to a home in Christiansburg was the first known type of this delivery.

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**6.** Virginia native George Washington was the first person to hold this title in the United States.

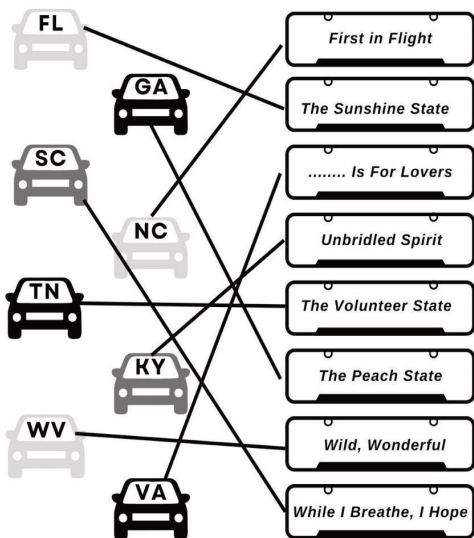
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**7.** 1981 saw the first successful U.S. in vitro fertilization pregnancy in Norfolk, VA. What is it more commonly known as?

\_\_\_\_\_

**8.** The Kentucky Derby wouldn't be the same without this drink, believed to have been invented in 18th-century Virginia.

\_\_\_\_\_



1. January
2. Shirt
3. Dog
4. Boot
5. Tooth
6. Stupid
7. Hailstorm
8. Leg

1. Fried Apples
2. Grits
3. Country Ham
4. Pot Roast
5. Peach Cobbler
6. Fried Chicken
7. Hash Browns
8. Pork Chops
9. Pancakes
10. Home Fries

Visit the rewards program on our website for the secret phrase answer and the secret store to redeem. We can't make it that easy.





**ANSWER  
KEY**

- 1. C. 104 legs
- 2. B. 48 balls
- 3. C. 252 people
- 4. C. 240 stairs

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- 1. Broccoli
- 2. Wright Brothers
- 3. Cape Hatteras  
Lighthouse
- 4. Carolina Reaper
- 5. Krispy Kreme
- 6. Blue Ridge Mountains
- 7. Cape Fear
- 8. Pepsi

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- 1. Town of Duck (G)
- 2. Happy Valley  
Community (H)
- 3. Town of Eureka (I)
- 4. Town of Coat (F)
- 5. Bald Head Island (A)
- 6. Frog Level Comm. (J)
- 7. Lizard Lick Comm. (B)
- 8. Dismal Swamp SP (C)
- 9. Whynot Comm. (D)
- 10. Town of Beaver  
Dam (E)

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**ANSWER  
KEY**

B D G Y X Z C U V I L G F Q M Q I  
Y G R M A A R O C M O P U Y J W G  
Y R U M N O D I U P S U P R F N B  
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W T S E T N O C Q B B O W R T G H

1. Cracker Barrel is located in Lebanon, Tennessee.
2. Each store has about 900 pieces of authentic décor.
3. They serve approximately 210 million biscuits each year.
4. Chickens work overtime to lay the 162 million eggs they use.
5. The peg game on every table is actually called "Peg Solitaire."
6. About 230 million guests walk through its doors each year.
7. They have more than 1,400 billboards across America.
8. With over 650 stores, they need an awful lot of rocking chairs.
9. Pigeon Forge, TN is beautiful and home to two Cracker Barrels.

*Visit the rewards program on our website for the secret phrase answer and the secret store to redeem. Think of this as a bonus challenge.*

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1. Hats/Flats
2. Spread/Bread
3. Frisky/Whiskey
4. Vices/Spices
5. Cap/Gap
6. Chills/Hills
7. Raccoon/Boone
8. Crave/Cave
9. Horses/Courses
10. Fox/Knox

1. **Fact**
2. **Fact**
3. **Fact**
4. **Fake** – The gold door weighs 44,000 lbs.
5. **Fake** – Transylvania phlebotomy is fake.
6. **Fake** – Black Mtn. isn't the closest to the moon.
7. **Fake** – Mammoth Cave is 426 miles long.
8. **Fake** – The Kentucky Derby is the fastest two minutes in sports.
9. **Fact**
10. **Fact**

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**ANSWER  
KEY**

- 1.Snowshoe Mountain
- 2.Mothman Museum
- 3.Harpers Ferry
- 4.Monarch Butterfly
- 5.Blackwater Falls
- 6.Stonewall Jackson

- 1.14 pegs
- 2.Bacon
- 3.Gasoline
- 4.Soda crackers
- 5.Checkers
- 6.Rocking chairs
- 7.Fireplace

*Visit the rewards program on our website for the secret phrase answer and the secret store to redeem. You should be an expert at navigating there by now!*

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- 1.Willard Scott (J)
- 2.Katie Couric (H)
- 3.George Washington (E)
- 4.Warren Beatty (I)
- 5.Arthur Ashe (D)
- 6.Ella Fitzgerald (F)
- 7.James Madison (B)
- 8.June Carter (C)
- 9.Roy Clark (G)
- 10.Thomas Jefferson (A)

- 1.English
- 2.Peanuts
- 3.Ferry
- 4.DNA
- 5.Drone
- 6.President
- 7.IVF
- 8.Mint Julep

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## ***Thanks for Coming Along for the Ride!***

We hope **Barreling Across America** gave you more than just puzzles—it gave you a chance to slow down, explore something new, and maybe even reconnect with the people around you. If you smiled, learned something, or felt that spark of nostalgia and old-fashioned fun, then we've done our job.

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