

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.



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!

PHRASES OF THE SOUTH

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.

Meaning

A Southern idiom that means extremely slow, sluggish, or taking a long time to happen.

Hint

Usually the month of failed resolutions.

Actual Phrase

Slower than molasses in

Someone who is very useful or always ready to help in any situation.

A garment for the upper body.

He's as handy as a pocket on a

Don't let a small or less important part control or dominate the whole situation.

If you anger your wife, you'll be in this house.

Don't let the tail wag the

Southern expression used to describe extremely cold weather.

Something from Denver you don't want on your car tire.

It's colder than a well-digger's

Someone who is very bold or audacious, often to the point of being brash or inconsiderate.

A fairy who leaves money under a pillow.

He's got more nerve than a bum

A blunt, humorous way of saying some people can't be taught or changed.

Having a lack of intelligence or common sense.

You can't fix

A way of saying someone is confused, disoriented, or unsure what to do.

A weather event in which balls of ice fall from the sky.

He's as lost as a goose in a

It describes someone who is dishonest, corrupt, or untrustworthy.

A limb on which a person or animal walks.

As crooked as a dog's hind

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
PHRASE

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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.

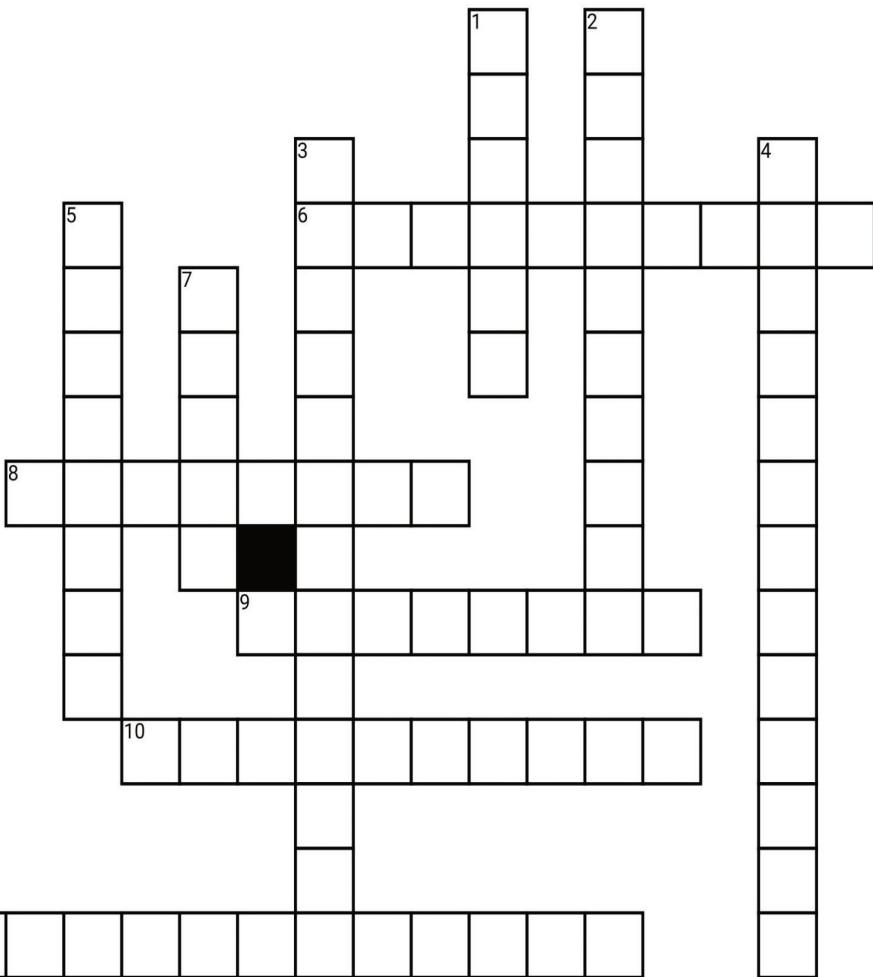
Secret Phrase: — — — — —

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

Test your skills with these real math challenges from South Carolina. If you're stuck, just circle the "D" answer and call it close enough.

MULTIPLE
CHOICE

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.	B.	C.
52 legs	96 legs	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.	B.	C.
36 balls	48 balls	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.	B.	C.
48 people	248 people	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.	B.	C.
48 stairs	120 stairs	240 stairs

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

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

Fireworks

Breakfast

Appetizers

Pancake Mix



Candy

Family Meals

A Time Machine

The Kitchen Sink

Kids Meals

Desserts

Party Platters



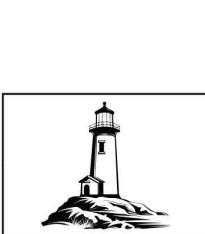
Solve the rhyming riddles below to uncover words associated with North Carolina. Write your answers in the empty box on the right.

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.



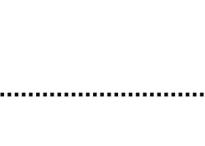
A mountain range is my claim to fame.... a colorful ridge is part of my name.



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.

B

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

C

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

D

This community boasts two subdivisions named Howkome and Whatfore.

E

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

F

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

G

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

H

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

I

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

J

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

Town of Duck

Happy Valley Community

Town of Eureka

Town of Coat

Bald Head Island

Frog Level Community

Lizard Lick Community

Dismal Swamp State Park

Whynot Community

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



Lost Sea

Nashville

Dollywood

Caverns

Smoky Mountains

Grand Ole Opry

Whiskey Trail

Titanic

Lynchburg

Pigeon Forge

BBQ Contest

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**.

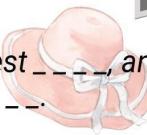
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est	ame	ore	ixe	ime	eon
ver	yth	boa	yea	ing	ock

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!

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



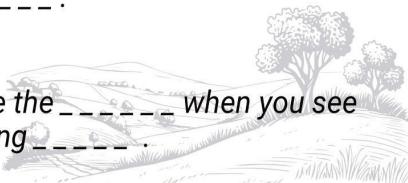
2. It's said that Kentucky invented a beer cheese _____, it goes great on pretzels, crackers, and even sourdough _____!



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 _____.

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.

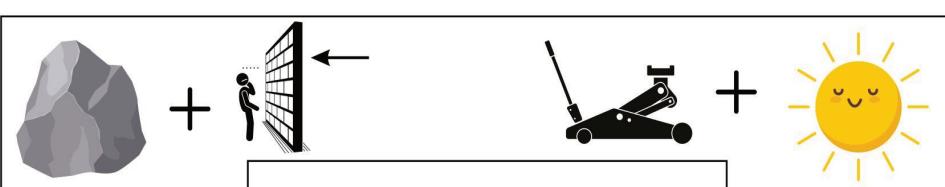
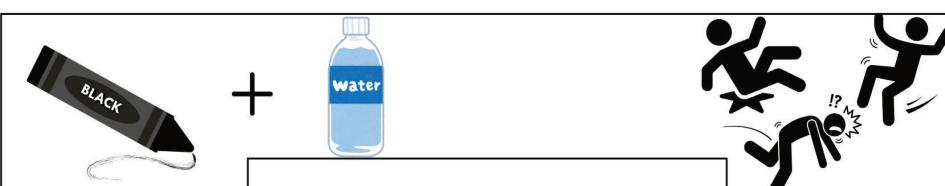
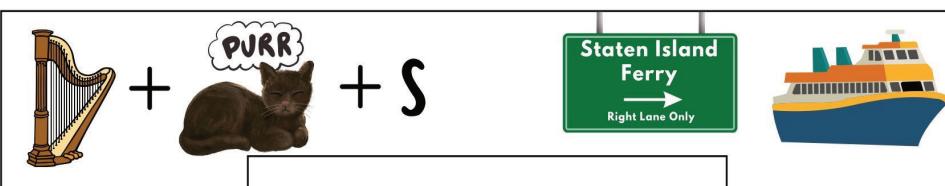
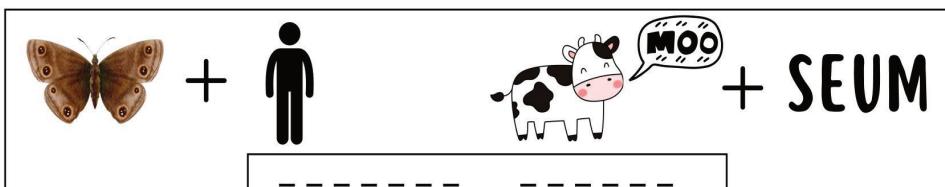
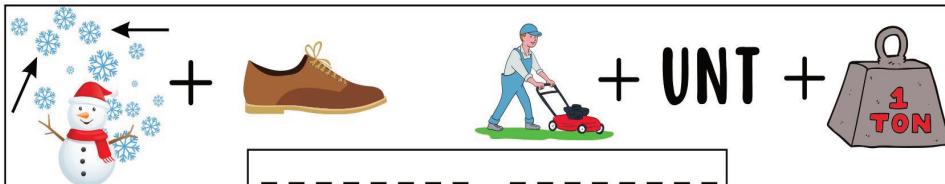
8. The Kentucky Derby's motto is "the most exciting four minutes in sports".

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.

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.

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

Willard Scott

Ella Fitzgerald

Katie Couric

James Madison

George Washington

June Carter

Warren Beatty

Roy Clark

Arthur Ashe

Thomas Jefferson

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.

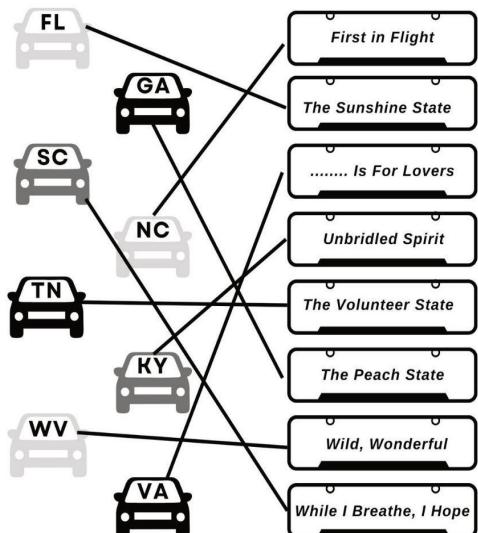
4. In 1987, Virginia became the first state to convict a serial killer using this type of evidence.

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

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

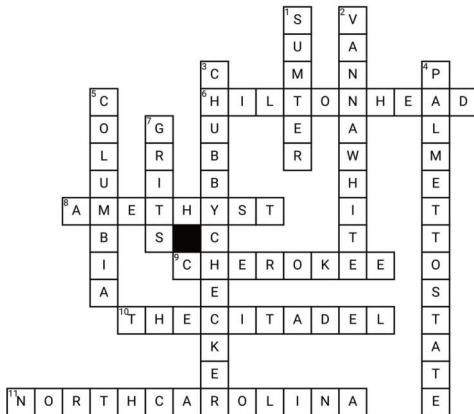
7. 1981 saw the first successful U.S. in vitro fertilization pregnancy in Norfolk, VA. What is it more commonly known as?

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



1. 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.

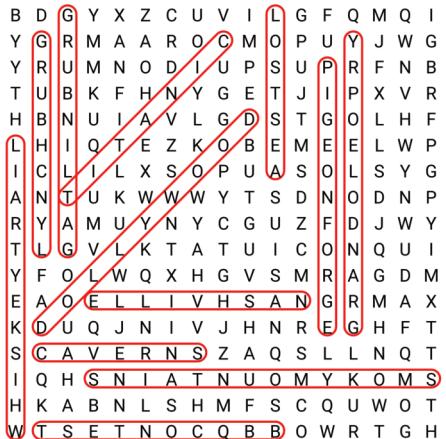


1. C. 104 legs
2. B. 48 balls
3. C. 252 people
4. C. 240 stairs



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

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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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

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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.

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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

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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.

This book is just one stop on a much bigger journey. Be sure to check out the rest of the six-book series as we make our way across the country, state by state, puzzle by puzzle.

You can visit our store for more volumes, and visit our website to get bonus challenges, join the rewards program, or even share your feedback with us. We'd love to hear what you think!

*In a fast-moving world, there's something timeless about pencil-and-paper puzzles, road trip trivia, and the joy of **cracking** a good challenge. Thanks for giving this old pastime a new place in your heart.*

*And always remember to **Eat, Shop, Relax**—and until next time,
Take Care Now.*

—The Cracker Barrel and Word Jaunt Team

