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Even experts are sometimes prone to mistakes when it comes to mountain climbing. Not that I am a mountain climber, Age, ability and resources have limited that option. But I do live in a house after doing a little more understanding of why people like to attempt the sport.

George Mallory inspired the most famous quote in mountaineering history: “Why did you want to climb Mount Everest?” Mallory returned with “because it’s there.” Everest never moved, and despite two failed attempts at reaching Everest’s summit, the mountain was still there, so Mallory attempted a third.

Mallory began his third attempt in 1924. In 1999 his frozen body was discovered on the northern ridge.

That ‘s likely enough of a reason to keep trying, but reaching Everest’s summit, Mount Everest is there. There are some imposing mountains that are there.

Our own Mount Mitchell offers two different opportunities toward the summit of the highest peak east of the Mississippi.

The challenging ways consists of hikes from lower elevations up the trail from the valley below in the Pisgah National Forest or from the top of the mountain, in the area around the peak, from the valley below.

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The easiest way is simply to drive to the parking lot and walk the paved walkway to the summit. While this route is somewhat anti-climatic, it allows basically anyone the opportunity to experience what it is like to be on top of the world.

I spent the weekend in one of my favorite settings in the eastern United States. I have many times mentioned how much I love this mountain. Several times I have spent extended stays within both the Gorge and Pisgah National Forest with nothing but my tent, my backpack, and a few provisions. After looking back through some of my old pictures, I realize I have done many of these at times on my birthday month of October and to capture the timing of the changing of the leaves.

I have hiked several trails into the Gorge as well. I have seen the Linville River surrounded by great earthy stones and rock that seem more skin than the great delicious trees of the Appalachian Mountains. Even though, all the times I come in that people obviously cared about a lot. They either in the猫fish. Towns just to get them. That’s kind of sad. These are things that help people can enjoy looking at a particularity at a place like this. It has a way of getting fit right in.

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The undersigned, John M. Darnell, Executor of the Estate of John M. Darnell, deceased, and Claimant, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against, or debts due the said estate, to appear before me, the undersigned, and file claims in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Pender County, North Carolina, on or before the 17th day of January, 2017, or be forever barred. The notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Section 28A-3-21 of the North Carolina General Statutes. The Estate is administered by the undersigned.

Estate of John M. Darnell, deceased
Executor of the Estate of John M. Darnell, deceased

December 14, 2016.

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