



Real
Estate
Investing
101

What Makes
Us Different

The Actual
Offer
Process

Benefits of
Buyer
Agency

Why Invest with Us in the Smoky Mountains?



Consultation Agenda

- **Discovery:** Confirm the details of our initial consultation
- **Education:** Learn process for investing in the Smokies
- **Marketing Update:** Discuss current STR investment conditions
- **Cabin Valuation:** Discuss effective investment ROI strategy
- **Marketing Agreement:** Review paperwork

Investment Property Buying Process



Step 1 Hire a REALTOR®

Hire a professional who knows the Smoky Mountain Market & understands STR rentals

Understand what you can afford and what returns you will need to “make the numbers work”
Explore loan product options

Step 2 Get Pre- Approved

Step 3 Tour Properties

Investigate local investment properties and find the one of your dreams with best ROI

Use market knowledge and price of competing Cabins to make strong offers

Step 4 Submit an Offer

Step 5 Offer Accepted

Negotiate terms to the satisfaction of both parties. Interview Prop Mgmt Co, unless self managing

Make sure properties are in good condition and worth the price offered

Step 6 Inspection & Appraisal

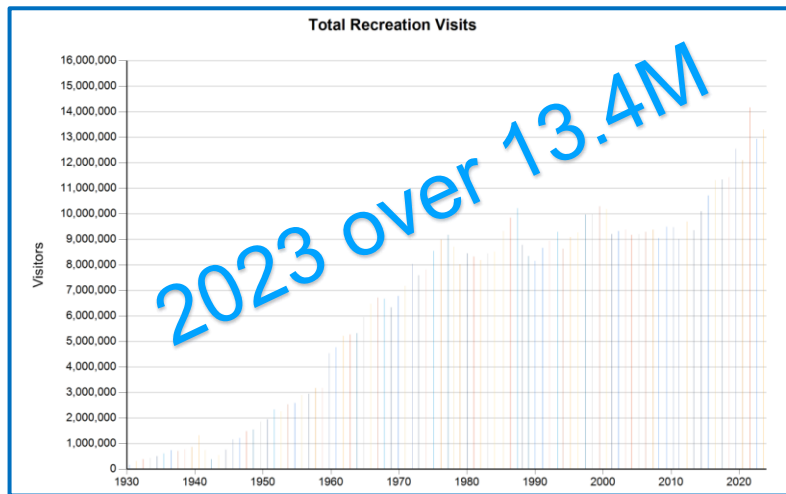
Step 7 Closing Day!

Sign the final paperwork and get the keys to your new cabin. Start earning \$\$

What Makes Our Market Such a Unique Opportunity?

→ Number of Recreational Visitors to the Great Smoky

Mountains from 1930 to 2023 (in millions/yr)



* <https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/SSRSReports/Park%20Specific%20Reports/Park%20YT%20Version%201?Park=GRSM>

- Considered one of the best real estate investing markets: #1 domestically and #5 internationally
- Year-Round Visitors – 365 day season
- Each Year, More Attractions Added- year after year- they keep coming back
- Less than an 8 hour drive for 50% of population- avoiding airports
- Stable economy & work force

Why Do Millions of Visitors Come Every Year?



Gatlinburg



Dining,
Distilleries & Restaurants



Weddings &
Honeymooners



Hiking & Outdoor
Adventures



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Shopping
Pigeon Forge



Attractions



* <https://www.visitmysmokies.com/blog/smoky-mountains/great-smoky-mountains-national-park-visitors-record/>



Smoky Mountains Shine

Average
Cabin
Occupancy
Rates 82%

Average
Length of
Stay:
4 Days

Average
Spend:
\$1,810

Average
Party Size:
4 persons
(2 couples or Family
with Kids)

Average
Daily Rate:
2BR- \$221
4BR- \$421

[*eda.org/regional-profile/regional-profile/sevier-county/](http://eda.org/regional-profile/regional-profile/sevier-county/)

How's the Market Overall?

↓ mid 6%

↑ 5.7%
slowing

↑ 90+
slowing

Interest Rates for 30-Year Fixed Mortgage

Interest rates are no longer at historical lows, though starting to see some reductions. This could affect investors willingness to jump in or they may have to re-assess their budgets to fit monthly payment comfort levels.

Change in Average Sales Price Over Last 12 Months

Prices are going up, which indicates healthy demand. Prices are forecasted to increase over the next year, though the percentage growth expected to slow. Over-priced listings are seeing price drops and offers are being accepted 5-10% under list.

Days on Market (6 Months is Balanced Market)

With only 3 months of housing inventory in our market, coupled with increasing average sales prices, pendulum is shifting away from a strong seller's market. Still have a shortage, so if find the right cabin, be ready to go!

2025 MORTGAGE RATE FORECAST



2025 HOME PRICE PROJECTIONS



SINGLE FAMILY HOME MONTHS SUPPLY



Smoky Mountains Specifically?

Pigeon Forge

Market Snapshot: Sales Price

Median Sales Price \$848K Updated: 11/30/2024	Change Over Last Month ⬆️ 22.83%	Change Over Last 3 Months ⬆️ 51.34%	Change Over Last 12 Months ⬆️ 55.5%	Change Over Last 24 Months ⬇️ 5.04%
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About this data: The Metrics displayed here reflect median sales price for SFR using MLS listing data.

	New	Pending	Closed
	New Listings		
Low Price / Value	\$365,900	\$415,000	\$385,000
Median Price / Value	\$517,450	\$700,000	\$574,950
High Price / Value	\$1,493,999	\$1,250,000	\$2,445,000
Average Price / Sq. Ft.	\$428	\$404	\$397
Median Price / Sq. Ft.	\$377	\$376	\$402
Average Days in RPR	75	106	91
Median Days in RPR	65	99	73
Total Volume	\$7,616,698	\$8,036,650	\$8,473,900

Gatlinburg

Market Snapshot: Sales Price

Median Sales Price \$1.03M Updated: 11/30/2024	Change Over Last Month ⬆️ 64.15%	Change Over Last 3 Months ⬆️ 32.54%	Change Over Last 12 Months ⬆️ 20.76%	Change Over Last 24 Months ⬆️ 49.64%
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	New	Pending	Closed
	New Listings		
Low Price / Value	\$550,000	\$434,000	\$562,000
Median Price / Value	\$811,950	\$787,450	\$1,460,500
High Price / Value	\$1,945,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,750,000
Average Price / Sq. Ft.	\$474	\$356	\$401
Median Price / Sq. Ft.	\$483	\$354	\$398
Average Days in RPR	45	142	106
Median Days in RPR	40	130	97
Total Volume	\$9,156,699	\$9,446,899	\$13,196,000

Sevierville

Market Snapshot: Sales Price

Median Sales Price \$539K Updated: 11/30/2024	Change Over Last Month ⬆️ 8.08%	Change Over Last 3 Months ⬆️ 10.64%	Change Over Last 12 Months ⬇️ 7.69%	Change Over Last 24 Months ⬆️ 14.77%
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	New	Pending	Closed
	New Listings		
Low Price / Value	\$249,909	\$265,000	\$255,000
Median Price / Value	\$594,000	\$514,950	\$639,500
High Price / Value	\$1,750,000	\$2,250,000	\$1,469,000
Average Price / Sq. Ft.	\$366	\$329	\$331
Median Price / Sq. Ft.	\$343	\$329	\$325
Average Days in RPR	32	47	94
Median Days in RPR	12	22	87
Total Volume	\$8,951,808	\$8,458,899	\$7,482,349

Source: RPR Market Activity Report

What Does Your Investment Look Like?

1BR



\$300-\$500K



2-3 BR



\$400- \$700K



4-5 BR

\$800- \$1.2M



\$1.75- \$2M+ 6+ BR



WHAT IS THE CAP RATE FORMULA FOR REAL ESTATE?

$$\text{Cap Rate} = \frac{\text{Risk Free Rate} + \text{Real Estate Risk Premium} + \text{Expected NOI Growth}}{1 - (\text{Annual Capital Expenditures}/\text{NOI})}$$

EXAMPLE - APARTMENT PROPERTY

Monthly average Rent	\$1,200
Number of Units	10
Annual Gross Potential Rent (GPR) = (Rent)*(Units)*(12)	\$144,000
Vacancy = (GPR)*(1%)	\$7,200
Effective Gross Income	\$136,800
Total Operating Expenses	\$56,800
Net Operating Income (NOI)	\$80,000
Annual Cap Expenditures	\$10,000
Risk Free Rate = 10-Year Treasury Yield	3%
Risk Premium	6%
Expected NOI Growth	1%

Answer to Example

$$\text{Cap Rate} = \frac{(3\% + 6\% + 1\%)}{1 - (10,000/80,000)} = 8\%$$

The resulting cap rate is applied to the next year's NOI to arrive at the value.

Investment Considerations:

Cost of Financing:
DSCR Option
borrower qualifies
based on cash-flow
of property

Property
Management
Fees

Annual
Gross
Income

Amenities:
Views

Monthly Expenses:
Utilities, HOA,
Repairs

Proformas &
Income
Calculator
Resources

Location,
Location,
Location

Occupancy
Rates



Results for Our Clients

2.4%

Seller Credits (Average)

On average, our firm has negotiated seller credits towards buyer's closing costs in the last 90 days.

\$7,200

Negotiated Repairs (Average)

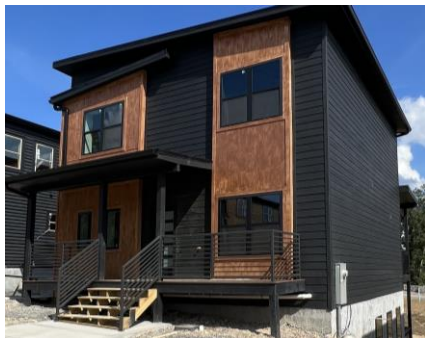
On average, our firm has negotiated repairs or repair costs from sellers in the last 90 days.

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Average Offers Written

Number of offers written, on average, per buyer client by our firm in the last 90 days.

Recent Purchases



Modern Mountain Style Pigeon Forge

Modern New Construction Cabin purchased for investor client with **impressive rental earnings & high occupancy rates**. The buyers were very happy with the results.



Adorable Cabin in Pigeon Forge

We helped our client find this property darling 1 BR with views of Dollywood's nightly fireworks & negotiated an **5.5% reduction** to the cabin's asking price



Lovely income Producer in Sevierville

Found this smaller cabin in a STR community that has large, luxury builds to **maximize fast appreciation** and equity position and stay within budget



Cabin with Stunning Views in Gatlinburg

We were able to beat **11 other offers** to win this Gatlinburg stunning cabin with long range, Smoky Mountain Views that all the tourists are wanting in their rental choice

Professional Real Estate Services

You're entitled to all of
the real estate service
my firm has to offer

- Residential Property Sales & Service
- First Time Buyer Programs
- Move-up Buyer Services
- Luxury Home Services
- Vacation Rental Purchasing
- Real Estate Investment Advising
- Home Value Analysis
- Home Improvement Recommendations
- Real Estate Marketing & Promotion
- Listing Reports from the Multiple Listing Service (MLS)
- Referrals to Contractors & Service Providers
- Home Value Report for Property Tax Filing
- Real Estate Reports & Market Updates
- Out-of-State/Town REALTOR® Referrals
- New Construction Representation

You Can Count on Me To...



**Keep You Up to
Date on the Market**



**Find Homes Matching
Your Criteria & Advise**



**Negotiate the Best
Deal We Can Get**



**Avoid the Pitfalls of
Buying a Home**



**Take Fiduciary
Responsibility**



Your Smoky Mountain Investment Team



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Jenna Ball
Realtor®



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Edna Price
Stockton Mortgage

Recognition & Associations



University of
New Hampshire

B.S. Undergraduate Degree & MBA, Graduate Degree



Accredited Buyer's Representative



Member of three local REALTORS® Associations

Currently Serving on Board of Directors for the Great Smoky Mountains Association



Resort & Second Home Property Specialist



Next Steps:

- Discuss Financing
- Set Search Criteria
- Schedule Property Tours
- Review Paperwork



About our Team



Jo Schultheiss



The Real Estate Firm uses technology & experience to make your next move easy & enjoyable. We help home buyers search and find East Tennessee homes, land or investment property for sale. We negotiate to our clients' advantage and make moving as easy as possible.

We help East Tennessee investment property sellers prepare their Cabin for the market, set a pricing strategy, and find buyers for their property through innovative, effective marketing.

Jo Schultheiss is a consummate real estate professional who works with her clients to sell their homes for best market values. Jo also works with her clients to use real estate to build wealth and passive income by becoming investors in the Smoky Mountain Short Term rental opportunities. She is supported by Jenna Ball & Rachael Wilhoit to assure our clients we will have the capacity to meet your needs, on your timeline.

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