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CAMPITES

Each Campsite is equipped with a flagpole, trashcan, faucet, and latrine (Except Eagle and Mountain Goat) with washbasin. On the side of the latrine is a bulletin board that the troop can use to post assignments, notices, and duty rosters. Camp Comer has two air-conditioned shower and restroom facilities for camp-wide use. Patrol sites are pre-established in each campsite. Most campsites have some Adarondaks that sleep four and tents on platforms that sleep two. Some sites may be occupied by more than one troop. Troops are encouraged to construct gateways to their campsites. The Hawk Campsite is a HANDICAPPED ONLY site, if you do not have a scout or leader that is handicapped that site will not be available.

There are four troop / campsites; each campsite has a latrine, picnic table and fire ring. Water may be obtained at spigots near the pavilion. Garbage is disposed of at the Tannehill trash dumpster. Each unit is responsible for providing its trash bags and taking garbage to the trash dumpster.
The campsites have a number and a name. Make reservations at a Greater Alabama Council Service Center; be sure to specify the campsite or sites desired. Large troops should consider reserving more than one campsite.

* Site # 1 (C.W. Sellers) Capacity: 25 Scouts
* Site # 2 (Doc Baker) Capacity: 30 Scouts
* Site # 3 (Jim Lewis) Capacity: 20 Scouts
* Site # 4 (Byron Wilson) Capacity: 12 Scouts

Note: The campsite capacities are flexible, the suggestions listed are provided to assist in planning and making reservations.

Jack Wright has a central parking / activity area where there is also an activity pavilion. The campsites are all located in close proximity to the parking lot. The camping fee is one dollar per Scout / Scouter per night (payable to the Tannehill Park Ranger at gate on check-in). The Ranger will issue a Camp Jack Wright gate key and give directions to camp. March through November there is no camping permitted on the third weekend of the month.

Camp Sequoyah has been in operation since it was dedicated on June 29, 1972 and is a part of the Frank Spain Scout Reservation, which encompasses 1,447 acres of prime wilderness. The camp's centerpiece is the 80-acre Lake Cross. Camp Sequoyah has the best programming and facilities that Scouting has to offer and has plenty of opportunities for advancement with four class periods each day. However, most of the afternoon is left free for troops to schedule their own programs or take advantage of the great activities planned by the camp. Older Scouts may want to go to Xtreme Adventure Base for the week. We can arrange transportation to and from XAB for them.

Each Campsite is equipped with a flagpole, trashcan, faucet, and latrine with washbasin, two flush toilets and two hot-water showers. On the side of the latrine is a bulletin board that the troop can use to post assignments, notices, and duty rosters. There is a designated leaders area for each campsite, and patrol sites pre-established in groups of four tents each. Each tent, including the leaders, sleeps two people. Many sites will be occupied by more than one troop. We ask that if you have an exceptionally large troop you use those sites that are designated for larger troops.

**The Turkey Flats Campsite is a HANDICAPPED ONLY site, if you do not have a scout or leader that is wheel chair restricted, that site will not be available. This site does not have its own shower building.**

Each troop must bring their trash to the dining hall every morning at breakfast and place it in the dumpsters beside the loading dock. Campsite inspections will be performed every morning after breakfast to check for trash, latrine cleanliness, fireguard chart postings, and general neatness.

Please remain on the main trails and roads in camp and do not wonder through other campsites. These sites are your homes for the week, and we need to respect each other's privacy.
Each Council camp is available for use throughout the year. Troops will need to bring their own tents. Contact the Council for information about the camps.

High Adventure

Florida Sea Base

Our Locations

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base operates nine different adventures out of three different locations: two in the Florida Keys, and one in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. The adventures Coral Reef Sailing, Sea Exploring Adventure, Scuba Adventure, Scuba Certification, and Live Aboard Scuba Adventure operate in the Florida Keys at Mile Marker 73.8 at Sea Base on Lower Matecumbe Key located 75 miles south of Miami (Lower Matecumbe Key - MAP). Out Island Adventure and Keys Adventure programs operate in the Florida Keys on Summerland Key at Mile Marker 23.8 at the Brinton Environmental Center located 125 miles south of Miami (Summerland Key - MAP). (Key West, the southernmost point in the Keys, Florida and the continental United States, is located at Mile Marker zero.) Bahamas Adventure and Bahamas Tall Ship Adventures operate out of the Bahamas Sea Base in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas, located about 100 miles east of Fort Lauderdale. (For mailing and physical address, visit the contact page.)

Scouting’s most complete aquatic facility offers a complete variety of water activities from SCUBA diving to sailing “Tall Ships”. All of our participants have the opportunity to swim, snorkel, and fish among the most beautiful coral reefs in the northern hemisphere.

The Facility

The elevated dormitories look out across Florida Bay to one of the many bridges that separate the Gulf of Mexico from the Atlantic Ocean. Our harbor has a 300 foot pier for the sailing yachts, as well as many smaller docks for our fleet of power boats. SCUBA instruction is offered in special diving tanks complete with an underwater viewing port. The Ship’s Store (Trading Post) sells many items that you may have forgotten and items to take home to help you remember your adventure.

Only a few miles offshore, an extensive underwater living coral garden forms a barrier reef protecting the islands. Here, among pillars of living coral, you come face to face with thousands of multi-hued tropical fish in water so clear that while swimming, you have the sensation of floating in mid air. The area abounds with legends and tales of unequaled adventure. Even to this day, the lure of discovering a buried treasure burns in the hearts of true adventurers.

Telephone: 305-664-4173
Postal address: P.O. Box 1906, Islamorada, FL 33036
Physical address: 73800 Overseas Hwy, Lower Matecumbe Island, Florida Keys 33036
Philmont Scout Ranch

The Boy Scouts of America's premier high-adventure base—challenges Scouts and Venturers with more than 200 square miles of rugged New Mexico wilderness. Backpacking treks, horseback cavalcades, and training and service programs offer young people many ways to experience this legendary country. Adults have opportunities of their own at the Philmont Training Center. World-class courses and seminars cover all aspects of Scouting—all amid Philmont's dramatic scenery.

Facilities and Activities

Since Philmont's first camping season in 1939, more than 700,000 Scouts, Venturers, and their leaders have participated in the rugged challenge of its backpacking program. Base camp isn't quite so rugged, offering the luxuries of a dining hall, showers, platform tents, and a trading post. A medical center is available, as are chapels for different religious faiths. The ranch and surrounding area offer many places to go and things to do. The Kit Carson and Philmont museums and the Seton Memorial Library are well worth visiting before or after your trek. Nearby towns such as Cimarron and Springer are windows to the region's rich history.

Camping and Adventure

Philmont Scout Ranch provides an unforgettable adventure along its hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails. Program features combine the best of the old West—horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuck wagon dinners, and interpretive history—with exciting challenges for today—rock climbing, burro racing, mountain biking, and rifle shooting—in an unbeatable recipe for fast-moving outdoor fun. But there's a lot more to Philmont than backpacking. Other programs include horseback expeditions called Cavalcades; extended expeditions called Rayado Treks, a 20-day advanced backpacking trek; R.O.C.S., the 21-day Roving Outdoor Conservation School; Order of the Arrow Trail Crew, a 14-day trail-building and hiking program; and Ranch Hands, a 16-day program in which participants work with the Horse Department and experience a Cavalcade. For more information about conferences or the Philmont Training Center, contact:

Philmont Training Center
Philmont Scout Ranch
Route 1, Box 35
Cimarron, NM 87714
Phone: 505-376-2281
Fax: 505-376-2629
E-mail: trainingcenter@philmontscoutranch.org

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National High Adventure Bases, BSA
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Ely, Minnesota 55731-0509

email: info@ntier.org
ALABAMA STATE PARKS

Camp names in italics are in council

**Bladon Springs State Park**

3921 Bladon Road  
Bladon Springs, AL 36919

Park Office and Fax: (251) 754-9207

Centering around four mineral springs, this 357-acre park in Choctaw County provides modern campsites, shelters, tables and grills for daytime and nighttime family outings.

**Blue Springs State Park**

2595 Highway 10  
Clio, AL 36017

Park Office and Fax: (334) 397-4875  
Swimming Pool: (334) 397-8703  
bluespringsstpk@mindspring.com

Fed by a crystal-clear underground spring, the park's swimming pool and spring pool are the center of attention in this 103-acre park. Other complementing facilities include picnic shelters, tables, grills, comfort stations, playground, tennis courts and modern or primitive campground.

**Buck's Pocket State Park**

393 County Road 174  
Grove Oak, AL 35975

Park Office: (256) 659-2000  
Fax: (256) 659-2752  
buckspocketstpk@farmerstel.com

As the story goes, Buck's Pocket is where all the defeated public officials go to lick their wounds after an unsuccessful election. We don't know if this story is true, but we do know this park is secluded in a natural pocket of the Appalachian Mountain chain. This is a 2,000-acre nature lover's dream. Uniquely located, the park's picnic area offers a canyon rim natural vista into the pocket below. The pocket itself, on an upstream tributary of Lake Guntersville, hosts an improved campground, complete with tables, grills, shelters, laundry, comfort station, playground and hiking trails. A boat launch and fishing area are also provided seven miles downstream at Morgan's Cove on Lake Guntersville.
**Cheaha Resort State Park**

*State Park:*
19644 Highway 281  
Delta, AL  36258  
Park Office: (256) 488-5111  
Park Fax: (256) 488-5885  
cheahastpk@acs-isp.com

*Park Resort:*
2141 Bunker Loop  
Delta, AL  36258  
1-800-846-2654 or (256) 488-5115  
Lodge Fax: (256) 488-5649  
cheahastld@acs-isp.com

At 2,407 feet above sea level, Cheaha Mountain is the highest point in Alabama. This 2,799-acre mountaintop retreat provides breathtaking scenery year-round. A spectacular sunset becomes the perfect complement to an excellent evening dining experience at the park restaurant. During the day you can enjoy hiking, swimming or photographing the natural beauty of the Cheaha Mountain area. Then, after an exhilarating day you can retire to a comfortable hotel room, mountainside chalet or one of our newly renovated cabins. Or you may choose to stay closer to nature at a primitive campsite.

**Chewacla State Park**

124 Shell Toomer Parkway  
Auburn, AL  36830  
Park Office: (334) 887-5621  
Fax: (334) 821-2439  
chewaclastpk@mindspring.com

Chewacla's 696 scenic acres are a delightful pause from nearby interstate traffic. Tranquil park facilities include a 26-acre lake, rental boats, swimming area, playgrounds, hiking trails, a modern campground and picnic areas with tables, grills and shelters. There are newly renovated rustic cabins you are bound to fall in love with. Chewacla State Park is a great place to get away for some rest and relaxation or the perfect place to stay the weekend of the big ballgame. You can watch the sunset on the lake from your cabin and enjoy the fireplace on a cool fall day.

**Chickasaw State Park**

26955 U.S. Highway 43  
Gallion, AL  36742
Rambling in rural Marengo County, you will find Chickasaw's 520-acre roadside park. It has campsites, wading pool, hiking trails, a barbecue grilling pavilion, plus other large pavilions and picnic areas perfect for group-size cookouts and gatherings. This park is also located adjacent to a handicapped-accessible, state-operated hunting facility.

**DeSoto Resort State Park**

*State Park:*
13883 County Road 89
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Park Office: (256) 845-0051
Park Fax: (256) 845-8226
Campground: (256) 845-5075
desotostpk@mindspring.com

*Park Resort:*
265 County Road 951
Fort Payne, AL 35967

1-800-568-8840 or (256) 845-5380
Lodge Fax: (256) 845-3224
desotostl@mindspring.com

In the rustic tradition of the Civilian Conservation Corps, DeSoto State Park is accented by rushing waterfalls and fragrant wildflowers. The atmosphere of the CCC further enhances the restaurant, lodge and cabin facilities. Nestled atop beautiful scenic Lookout Mountain, this 3,502-acre park also provides modern chalets and campsites, as well as a picnic area, swimming pool, tennis courts, nature center and hiking trails. During your stay, you can photograph DeSoto Falls or hike to Indian Falls and along the West Fork of Little River.

**Florala State Park**

22738 Azalea Drive
Florala, AL 36442

Park Office and Fax: (334) 858-6425
floralastatepark@gtcom.net

Stretching along the shores of beautiful 500-acre Lake Jackson, this compact 40-acre park offers swimming, paddleboat rentals, fishing and picnicking, as well as a complete community building and a modern lakeside campground. Located on the Alabama/Florida line, this park has the perfect climate for campers seeking to avoid those harsh winter months up north.

**Frank Jackson State Park**
This 2,050-acre park is proud to serve as your premier fishing destination with its 1,000-acre stream-fed lake. As the primary park attraction, Lake Jackson, in addition to providing outstanding fishing and swimming opportunities, also features shoreline picnic areas. Lakefront camping sites with cable TV hookups and a nice modern bathhouse make it a great camping destination. There’s a natural island, with a boardwalk and walking path, for the explorer in you.

**Gulf State Park**

**NOTICE:** Due to Hurricane Ivan, the Alabama Gulf Coast has experienced severe damage. Please verify that businesses are open with local officials or by calling 1-800-ALAPARK.

**State Park:**
20115 State Highway 135
Gulf Shores, AL 36542

P.O. Box 437
Gulf Shores, AL 36547-0437

Park Office: (251) 948-7275
Park Fax: (251) 948-7726
gulfstpk@gulftel.com

**Campground:**
22050 Campground Rd.
Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Campground Reservations:
(251) 948-6353 or 1-800-252-7275
Campground Fax: 251-948-4570
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (except holidays and weekends)

Located in the city of Gulf Shores on the coast of Alabama. White sun-kissed beaches, a surging surf, seagulls and seashells are here to greet you at Gulf State Park. Consisting of 6,150 acres with 2 miles of sugar white sand beaches, Gulf State Resort Park has modern and primitive camping, cottages, marina, trails and fishing. What more could you ask for? How about tennis, group pavilions, nature programs and picnic areas? Yes, we have it.

**Joe Wheeler Resort State Park**

**State Park:**
201 McLean Drive
Rogersville, AL 35652
This resort park, containing 2,550 acres, is divided by the Tennessee River, which forms the 69,700 acre Wheeler Lake in northwest Alabama, a fisherman’s paradise! Stroll along the landscaped banks of Wheeler Lake. You might see deer or an eagle or much more of the wildlife so abundant at Joe Wheeler State Park.

**Lake Guntersville Resort State Park**

**State Park:**
7966 Alabama Hwy. 227
Guntersville, AL 35976

Park Office: (256) 571-5444
Park Fax: (256) 571-9043
Campground: (256) 571-5455
1-800-760-4108
guntersvillestk@mindspring.com

In the Tennessee Valley, overlooking the majestic 69,000-acre Guntersville Reservoir, this park ranges over 6,000 acres of natural woodlands. The park has an 18-hole championship golf course, a beach complex, fishing center, hiking trails, nature programs and a day-use area. Modern campground and lakeview cottages on the lake, coupled with a resort lodge on the pinnacle of Taylor Mountain, and chalets on the ridge-tops provide a selection of overnight accommodations beyond comparison.

**Lake Lurleen State Park**

13226 Lake Lurleen Road
Coker, AL 35452
Named for Alabama's only female governor, Lurleen B. Wallace, this 1,625-acre park is a scenic lakeside retreat set on the banks of a 250-acre lake. The park facilities include a modern campground, campstore, activity building, picnic area, play area, pavilions, beach with bathhouse, fishing piers, boat rentals and boat-launch areas.

Lakepoint Resort State Park

*State Park:*
104 Lakepoint Drive
Eufaula, AL 36027-9202

Campground: (334) 687-6676
lakepointstpk@mindspring.com

*Park Resort:*
Hwy. 431 North
Eufaula, AL 36027

1-800-544-5253 or (334) 687-8011
Lodge Fax: (334) 687-3273
lakepointstld@mindspring.com

This picturesque 1,220-acre park near the Alabama-Georgia line complements the beautiful 45,200-acre Lake Eufaula, otherwise known as the "Bass Capital of The World." The park has a modern campground, vacation cottages, picnic areas, tennis courts, 18-hole golf course and an extensive marina complete with launch facilities, boat slips, bait and tackle and a sales and service area.

Meaher State Park

5200 Battleship Parkway East
Spanish Fort, AL 36577

Park Office and Fax: (251) 626-5529

This 1,327-acre park is situated in the wetlands of Mobile Bay and is a day-use picnicking and scenic park with modern camping for overnight visitors. A boat ramp and fishing pier will appeal to every fisherman. A self-guided walk on two nature trails includes a boardwalk that gives you a nice view of the Mobile Delta.

Monte Sano State Park
Monte Sano’s 2,140-acre mountaintop retreat combines the history of the park’s 1930s Civilian Conservation Corps-era cottages with the technology of the Space & Rocket Center City below. In the midst of the city, one can still retreat to the park to enjoy scenic hiking trails, picnic areas, modern campsites and quaint, rustic cottages with an unforgettable view.

Oak Mountain State Park

200 Terrace Dr.
P.O. Box 278
Pelham, AL 35124

Park Office: (205) 620-2520
Office Fax: (205) 620-2531
Cabin Reservations: (205) 620-2524
Information & Pavilion Reservations: (205) 620-2524
Campground Office: (205) 620-2527
Golf Course/Pro Shop: (205) 620-2522
Demonstration Farm: (205) 620-2526
Wildlife Rehabilitation Center/Treetop Nature Trail: (205) 620-7930
Fishing Center: (205) 620-2528
Boarding Stables: (205) 620-3575
oakmountainstpk@mindspring.com

As Alabama’s largest park, Oak Mountain provides 9,940 acres of pine-studded ridges and lush green hardwood bottoms. The park offers vacation cottages, golf, pro shop with snack bar, improved camping, picnicking, swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, mountain bike trails, backpacking, a demonstration farm and horseback riding facilities. With the largest area and variety of outdoor recreational pursuits, Oak Mountain is sure to provide excitement for every member of the family!

The Wildlife Center: Located in Oak Mountain State Park, it is the largest wildlife rehabilitation center in Alabama and cares for over 2,000 injured and orphaned wild creatures each year. Visitors may view the rehabilitation process through one-way glass and learn about native species. The Treetop Nature Trail offers close-up views of unreleasable hawks and owls in natural habitat enclosures from an elevated walkway in the woods. Open every day, it is handicapped accessible.

Paul M. Grist State Park

1546 Grist Road
Selma, AL 36701
Tranquility prevails in the beautiful 1,080-acre park as visitors enjoy the relaxing atmosphere around the park’s 100-acre lake. Recreational opportunities include swimming, fishing, boating, picnicking, hiking and camping.

**Rickwood Caverns**

370 Rickwood Park Road  
Warrior, AL  35180-3568

Park Office and Fax: (205) 647-9692  
rickwoodstpk@mindspring.com

Experience the thrill of Rickwood's miracle mile of underground caverns! The 260 million-year-old limestone formations, blind cave fish and underground pool are just a few of the natural wonders exhibited in the colorful cavern. The park features an Olympic-sized swimming pool, picnic area, hiking trails, miniature-train ride, campground and souvenir store.

Rickwood Cave reveals that it was carved from an ocean bed - shell fragments and fossils of marine life are clearly visible along the cavern ceiling and walls. Many curiosities are featured on guided tours of the "miracle mile" at Rickwood Caverns State Park.

**Roland Cooper State Park**

285 Deer Run Drive  
Camden, AL  36726

Park Office: (334) 682-4838  
Fax: (334) 682-4050  
rolandcooperstatepark@frontiernet.net

Rolling along the 22,000-acre Dannelly Reservoir, this 236-acre park features a nine-hole golf course with clubhouse, spacious vacation cottages, modern campground with bathhouse, laundry and campstore; and a scenic picnic area with tables, grills, pavilions and comfort station. With fishing so popular in the reservoir, the park also provides boat launching facilities and bait and tackle amenities.

**Wind Creek State Park**

4325 Alabama Highway 128  
Alexander City, AL  35010
This park spans 1,445 acres along the shores of scenic Lake Martin, which is a 41,000-acre clear-water reservoir perfect for fishing, swimming and boating. Park facilities include the largest state-operated campground in the United States with 636 sites, many of which are waterfront sites allowing campers to fish, swim and boat right out their back door. Other facilities include a marina, campstore, fishing pier, hiking trails, playground and picnic areas with tables, grills and shelters. Ten rental cabins are currently under construction at Wind Creek State Park.

Georgia State Parks

Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge
It’s easy to see why this is one of Georgia’s most popular state parks. Amicalola, a Cherokee Indian word meaning “tumbling waters,” is an appropriate name for these 729-foot falls — the tallest east of the Mississippi River. An eight-mile approach trail leads from the park to Springer Mountain, the southern end of the 2,135-mile Appalachian Trail. However, numerous other trails are available for shorter journeys. A beautiful lodge is popular with guests who prefer hotel-type comforts over cottages and camping, while a 5-mile hike leads to more remote accommodations at the Len Foote Hike Inn. Be sure to stop by the park office to see nature displays, live exhibits and a gift shop.
Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

Black Rock Mountain State Park
Black Rock Mountain State Park, named for its sheer cliffs of dark-colored biotite gneiss, encompasses some of the most outstanding country in Georgia’s Blue Ridge Mountains. Located astride the Eastern Continental Divide at an altitude of 3,640 feet, Black Rock Mountain is the highest state park in Georgia. Numerous scenic overlooks provide spectacular 80-mile vistas of the Southern Appalachians, and several hiking trails lead visitors past wildflowers, cascading streams, small waterfalls and lush forests. The summit visitor center and picnic tables are popular with travelers in northeast Georgia.
Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

Bobby Brown State Park
This pretty park offers watersports enthusiasts a quiet oasis on 70,000-acre Clarks Hill Lake. Located where the old town of Petersburg once thrived during the 1790s, the park is named in memory of Lt. Robert T. Brown, U.S. Navy, who gave his life in World War II. Petersburg was situated where the Broad and Savannah rivers flow into the Clarks Hill Reservoir, now an outstanding state recreational area. When water levels are low, visitors can see some foundations of the old town and imagine large plantations once flourishing. The park’s location on the largest man-made lake east of the Mississippi River provides excellent boating, skiing and fishing. Yurts, which are like tents made of canvas and wood, offer a unique camping experience.
Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

Cloudland Canyon State Park
Located on the western edge of Lookout Mountain, this is one of the most scenic parks in the state, offering rugged geology and beautiful vistas. The park straddles a deep gorge cut into the mountain by Sitton Gulch Creek, and elevation differs from 800 to 1,980 feet. The most spectacular view into the canyon is found near the picnic area parking lot; however, additional views can be found along the rim trail. Hardy visitors who hike to the bottom of the gorge find two waterfalls cascading over layers of sandstone and shale into pools below. Cottages are located near the canyon edge, while the
It was acquired by the state in 1825 and became an Indian Springs State Park features a log fort built in 1792 by settlers for protection against Creek and Cherokee Indians.

The park's walk-in campsites provide exceptional privacy for tents. Outdoor lovers should not miss this park's spectacular scenery.

Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

**Crooked River State Park**
Located on Georgia's Colonial Coast, this park offers cozy facilities in a beautiful setting. Campsites are surrounded by Spanish moss-draped oaks, while most cottages overlook the river. Hikers can explore the nature trail, which winds through maritime forest and salt marsh. A boat ramp is popular with anglers who often take to the water before sunrise. Visitors may venture to the nearby ruins of the tabby "McIntosh Sugar Works" mill, built around 1825 and later used as a starch factory during the Civil War. Nearby is the ferry to famous Cumberland Island National Seashore known for wild horses and mansion ruins.

Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

**Elijah Clark State Park**
Located on the western shore of 70,000-acre Clarks Hill Lake, this park is named for a frontiersman and Georgia war hero who led pioneers during the Revolutionary War. A renovated and furnished log cabin museum displays furniture, utensils and tools circa 1780 and is open for weekend tours April through November. Visitors can also view the graves of Clark and his wife, Hannah. Anglers and boaters will especially enjoy the park's location on the largest man-made lake east of the Mississippi River. Cottages are located on the lake's edge, and the spacious campground is nestled into the forest.

Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

**Florence Marina State Park**
Situated at the northern end of 45,000-acre Lake Walter F. George, this park offers the perfect setting for those who love water sports. It is adjacent to a natural deep-water marina with an accessible deep-water fishing pier, boat slips and boat ramp. Birders are sure to see herons and egrets, and possibly bald eagles. The park's Kirbo Interpretive Center teaches visitors about Native Americans, nature and local history, and it displays snakes, turtles, fish and artifacts from the prehistoric Paleo-Indian period through the early 20th century. Ten miles southeast is Providence Canyon State Park, known as Georgia's Little Grand Canyon, with hiking trails and a visitor center.

Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

**Fort Mountain State Park**
Fort Mountain derives its name from an ancient 855-foot-long rock wall which stands on the highest point of the mountain. The mysterious wall is thought to have been built by Indians as fortification against other more hostile Indians or for ancient ceremonies. Situated in the Chattahoochee National Forest close to the Cohutta Wilderness area, this park offers a variety of outdoor activities. Hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders will find some of the most beautiful trails in northern Georgia. Most wind through hardwood forest and blueberry thickets, occasionally crossing streams and providing spectacular vistas. During the summer, children will enjoy the sand beach located on a clear mountain lake, as well as miniature golf and pedal boat rental.

Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

**Fort Yargo State Park**
Located between Atlanta and Athens, Fort Yargo offers a fun camping, hiking and fishing experience. The park surrounds Marbury Creek Reservoir, a 260-acre lake with a swimming beach, fishing areas and boat ramps. Many camp sites are near the water's edge, and hiking/biking trails follow the lake shore. Within the park is Will-A-Way Recreation Area, an accessible facility specifically designed for challenged populations, with a group camp, picnic and fishing areas, and paved trail. This historical park features a log fort built in 1792 by settlers for protection against Creek and Cherokee Indians.

Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

**Indian Springs State Park**
Located off I-75 in middle Georgia, Indian Springs is thought to be the oldest state park in the nation. It was acquired by the state in 1825 and became an official "State Forest Park" in 1927. The Creek
Indians used the springs for centuries to heal the sick and impart extra vigor to the well. During the 1800s, the area was a bustling resort town. Today, visitors can still sample the spring water while enjoying the park's cottages, camping, swimming, fishing and boating. Many structures within the park, such as the spring house, were built during the Great Depression by members of FDR’s Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). A museum (hours limited) highlights Creek Indians, the resort era and CCC history.

Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

**James H. (Sloppy) Floyd State Park**

Surrounded by rural countryside and the Chattahoochee National Forest, this quiet park in northwest Georgia offers outstanding fishing on two stocked lakes. Visitors can hike along three miles of lake loop trails and relax in swings while watching for the many bluebirds that live in the park. Access to the scenic 60-mile Pinhoti Trail is only a 1.6-mile hike from the park. Children especially enjoy the playground, feeding fish from the boardwalk and renting pedal boats. A small campground and four cottages are nestled on tree-covered hillsides. This park was named for Rep. James H. “Sloppy” Floyd who served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1953 until 1974.

Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

**Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge**

Conveniently located near Highway 441 in south Georgia, this park features a wide variety of amenities. Golfers can test their skills on the 18-hole Wallace Adams Course with clubhouse, golf pro, unlimited weekday play and junior/senior discounts. Boaters and anglers will enjoy the park's 265-acre lake with swimming beach, while children can rent pedal boats or play miniature golf during summer. The 2.6-mile Oak Ridge Trail winds through scrub oaks and pines towards a buzzard roost and boardwalk. The newly renovated lodge offers hotel-style guest rooms, meeting facilities and a restaurant with golf course view.

Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

**Mistletoe State Park**

Located on 72,000-acre Clarks Hill Lake near Augusta, this park is known as one of the finest bass fishing spots in the nation. During the summer, guests can cool down at the beach or on miles of shaded nature trails. Canoes and fishing boats are available for rent, and a wildlife observation area is available. The park has 10 fully equipped cottages on the lake, five of which are log cabins. The campground is situated on a peninsula, offering spectacular views of both sunset and sunrise over the open water. A one-room camper cabin faces the lake, offering a porch with rocking chairs, electricity, four bed platforms, a grill, picnic table and water spigot.

Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

**Moccasin Creek State Park**

Known as the park “where spring spends the summer,” Moccasin Creek is nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains on the shores of lovely 2,800-acre Lake Burton. Despite its mountain location, the park is relatively flat, offering easy navigation for large RVs, children’s bicycles and wheelchairs. A fully accessible fishing pier sits above a trout-filled creek open only to physically challenged visitors, senior citizens and children. Tour the adjacent trout rearing station, hike on several nearby mountain trails or simply relax in this peaceful setting. The park's central location makes it a perfect jumping off spot for mountain exploration.

Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

**Tallulah Gorge State Park**

One of the most spectacular canyons in the eastern U.S., Tallulah Gorge is two miles long and nearly 1,000 feet deep. Visitors can hike rim trails to several overlooks, or they can obtain a free permit (limit 100 per day) to hike down to the gorge floor. A suspension bridge sways 80 feet above the rocky bottom, providing spectacular views of the river and waterfalls. Exhibits in the park’s Jane Hurt Yarn Interpretive Center highlight the rich history of this Victorian resort town, as well as the rugged terrain and fragile ecosystem of the area. Additionally, an award-winning film takes viewers on a
dramatic journey through the gorge.

Permits are required for all people accessing the gorge floor or rock climbing/rappelling. Permits are not transferable. The only approved trails for entering or leaving the gorge floor are the Sliding Rock and the Hurricane Falls [staircase] trails. Trails entering or exiting the gorge, as well as those on the gorge floor, are very strenuous. Visitors with health problems should not attempt to climb these trails. CHILDREN MUST BE CLOSELY SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES. Weather and water flow conditions can restrict gorge floor access. Permits limited to 100 per day. Call 1-800-864-7275 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST).

**Mississippi State Parks**
**Buccaneer**
Waveland, Mississippi

Located on the beach of the Gulf of Mexico and just 50 miles from historic New Orleans, Buccaneer State Park is a year-round vacation spot rich in coastal beauty and recreational opportunities. The area now encompassed by the park was frequented by pirates in the 1700s, and figures prominently in mysterious tales of smuggling and buried treasure. Today Buccaneer State Park is best known for its exciting wave pool, which provides a safe yet exciting setting for summer rafting and body surfing, and as a winter retreat where the mild temperatures allow outdoor recreation year-round.

**Address:** 1150 S. Beach Blvd.
Waveland, MS 39576
Park Phone: 228.467.3822
Wave Pool: 228.467.2580
buccaneer@mdwfp.state.ms.us

**Clark Creek Natural Area**
Woodville, Mississippi

Waterfalls? In Mississippi?

Let's face it - the thought isn't on the tip of everyone's tongue. And you don't just see them everywhere.

But there's one spot in the Magnolia State where you can experience them amid the colorful splendor of a mixed hardwood and pine forest. The land is open to the public year-round and awaits your visit. And you won't be sorry you went.

**Address:** 366 Ft Adams Pond Rd
Woodville, MS 39669
phone 601.888.6040

**Clarkco**
Quitman, Mississippi
Located just south of Meridian near the Mississippi-Alabama state line, Clarkco State Park has been a favorite Mississippi recreation spot since 1938. Situated on 815 acres of gently rolling woodlands, Clarkco State Park offers camping, cabin rentals, and water sports in a convenient yet unspoiled location, providing the perfect retreat for an afternoon or weekend getaway.

Address: 386 Clarkco Road
Quitman, MS 39355
phone 601.776.6651
c Clarkco@mdwfp.state.ms.us

George P. Cossar
Oakland, Mississippi

Situated on the shores of Enid Lake, George Payne Cossar State Park is a sportsman’s paradise. Most of the land around the lake and in nearby Holly Springs National Forest is open for public hunting, and is abundant in variety of game. Hunters are not the only sportsmen who will find their quarry in the area. The world record crappie, weighing in at over five pounds, was pulled from the waters of Enid Lake. These excellent hunting and fishing opportunities, combined with a variety of recreational opportunities and scenic natural beauty, make George Payne Cossar State Park the perfect family vacation spot.

Address: 165 County Road 170
Oakland, MS 38948-0297
phone 662.623.7356
cossar@mdwfp.state.ms.us

Golden Memorial
Walnut Grove, Mississippi

Park memorializes post civil War, one-room school once located on the site. Picnic tables, grills, 2 picnic pavilions, nature trails, 15-acre spring-fed lake stocked with bass and bream.

Address: Route 1, Box 8
Walnut Grove, MS 39189
phone 601.253.2237

Great River Road
Rosedale, Mississippi

Situated inside the Mississippi River levee and bordered by the majestic river on its western edge, Great River Road State Park offers magnificent views of the ‘Father of Waters’ from a setting unmatched in natural beauty. The focal point of the park is a 75-foot high overlook tower, which provides panoramic views of the Mississippi River as well as being the ideal spot for a
picnic. The park is named for the Great River Road, a scenic parkway that follows the Mississippi from its beginning as a small Canadian creek to its end at the Gulf of Mexico.

Address: P.O Box 292
Rosedale, MS 38769
phone 662.759.6762
greatriverrd@mdwfp.state.ms.us

Holmes County
Durant, Mississippi

The beautiful hardwood forests of Holmes County State Park are home to an abundance of wildlife, and provide the scenic backdrop for a variety of outdoor activities. Built around two lakes covering 88 acres, the park offers such diverse excitement as fishing, roller skating, camping and cabin rentals. Holmes County State Park offers easy access to Interstate 55, which bisects Mississippi north and south. The convenient location and diverse outdoor recreational amenities make Holmes County State Park a favorite retreat.

Address: 5369 State Park Road
Durant, MS 39063
phone 662.653.3351
holmescounty@mdwfp.state.ms.us

Hugh White
Grenada, Mississippi

Located on scenic Grenada Lake, Hugh White State Park offers the finest outdoor recreation amenities available, all nestled in a setting unmatched in natural beauty. Grenada Lake is best known as a haven for crappie fishermen, but is also well-stocked with bass, bream, and catfish. Hugh White State Park is centrally located between Memphis, Tennessee and Jackson, Mississippi.

Address: P.O. Box 725
Grenada, MS 38902
phone 662.226.4934
hughwhite@mdwfp.state.ms.us

John W. Kyle
Sardis, Mississippi

Located on scenic Sardis Reservoir just one hour from Memphis, John W. Kyle State Park offers a wide array of recreational opportunities in an area abundant in natural beauty. The historic campus of the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) is just 25 miles away, making Kyle State Park the perfect spot to spend a football weekend.
J.P. Coleman
Iuka, Mississippi

Perched on a rocky bluff overlooking the Tennessee River, J.P. Coleman State Park offers the finest in all types of water sports. Visitors experience unmatched sailing, swimming, skiing, and fishing for Smallmouth bass in the sparkling waters of Pickwick Lake, and enjoy camping and exploring in the untamed wilderness along the banks of the Tennessee River.

Lake Lincoln
Wesson, Mississippi

Nestled in the shade of towering hardwood trees, Lake Lincoln State Park is the quintessence of serenity. Located in the northeast corner of Lincoln County, the park's close proximity to Interstate 55, U.S. Highway 51 and State Highway 27 provides easy access for visitors.

Lake Lowndes
Columbus, Mississippi

Lake Lowndes State Park offers complete recreational facilities for individuals, families, and groups. Located on a beautiful 150-acre lake, the park offers unlimited opportunities for fishing and camping, as well as complete facilities for football, tennis, softball, and other organized sports. Mississippi University for Women (The "W") and Mississippi State University (MSU) are just a short drive to the west, making Lake Lowndes State Park the perfect place to stay during a football weekend at MSU or while visiting either campus.
Legion State Park
Louisville, Mississippi

The fourth of the original state parks developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, Legion State Park remains as unspoiled today as when the Choctaw Indian Nation first inhabited the area centuries ago. Hidden in the red hill country of Mississippi, Legion State Park strikes the perfect balance of natural beauty and modern comfort, with all man-made structures in the park designed to complement the pristine beauty of the area. Of particular interest is Legion Lodge, a hand-hewn log structure that has remained unaltered since its construction in the 1930s.

Address: 635 Legion State Park Rd
Louisville, MS 39339-8803
phone 662.773.8323
legion@mdwfp.state.ms.us

LeFleur's Bluff
Jackson, Mississippi

LeFleur’s Bluff provides a lush green spot in the heart of urban Jackson. In addition to camping, fishing, picnic spots, and nature trails, the 305-acre park features a nine-hole golf course and a driving range. The park is named for Louis LeFleur, a French-Canadian explorer who established a trading post on the banks of the Pearl River in the late 1700s. The city of Jackson was originally known as “LeFleur's Bluff.” Today Mississippi's vibrant capital city combines the warmth and charm of its rich cultural heritage with exciting activities and attractions and contemporary lifestyles. Visitors to Jackson discover a diversity of museums, unlimited shopping and dining, an exciting nightlife, and a calendar of events packed with activities to suit every mood.

Address: 2140 Riverside Drive
Jackson, MS 39202
Park Phone: 601.987.3923
Golf Course: 601.362.5485
Campground: 601.987.3985
lefluer@mdwfp.state.ms.us

Leroy Percy
Hollandale, Mississippi

The oldest of Mississippi’s state parks, Leroy Percy is characterized by artesian springs, cypress trees, and ancient oaks dripping with Spanish moss. Leroy Percy is the only state park featuring a wildlife preserve. The seasonal pursuit of deer, squirrel, turkey, duck, and dove beckons to hunters
in search of an unspoiled hunting area away from the crowd. Leroy Percy is also known for its alligator population--visitors can safely observe the scaly reptiles from two observation towers over their hot artesian water home.

**Address:**
P.O. Box 176
Hollandale, MS 38748
phone 662.827.5436
leroypercy@mdwfp.state.ms.us

**Natchez**
Natchez, Mississippi

*Natchez State Park is located just 10 miles north of historic Natchez, the oldest settlement on the Mississippi River. Prior to the Civil War, over half of the millionaires in the entire United States lived in Natchez, constructing elegant mansions unrivaled in size and elegance by any in the nation. Most of these splendid homes were spared during the Civil War, and many are now open for tours.

Natchez State Park is also famous in its own right. The largest bass in Mississippi history - a largemouth weighing 18.15 pounds - was caught in Natchez Lake in 1992.

**Address:**
230-B Wickcliff Road
Natchez, MS 39120
Phone 601.442.2658
natchez@mdwfp.state.ms.us

**Paul B. Johnson**
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

*Located in the heart of Mississippi’s pine belt region Paul B. Johnson State Park is the gateway to a natural wonderland marked by majestic long-leaf and loblolly pines, delicate dogwoods, and ancient oaks. The deep forests surrounding Paul B. Johnson provide a picturesque setting for a variety of outdoor activities. The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) is just a 20-minute drive to the north, making Paul B. Johnson State Park the perfect place to spend a football weekend.

**Address:**
319 Geiger Lake Road
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
Phone 601.582.7721
pauljohnson@mdwfp.state.ms.us

**Percy Quin**
McComb, Mississippi

*Loblolly pines and stately magnolia trees, rolling hills, spectacular seasonal flowers, and a year-round mild climate await visitors to Percy Quin State Park. One of the original*
state parks cleared and constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, Percy Quin is today a delightful blend of the old and new. Located just two and a half hours from New Orleans, 1700 acre Percy Quin State Park provides a colorful natural backdrop for a variety of outdoor activities.

Address: 2036 Percy Quin Drive
McComb, MS 39648
Office Phone 601.684.3938
Ranger Station 601.684.1023
Quail Hollow Club House 601.684.2903
percyquin@mdwfp.state.ms.us

**Roosevelt State Park**
Morton, Mississippi

*Roosevelt State Park conveniently located between Meridian and Jackson, Mississippi, offers an abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities in a picturesque setting. The park's scenic overlook provides a panoramic view of the Bienville National Forest. The gently sloping landscape is particularly striking during the fall, when the forest is bright with autumn colors.

Address: 2149 Highway 13 South
Morton, MS 39117
phone 601.732.6316
catering: 601.732.6318
roosevelt@mdwfp.state.ms.us

**Shepard**
Gautier, Mississippi

*Shepard State Park is nestled in the heart of Singing River (Pascagoula River) country, where legend has it that members of the Pascagoula Indian nation linked hands and walked into the Pascagoula River rather than be taken captive by hostile Indian tribes. The mournful death chant they sang as they walked earned the Pascagoula River the nickname “Singing River." Tales of the heroic exploits of French and Spanish settlers and romantic legends of the Pascagoula and Biloxi Indians are standard fare in the scenic coastal area surrounding Shepard State Park.

Address: 1034 Graveline Road
Gautier, MS 39553
Phone 228.497.2244
shepard@mdwfp.state.ms.us

**Tishomingo**
Tishomingo, Mississippi

*Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, Tishomingo State Park is steeped in history and scenic beauty. Archaeological excavations confirm the presence of Paleo Indians in the area now encompassed by the*
park as early as 7000 B.C.; the park takes its name from the leader of the Chickasaw nation, Chief Tishomingo. The famous Natchez Trace Parkway, the premier highway of the early 1800s and a modern scenic parkway, runs directly through the park. Today’s visitors to Tishomingo State Park discover the same timeless natural beauty that enchanted the Indians centuries ago. Tishomingo offers a unique landscape of massive rock formations and fern-filled crevices found nowhere else in Mississippi. Massive boulders blanketed in moss dot the hillsides, and colorful wildflowers border trails once walked by Native Americans.

Address:  
P. O. Box 880  
Tishomingo, MS 38873  
phone 662.438.6914  
tishomingo@mdwfp.state.ms.us

**Tombigbee**  
Tupelo, Mississippi

Located just six miles south of Tupelo, Mississippi - Tombigbee State Park offers the finest in outdoor recreation opportunities minutes from one of Mississippi’s premier shopping, dining and entertainment areas. Tupelo is the site of the bi-annual Tupelo Furniture Market, held in February and August; home of the Elvis Presley Birthplace; and the headquarters of the Natchez Trace Parkway.

Address:  
264 Cabin Drive  
Tupelo, MS 38804  
phone 662.842.7669  
tombigbee@mdwfp.state.ms.us

**Trace**  
Belden, Mississippi

Trace State Park offers a quiet, natural retreat located just minutes from the excitement of Tupelo, one of Mississippi’s fastest growing cities. Trace State Park offers a variety of outdoor activities ranging from fishing and water sports to exploring miles of secluded nature trails. A special arrangement with the Pontotoc Country Club allows Trace State Park guests to enjoy the club’s 18-hole golf course without paying green fees.

Address:  
2139 Faulkner Road  
Belden, MS 38826  
phone 662.489.2958  
trace@mdwfp.state.ms.us

**Wall Doxey**  
Holly Springs, Mississippi

Wall Doxey State Park offers an abundance of outdoor recreation opportunities in a setting rich in natural beauty. Centered around a 60-acre, spring-fed lake, Wall Doxey is only 40 miles from the exciting shopping,
restaurants, and attractions of Memphis, Tennessee, and is just seven miles from the splendid antebellum homes of Holly Springs, Mississippi. The University of Mississippi (“Ole Miss”) is just a 25-minute drive away, making Wall Doxey State Park the perfect place to spend a football weekend. For a weekend getaway or as a central vacation spot, Wall Doxey State Park is an ideal destination.

**Address:**
3946 Highway 7 South  
Holly Springs, MS 38635  
phone 662.252.4231  
walldoxey@mdwfp.state.ms.us

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**Tennessee State Parks**

**Big Cypress Tree State Park**

295 Big Cypress Road  
Greenfield, TN 38230  
731-235-2700  
Fax: 731-235-3810

This 330-acre natural area lies in the floodplain of the Middle Fork of the Obion River in West Tennessee. It consists of bottomland hardwood forests including species like bald cypress and tupelo, beaver and fox squirrel.

Big Cypress is a popular park with the boy scouts and usually hosts several scout camporees each year as well as individual troop camping trips. Boy Scout leaders have used Big Cypress as a training site for new scout leaders, churches use the park and its picnic shelter for special services and cookouts, families host family reunions and area schools find the park popular for field trips.

**Directions**

Big Cypress Tree State Natural Area is located in Northwest Tennessee in Weakley County seven miles from the town of Greenfield, and may be reached by following the signs beginning at the junction of Highway 45E and Hwy. 445, just north of Greenfield.

**Big Hill Pond State Park**

984 John Howell Road  
Pocahontas, TN 38061  
731-645-7967
Big Hill Pond State Park lies in the southwestern part of McNairy County and encompasses approximately 5,000 acres of magnificent timberland and hardwood bottom land. Cypress Creek and Tuscumbia River border the property. Several oxbow lakes and sloughs add to the waterway. The flood plain adjacent to both the Tuscumbia River and Cypress Creek contains small oxbow lakes and swamp areas which are desirable habitat for waterfowl, wildlife and fishing.

**Directions**

Big Hill Pond is located about 18 miles south of Selmer, TN, in McNairy County on State Hwy. 57. From U.S. Hwy. 45, turn west on Hwy. 57 from Eastview. Big Hill Pond is located on Hwy. 57 about 10 miles from the U.S. Hwy. 45 and 57 intersection.

**Big Ridge State Park**

1015 Big Ridge Road  
Maynardville, TN 37807-1727  
865-992-5523

Big Ridge State Park was one of five demonstration parks developed by the Tennessee Valley Authority in cooperation with the National Park Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps as an example of public recreation development along TVA lakeshores. The heavily forested, 3,687-acre park lies on the southern shore of TVA’s Norris Lake in Union County, Tennessee.

**Directions**

From I-75 exit 122, take Hwy. 61 east for approximately 12 miles. Park entrance is on the left. The park is located between the cities of Andersonville and Maynardville.

**Bledsoe Creek State Park**

400 Zieglers Fort Road  
Gallatin, TN 37066  
615-452-3706

Off Highway 25, this 164-acre park is situated on the Bledsoe Creek embayment of the U.S. Corps of Engineers Old Hickory Resevoir near the old 1780’s settlement of Cairo in Sumner County.

*Special Note: Bledsoe Creek State Park will be open for hiking only December 24th, 25th & 26th. Campground and Day Use Area will be closed. All areas of the park will re-open Dec. 27th.

**Directions**

**From Interstate 65 South:** Traveling North from Nashville on I-65, take Exit #95 to Vietnam Veterans Blvd. This will be Hwy. 386. Take Hwy. 386 to Hwy. 31-E North all the way into Gallatin, TN. Pick up Hwy. 25 East and travel approximately 7 miles to mile marker 20. Turn right onto Zieglers Fort Rd. Travel 1 mile to the park entrance.
Booker T. Washington State Park

5801 Champion Road
Chattanooga, TN 37416
423-894-4955
Toll Free: Fax: 423-855-9879

Situated on the shores of scenic Chickamauga Lake not far from the city of Chattanooga is 353-acre Booker T. Washington State Park. The park is named in honor of the famous leader, Booker Taliaferro Washington. Washington was born into slavery at Hale's Ford, Virginia, but with great determination he secured an education and went on to become one of our great Americans. He is perhaps best known as a former president of the Tuskegee Institute, a black organization for higher education.

History

View the History of Booker T. Washington State Park

Directions

Take I-24 or I-75 to Hwy. 153. From Hwy 153 go to Hwy. 58. Follow Hwy. 58 north to Champion Road on the left and follow the signs.

David Crockett State Park

P.O. Box 398
1400 West Gaines
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464
Office: 931-762-9408
Fax: 931-766-0047

David Crockett State Park was dedicated in May of 1959, in honor of one of Tennessee's most famous native sons.

Directions

The park is located off of Hwy. 64, one-half mile west of Lawrenceburg.

Dunbar Cave State Park

401 Old Dunbar Cave Road
Clarksville, TN 37043
931-648-5526

Dunbar Cave is located 60 minutes northwest of Nashville and about one and a half miles northeast of downtown Clarksville, TN in Montgomery County. Dunbar Cave is the most prominent of several
Caves located in this designated natural area. In the roomy mouth of the cave, square dances, radio shows, and big band era concerts were once held.

**Directions**

Take Interstate 24 to Exit 8 (Rossview Road).  
Turn left on Rossview Road.  
Travel 1/4 mile to Dunbar Cave Road.  
Turn left on Dunbar Cave Road.  
The park entrance is 2.5 miles on the right.

**Programs**

Cave hikes - There will be no cave hikes at Dunbar Cave in February 2005.

Schedule for March: There will be cave hikes on March 12, 13, 26 and 27, at 1:00 and 3:00 each day.

Participants must be at least three (3) years old (able to walk for 1 1/2 hours without being carried), have a flashlight, and a reservation. The cost is $4.00 each.

**Hours of Operation**

8am until sunset.

**Edgar Evins State Park**

1630 Edgar Evins State Park Road  
Silver Point, TN 38582  
Office: 931-858-2446  
Toll Free: 1-800-250-8619

Edgar Evins State Park encompasses approximately 6,000 acres on the shores of Center Hill Reservoir in the rolling hills of Middle Tennessee. It provides excellent recreational opportunities and accommodations on one of the most beautiful reservoirs in Tennessee. The park was named in memory of James Edgar Evins, an outstanding leader and former state senator who was instrumental in the development of Center Hill Dam and Reservoir. Mr. Edgar Evins was the father of former U.S. Representative, Joe L. Evins.

**Directions**

The park is located in DeKalb County, 20 miles north of Smithville, 20 miles west of Cookeville and 60 miles east of Nashville. It is easily accessible from I-40 at exit 268 at State Hwy. 96 and Center Hill Lake.

**Fall Creek Falls State Park**
Fall Creek Falls State Resort Park is one of the most scenic and spectacular recreation areas in America. Its waterfalls, cascades, sparkling streams, gorges, timberland and an unmatched variety of recreation facilities and activities have made it one of the most popular parks in the Southeast. Fall Creek Falls is one of the highest waterfalls east of the Rocky Mountains, plunging 256 feet into a shaded pool at the base of its gorge. The park's other falls, (Piney, Cane Creek and Cane Creek Cascades), though smaller, are just as impressive.

The oak and hickory forest that covers most of the park gives way to tulip poplar and hemlock forest in the gorges. The plants and animals of the moist, protected gorges are not unlike the species found in southern Canada. Mountain laurel and rhododendron are abundant throughout the park, as are other plants and animals.

The park is located in Bledsoe and Van Buren counties, 11 miles east of Spencer and 18 miles west of Pikeville. It may be entered from Highway 111 or Highway 30.

**Photo Gallery**

**Directions**

From Nashville take I-40 East to Cookeville. Turn right onto 111 South (exit 288). Park entrance is on the left on Highway 284 (45 miles).

From Knoxville, take I-40 West to Crossville to Peavine (exit 322). Take a left off the exit, turn right at the light and follow Highway 101 to Highway 30. Turn right on Hwy 30, park entrance is approximately 6 miles on the left.

From Atlanta, take I-75 North to Chattanooga, take I-24 toward Nashville, take Hwy 27 North toward Dayton and follow Highway 111 North to the park entrance on the right.

**Fort Pillow State Historic Park**

3122 Park Road
Henning, TN 38041
731-738-5581
Or: 731-738-5731
Fax: 731-738-9117

The 1,642 acre Fort Pillow, located in Lauderdale County on the Chickasaw Bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River, is rich in both historic and archaeological significance. In 1861, the Confederate
Army built extensive fortifications here and named the site for General Gideon J. Pillow of Maury County. Because of its strategic location, the fort was taken by the Union Army who controlled it during most of the war. Remains of the earthworks are well-preserved.

Directions

Turn west off of I-40, Exit 66 onto US 70. In Brownsville, turn right on State Highway 19. Follow Highway 19 into Ripley to State Highway 51. Turn South on Hwy. 51 to Henning, turn west onto Highway 87. Turn right on State Highway 207 East onto Park Road.

Frozen Head State Park

964 Flat Fork Road
Wartburg, TN 37887
Office: 423-346-3318
Fax: 423-346-6629

Frozen Head State Park and Natural Area is situated in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of Eastern Tennessee near Wartburg. Frozen Head, elevation of 3,324, is one of the highest peaks in Tennessee west of the Great Smoky Mountains. From its observation tower on a clear day, one can plainly see the Cumberland Plateau, Tennessee Ridge and Valley, and the Great Smoky Mountains. In winter, the mountain peaks are often capped with snow or ice while the lower valleys remain unadorned, thus giving the park's namesake, Frozen Head. The park's lush vegetation, small streams, waterfalls and beautiful mountains make Frozen Head one of Tennessee's most scenic parks.

Directions

From Harriman take Hwy. 27 North to Wartburg.
Turn right (East) on Hwy. 62.
Travel 2 miles and turn left on Flat Fork Road.
Travel 4 miles to the park entrance.

Henry Horton State Park

4358 Nashville Hwy.
Chapel Hill, TN 37034
Office: 931-364-2222
Toll Free: 1-800-250-8612

Set in the rolling hills of Middle Tennessee, 1,140-acre Henry Horton State Park is located on the former estate of the late Henry H. Horton, 36th governor of Tennessee. Located on the shores of the historic Duck River, the park provides hours of recreational enjoyment for the day or a weekend getaway in picturesque, pastoral Middle Tennessee.

Please check the link for seasonal closing schedule for seasonal closing dates at this park.
**Directions**

From Nashville, take I-65 South to Columbia/Chapel Hill exit #46 and travel East on Hwy. 412 to 431 South, take a right onto 431S and travel approximately 3/4 - 1 mile, taking a left on Highway 99. Follow Highway 99 until it dead-ends at Highway 31A. Turn right and travel approximately 1 mile. Park entrance is on the left.

From Birmingham, take I-65 North to Columbia/Chapel Hill exit #46 and travel East on Hwy. 412 to 431 South, take a right onto 431S and travel approximately 3/4 - 1 mile, taking a left on Highway 99. Follow Highway 99 until it dead-ends at Highway 31A. Turn right onto 31A and travel approximately 1 mile. Park entrance is on the left.

**Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park**

Spring Creek Road  
PO Box 5  
Delano, TN 37325  
Office:423-263-0050  
Fax: 423-263-0103

Hiwassee Scenic River Park is located on Spring Creek road at U.S. Hwy. 411, the Ocoee river on U.S. Hwy. 64. The Hiwassee was the first river managed in the State Scenic River program. A 23-river mile section, from the N.C. state line to U.S. 411 North of Benton, has been declared a Class III partially developed river. This stretch of river offers canoeing, rafting, fishing, hiking and nature photography. A scenic portion of the John Muir trail winds through the river gorge. Numerous public access sites provide boat-launching ramps. At the Gee Creek campground, picnic areas, sanitary facilities and primitive camping are available. Adjacent is the Gee Creek Wilderness of the Cherokee National Forest. The Ocoee River is a premier white-water river in the Southeastern United States possessing Class III, IV, and V rapids. Access sites are maintained.

For more information visit the [Ocoee Whitewater Center](#)!

**Directions**

From Chattanooga take I-75 North to Cleveland/US-64 E. Exit. Travel East on US-64 to Hwy 411 North. Park is located 6 miles north of Benton. From Knoxville, take I-75 South to the Athens exit. Take Hwy 30 East to Etowah, TN. Take Hwy 411 South. Park is located 6 miles south of Etowah.

**Indian Mountain State Park**

143 State Park Circle  
Jellico, TN 37762  
423-784-7958

Indian Mountain State Park is a multi-use facility in Campbell County near Tennessee's northern border. In addition to providing camping and recreation opportunities, the 200-acre park is unique in that it was developed on reclaimed strip mine land. Park visitors can enjoy fishing at the two small
lakes, picnicking, camping, and two walking trails. Park visitors have the opportunity to view a variety of wildlife.

Although the park’s name would indicate that it is located on a mountain, it is actually located at the base of the mountain. While it is a small park, most any visitor will agree, it is one of our most beautiful parks.

**Directions**

From I-75 near Jellico, TN, take Exit 160 and travel north on U.S. Hwy. 25 to State Hwy. 297, make a right on London and a left on Dairy Street. This will lead you to the entrance of the park. The route to the park is well marked.

**Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park**

910 Riddick Road  
Millington, TN 38053  
901-876-5215  
Toll Free: 800-471-5293

Bordering on the mighty Mississippi River, two-thirds of this 13,467-acre park are bottomland hardwood forests of large oak, cypress and tupelo. The park also contains two lakes and many miles of hiking trails. The Meeman Museum and Nature Center is named for Edward J. Meeman, courageous conservation editor of Scripps-Howard newspapers who helped establish this park and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The park maintains a boat ramp on the Mississippi River. Deer, turkey, beaver and some 200 species of birds are abundant.

**Directions**

From Interstate 40, take exit 2-A, turn right, go 6 stop lights to Watkins road (this is Highway 388), turn left and go until the road dead-ends. Turn left, go one mile to a four-way stop, Shelby Forest General Store and turn right, go one mile, turn left into the park.

**Montgomery Bell State Park**

1020 Jackson Hill Road  
Burns, TN 37029  
Office: 615-797-9052  
Inn: 615-797-3101  
Toll Free: 1-800-250-8613

Montgomery Bell State Park is located seven miles east of Dickson in Dickson County. The rolling hills of Dickson County contain a treasure that was considered more precious than gold to the builders of young America. The treasure was iron ore, and it lured men by the hundreds to this area of Middle Tennessee. The site of the first Cumberland Presbyterian Church is located at Montgomery Bell State Park.
The iron industry in Dickson County has been long silent, but the 3,782 acres that make up Montgomery Bell State Resort Park still show the signs of its presence. Near the remains of the Old Laurel Furnace, ore pits, where men once scratched iron ore from the earth, lie quiet and abandoned; the hardwood forest, once heavily cut to clear farmland, and to produce charcoal for the iron furnaces, has slowly healed its wounds. Fox, squirrel, raccoon, opossum, deer and a wide variety of birds and wildflowers have returned to the forest, making Montgomery Bell a place of quiet natural beauty.

Directions

I-40 West from Nashville, to Exit 182 (Fairview/Dickson Hwy. 96 Exit). Turn left (West) onto Highway 96. Stay on Highway 96 until it deadends at Highway 70. Turn right (East) on Highway 70, off-ramp provided. Stay on Highway 70 approximately 3 miles. Park entrance is on the right.

From Memphis (I-40): Take I-40 East to Exit 182 (Fairview/Dickson Hwy. 96 Exit). Turn right (West) onto Highway 96. Stay on Highway 96 until it deadends at Highway 70. Turn right (East) on Highway 70, off-ramp provided. Stay on Highway 70 approximately 3 miles. Park entrance is on the right.

**Mousetail Landing State Park**

Rt. 3 Box 280B
Linden, TN 37096
731-847-0841

This 1,247-acre area is located on the east banks of the Tennessee River in the state's picturesque Western valley. Tradition has it that Mousetail Landing received its name during the Civil War period when one of the area's tanning companies caught fire. The exodus of mice fleeing the burning tannery was so profuse that the area in proximity of the park became known as Mousetail Landing. The scenic Buffalo River flows nearby, providing opportunity for family canoe float trips. [Park Photo Gallery](#)

**Directions**

From Memphis: Take I-40 to Exit 126, south on Hwy 69 14 miles to Parson, TN. Travel East on Hwy 412 for 6 miles and cross the Tennessee River. Take a left on Hwy 438, travel 2.5 miles. The park entrance is on the left.

From Nashville: From Nashville take I-40 West to Exit 143. Take a left on Hwy 13 South nine miles to Lobelville. At the National Guard Armory turn right on Hwy 438 and follow to Park Entrance (approx 17 miles on Hwy 438).

**Natchez Trace State Park**

24845 Natchez Trace Road
Wildersville, TN 38388-8329
731-968-3742
Toll Free: 1-800-250-8616
Natchez Trace State Park was named for the famous Natchez to Nashville highway, an important wilderness road during the early 18th and early 19th centuries. With the many acres of scenic woodlands, the park includes four lakes, a swimming beach, a 47 room resort inn and restaurant complex, cabins, group lodge, camping areas, picnicking sites, playgrounds, a ballfield, a regulation pistol firing range, picturesque hiking trails, a wrangler camp, 250 miles of horse riding trails, a park store, and archery range.

Please check the link for seasonal closing schedule for seasonal closing dates at this park.

Directions

Natchez Trace is located in Carroll, Henderson, and Benton counties in West Tennessee. It lies 35 miles east of Jackson off of Interstate 40 between Nashville and Memphis. Take Exit 116 off of I-40 to the parks main entrance.

Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park

1825 Pilot Knob Road
Eva, TN 38333
Office: 731-584-6356
Fax: 731-584-1841
Cabin Reservations: 1-800-714-7305

The park was named for General Nathan Bedford Forrest, the intrepid Confederate cavalry leader, who on November 4, 1864, attacked and destroyed the federal supply and munitions depot at (Old) Johnsonville at the mouth of Trace Creek. His operations were concentrated along the river in the vicinity of the park and the town of Eva.

In 1929 the park was dedicated to Nathan Bedford Forrest on land acquired in part from Benton County. Forrest was one of the greatest military tacticians and leaders of the American Civil War.

Directions

Take Exit 126 on Interstate 40 and travel North on Hwy. 641 for 15 miles to Camden. Turn right on Highway 70 East (do not take the 70 By-pass) at the traffic signal. Follow the signs to the park.

Panther Creek State Park

2010 Panther Creek Park Road
Morristown, TN 37814
Office: 423-587-7046
Fax: 423-587-7047
Panther Creek State Park, covering approximately 1,435 acres, is located on the shores of Cherokee Reservoir, an impoundment of the Holston River. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is located about 45 miles south.

Legend has it that both Panther Creek and Panther Springs, located about 1 1/2 miles southeast of the park, received their names from the claim of a Colonel Bradley of Virginia who, while exploring the area, shot a panther that fell into the spring.

Directions

From East on I-40 travel through Knoxville and take Exit 394 (Hwy. 11E North). This is about 35 miles from the park and Morristown.

From South on I-81 take Exit 12 (Hwy 160). Travel North on 160 to Hwy. 11E, turn right and then take the next left. The park is approximately 2.5 miles on the right.

From Gatlinburg, get on I-40 East and take Exit 417 (Hwy. 92). Travel toward Jefferson City. At the light, turn right (Hwy. 11E North). Travel to Morristown and Panther Creek State Park.

Pickett State Park

4605 Pickett Park Highway
Jamestown, TN 38556-4141
Office: 931-879-5821
Cabin Reservations: 1-877-260-0010

Situated in a remote section of the upper Cumberland Mountains, the 17,372-acre Pickett State Park and Forest possess a combination of scenic, botanical and geological wonders found nowhere else in Tennessee. Of particular interest are the uncommon rock formations, natural bridges, numerous caves and remains of ancient Indian occupation. Some say Pickett is second only to the Great Smoky Mountains in botanical diversity. The park is adjacent to the massive Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, with more than 100,000 acres of prime wilderness country.

Directions

Take I-40 to Exit 317 and take Hwy. 127 north for 46 miles. Turn right on Hwy. 154 and travel another 12 miles to the park entrance.

Radnor Lake State Park

1160 Otter Creek Road
Nashville, TN 37220-1700
615-373-3467
Radnor Lake State Park is located in Davidson County in the midst of the Overton Hills, south of Metropolitan Nashville in the Oak Hill Community. This natural area provides a variety of scenic spots and a diversity of natural habitats ranging from the lake, to streams and placid sloughs. Wildlife and numerous species of plants are in abundance. It is a place that provides scenic, biological, geological, and passive recreational opportunities not found in other metropolitan areas of Nashville's size.

Directions

Take I 65 to Harding Place, Exit 78. Travel west on Harding Place (or Battery Lane) to Granny White Pike. Turn left and travel south to Otter Creek Road and turn left (across from Granny White Market).

Rock Island State Park

82 Beach Road
Rock Island, TN 38581-4200
931-686-2471

The scenic beauty of this wooded park is dominated by the Great Falls of the Caney Fork River - an imposing limestone gorge (called a gulf in southern culture). It provides scenic overlooks, waterfalls and deep pools for fishing, rock-hopping and exploring. Located at the confluence of the Collins and Caney Fork Rivers, this 883-acre park has a natural sand beach on Center Hill Reservoir. Historic features of the park include a 19th century textile mill and one of Tennessee's early hydroelectric plants.

Directions

From Nashville: Take I-40 E to Exit 239, Lebanon/Watertown, and take a right on Hwy. 70 toward Watertown. Proceed for 33 miles until you reach the town of Smithville. Turn right on Hwy. 56 and proceed for 10 miles and take a left on Hwy 287. Drive 10 miles on Hwy. 287 and the park entrance will be on the left.

From South Nashville or Chattanooga: Take I-24 South from Nashville or I-24 North from Chattanooga and exit at Hwy. 55 in Manchester, the McMinnville/Tullahoma exit. Proceed North on Hwy. 55 toward McMinnville. In McMinnville, Hwy. 55 will turn into the 70S bypass. Continue on the bypass through McMinnville and go 12 miles North of McMinnville and take a left on Hwy. 136. Go about 1 mile and take a left on Hwy. 287 to the entrance which will be on the right.

From Knoxville: Take I-40 West to Cookeville and exit at Hwy. 111 in Cookeville. Proceed West on Hwy. 111 through Sparta. Just outside of Sparta take Hwy. 70S. Go approximately 12 miles on 70S and turn right on Hwy. 136. Go about 1 mile and take a left on Hwy. 287 in Rock Island and proceed for about three miles to the park entrance which will be on the right.

South Cumberland State Park

Route 1, Box 2196
Monteagle, TN 37356
931-924-2980
South Cumberland is one of the newer Tennessee State Parks. Almost all of our park lies atop the Cumberland Plateau and, unlike most state parks, ours is made up of ten different areas located in four different counties. The Visitor Center is located between Monteagle and Tracy City on Highway 41. From here the various components of our park are managed. Visitors can also obtain information and directions from the visitor center.

**Directions**

To get to South Cumberland State Park, take exit 134 off I-24, take a right to Monteagle, turn left on Hwy. 41, drive three miles and the visitors center is located on the left.

**Warrior's Path State Park**

PO Box 5026  
Hemlock Road  
Kingsport, TN 37663  
Office: 423-239-8531  
Fax: 423-239-4982  
Warrior’s Path State Park was named for the park’s proximity to the ancient war and trading path used by the Cherokee. Since that time, the park land has known a long history of travelers, and is still a pathway for modern-day outdoor enthusiasts. The 950-acre area was acquired from the Tennessee Valley Authority is 1952, to serve the people who live in or visit this section of Northeast Tennessee. It is situated on the shores of TVA’s Patrick Henry Reservoir on the Holston River.

**Directions**

From Interstate 81, take exit 59. Travel north on Route 36 and turn right on Hemlock Road and continue to the park entrance.

**Wildlife Refuge**

**Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge**

2700 Refuge Headquarters Road  
Decatur, AL 35603  
(256) 353-7243  
FAX: (256) 340-9728  
E-mail: wheeler@fws.gov
Wheeler NWR offers a variety of recreational opportunities including a Visitor Center, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, fishing, hunting, hiking, boating, and educational interpretive programs. A wildlife observation building provides visitors an opportunity to view various types of wildlife. From November through February, thousands of ducks and geese use the display pool adjacent to the building. Hummingbirds and butterflies are attracted to the blooming flowers in the backyard wildlife area during spring, summer, and fall months. The Refuge offers five hiking trails ranging in length from 200 yards to four miles. Six improved boat launch areas provide access to the Tennessee River (Wheeler Reservoir) and several of its tributaries. Bank fishing opportunities also exist.

**Points of Interest**

**U.S.S. Alabama**

Mailing address: P.O. Box 65, Mobile, AL 36601-0065  
Telephone: (251)433-2703  
Fax: (251)433-2777  
Email: btunnell@ussalabama.com  
Opens: 8:00am (Daily except Christmas)  
Closes: 4:00pm October-March  
6:00pm April-September  
Admission fees: Age 12 & up: $10.00  
Ages 6-11: $5.00  
under age 6: Free

Qualified public or private school groups of ten or more will receive a $3.00 per person rate to visit the Park. Special meal packages are also available. Advance reservations and arrangements must be made.  
You do not need a reservation to visit Battleship Memorial Park, but advance notice is appreciated if you are in a group of 10 or more.  
Groups of 10 or more adults qualify for a net, non-commissionable admission fee of $9.00 per person. Qualified group tour escorts and bus drivers (2 comp per coach) are always admitted free with their group's paid admission.  
Reservations can be made to stay aboard the ship.

**PATRIOTS POINT**

**Naval & Maritime Museum**  
*on Charleston Harbor*  
*Mount Pleasant, SC 29464*  
*843.884.2727*

The centerpiece of Patriots Point is the world famous aircraft carrier USS YORKTOWN, a heavily decorated warship that was at the "tip of the spear" in America's victory in the Pacific
Wetlands

Waycross is located in the heart of Southeast Georgia, at the northern tip of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. It is a city filled with Southern hospitality and charm. From the Historic Downtown district to the swamplands of the Okefenokee, there is something for everyone. Visitors can experience the traditional down-home cooking at the local restaurants and slip away into comfort at one of several accommodations. Attractions such as the Okefenokee Swamp Park and Obediah's Okefenok, give an in-depth look at a one of a kind ecosystem, including the wildlife, plant-life, and pioneer life in the area. Train enthusiast can catch a glimpse of the train traffic coming in and out of the second largest computerized yard for CSX in the U.S. by relaxing on the Visitor Center patio in Downtown. For those who love history, there are the Okefenokee Heritage Center and Southern Forest World museums, and a Historic Walking Tour guide book available for the Downtown area.

Whether you are staying over-night or just traveling through, Waycross will be a place to remember.

For more Information, Please Contact:
Waycross Tourism Bureau and Visitor Center
315-A Plant Avenue, Waycross, Georgia 31501
ph. 912-283-3744, fax 912-283-0121
Email - waycrosstour@accessatc.net

Everglades National Park

Everglades National Park
40001 State Road 9336
Homestead, FL 33034-6733
Everglades National Park is a subtle place where earth, water, and sky blend in a low green landscape; where mere inches of elevation produce distinct changes in vegetation; and where a great wealth of birds and other wildlife find refuge. For this is almost exclusively a biological park dedicated to the preservation of a complex and precisely ordered living mechanism. It lies at the interface between temperate and sub-tropical America, giving a rich diversity of species, many at the limit of their ranges.

The topography is so subdued that a broad sheet of water slowly flows over and through the porous limestone bedrock on its way to the sea, rather than following well-defined valleys. Most of the park is actually covered with water during normal wet seasons, while dry winters cause fresh water to dwindle to a few open areas crowded with wildlife.

Places to Hike

Shiloh National Military Park

By Mail
Shiloh National Military Park
1055 Pittsburg Landing Rd
Shiloh, TN 38376

By Phone
Visitor Information
731 689 5696
Park Headquarters
731 689 5275

Shiloh National Military Park was established in 1894 to preserve the scene of the first major battle in the Western theater of the Civil War. The two-day battle, April 6 and 7, 1862, involved about 65,000 Union and 44,000 Confederate troops. This battle resulted in nearly 24,000 killed, wounded, and missing. It proved to be a decisive victory for the federal forces when they advanced on and seized control of the Confederate railway system at Corinth, Mississippi. The battlefield contains about 4,000 acres at Shiloh and an interpretive center at Corinth, Mississippi. The park has within its boundaries the Shiloh National Cemetery along with the well preserved prehistoric Indian mounds that are listed as a historic landmark. The Shiloh battlefield is located in Hardin County, Tennessee, on the west bank of the Tennessee River nine miles southwest of Savannah, Tennessee, with an additional park unit located in the city of Corinth, Mississippi, twenty-three miles southwest of Shiloh.

Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP

By Mail
Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP
P.O. Box 2128
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742

By Phone
Visitor Information
706-866-9241

Between 1890 and 1899 the Congress of the United States authorized the establishment of the first four national military parks: Chickamauga and Chattanooga, Shiloh, Gettysburg, and Vicksburg. The first and largest of these, and the one upon which the establishment and development of most other national military and historical parks
was based, was Chickamauga and Chattanooga. It owes its existence largely to the efforts of General H.V. Boynton and Ferdinand Van Derveer, both veterans of the Army of the Cumberland, who saw the need for a national park to preserve and commemorate these battlefields during a visit to the area in 1888.

Sites to See

Check out these sites for more information

http://www.scouter.com/compass/Where_To_Go/BSA_Camps/Alabama/
http://www.alapark.com/
http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/index.html
http://www.gastateparks.org/
http://www.1bsa.org/
http://www.scouting.org/
http://www.coosa50.org
Purpose of the OA
The Order of the Arrow’s Purpose is fourfold:
To recognize those campers – Scouts and Scouters – who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, and by such recognition, cause other campers to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition.
Recognition is an important part of the Scout program, and helps build character values by rewarding a Scout’s drive for achievement and self-esteem. As Scouting’s National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow recognizes those in Scouting who are active examples of the Scouting principles of cheerfulness, helpfulness, trustworthiness – all the central virtues of Scouting. Furthermore, the OA challenges each of its members to continue to live up to these ideals, thereby promoting these ideals back to those in your unit.
To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
The Order of the Arrow was founded at a Scout summer camp, and believes in the outdoor method as an integral part of the Scouting goal of building character, citizenship and fitness in its participants. In camp, Scouts interact toward a common goal, and in doing so, exercise skills that are important in the maturation of boys into valuable members of society. As such, the OA embraces the camping traditions that have stood the test of time with the Scouting program, and serves to keep the spirit of the outdoor program alive.

*To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit’s camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.*

Under the direction of the Greater Alabama Council’s Camping Committee, the Coosa Lodge of the Order of the Arrow is committed to promote Scout camping. The OA believes that the goals of Scouting can be best achieved by a year-round program of unit camping, and the programs of the Coosa Lodge reflect the desire to be helpful to your Unit in meeting these goals.

*To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others*

As adult leaders in the Scout program, our goal is to help you in your goal of molding your Scouts into responsible leaders. The Order of the Arrow program emphasizes service to others as a central theme of leadership, and provides a framework through which to experience service as a building block in shaping the character of our youth. The Coosa Lodge also believes that youth membership retention is another benefit of the Order of the Arrow program. As a youth in Scouting matures and completes individual advancement goals, he can turn to the OA as a source of further opportunity to experience Scouting. Youth members who stay with the Scouting program longer typically achieve higher ranks of advancement, serve as camp staff, and ultimately choose to give back to Scouting in adulthood.

**Eligibility**

To become a member, a youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team and hold First Class rank. The youth must have experienced 15 days and nights of camping during the two years before his election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow troop or Varsity team members, following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach.
The Future of the Coosa WTGC Guide

Starting in 2009, Coosa Lodge will re-launch the Where to Go Camping Wiki. Using the revolutionary Wikipedia technology, the WTGC Wiki will allow scouts from all across the world to input information about camps they have gone to. The site is currently under construction, and will be available at http://scouthistory.net/wtgc/

Screenshot Example: