Where to Go Camping Guide

Ittawamba Lodge

WEST TENNESSEE AREA COUNCIL #559
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
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This Where to Go Camping Guide was originally prepared for distribution in the West Tennessee Area Council in 1992. It was updated in 1998, 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2009. This is the 2010 version.

It is our sincere hope and goal that your scouting unit can use this publication to be make a better Scouting experience by keeping the outing in Scouting.

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LOCAL TOUR PERMIT APPLICATION

FOR TRIPS AND CAMPS UNDER 500 MILES

LOCAL PERMIT NO. __________________________ DATE ISSUED __________________________

This application must be filled with local council service center two weeks in advance of scheduled activity for proper clearance. It is used for trips at least 500 miles. If application is 500 miles or more one way outside the U.S.A., local council camps are excluded. Use National Tour Permit Application, No. 44410C. Units going into wilderness or backcountry areas must carry a copy of and adhere to the principles of Leave No Trace, No. X-1065.

Type of trip: _______________ One day _______ Touring camp _______ Short-term camp _______ Long-term camp _______ (Fill out copy of program and manual)

At least one person must be licensed in CPR from any recognized agency for First Aid and First Aid Training to be held at this camp. All enjoyment and safety are to be followed. If camping or hiking is involved, then Climb On Safely, No. 32458 (which recommends the American Red Cross's standard first aid and wilderness first aid), must be followed.

Mode of transportation: _______________ Car _______________ RV _______________ Van _______________ Blue _______________ Boat _______________ Camper _______________ Train _______________ Hiking _______________ Other _______________

(Two beds of trailer and equipment trucks are approved for equipment only - passengers are allowed only in the cab.)

Tour will include: _______________ Youth and _______________ adults. Have parents' approval been secured?

Leadership and personnel: Boy Scouts of America policy requires the adult leader to be in charge of scout activities, but the adult leader in charge of this group must be at least 21 years old.

Tour leader's name: _______________

Phone: _______________

Address: _______________

I have in my possession a copy of Guide to Safe Scouting, No. 244160, and have read it. _______________

(Sign here)

Assistant tour leader's name: _______________

Phone: _______________

Address: _______________

Signed by member of unit committee: _______________

Signed by unit leader: _______________

RETAIL IN COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER

OFFICIAL LOCAL TOUR OR CAMP PERMIT

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Permit issued to: _______________

No. _______________

Date issued: _______________

Permit covers all travel between and of the trip from: _______________ to: _______________

Total youth: _______________

Total adults: _______________

This group has given the local council every assurance that they will conduct themselves according to the best standards of Scouting and observe all rules of health, safety, and sanitation as prescribed by the Boy Scouts of America and as stated in the Pledge of Performance on this reverse side of this permit.

These spaces are for the signatures and comments of officials where the group camps or stays for one night or more. Signatures indicate that the cooperation and conduct of the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturing group was satisfactory in every way.

Date: _______________

Place: _______________

Signature: _______________

Comment: _______________

SCOUTING FLIGHT
INSURANCE
All vehicles MUST be covered by a public liability and property damage liability insurance policy. The amount of this coverage must meet or exceed the requirements established by the state in which the vehicle is licensed. (It is recommended, however, that coverage be at least $50,000/$100,000/$50,000 or $100,000 combined single limit. Any vehicle carrying 10 or more passengers is required to have limits of $100,000/$300,000/$50,000 or $50,000/$100,000/$25,000 combined single limit. In the case of rented vehicles the requirements of coverage limits can be met by obtaining the limits of personal coverages carried by the owner with coverage carried by the owner of the rented vehicle. All vehicles used in travel outside the United States must carry a public liability and property damage liability insurance policy that complies with or exceeds the requirements of that country.

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The local council may also be a list of the above information to be submitted in order to expedite the process. Each unit may note the names of the drivers for an event or an activity.

TRANSPORTATION
1. You will provide an adequate vehicle with state and local laws in all major cities.
2. The vehicle will be driven by a licensed driver with a valid driver’s license in all states.
3. The vehicle will be driven within the weight limit of the vehicle.
4. The vehicle will be driven at a safe speed in accordance with state and local laws.
5. The vehicle will be driven in a safe manner at all times.
6. The vehicle will be driven in a safe manner by a state-licensed driver.
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OUR PLEDGE OF PERFORMANCE
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NATIONAL TOUR PERMIT APPLICATION

FOR TOURS 50 MILES OR MORE AND TOURS OUTSIDE THE U.S.A.

Current date: __________________________

Council name: __________________________
Type of unit: __________________________
No.

Council address: __________________________

Purpose of this trip is: __________________________

From (city and state): __________________________
to: __________________________

Mileage round trip in force for this unit: ________

Company: __________________________
Policy no.: __________________________

LEADERSHIP AND PERSONNEL (Boy Scouts of America policy requires at least two adult leaders on all camping trips and tours. Coed Venturing crews must have both male and female leadership.)

1. The adult leader in charge of this group must be at least 21 years old.

Name: __________________________
Age: __________________________
Scouting position: __________________________
Expiration date: __________________________

Street or R.F.D.: __________________________

City: __________________________
State: __________________________
Zip code: __________________________

Home phone: __________________________
Business phone: __________________________

List experience and training for this responsibility.

I have in my possession a copy of Guide to Safe Scouting, No. 34416, and have read it. __________________________

Name: __________________________
Age: __________________________
Scouting position: __________________________
Expiration date: __________________________

Address: __________________________
Phone: __________________________

Address: __________________________
Phone: __________________________

Attach a list with additional names and information as outlined above.

5. Party will consist of (number): __________________________

Party will travel by: __________________________

If traveling by other methods, please specify:

- Cub Scouts: Yes No
- Boy Scouts: Yes No
- Varsity Scouts: Yes No
- Ventures: Yes No
- Ventures—Female: Yes No
- Adults: Yes No
- Adults—Female: Yes No
- Total: __________________________
- Car: Yes No
- Bus: Yes No
- Plane: Yes No
- Boat: Yes No
- Food: Yes No
- Cycle: Yes No

TRANSPORTATION

5. You will enforce reasonable travel speed in accordance with state and local laws in all motor vehicles.

6. If traveling by motor vehicle:

a. Driver qualifications: All drivers must have a valid driver's license that has not been suspended or revoked for any reason, and must be at least 18 years of age. Youth-member exceptions: When traveling to a regional, or national Boy Scout activity or event under the leadership of an adult (21+) tour leader, a youth member at least 18 years of age may be a driver, subject to the following conditions: (1) Six months' driving experience as a licensed driver (time on a learner's permit or equivalent is not to be counted); (2) No record of accidents or moving violations; (3) Parental permission has been granted to leader, driver, and leader.


NATIONAL TOUR PERMIT

This is to certify that __________________________

COUNCIL NUMBER

Permission is granted to: __________________________

Tour leader: __________________________
Type of unit: __________________________
No.
Council: __________________________

Date issued: __________________________

Council address: __________________________

For trip from: __________________________
to: __________________________

Dates: __________________________

This permit is granted with the understanding that the group is prepared to meet its own expenses and that it is soliciting funds or special concessions because of its connection with the Boy Scouts of America. This permit will be modified as needed by the Council and will not be granted to any group that is not fully prepared.

Register title __________________________

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Permission Slip
Unit # ________

As the parent or legal guardian of __________________________ I hereby give my

Permission for this child to participate in an outing with Unit # ________.

Trip type: ___ Local (< 100 miles) Permission Slips due Two Weeks Prior
 ___ Long distance (> 100 miles) Permission Slips due One Month Prior

Location: __________________________________________________________

Departure Time: ___________ Date: __________

Return Time: ___________ Date: __________

Activity: __________________________________________________________

I give my permission to the leaders of the above unit to render First Aid, should the need
arise. In the event of an emergency, I also give permission to the physician, selected by the
adult leader in charge, to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, order injection, or secure
other medical treatment, as needed.

I further agree to hold the above named unit and its leaders blameless for any accidents
that might occur during this outing except for clear acts of negligence or non-adherence to BSA
policies and guidelines.

In case of emergence, I can be reached by phone at __________________________
or __________________________

If I cannot be reached, please contact At __________________________ Relationship: __________________________

Signed: __________________________ (Parent or Guardian) Date: __________

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Return this form to unit by: ___________

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Parents or Scout Leaders willing to drive:
Yes, I can drive. I have # ______ of available seatbelts.
No, Not able to drive. ___

Transportation Contact: __________________________

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Annual Health and Medical Record
(Valid for 12 calendar months)

Medical Information
The Boy Scouts of America recommends that all youth and adult members have annual medical evaluations by a certified and licensed health-care provider. In an effort to provide better care to those who may become ill or injured and to provide youth members and adult leaders a better understanding of their own physical capabilities, the Boy Scouts of America has established minimum standards for providing medical information prior to participating in various activities. Those standards are offered below in one three-part medical form. Note that unit leaders must always protect the privacy of unit participants by protecting their medical information.

Parts A and C are to be completed annually by all BSA unit members. Both parts are required for all events that do not exceed 72 consecutive hours, where the level of activity is similar to that normally expended at home or at school, such as day camp, day hikes, swimming parties, or an overnight camp, and where medical care is readily available. Medical information required includes a current health history and list of medications. Part C also includes the parental informed consent and hold harmless/release agreement (with an area for notation if required by your state) as well as a talent release statement. Adult unit leaders should review participants’ health histories and become knowledgeable about the medical needs of the youth members in their unit. This form is to be filled out by participants and parents or guardians and kept on file for easy reference.

Part D is required with parts A and C for any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours, a resident camp setting, or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding, such as service projects, work weekends, or high-adventure treks. It is to be completed and signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider—physician (MD, DO), nurse practitioner, or physician’s assistant as appropriate for your state. The level of activity ranges from what is normally expended at home or at school to strenuous activity such as hiking and backpacking. Other examples include four camping, jamborees, and Wood Badge training courses. It is important to note that the height/weight chart must be strictly adhered to if the event will take the unit beyond a radius wherein emergency evacuation is more than 30 minutes by ground transportation, such as backpacking trips, high-adventure activities, and conservation projects in remote areas.

Risk Factors
Based on the vast experience of the medical community, the BSA has identified that the following risk factors may define your participation in various outdoor adventures.

- Excessive body weight
- Heart disease
- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Diabetes
- Seizures
- Lack of appropriate immunizations
- Asthma
- Sleep disorders
- Allergies/anaphylaxis
- Muscular/skeletal injuries
- Psychiatric/psychological and emotional difficulties

For more information on medical risk factors, visit Scouting Safely on www.scouting.org.

Prescriptions
The taking of prescription medication is the responsibility of the individual taking the medication and/or that individual's parent or guardian. A leader, after obtaining all the necessary information, can agree to accept the responsibility of making sure a youth takes the necessary medication at the appropriate time, but BSA does not mandate or necessarily encourage the leader to do so. Also, if state laws are more limiting, they must be followed.
## Annual BSA Health and Medical Record

### Part A

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- **Name:** [Redacted]
- **Date of birth:** [Redacted]
- **Age:** [Redacted]
- **Male**: [ ]
- **Female**: [ ]

### Address:

- **City:** [Redacted]
- **State:** [Redacted]
- **Zip:** [Redacted]
- **Phone No.:** [Redacted]

### Unit leader:

- **Council Name/No.:** [Redacted]
- **Unit No.:** [Redacted]

### Social Security No. (optional, may be required by medical facilities for treatment):

- **Religious preference:** [Redacted]

### Health/accident insurance company:

- **Policy No.:** [Redacted]

**ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY OF BOTH SIDES OF INSURANCE CARD (SEE PART C).**

**IF FAMILY HAS NO MEDICAL INSURANCE, STATE "NONE."**

### In case of emergency, notify:

- **Name:** [Redacted]
- **Relationship:** [Redacted]

### Address:

- **Home phone:** [Redacted]
- **Business phone:** [Redacted]
- **Cell phone:** [Redacted]

### Alternate contact:

- **Alternate phone:** [Redacted]

### MEDICAL HISTORY

**Are you now, or have you ever been treated for any of the following:**

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### Allergies:

- [ ] Medication
- [ ] Food, plants, or insect bites

### Immunizations:

- [ ] Tetanus
- [ ] Pertussis
- [ ] Diphtheria
- [ ] Measles
- [ ] Mumps
- [ ] Polio
- [ ] Chicken pox
- [ ] Hepatitis A
- [ ] Hepatitis B
- [ ] Influenza

Exemption to immunizations claimed.

(For more information about immunizations, as well as the immunization exemption form, see Scouting Safety on Scouting.org.)

### MEDICATIONS

List all medications currently used. (If additional space is needed, please photocopy this part of the health form.)

Inhalers and EpiPen information must be included, even if they are for occasional or emergency use only.

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**NOTE:** Be sure to bring medications in the appropriate containers, and make sure that they are NOT expired, including inhalers and EpiPens. You **SHOULD NOT STOP** taking any maintenance medication.

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Part B
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION
Height _______ Weight _______ Meets height/weight limits [ ] Yes [ ] No Blood pressure _______ Pulse _______

Individuals desiring to participate in any high-adventure activity or events in which emergency evacuation would take longer than 30 minutes by ground transportation will not be permitted to do so if they exceed the weight limit as documented at the bottom of this page. Enforcing the height/weight limit is strongly encouraged for all other events, but it is not mandatory.

(For healthy height/weight guidelines, visit www.cdc.gov)

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Allergies (to what agent, type of reaction, treatment):

I certify that I have, today, reviewed the health history, examined this person, and approve this individual for participation in:

☐ Hiking and camping ☐ Competitive activities ☐ Backpacking ☐ Swimming/water activities ☐ Climbing/rappelling
☐ Sports ☐ Horseback riding ☐ Scuba diving ☐ Mountain biking ☐ Challenge (ropes) course
☐ Cold-weather activity (<10° F) ☐ Wilderness/backcountry treks

Specify restrictions (if none, so state)

Certified and licensed health-care providers recognized by the BSA to perform this exam include physicians (MD, DO), nurse practitioners, and physician's assistants.

To Health Care Provider: Restricted approval includes:

→ Uncontrolled heart disease, asthma, or hypertension.
→ Uncontrolled psychiatric disorder.
→ Poorly controlled diabetes.
→ Orthopedic injuries not cleared by a physician.
→ Newly diagnosed seizure events (within 6 months).
→ For scuba, use of medications to control diabetes, asthma, or seizures

Provider printed name ______________________
Signature ______________________
Address ______________________
City, state, zip ______________________
Office phone ______________________
Date __________

This table is based on the revised Dietary Guidelines for Americans from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the Dept. of Health & Human Services.

Part B

Last name: ________________________ DOB: ________________________
Safety Afloat

Safety Afloat has been developed to promote boating and boating safety and to set standards for safe unit activity afloat. Before a BSA group may engage in an excursion, expedition, or trip on the water (canoe, raft, sailboat, motorboat, rowboat, floating in an inner tube, or other craft), adult leaders for such activity must complete Safety Afloat Training, No. 34159, have a commitment card, No. 34242, with them, and be dedicated to full compliance with all ninepoints of Safety Afloat.

1. Qualified Supervision

All activity afloat must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult age 21 or older who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children in his or her care, who is experienced and qualified in the particular watercraft skills and equipment involved in the activity, and who is committed to compliance with the nine points of BSA Safety Afloat. One such supervisor is required for each 10 people, with a minimum of two adults for any one group. At least one supervisor must be age 21 or older, and the remaining supervisors must be age 18 or older. All supervisors must complete BSA Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense training and rescue training for the type of watercraft to be used in the activity, and at least one must be trained in CPR. It is strongly recommended that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently trained as a BSA Lifeguard to assist in the planning and conducting of all activity afloat.

For Cub Scouts: The ratio of adult supervisors to participants is one to five.

2. Physical Fitness

All persons must present evidence of fitness by a complete health history from a physician, parent, or legal guardian. Adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate any risks associated with individual health conditions. In the event of any significant health conditions, a medical evaluation by a physician should be required by the adult leader.

3. Swimming Ability

A person who has not been classified as a “swimmer” may ride as a passenger in a rowboat or motorboat with an adult swimmer, or in a canoe, raft, or sailboat with an adult who is trained as a lifeguard or a lifesaver by a recognized agency. In all other circumstances, the person must be a swimmer to participate in an activity afloat. Swimmers must pass this test:

Jump feetfirst into water over your head. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating. This qualification test should be renewed annually.

4. Personal Flotation Equipment

Properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) must be worn by all persons engaged in activity on the open water (rowing, canoeing, sailing, boardsailing, motorboating, waterskiing, rafting, tubing, kayaking, and surfboarding). Type II and III PFDs are recommended.

5. Buddy System

All activity afloat necessitates using the buddy system. Not only must every individual have a buddy, but every craft should have a “buddy boat” when on the water.
6. Skill Proficiency

All participants in activity afloat must be trained and experienced in watercraft handling skills, safety, and emergency procedures. (a) For unit activity on white water, all participants must complete special training by a BSA Aquatics Instructor or qualified whitewater specialist. (b) Powerboat operators must be able to meet requirements for the Motorboating merit badge or equivalent. (c) Except for whitewater and powerboat operation as noted above, either a minimum of three hours' training and supervised practice or meeting requirements for "basic handling tests" is required for all float trips or open-water excursions using unpowered craft. (d) Motorized personal watercraft, such as the Jet Ski and SeaDoo, are not authorized for use in Scouting aquatics, and their use should not be permitted in or near BSA program areas.

For Cub Scouts: Canoeing, kayaking, rowing, and rafting for Cub Scouts (including Webelos Scouts) are to be limited to council/district events on flat water ponds or controlled lake areas free of powerboats and sailboats. Prior to recreational canoeing and kayaking, Cub Scouts are to be instructed in basic handling skills and safety practices.

7. Planning

- **Float Plan** — Obtain current maps and information about the waterway to be traveled. Know exactly where the unit will "put in" and "pull out" and what course will be followed. Travel time should be estimated generously. Review the plan with others who have traveled the course recently.
- **Local Rules** — Determine which state and local regulations are applicable, and follow them. Get written permission to use or cross private property.
- **Notification** — File the float plan with parents or participants and a member of the unit committee. File the float plan with the local council office when traveling on running water. Check in with all those who should be notified when returning.
- **Weather** — Check the weather forecast just before setting out, and keep an alert weather eye. Bring all craft ashore when rough weather threatens.
- **Contingencies** — Planning must identify possible emergencies and other circumstances that could force a change of plans. Appropriate alternative plans must be developed for each.

For Cub Scouts: Cub Scout canoeing, kayaking, rowing, and rafting do not include "trips" or "expeditions" and are not to be conducted on running water (i.e., rivers or streams); therefore, some procedures are inapplicable. Suitable weather requires clear skies, no appreciable wind, and warm air and water.

8. Equipment

All equipment must be suited to the craft, to water conditions, and to the individual; must be in good repair; and must satisfy all state and federal requirements. Spare equipment or repair materials must be carried. Appropriate rescue equipment must be available for immediate use.

9. Discipline

All participants should know, understand, and respect the rules and procedures for safe unit activity afloat. The applicable rules should be presented and learned prior to the outing, and should be reviewed for all participants at the water's edge just before the activity begins. When Scouts know and understand the reasons for the rules, they will observe them. When fairly and impartially applied, rules do not interfere with the fun. Rules for safety, plus common sense and good judgment, keep the fun from being interrupted by tragedy.

Note: For cruising vessels (excluding rowboats, canoes, kayaks, and rafts, but including sailboats and powerboats greater than 20 feet long) used in adult-supervised unit activities by a chartered Venturing crew/ship specializing in watercraft operations, or used in adult-supervised program activity in connection with any high-adventure program or other activity under the direct sponsorship and control of the National Council, the standards and procedures in the Sea Scout Manual may be substituted for the Safety Afloat standards.

Reference: Safety Afloat, No. 34368 and in the Online Learning Center
Safe Swim Defense

Before a BSA group may engage in swimming activities of any kind, a minimum of one adult leader must complete Safe Swim Defense training, have a commitment card (No. 34243) with them, and agree to use the eight defenses in this plan.

One of the best opportunities for Safe Swim Defense training is in summer camp. The eight defenses are:

1. Qualified Supervision
   All swimming activity must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult age 21 or older who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of youth members in his or her care, who is experienced in the water and confident of his or her ability to respond in the event of an emergency, and who is trained in and committed to compliance with the eight points of BSA Safe Swim Defense. (It is strongly recommended that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently trained as a BSA Lifeguard to assist in the planning and conduct of all swimming activity.)

2. Physical Fitness
   Require evidence of fitness for swimming activity with a complete health history from physician, parent, or legal guardian. The adult supervisor should adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate any potential risks associated with individual health conditions. In the event of any significant health conditions, an examination by a physician should be required by the adult supervisor. Those with physical disabilities can enjoy and benefit from aquatics if the disabilities are known and necessary precautions are taken.

3. Safe Area
   When swimming in areas not regularly maintained and used for swimming activity, have lifeguards and swimmers systematically examine the bottom of the swimming area to determine varying depths, currents, deep holes, rocks, and stumps. Mark off the area for three groups: not more than 3 1/2 feet deep for nonswimmers; from shallow water to just over the head for beginners; deep water not over 12 feet for swimmers. A participant should not be permitted to swim in an area where he cannot readily recover and maintain his footing, or cannot maintain his position on the water, because of swimming ability or water flow. When setting up a safe swimming area in natural waters, use poles stuck in the bottom, or plastic bottles, balloons, or sticks attached to rock anchors with twine for boundary markers. Enclose nonswimmer and beginner areas with buoy lines (twine and floats) between markers. Mark the outer bounds of the swimmer’s area with floats. Be sure that clear-water depth is at least 7 feet before allowing anyone to dive into the water. Diving is prohibited from any height more than 40 inches above the water surface; feet-first entry is prohibited from more than 60 inches above the water. For any entry from more than 18 inches above the water surface, clear-water depth must be 10 to 12 feet. Only surface swimming is permitted in turbid water. Swimming is not permitted in water more than 12 feet deep, in turbid water where poor visibility and depth would interfere with emergency recognition or prompt rescue, or in whitewater, unless all participants wear appropriate personal flotation devices and the supervisor determines that swimming with personal flotation equipment is safe under the circumstances.

4. Lifeguards on Duty
   Swim only where there are lifeguards on duty. For unit swims in areas where lifeguards are not provided by others, the supervisor should designate two capable swimmers as lifeguards. Station them ashore, equipped with a lifeline (a 100-foot
length of 3/8-inch nylon cord). In an emergency, one carries out the line; the other feeds it out from shore, then pulls in his partner and the person being helped. In addition, if a boat is available, have two people, preferably capable swimmers, take it out—one rowing and the other equipped with a 10-foot pole or extra oar. Provide one guard for every 10 people in the water, and adjust the number and positioning of guards as needed to protect the particular area and activity.

5. Lookout
   Station a lookout on the shore where it is possible to see and hear everything in all areas. The lookout may be the adult in charge of the swim and may give the buddy signals.

6. Ability Groups
   Divide into three ability groups: Nonswimmers, beginners, and swimmers. Keep each group in its own area. Nonswimmers have not passed a swimming test. Beginners must pass this test: jump feetfirst into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface. Stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before and return to the starting place. Swimmers must pass this test: jump feet first into water over the head in depth. Level off and swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating. These classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of the season.

7. Buddy System
   Pair every youth with another in the same ability group. Buddies check in and out of the swimming area together. Emphasize that each buddy lifeguards his buddy. Check everyone in the water about every 10 minutes, or as needed to keep the buddies together. The adult in charge signals for a buddy check with a single blast of a whistle or ring of a bell, and call "Buddies!" The adult counts slowly to 10 while buddies join and raise hands and remain still and silent. Guards check all areas, count the pairs, and compare the total with the number known to be in the water. Signal two blasts or bells to resume swimming. Signal three blasts or bells for checkout.

8. Discipline
   Be sure everyone understands and agrees that swimming is allowed only with proper supervision and use of the complete Safe Swim Defense. The applicable rules should be presented and learned prior to the outing, and should be reviewed for all participants at the water's edge just before the swimming activity begins. Scouts should respect and follow all directions and rules of the adult supervisor. When people know the reason for rules and procedures they are more likely to follow them. Be strict and fair, showing no favoritism.

Reference: Safe Swim Defense, No. 34370 and in the Online Learning Center
Name: Camp Mack Morris

Location: South of Camden Tennessee, Off Highway 641

Activities:  
- X Camping
- X Canoeing
- X Hiking
- X Motor Boating
- X Other  Cope Course w/fee & Council Supervision
- X Fishing
- X Swimming

Facilities:  
- X Water
- X Showers
- X Electricity
- X Cabins
- X Handicapped Accessible

Fee:  
- See Page 2 for Rental Fee Chart

Contact:  
West Tennessee Area Council
1995 Hollywood Dr.
Jackson TN, 38305
(731) 668-3787
www.wtacbsa.org

Comments:  
Camp Mack Morris is a beautiful facility owned and operated by the West Tennessee Area Council, BSA. It is located about 8 miles north of Interstate 40 (exit 126). See Map on page 3.

Additional Information may be found on the council website, www.wtacbsa.org

WHERE TO GO CAMPING GUIDE 1
Facility Rental Fees

Facility Rental

**Marshall Cabin:** This luxurious cabin overlooks picturesque Birdsong Bay on Kentucky Lake, and features central heat/air conditioning, fireplace, a full kitchen, two full bathrooms, two private bedrooms, bunkroom and sleeping loft. Bed linens (twin deep pockets), pillows, towels, and toiletries are not provided. The kitchen includes a refrigerator, stove/oven, plates, glasses, silverware, pots, and coffee pot. The cabin sleeps 12-20. Marshall Cabin rents for $250.00 per night.

**Jernigan Cabin:** This Alpine Chalet Cabin features central heat/air conditioning, two private bedrooms, sleeping loft, a full kitchen, one full bathroom. Bed linens (twin), towels, pillows and toiletries are not provided. The kitchen includes a refrigerator, stove/oven, plates, glasses, silverware, pots, and coffee pot. The cabin sleeps 4-8. Jernigan Cabin rents for $250 per night.

**Dining Hall:** The air-conditioned dining hall seats 300. It is available for rent for meetings or ceremonies. Due to health regulations we cannot provide kitchen privileges. We may, with advance notice and additional charge, be able to provide catering for your event. The Dining Hall rents for $500 per day.

**Carlisle Hall:** Great for indoor winter camping. It features an open area for sleeping or programming. There is also a fireplace that can be utilized for heat. Carlisle Hall rents for $100 per day.

Daily Use/Camping Fee

- Council Units - $1.00 per Camper per Day
- Out-of-Council-Units - $2.00 per Camper per Day

Reservations required. Units will provide own tents and do own cooking. Above fees do not include any facility or activity area usage.

Activity Area Rental

- All Activity Area usage must be arranged prior to camp visit.
- **Canoes/Kayaks:** $20.00 per canoe or kayak per day (minimum of 8). Includes PFD’s and paddles. On-site usage only (do not go under bridge). Must be accompanied by two adult leaders with current Safety Afloat certification. All Scouts must be swimmers. Troops are responsible for repair costs for any canoe damage, replacement cost $50.00 per PFD, $50.00 per paddle.
- **Archery Range:** Users must provide own equipment. Trained adult supervision required.
- **Skeet Range:** $5.00 per person plus $5.00 per round of skeet (25). Approved range officer required (BSA, NRA or military certificate).
- **Rifle Range (22 only):** $5.00 per person, up to 25 rounds. Rifles and ammunition supplied. Approved range officer required (BSA, NRA or military certificate).
- **Climbing and Rappelling:** $25.00 per person for 4-hour session. Equipment supplied. Approved local staff member must be present.
- **Adventure Basin:** Features pirate ship, lake for fishing with dock, fort, pavilions for programming and TeePees that can sleep up to 15 (no fires).
From Memphis or Jackson:
Take I-40 East (approx. 126 miles from Memphis and 50 miles from Jackson)

From Nashville:
Take I-40 West (approx. 80 miles)
Then
- Take Exit 126 (Camden/Parsons)
- Travel north on Hwy 641 for approximately 8 miles.
- Turn right on Shiloh Church Road (follow signs to Camp Mack Morris)
- Turn right on Dedmon Road
- Turn left on Boy Scout Camp Road
- Turn right on Camp Mack Morris Lane
Hotels/Motels near Camp Mack Morris

Days Inn
Hwy 70E - Camden, TN
731-584-3111

Colonial Inn
321 Hwy 641 N - Camden, TN
731-584-6666

GuestHouse Inn
Hwy 641 near Camden, TN
731-584-2222

Days Inn
Exit 126 on I-40
731-847-2278

Crossroads Inn
13775 Hwy 69A - Big Sandy
731-593-5922

(Inclusion on this list does not indicate endorsement or recommendation of any kind by the West Tennessee Area Council, Boy Scouts of America)

Information obtained from the website of: Benton County/Camden Chamber of Commerce
202 West Main St., Camden, TN 38320
731-584-8395 Fax 731-584-5544
Website: www.bentoncountynet.com
Name: MOUSETAIL LANDING STATE PARK

Location: 2 MILES NORTH OF HIGHWAY 20
PERRYVILLE, TN.

Activities:  
- CAMPING
- CANOEING
- HIKING
- OTHER: Backpacking
- MOTORBOATING
- FISHING
- SWIMMING

Facilities:  
- WATER
- SHOWERS
- ELECTRICITY
- CABINS
- PORTA-JOHNS

Fee: No Fee for Scouts in Primitive Group Camping Area

Contact: Mousetail Landing State Park
Route 3 Box 280B
Linden TN, 37096
(731) 847-0841

Comments: 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.
Hours of Operation
7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Office hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time
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).

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**Other Activities**

Enjoy playgrounds, an archery range, horseshoes, basketball, and a Volleyball court.

**Programs**

Programs Offered:

- Fossil Program (year-round)
- Tree Identification (seasonal)
- Wildlife Identification (year-round)
- Nature Hikes (year-round)
- Fall Color Hike (seasonal)
- Park History (year-round)

If a group is interested in a program, please contact the Park Office or the Ranger on duty to schedule a program time.

**Tour Buses**

Tour Buses are Welcome!
Name: REELFOOT LAKE STATE PARK

Location: 3 MILES EAST OF TIPTONVILLE, TN ON STATE HIGHWAY 21/22

Activities: X Camping  
X Canoeing  
X Hiking  
Motorboating  
X Other 400 person auditorium

Facilities: X Water
X Showers
X Electricity
X Inn
X Handicapped Accessible

Fee: $5.51 1 to 2 people + $.50 for each additional person (airpark)

Contact: Reelfoot Lake State Park  
3120 State Route 213  
Tiptonville, TN 38079-9799  
731-253-7756

Comments: Reelfoot Lake State Park, located in the northwest corner of Tennessee, is one of the greatest hunting and fishing preserves in the nation. The lake encompasses 25,000 acres (15,000 of which are water) and harbors almost every kind of shore and wading bird, as well as the golden and American bald eagles. Other animals are also diverse and abundant here. Its many species of flowering and non-flowering plants attract botany enthusiasts from all over the country. Cypress dominates the margins of the lake, but many other trees and shrubs are also present.

Campgrounds, bathrooms, boardwalk, fishing piers and picnic areas are wheelchair accessible.
Park History

History records that Reelfoot was created by a series of earthquakes during the bitter cold winter of 1811-1812. Landslides swept down bluffs, large areas of land were uplifted, and still larger areas sank. One of these sunken areas filled with water and Reelfoot Lake was born.

Programs

Eagle Tours are offered at 10:00 a.m. daily with additional tours at 1:00 p.m. on weekends. Buses leave from the Airpark Inn. Reservations are required for tours and there is a $5.00 charge. To make eagle tour reservations, please call 731-253-7756 or 800-250-8617.

During the winter months Reelfoot Lake is called home by approximately 200 American Bald Eagles. Bus tours to observe the eagles and waterfowl are offered daily. Experienced naturalist provide telescopes for viewing and discuss eagle ecology and lake history. It is not uncommon to see a large number of eagles and to get extremely close views. Eagles can be seen perching, flying/soaring and often snatching fish from the lake. A wide variety of programs are offered during the winter months.

We invite guest speakers to provide a program every Saturday night during the winter eagle season. They cover a wide variety of topics from live birds of prey, photography, and history and of course Bald Eagles as well as other interesting topics.

One of the more popular programs features a number of live birds of prey. A park Naturalist explains the importance of these beautiful birds and visitors experience a close up and personal view of these majestic birds. This program is scheduled several times per month and can be booked for your group with advance reservations.

Pontoon Boat Cruises: Naturalists offer Pontoon Boat Cruises from May through September. These trips allow visitors to experience the beauty of Reelfoot Lake and learn about this unique area. Three-hour cruises depart daily at 9:00 a.m. and short cruises are offered on weekends and holiday afternoons. Sunset cruises are offered several times per month and moonlight cruises are offered during the full moon. The full moon rising through Cypress Trees is an awesome sight. Special cruises can be scheduled for groups. Reservations are required.

Reelfoot Lake is a photographer’s paradise. Special photography workshops and tours are offered by professional photographers for scheduled camera clubs or other interested groups. We are now offering Deep Swamp Canoe Trips. Hundreds of nesting birds, large cypress trees and water knee deep make this a trip for those who like to experience nature at its wildest. This trip is usually offered in the spring and reservations are required for individuals or groups.
Enjoy our Deep Swamp Canoe Trips!

Other Activities

The park also features activities such as basketball, horseshoes, several playground areas, tennis courts, and volleyball.

Tour Buses

Tour buses are welcome.

Plan Your Visit

Hours of Operation
The park is open 7 days a week.

Directions
Reelfoot Lake State Park is located in Lake and Obion counties. The park's 280 acres are broken into 10 segments located along 22 miles of the Reelfoot Lake shoreline. The Airpark Inn is located on State Highway 78, ten miles north of Tiptonville. The other sections of the park - including the visitor and interpretive center with its auditorium, picnic and camping areas - are located along State Highways 21 and 22.
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WEST TENNESSEE AREA COUNCIL #559, B.S.A.

WHERE TO GO CAMPING GUIDE

It is the policy of the Department of Conservation to provide its facilities, accommodations, services and programs to all persons without regard to sex, race, color, age, religion, national origin or handicap. Proper licenses/registration and compliance with official rules and regulations are the only sources of restrictions for facility use or program participation. The Department of Conservation is an equal opportunity employer.
Name: PARIS LANDING STATE PARK

Location: 16 Miles Northeast of Paris Tennessee, on U.S. 79

Activities:  
- Camping
- Canoeing
- Hiking
- Motorboating
- Fishing
- Other

Facilities:  
- Water
- Showers
- Electricity
- Inn
- Handicapped Accessible
- Cabins
- Other

Fee: $5.25/2 people + .50 for each additional person (in campgrounds)  
Check with park office for most current inn and cabin rates.  
**Remember: Make Reservations Early !!!!!!!!**

Contact:  
Paris Landing State Park  
16055 Hwy 79 N.  
Buchanan, TN 38222-4109  
Office: 731-641-4465  
Inn: 731-642-4311

Comments: The 841-acre Paris Landing State Park is named for a steamboat and freight landing on the Tennessee River, dating back to the mid 1800's. From here and other landings on the Tennessee River and Big Sandy River, supplies were transported to surrounding towns and communities by ox cart. Enjoy the tennis courts, softball field, volleyball court, archery range, basketball courts and playgrounds. There are no rental fees for these activities.
Cabins

Ten lakeside rental cabins are available for your family or group. Each cabin is fully equipped for housekeeping, with 3-bedrooms (5 double beds), 2 bathrooms, a full-sized kitchen, and linens, stone fireplace with gas logs, telephone, and cable-TV. All cabins are controlled with central heat and air conditioning. Reservations will be accepted up to one year in advance. Weekly reservations are required during the summer months, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Camping: Forty-four campsites, each with water, electricity, picnic table and grill, are located near the lake. Two bathhouses provide restrooms and hot and cold showers. A dump station is available for self-contained recreation vehicles.

Open in April 1998, this spacious new facility provides the ideal location for your next tradeshow, conference, pageant, wedding reception, or banquet. The main room is 143’ long and 74’ feet wide with the ability to be divided into 3 separate rooms. This acoustically sound building will seat 800-1,200 people and serve a full line of food and beverages.

Fishing

Fishing at it's finest on the beautiful Kentucky Lake/TN River--some people say that's what it's all about! Imagine more than 100 species scattered over broad expanses of fresh water and lurking in hundreds of secluded coves. Crappie, bass, catfish, sager, walleye, bluegill, stripes, and more – they’re singing a siren song just for you. There’s something for everyone, from the expert angler with the fancy gear (some of the biggest tournaments are staged here) to the kid on the bank with a cane pole … and everywhere in between. There are two fishing piers available.

Valid TN Fishing license is required.

The Paris Landing State Park Golf Course is situated on the western shore of Kentucky Lake, located in the "Land Between the Lakes" area. The entire course is tree-lined, creating a feeling that you are the only one on the course, very rarely seeing another foursome. Several holes skirt the Kentucky Lake, producing a natural balance of rolling land, trees, and water. Through the years Paris Landing has hosted numerous collegiate and high school championships.

The Marina Store sells fishing licenses, bait, tackle, ice, and grocery items. A new service dock with fuel and supplies is also available as well as a FREE launch ramp with plenty of parking. Fuel is available: gas 89 octane, diesel.
Two-hundred and twenty-five covered and uncovered slips are located at the marina along with transit dockage. Please check with the marina office for annual or monthly slip rates and availability.

**Park Inn**

The 130-room inn is situated on the western shore of beautiful Kentucky Lake located 18 miles northeast of Paris, TN. Each room has a commanding view of Kentucky Lake and a separate parking area. You will love these rooms!

**Picnic Facilities**

The parks picnic area borders Kentucky Lake, with its beautiful view, fishing dock, playground, tennis/basketball courts, swimming pool, and amphitheater all in the same area.

**PICNIC SHELTERS**

Plan your next family reunion, church or company picnic outing with us by calling (901) 642-4311.

**Large Shelter (near amphitheater)**

Bathrooms, electricity, telephone, and grills

**Small Shelter (picnic area)**

Grills, water, near pool and playground.

The spacious restaurant seats 250 people and overlooks picturesque Kentucky Lake. The restaurant is noted for its excellent buffet (44 feet long), which features southern cuisine. Private dining and meeting facilities are available as well as catering for your party. Call the park for information on hours of operation.
The Olympic-sized pool is the place to be in the summertime. A white-sand beach volleyball court, two diving boards, a kiddies pool for the little ones, snack bar, and over 150 sun-loungers, all within the pool complex.

There is a swimming area and beach on Kentucky Lake. There are no lifeguards, although it is a protected swimming area with picnic area and restrooms nearby.

There is also a swimming pool at the inn.

Plan Your Visit

Hours of Operation
Year round, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day (hours are subject to change in December and January)

Directions
18 miles east of Paris, TN on US Highway 79 or 45 miles West of Clarksville, TN on US Highway 79.
Name: BIG HILL POND STATE PARK

Location: McNairy County Tennessee. South of Ramer off Hwy. 57

Activities: 
- Camping
- Hiking
- Motorboating
- Canoeing
- Other

Facilities: 
- Water
- Showers
- Electricity
- Cabins
- Handicapped Accessible

Fee: No Fee for Scouts in Primitive Areas

Contact: Big Hill Pond State Park
984 John Howell Road
Pocahontas, TN 38061
731-645-7967

Comments: 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 Park includes a .8 mile Board Walk through the scenic Dismal Swamp and a 70 feet tall observation tower.
The park derives its name from Big Hill Pond which was created in 1953 when dirt was scooped from a borrow pit to build a levee across the Tuscumbia and Cypress Creek bottoms for the Memphis to Charleston Railroad. Over the years, a great stand of cypress trees has grown in and around the 35-acre pond. The Pond is accessible by four wheel drive. Some to the park’s programs include: Reptiles (available to schools, seasonal), Summer Camp (seasonal), History of Big Hill Pond (available to schools and scout troops, seasonal), Log Rolling (seasonal), and Backyard Wildlife (seasonal)

The Park also has many small oxbow lakes and swamp areas which are desirable habitat for waterfowl, wildlife and fishing.

Big Hill Pond Park has approximately 14 miles of horse trails.

Thirty miles of overnight and day use trails with four backpack trail shelters can be found on the park. Five miles of hiking trail and two trail shelters lies south of railroad. This is within our hunting area.

No backcountry camping allowed. However, backpackers may hike in to four different camp shelters, three of which are very remote.

Four scout camps are available, one in the campground area and three down the gravel road past the park office. Site 19 is the designated scout camp in the campground.

Quiet time in the campground is 10:00 p.m. Because the campground is small, there is no generator operation after 10:00 p.m.

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Name: NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST STATE PARK

Location: 8 miles northeast of Camden Tennessee, (25 miles North of I-40, exit 126)

Activities: X Camping  
X Canoeing  
X Hiking  
X Motorboating  
X Other Interpretive Center

Facilities: X Water  
Showers  
Electricity  
X Cabins  
Handicapped Accessible

Fee: No Fee for Scouts in Primitive Areas

Contact: Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park  
1825 Pilot Knob Road  
Eva, TN 38333  
731-584-6356

Comments: The Park was named for General Nathan Bedford Forrest, the intrepid Confederate cavalry leader. It encompasses the highest point in West Tennessee, Pilot Knob. It houses the Tennessee River Folklife Interpretive Center. The center features the life, ways, and customs of folks on the Tennessee River and includes musseling, crafts, commercial fishing, and more. Visitors can also enjoy browsing the gift shop that offers a large variety of TN State Park souvenirs and other items.
On November 4, 1864, General Nathan Bedford Forrest 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. The park has a full-time ranger-naturalist who conducts regularly scheduled programs throughout the summer months and special programs on request the rest of the year. Programs include campfires, movies, slide shows, guided tours, demonstrations, and arts and crafts. Several interesting natural and cultural exhibits are featured at the park office.

Programs that are offered year-round and travel to schools and scout troops include: Birds of Prey, Civil War History, River Culture, Native Plants & Animals, Nature Films and Indian Life.

Seasonal programs include: Hay Rides, Owl Prowl Program and Campfire Programs.

Special Events include: Easter Egg Hunt – April, Gospel Singing – June, Folklife Festival - September

Recreation equipment may be checked out free of charge at the Interpretive Center. Recreation activities include softball, volleyball, horseshoes, ping-pong, shuffleboard and more. There are also four playgrounds and a large playfield with a backstop.

**Group Lodge**

This modern group lodge has a maximum capacity of 64 persons. It is divided into two units, each with toilet facilities. It is completely equipped for food preparation and serving, but no linens are provided. The kitchen is equipped with 2 commercial ovens, stove with 10 burners, 4 large commercial refrigerators and an 18 cu. ft. freezer.

Reservations for this facility should be made well in advance by writing or calling the park office.
Name:  CHICKASAW STATE PARK

Location:  18 miles south of Jackson Tennessee on State Highway 100

Activities:  
X Camping
X Hiking
X Motorboating
X Swimming
X Fishing
X Other Archery Rowboats

Facilities:  
X Water
X Showers
X Electricity
X Cabins (13, each cabin sleeps up to 6)
X Handicapped Accessible
X Restaurant
X Group Lodge
X Golf Course

Fee:  Varies, Contact Park Office for fee schedule

Contact:  Chickasaw State Park
20 Cabin Lane
Henderson, TN 38340
Office:  731-989-5141
Restaurant:  731-989-5141
Cabin Reservation:  800-458-1752
Tee Times:  888-944-2327

Comments:  Chickasaw State Rustic Park is situated on some of the highest terrain in West Tennessee. Of the area's 14,384 acres of timberland, 1,280 acres are used for recreation. The park features a hiking trail, tennis courts, basketball courts, archery range, playgrounds, horseshoe pits, volleyball court and lighted ball field. There is also horseback riding in the summer months. Many visitors bring their own mounts and explore the more than 50 miles of roads and trails within Chickasaw State Forest.
There are three campgrounds at Chickasaw State Park. The RV campground has 52 sites, each with water and electrical hookups. The tent campground has 29 sites, and water is available. The wrangler campground is designed for visitors traveling with horses. There are 31 sites, each with water and electrical hookups. All park campsites have picnic tables and grills. Modern bathhouses provide hot showers and restroom facilities. There is a playground in each campground.

Recently named "One of the Top Ten You Can Play" by Golf Magazine, The Bear Trace at Chickasaw captures all the flair and natural beauty of its sister courses while adding a distinctive characteristic indigenous to its geographic region: natural wetlands. From the handcrafted log clubhouse, golfers enjoy a picturesque view of gently rolling fairways framed by ancient oak trees and massive pines. Flowing water from Piney Creek and several small tributaries meanders throughout the course, traversing seven of the nine finishing holes. Several holes feature split fairways with landing areas adjacent to a stream, natural marshland or both hazards. Long-ball hitters playing the Bear Trace at Chickasaw will need to be judicious in club selection, thereby avoiding ever-present and daunting fairway bunkers. With multiple tees, this heavily wooded, 18-hole, 7,118-yard, par 72 layout provides a scenic and challenging round of golf for players of every skill level.

Group Lodge: This facility accommodates 40 persons. The building features divided quarters with bunk beds and sleep 20 people to a room. Central heat and air are provided as well as dishes, utensils, microwave, ice maker, freezers, refrigerator and stove. Groups must supply their own linens.

The park's 100-seat restaurant offers excellent Southern cuisine in a restful atmosphere. The restaurant is open throughout most of the year.

The picturesque swimming beach on the shore of Lake Placid is very popular with visitors. A modern bathhouse and concession stand serve the swimming beach.
Name: FORT PILLOW STATE PARK

Location: Lauderdale County, Tennessee

Activities:  
- X Camping
- X Hiking
- X Canoeing
- X Fishing
- X Other Nature Center Museum

Facilities:  
- X Water
- X Electricity
- X Showers
- X Restrooms (in camping area) Cabins

Fee: None for Scouts in Primitive Areas

Contact: Fort Pillow State Historic Park  
3122 Park Road  
Henning, TN 38041  
731-738-5581

Comments: 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.
The park Interpretive Center/Museum is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily and year round with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There is no entrance fee. Visitors will find displays of Civil War artifacts and interpretive displays. There is a 12 minute video on the 1864 Battle shown by request. Tours of the museum and restored fortifications are available upon request. Most of the interpretive programs at the park are developed to enhance the understanding of the American Civil War as it relates to the occupation of both Confederate and Union forces at Fort Pillow. Nature and recreational programs are presented during the summer months or upon request.

Programs Available:
Civil War Battle of Fort Pillow (12 minute video)
Haversack: Soldiers Life & Talk
Weapons of the Civil War
Construction of Fortifications
Owl Prowls (seasonal)
Nature Walks (seasonal)
Living History Encampment (seasonal)
Cannon Firing (seasonal)
Junior Ranger

The rustic campground has 38 campsites and is designed primarily for tent camping. None of the sites are equipped for RV's. There are no electrical or water hook-ups. Water is available at water stations. Tent camp sites will accommodate small popups and R.V.'s may park in front of the site. Each campsite has a grill/campfire pad; a picnic table, and pea gravel for tent set-up, a roomy forest setting, and full-service bathhouse. Campers may register at the office or staff will come by. There are 2 bathhouses (one being accessible to persons with a disability) and a small laundry. Firewood is available from dead fallen limbs and trees. The trail to backcountry camping is hilly and moderately difficult. Total trail is five miles long. From the Visitor Center parking lot to the campground is 1/2 mile. Backcountry camping is allowed and a permit is required.

Fort Pillow State Historic Park has been designated as a Wildlife Observation Area by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Interpretive signs identify certain species and their habitat. The park provides sanctuary for deer, turkey, and is frequented by bird watchers.

The Anderson-Tully Wildlife Management Area borders the park on the north and is only a 10-minute drive from the family camping area. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency manages this popular hunting and fishing area. No hunting is allowed on park property.

A boat ramp is available to the general public but there are no rental boats at the park. Only fishing boats and canoes are allowed. Electric trolling motors are allowed on the 15-acre lake; gas motors must adhere to a "No Wake" policy. Fort Pillow Lake is stocked
with bass, bream, crappie and catfish. A valid Tennessee Fishing License is required. Valid TN fishing license required.

A picnic area overlooking Fort Pillow Lake provides the visitor with tables, grills, a water fountain, restrooms and playground. There is one centrally located picnic pavilions may be reserved and are ideal for family reunions. The pavilion may be reserved up to one year in advance.

**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.
Fort Pillow State Historic Park
2010 Program Schedule

April 3rd Easter Egg Hunt
All kids age 10 and under are invited to hunt Easter eggs at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will be prizes awarded in three different age groups. Meet at the Picnic Pavilion at 2:00 p.m. to register.

April 10th Park Day
Sponsored by the History Channel and the Civil War Preservation Trust, Park Day allows volunteers to help clean up their favorite Historic Site. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and lunch will be provided. Shirts and patches will be given out to participants.

April 17th and 18th Anniversary Reenactment Weekend
This event will give the public a chance to see what life was like for soldiers during the Civil War. There will be various living history programs and visitors will be able to tour both Union and Confederate encampments. Food vendors will be present and a Battle between North and South on both days.

May 29th, 30th, and 31st Memorial Day Celebration
Join Fort Pillow as we kick off our summer programming season. There will be outdoor activities and programs for all ages.

June 5th National Trails Day Hike
Join Fort Pillow staff at 9:00 a.m. for a five-mile hike along the Blue Trail. We will travel along bluffs located above the Mississippi River.

June 12th Youth Fishing Rodeo
Come and go fishing with the staff at Fort Pillow during Tennessee's free fishing day. All kids age 12 and under can participate and win prizes. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

July 3rd and 4th Independence Day Celebration
Join Fort Pillow as we celebrate our country's independence with a weekend filled with outdoor programs.

September 4th, 5th, and 6th Labor Day Celebration
Come celebrate Labor Day Weekend with outdoor activities and programs at Fort Pillow.

October 23rd Fall Festival
Join Park Staff for an evening of programs and events including a costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest, and a hayride. There will be other fall games for everyone to play. Activities will begin at 4:00 p.m., with a hayride at 5:30 p.m.

Programs are offered year round upon request. If you or your organization would like to schedule a program, please call Park Manager Robby Tidwell at 731-738-5581 or robbyt.tidwell@tn.gov.
WHERE TO GO CAMPING GUIDE
FORT PILLOW HISTORICAL TRAIL AND TREK

GENERAL INFORMATION - PAGE 2

PLAN AHEAD! BE PREPARED! BE SAFE!
ALL HIKE LEADERS SHOULD READ THROUGH THE HIKE INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY BEFORE STARTING THE HIKE AND ALSO SHOULD STUDY THE MAP CAREFULLY. Solid arrows on the map indicate the route for TRAIL hikers and open arrows indicate the route for TREK hikers.
LEADERSHIP — ADEQUATE, COMPETENT. MATURE LEADERS SHOULD ACCOMPANY EVERY HIKING GROUP.
BE SAFE. Parts of this trail route could be very dangerous (especially in wet weather) if hikers are careless and do not exercise proper safety precautions. At places the trail route passes close to edges of steep bluffs. Leaders must see that hikers stay on the trail and away from the edges of bluffs. ALL HIKING GROUPS ARE HIKING AT THEIR OWN RISK. NEITHER THE TRAIL COMMITTEE NOR THE STATE PARK ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIKER’S SAFETY.
BE PREPARED! Each hiking group should carry a compass, sufficient canteens, first aid kit, and snakebite kit (in season). At times insects (mosquitoes and stinging insects — bees, wasps, etc.) may be encountered, so be prepared with repellant, insect spray, and first aid needs. Also you will need a Trail Map.
WARNING: POISONOUS SNAKES ARE FOUND IN THIS AREA. Hike leaders should instruct all their hikers to be observant, safe, and careful. Carry snakebite kit and “Be Prepared” in case of need.

CANNONS AT FORT PILLOW
Several nice replicas of Civil War Cannons of the types that were used at Fort Pillow during the battle are now in place there. Be sure to observe the following guns and learn to identify each by the shape of their barrel.

10-POUNDER PARROTT (this has a rifled bore)
12-POUNDER MODEL 1841 MOUNTAIN HOWITZER (this gun has a smooth bore)
6-POUNDER JAMES RIFLES (1841-6 Pounder James Conversion) (this means this gun was originally a smoothbore then later had the barrel rifled)
12-POUNDER MODEL 1857 NAPOLEON (this is a smoothbore gun)

For those who would like to learn more about Civil War Cannons they should take the Shiloh Artillery hike or the Shiloh Cannon Trail. Minimum age for either of these trails is 13 years old. Contact the Trail Committee for additional information.

PICNIC AREA — Nice facilities overlooking the lake are available here. These are located slightly off the Trail/Trek. (See your map.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Be a good citizen! Be considerate of others and do not drop any litter along the way. Be a good Scout and pick up and bring out and properly dispose of all such trash and litter found along the way. You will pass several trash barrels along the hike route.

It is recommended that you write or call to notify them when you plan to camp or hike in this area. See Camping Information on Page 1.

BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE. During dry seasons special caution must be given to fire danger. PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE ALONG THE TRAIL OR IN THE WOODS — one careless match or cigarette can destroy quickly a large area that takes many years for nature to replace.

NO DIGGING FOR RELICS permitted on State owned property. Unfortunately, while this property was privately owned for many years, much digging was done by relic hunters who failed to fill in the holes they dug. Evidence of this digging is visible along the trail route — especially in some of the historical areas.

WILDLIFE is abundant in this park area. Deer, Bobcat, Fox, Wild Turkey, Raccoon, Opossum, Mink, Beaver, Squirrel, and others all live here. Also many varieties of birds and snakes may be found here. DO NOT KILL SNAKES. Observe park wildlife, but do not molest in any way.

FISHING is popular in the Fort Pillow State Park, Lake, Cold Creek Chute (lake), Cold Creek, and the nearby Mississippi River. All fishermen are required to have proper state licenses.

NATURE STUDY AREA. Many kinds of trees, plants, and vegetation thrive here. Knowledgeable and observant hikers can enjoy some interesting nature study as they hike this scenic and historic trail. Do not pick flowers or disturb vegetation.

FIREWOOD. Use only deadwood for fires for cooking, etc. DO NOT CUT ANY STANDING TREES IN THE PARK.
Name: MONTGOMERY BELL STATE PARK

Location: 7 miles east of Dickson, Tennessee- on U.S. Highway 70.

Activities:  
- X Camping (120 sites)  
- X Group Camping (holds 120 people)  
- X Row Boats (available for rent)  
- X Hiking  
- X Swimming  
- X Archery  
- X Fishing (3 lakes)  
- X Golfing

Facilities:  
- X Water  
- X Showers  
- X Electricity  
- X Cabins (2, each with 8 bedrooms)  
- X Handicapped  
- X Restaurant  
- X Inn

Fee: Varies upon activity or date, contact the park office

Contact: Montgomery Bell State Park

1020 Jackson Hill Road  
Burns, TN 37029  
Office: 615-797-9052  
Inn: 615-797-3101
Comments: 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.

Campgrounds provide both 30 and 50 amp. electric service and can accommodate 32 ft. campers on most electrical sites. Campground can accommodate needs from pop-up campers to the largest RV's. There are 2 pull-through campsites that are accessible to persons with a disability. There is a creek that runs beside the campground with some sites being located along the creek bank. There are three bathhouses located in the campground, two are accessible to persons with a disability. Picnic tables and grills are available at campsites. Back country camping is allowed with a back country camping permit. For more information on how to obtain this permit contact the park office.

With approximately 19 miles of hiking trails Montgomery Bell offers a variety of hiking experiences. From a .75 mile walk in the woods to the 11.7 mile-long overnight/backpacking trails, there are trails for hikers of all experience levels. The backcountry trail has three overnight shelters dispersed along its length, open year-round. Trail maps may be purchased at the park office from 8-4 Monday thru Friday or at the Inn and Conference center anytime. The collection of park plants and animals is prohibited by state law. Dogs (and other pets), horses, hunting, firearms, fireworks, and alcoholic beverages are not allowed on park trails.
The Inn, Conference Center and restaurant overlook the lovely Lake Acorn. Amenities include cable television, year-round indoor pool, jacuzzi, and outdoor pool (seasonal), exercise room and laundry facilities. The Inn has 120 rooms and 5 suites with every room having a view of the lake.

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.

Rustic Cabins sleep 120 people in 47 cabins. Built in the 1930's, the buildings are constructed of Crab Orchard stone, hand hewn and quarried in Tennessee and considered a historical landmark. Cabins are located in a rustic setting above Lake Woodhaven. Campers should bring their own linen, food, ice and charcoal or wood for fire. Provided are 2 ovens, 2 stoves, 2 sinks and a walk-in cooler/refrigerator. There are 2 bathhouses (2 showers in each), sinks, toilets, running water and hot water. On-premise catering is available.

Programs offered by park Interpretive Specialists include: Amphibians & Reptiles, Aquatic Ecosystems, Forest Ecosystems, Fossils of TN, Mammals of TN, Nature Games/Nature Touch & Feel, Nature Walks, Recycle It!, Wildflower Walks (seasonal) and Harpeth River Canoe Floats (seasonal). Contact the park for scheduling.

Other Activities: Horseshoes, Softball Fields, Volleyball, Exercise Equipment (located at the inn), Basketball, Playgrounds and two Tennis Courts (open 6am-10pm), with swimming available for inn and cabin guests only.
Name: Natchez Trace State Park

Location: North of Lexington, Tennessee. I-40, exit 116

Activities: X Camping  
X Canoeing  
X Hiking  
X Motorboating  
X Fishing  
X Swimming  
X Horseback Riding  
X Inn

Facilities: X Water  
X Showers  
X Electricity  
X Cabins  
X Handicapped Accessible

Fee: Varies Contact the Park Office for most recent prices

Contact: Natchez Trace State Park  
24845 Natchez Trace Road  
Wildersville, TN 38388-8329  
731-968-3742

Comments: 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.
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.

The park's four campgrounds feature a total of 210 sites (20 tent camping sites and 190 with full hook-ups). Sites are equipped with a table and a grill. Bathhouses containing hot showers are conveniently located in all camping areas. Backcountry camping is allowed although a permit is required. There are four backcountry campsites and up to 35 people may camp at any one site. Pets on leashes are allowed, pack animals are not.

Many miles of hiking trails meander through the forest and fields and along the lake shores and streams of Natchez Park. There is even a long-distance, overnight hiking trail for the backpacking enthusiast. Trails are closed during managed gun hunts by TWRA. This schedule changes yearly. Contact the park for more information. Overnight camping is allowed on backpacking trails only.

Picturesque Pin Oak Lodge is situated on the wooded shores of Pin Oak Lake, seven miles from Lexington. This 47-unit facility provides singles, doubles, and suite accommodations. Support facilities include an exercise room, playground, tennis courts, and adult and kiddie swimming pools. Private meeting, dining rooms and a new conference center are available. The inn also provides a free continental breakfast daily.

The cabins at Natchez Trace are nestled among tall trees on beautiful Cub Lake. The public beach and day-use area are located just across an arm of the lake and are accessible via a rustic foot bridge. The cabins can accommodate up to four people and are completely equipped for housekeeping, food preparation and serving. All linens are provided. The cabins were recently renovated and were reopened October, 15, 2005 with all new furnishings. Each cabin has a gas grill on the deck and a picnic table. The cabins are air conditioned and each has a gas fireplace. Cabins are popular, so advance reservations are a must. Reservations are handled by the Pin Oak Lodge.
Big Cypress Tree State Natural Area

Greenfield, Tennessee

Daytime Use Area Only

Activities:
- Camping
- Hiking
- Natural Area
- Picnicking

Facilities:
- Water
- Restrooms
- Picnic Tables w/ grills

Fee:
- No Fee

Contact:
Big Cypress Tree Natural Area
295 Big Cypress Road
Greenfield, TN 38230
731-235-2700

Comments:
This 330-acre natural area lies in the floodplain of the Middle Fork of the Obion River in West Tennessee. Visitors to the 27-acre Big Cypress Tree State Park in the natural area will find a clean and peaceful park where they can relax and enjoy nature. Having a picnic in the picnic shelter is a popular activity. A variety of plant life ranging from native wild flowers to native trees may be seen here. The park is named for the national champion bald cypress tree that once lived on the park. The tree was the largest bald cypress in the U.S.A. and the largest tree of any species east of the Mississippi River. The tree’s diameter was 13 feet and its circumference was 40 feet.
Directions

From Jackson, take U.S. Hwy 45E north through Greenfield: then just north of Greenfield, turn left on Hwy 445 (Kimery Store Rd.), and follow the road for approximately 5 miles to the natural area entrance on the right.

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 Cypress is a popular park with the boy scouts and usually hosts several scout Camporeees 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.

Special Events: The park is host for the annual Big Cypress Fall Festival that attracts large numbers of visitors who enjoy arts and crafts, birds of prey programs, and musical entertainment. For additional information about the festival, contact the park.

Camping: Camping is not allowed at this park with the exception of Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups who have special permission to camp, conduct scouting events, and do scout projects.

Hiking Trails: One tree identification trail .3 miles long is available. This educational and informative trail is marked with tree identification markers. It is dry all year, easy to walk and handicap assessable. The trail starts in the picnic area, goes around the ball field and ends back in the picnic area.

Natural Area: Big Cypress Tree is a 270-acre natural area in Weakley County. It is a bottomland hardwood and bald cypress forest that occurs along the old river meanders and the channelized Middle Fork of the Obion River (MFOR). A bald cypress forest is present in the many sloughs and the depressional areas along the river. This forest is comprised of bald cypress, river birch, sweet gum, sycamore, overcup oak, water oak, willow oak, and cherrybark oak. The bottomland hardwood forest that occurs at higher locations includes green ash, swamp chestnut oak, red maple, and slippery elm with some white oak.
Name: Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park

Location: Shelby County, Tennessee

Activities: X Camping  
X Hiking  
X Motorboating  
X Fishing  
X Cycling  
X Swimming

Facilities: X Water  
X Showers  
X Electricity  
X Cabins  
X Restrooms

Fee: Varies, Contact Park Office for latest Prices

Contact: Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park  
910 Riddick Road  
Millington, TN 38053  
901-876-5215

Comments: 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.

The park campground provides 49 campsites equipped with table, grill, electrical and water hookups. A modern bathhouse provides hot showers. There is a dump station for self-contained trailer rigs. Sites are available on a first-come, first served basis, however reservations may be made well in advance through the visitor center. Maximum stay limit is two weeks.

Trails open year round: More than 20 miles of hiking trails meander throughout the park. Some are located in the Mississippi River bottoms and are off limits during managed hunts. Bicycle trail accessible to persons with a disability.

Meeman Shelby has six two-bedroom vacation cabins situated along the shore of Poplar Tree Lake in a heavily wooded section of the park. These cabins are completely equipped for housekeeping and food preparation. Linens are provided. They are ideal for family vacations or fishing parties and sleep up to six people in each. Reservations should be made in advance through the visitor center.

The pool opens Memorial Day weekend and closes mid-August. Contact the park for exact closing dates as they vary season to season.

There are two fishing lakes on the park, Poplar Tree Lake and Piersol Lake. Year-round fishing is available on 125-acre Poplar Tree Lake. Some outstanding largemouth bass have been taken from this picturesque lake. Other species include bream and catfish. Rental jonboats are available at the park boat dock, but many enjoy fishing from the pier or bank. Personally owned boats with electric motors are allowed on the lake for a small launch fee, but no gasoline motors are allowed. Special fishing permit required—can be obtained from park office. Free launch ramp available on Mississippi River. A park fishing permit is required for anglers between the ages of 16 and 62.

There are two group camps at Meeman Shelby. The groups camps are available to youth groups and can accommodate up to 140 (Piersol Group Camp) and 100 (Mississippi River Group Camp) persons. They consist of a large dining hall fully equipped for food preparation and serving, clusters of group cabins, bathhouses and one with a swimming pool. Campers need only provide linens, food, medical and sanitary supplies and staff. At Piersol Group Camp, bathroom facilities are attached to the bunkhouse and there are 4 showers. At the Mississippi River Group Camp, there are separate showers and restrooms. Group camps are available from April through October; the camps are rented by the week only during the summer months, and on week-ends at other times. Reservations should be made well in advance through the visitor center.
There are 300 picnic tables and grills scattered throughout the park. Each is conveniently located near restrooms, water fountains and playgrounds. Several picnic shelters are available for rent for large family and other group gatherings. 7 picnic pavilions available. The recreation lodge facility is an air conditioned building with chairs and tables that can accommodate up to 100 people.

**Hours of Operation**
7am-10pm

**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.

**Accessibility**
♂ The swimming pool, at least one cabin and the group camp are accessible to persons with a disability.
Name: Pickwick Landing State Park

Location: Pickwick, Tennessee

Activities:  
- X Camping  
- X Motorboating  
- X Fishing  
- X Golf  
- X Picnic  
- X Swimming  
- X Tennis  
- X Basketball

Facilities: 
- X Water  
- X Showers  
- X Electricity  
- X Cabins  
- X Restrooms  
- X Inn  
- X Restraint  
- X Golf Course

Fee: Varies upon: Quantity, Activity, and time of year. Contact the Park Office for Fee

Contact: Pickwick Landing State Park  
Park Road  
PO Box 15  
Pickwick Dam, TN 38365-0015  
Office: 731-689-3129

Comments: Pickwick Landing was a riverboat stop dating from the 1840’s. In the 1930’s, during the depression, the site was chosen for one of the Tennessee Valley Authority’s dams on the Tennessee River. What today comprises the park was once the living area for the TVA construction crews and their families. The property passed from TVA to the Tennessee...
State Park system in the early 1970's. It was during this time that the inn, cabins, marina and picnic shelters were developed. Today Pickwick Landing is one of the most visited parks in the system.

The campground has a total of 48 sites with hook-ups. Thirteen sites have 20/30/50 amp electric, 4 sites have 20/30 amp electric, and 31 sites have 20 amp electric only. Each campsite has a picnic table and a grill.

All campsites are available on a first come-first serve basis.

Located near the inn, the cabins feature central heat and air, TV, a patio and fireplace. Guests in the cabins enjoy all inn privileges including use of the tennis courts, and swimming pool. Each cabin has four double beds, for a capacity of eight people. Linens, dishes, cookware, even firewood for the fireplace are all provided. Cabins may be booked up to a year in advance.

Completed and made operational July 1, 2001, the Inn and Restaurant overlook beautiful Pickwick Lake. All 119 rooms have a picturesque view of the lake. The Inn also has a new gift shop, exercise room with Nautilus equipment, an indoor and outdoor pool, laundry facilities and a day use area with tennis courts. Pickwick Resort Inn, a popular lodging destination, stays busy year round. Reservations may be made one year in advance or two years for groups. All Inn rooms and the conference areas are ADA compliant.

All types of boating are allowed at Pickwick Landing. There are two boat ramps in the park, each of which is available free of charge. During summer pool, boats of up to 60 feet can be launched.

**Marina**

Currently, there are 191 slips for dry boat storage, 46 sailboat slips, and 35 transient slips. There is no charge for temporary docking, but for transient (overnight) docking there is a charge. A service dock is available. Fuel is available: gas 89 octane, diesel, and 50:1 pre-mix. Semi-v, 14 foot fishing boats may be rented here. Guide services are not available at the park, but inquire at the Park Office and we will give you a list of qualified guides in the area. Laundry and shower facilities are located at the Marina Office Building. Marina hours are from 6:00am - 10:00 pm daily. Office: 731-689-5175.

Fishing at it's finest on the beautiful Kentucky Lake/TN River--some people say that's what it's all about! Imagine more than 100 species scattered over broad expanses of fresh water and lurking in hundreds of secluded coves. Crappie, bass, catfish, sager, walleye, bluegill, stripes, and more – they’re singing a siren song just for you. There’s something
for everyone, from the expert angler with the fancy gear (some of the biggest tournaments are staged here) to the kid on the bank with a cane pole … and everywhere in between. There are two fishing piers available.

The Pickwick Landing State Park Golf Course is located close to the border of Mississippi and Alabama within the proximity of Pickwick Dam. The course was opened in May 1973 and is a favorite of the locals as well as destination golfers. Every hole is tree-lined. Out of bounds guards eleven holes and water is found on eight holes. There are a total of 21 bunkers found throughout the course.

The restaurant specializes in fine southern cuisine at popular prices. Our catering menu can be tailored to fit any need and function from whole lobster to barbeque picnics. We offer a buffet and A-La-Carte menus. Persons with special dietary needs can be accommodated on request.

Breakfast hours: 7am - 10am
Lunch hours: 11am - 2pm
Dinner hours: 4:30pm - 9pm

In addition to the inn pool (available to inn and cabin guests only) Pickwick Landing has three public swimming beaches. Circle Beach and **Sandy Beach are located in the park's day-use area and the third is located across the lake at Bruton Branch primitive area. All together, there are about two miles of public swimming beach at Pickwick. Swimming is not supervised at the beaches. Restrooms are available.

There are five shelters on the park. Two of the shelters, located on the lake, were built by the CCC in the late 1930’s. Of the other three, two also offer lake front views, while the third is located adjacent to the parks playground. Up to 150 people can be accommodated at the pavilions. Two of the shelters can be reserved up to a year in advance for a small fee. All of the shelters have grills, 2 have running water. The main picnic area is accessible to wheelchairs. There are 100+ tables located throughout the park. Most offer lake front picnicking while others are located near the playground. All picnic tables have grills, none have running water.
**Hours of Operation**
Park Office hours are 8am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

**Directions**
From I-40: Take State Route 22 South (Lexington Exit) through Shiloh National Park; then follow State Route 142 South to State Route 57 East. State Route 57 will take you to the Park.
From Jackson: US 45 South to State Route 57 East.
From Memphis: State Route 57 East to the Park.
From Florence: US 72 West to Iuka, MS. Take MS Route 25 West (turns into TN Route 57) to the Park
Name: T.O. Fuller State Park

Location: Shelby County, Tennessee

Activities:  X Camping  
            X Golf  
            X Hiking  
            X Swimming  
            X Picnic  
            X Swimming

Facilities:  X Water  
            Showers  
            X Electricity  
            Cabins  
            X Restrooms

Fee: Contact Park Office

Contact: T.O. Fuller State Park  
         1500 Mitchell Road  
         Memphis, TN 38109  
         Office: 901-543-7581

Comments: Few people ever stop to realize how much wildlife there truly is left in Memphis compared to many major cities across the United States. Amongst the shopping malls and drive-through burger dives, there lies what is left of Memphis, TN's wild nature - T. O. Fuller State Park. Located near the Mississippi River, just 11 miles South of downtown Memphis, it is the only state park within Memphis city limits. Surrounded by mom and pop stores, neighborhoods, and roadways, T.O. Fuller is 1,138 acres of mostly forest.
History

The park was named after Dr. Thomas O. Fuller who had spent his life empowering and educating African-Americans during the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Other Activities

Grassy fields provide for outdoor games such as frisbee, ballgames, and other types of open-space activities. There is a softball field, basketball and tennis courts. Children's playground equipment is located near the picnic area.

T. O. Fuller State Park welcomes you to our newly renovated campground. It is a state of the art facility. It has many hardwood trees that provide plenty of shade. There are forty-five campsites that are RV accessible with some sites accommodating up to 85 feet of RV space. Tent campers are also welcome.

The campground has a picnic shelter, playground and bathhouse. Each campsite is equipped with a picnic table, lantern hanger, fire ring, grill, electrical and water hook-ups. There is a centralized dumping station near the entrance of the campground.

The T. O. Fuller State Park Golf Course is located in the southwest corner of Memphis. Gently rolling hills and mature trees dominate this 18-hole golf course. Accented by color-infused scenery and native Tennessee vegetation, this 5,986-yard, par 72 course features wide fairways and Bermuda greens. The course's signature hole is a 196-yard, par 3, requiring an accurate tee shot to reach a small elevated green.

The park has a nature trail that runs next to wetland areas and is perfect for bird and reptile/amphibian watching. The 1 1/2 mile trail is located in the day-use area by picnic shelter #3 and is currently being expanded into other areas of the park.
Name: Cedars of Lebanon State Park

Location: Wilson County Tennessee, 30 miles east of Nashville outside of Lebanon, Tennessee.

Activities:  
- X Camping  
- X Swimming  
- X Hiking  
- X Picnicking  
- X Horseback Riding

Facilities:  
- X Water  
- X Restrooms  
- X Showers  
- X Electricity  
- X Cabins  
- X Handicapped Accessible

Fee: Varies; Contact Park Office for the most recent fees

Contact: Cedars of Lebanon State Park  
328 Cedar Forest Rd.  
Lebanon, TN 37090  
Office: 615-443-2769

Comments: Cedars of Lebanon State Park is named for the dense cedar forest that existed in the Biblical lands of Lebanon. The park contains 900 acres which are used for intensive recreation. An additional 8,100 acres are operated by the Parks Division as a natural area and by the Forestry Division as a State Forest.
History: Cedars of Lebanon State Park and State Forest are located in the southwestern part of Wilson County within the Central Basin of Tennessee. During the early 1800’s, many of the original settlers gained land ownership through land grants for their service during the Revolutionary War. They found the area to be a vast cedar forest. This forest (although it actually consists of juniper trees mistaken for cedars by the first arrivals) suggested to these pioneers the biblical name of the 'place of Cedars'. Lebanon is the closest town and was named by these early settlers due to this association.

Programs-Nature Center: The Merritt Nature Center features exhibits on geology and natural features of the park. It is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday during the on-season. The Nature Center may be opened during the off-season by special arrangement with the park's naturalist. The park naturalist and recreation director conduct programs daily throughout the summer months, including arts and crafts, hayrides, guided tours, campfire sessions, evening movies and organized games. For more information call 615-453-3028.

Natural Features: Beginning in the 1940’s botanists began to notice unique natural ecosystems found in and around Cedars of Lebanon State Park and Forest. These areas are natural rock gardens called cedar glades. The presence of glades is due to limestone rock coming so close to the surface of the ground that it causes the soil to be thin or absent. What little soil is there builds up along cracks and potholes in the limestone slab. Water and surface temperatures vary so much throughout the year that a harsh, desert-like, inhospitable habitat is created with its own unique plant community. Nineteen rare and endangered species of plants grow profusely here and no where else in the world.

Other Activities: Recreational facilities at the park include fully equipped playgrounds, horseshoe pits, a lighted softball field, volleyball court, disc golf and lighted tennis courts.

The park has 117 campsites, all with picnic tables and grills, electric and water hookups. There are 30 tent and pop-up sites available. Three bathhouses provide hot showers, lavatories and commodes. There is a campstore (open seasonally), souvenir shop, laundromat and a dumping station for self-contained camping rigs. The campground is open year-round and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Maximum stay is two weeks. THERE IS NO PRIMATIVE CAMPING

Cedars of Lebanon has nine modern, two-bedroom cabins that can sleep up to six people. Each cabin is fully equipped for housekeeping. Cabins also have televisions and a pay phone can be found close by. Cabins can be reserved up to a year in advance with reservations being made through the park office up to a year in advance.

Eight miles of hiking trails meander through the "cedar" forests and glades. Hiking trails are open year-round. There are four trails in the park from which visitors frequently enjoy glimpses of fox, deer, squirrel, rabbits, and turkey throughout the park. Each trail is blazed with a rectangular colored blaze-mark located on trees along the trail. Please note the color of the blaze-mark for the trail that you hike. Remember to stay on the trail for your own safety. Trail maps are available in the park office.

Trails:
Cedar Forest Trail: 2 miles (easy)
Dixon Merrit Trail: .5 miles (easy)
Limestone Sinks: self guided trail, .5 miles (easy)
Hidden Springs Trail: 5 miles (easy)
Name: Davy Crockett State Park

Location: Lawrenceburg Tennessee

Activities:   X Camping  
          X Picnicking  
          X Cycling  
          X Motorboating  
          X Fishing  
          X Swimming  
          X Restaurant

Facilities:   X Water  
              Showers  
              X Electricity

Fee: No Fee for Scouts in Primitive Camping Area

Contact: Davy Crockett State Park  
P.O. Box 398  
1400 West Gaines  
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464  
Office: 931-762-9408

Comments: David Crockett State Park was dedicated in May of 1959, in honor of one of Tennessee's most famous native sons.
History: David Crockett was a pioneer, soldier, politician, industrialist and was born near the little town of Limestone in northeast Tennessee in 1786. In 1817, he moved to Lawrence County and served as a justice of the peace, a colonel of the militia, and as state representative. Along the banks of Shoal Creek, in what is now his namesake park, he established a diversified industry consisting of a powder mill, a gristmill and a distillery. All three operations were washed away in a flood in September, 1821. Financial difficulties from this loss caused Crockett to move to West Tennessee where he was elected to Congress. While in Washington, he fought for his people's right to keep land they had settled on the new frontier of West Tennessee. Crockett died at the Alamo Mission in March of 1836 while aiding the Texans in their fight for independence from Mexico.

Museum: The exhibits at the park museum depict the life and times of Crockett as a pioneer, soldier, politician and industrialist. The museum is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Programs: A park naturalist and recreation director are on duty throughout the summer months. Both provide a variety of planned activities and programs including guided tours, organized games, arts and crafts, historical demonstrations and presentations, campfires, movies, slide shows, hayrides and more. Contact the park for programs available.

Special Events: David Crockett Days is an annual event. This year the celebration is scheduled for August 11, 12, and 13, 2006.

Other Activities: A full range of recreational facilities and activities can be found at the park. Activities include hiking, tennis, softball, volleyball, basketball, archery and much more. Some recreational equipment is available for check-out at the park office. Contact the park for more information.

The park's two campgrounds contain a total of 107 sites, each equipped with a table and grill plus electrical and water hookups. Bathhouses provide hot showers, commodes and lavatories. Campsites are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Stay limit is two weeks.

There is a scout camp area with primitive camping that can accommodate up to 30 campers.
Name: Fall Creek Falls State Park

Location: Pikeville, Tennessee

Activities:  
- X Camping
- X Cycling
- X Motor boating
- X Fishing
- X Golf
- X Hiking
- X Picnicking
- X Restaurant
- X Swimming

Facilities:  
- X Water
- X Electricity
- X Inn
- X Cabins
- X Showers
- X Handicapped Accessible

Fee: Fee will vary upon campsite location or park activity. Please Contact the Park for fee.

Contact: Fall Creek Falls  
2009 Village Camp Road  
Rt. 3 Box 300  
Pikeville, TN 37367-9803  
Park Office: 423-881-5298

Comments: 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.

**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, Peavine Road, exit #322. Take a left off the exit, onto Hwy 101 South. At the 4-way stop, go straight on Hwy 392, through the first traffic light (at Hwy 127). Continue straight to the 2nd traffic light (Lantana Road, Hwy 101). Take a left turn onto Hwy 101 South, and travel approx. 30 minutes to a dead-end. Turn left (still on Hwy 101 South) and go approx. 4 miles to Hwy 30. Turn right on Hwy 30 West. Park entrance is approx. 5 miles on the left (at Hwy 284).

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.

**Camping**

Fall Creek offers 228 campsites in three campgrounds. All sites have tables, grills, and water and electrical hook-ups. Central bathhouses with showers serve the campgrounds and a dump station is provided for self contained camping rigs. Campers must register at the campground check-in station. The stay limit is two weeks and select sites can be reserved. Fall Creek has two group camps, both featuring rustic bunkhouses clustered around central dining halls, bathhouses, and recreation buildings. Both camps provide private swimming beaches, playfields, fire rings, and private staff quarters. Backcountry camping is allowed. There are three backcountry campsites and a permit is required. Pack animals are not allowed in the park.

**Group Camping**

*Youth Camp 1:*

Accommodates 100 people. The camp consists of non-winterized cabins grouped in sections with four to six bunks per cabin. Bathhouses are centrally located. The kitchen and dining hall is complete with cooking utensils, walk-in cooler and freezer, commercial dishwasher, and large mixer. You must bring your own linens, toilet tissue, soap, towels, etc.
Youth Camp II:

Accommodates 144 people. Arrangement similar to Camp I. The camp consists of non-winterized cabins grouped in sections with four to six bunks per cabin. Bathhouses are centrally located. The kitchen and dining hall is complete with cooking utensils, walk-in cooler and freezer, commercial dishwasher, and large mixer. You must bring your own linens, toilet tissue, soap, towels, etc.

Hiking Trails

Fall Creek Falls State Park offers a variety of day-use trails. Providing access to some of the park's loveliest areas, the trails pass into virgin woods, over fast flowing streams, and around awesome gorges and waterfalls. The day-use trails are designed to accommodate recreational and educational activities including fitness walking, leisure walking and easy hiking, or exploring the Parks' geological features and forest life typical of the Cumberland Pleateau. The Nature Center, located near the North entrance of the park, is a popular trailhead. Trail information is available inside the Nature Center. Trails also originate or can be linked from the village area, campground, inn, group camp #2 entrance gate, the Falls parking lot and the Piney Falls parking lot. The Fall Creek Falls Overlook Trail is accessible to persons with a disability. Trails Open Year Round.
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Fall Creek Falls State Park
Campground Reservation Policies
Effective 11/01/02

Reservation Fees
Effective 11/01/02 the reservation fee will be $10.00 per site. This fee is non-refundable.

Reservation fee plus two nights campsite rental for each site reserved is required.
This must be paid within 14 days of making reservation. Payment in full is required for all nights of
reservation upon arrival. Required deposits as follows: Regular campsite $47.00, with sewer $51.00,
TN Senior $38.00 with sewer $42.00, Out-of-State Senior $43.50 with sewer $48.00, TN State
Employee and Golden Access $28.50 with sewer $33.00

In the instance of “no-shows” we will hold a campsite for the number of nights paid only.

Cancellations
No partial cancellations. If any nights are cancelled entire reservation will be forfeited.
Cancellation outside 7 days of arrival date will be refunded one night’s campsite fee only. We will
keep the reservation fee and one nights camping fee. Upon cancellation all sites will revert to the
park to be rented, the reservation may not be reassigned by the person canceling the site.

Minimum Reservation
Two-night minimum stay is required except on Memorial Day and Labor Day, which will be a
minimum of three nights, and the Fourth of July, which will be five nights. All nights must be paid
for – no refunds.

Groups
Group Reservations – No limit on how many sites a group leader can reserve at one time. For
groups that are paying individually we will require individual names, addresses, and phone
numbers at the time the reservation is made. The deposit requirement, reservations fee,
cancellation/refund policy will be in effect for all group reservations. Persons making a group
reservation must supply the park with a “rooming list” within 14 days. This list must include name,
address, and phone number. Sites not confirmed within 14 days will be cancelled.

Refunds
The only possible reason for a refund or “rain check” will be medical or death. No refunds will be
given due to weather or a change in plans. If a camper meets these needs for a refund they must
complete the proper form at the park office, and Ranger or Supervisor must approve the request.

Bicycle Laws
TCA 55-8-177 Every bicycle operated at nighttime shall be equipped with a lamp on the front
which shall be visible for at least 500 feet and a red reflector (or red lamp) on the rear of the
bicycle which shall be visible for all distances from 50 feet to 300 feet when struck by the high
beams of a motor vehicle.

TCA 55-52-105 All persons under the age of 16 must wear an approved helmet when operating a
bicycle.

TCA 55-8-172 Bicyclist must observe all traffic laws and signs just as motor vehicle operators.

We will make every effort to honor your site request, but do reserve the right to substitute
under certain circumstances.
Name: Cumberland Caverns

Location: 7 miles Southeast of McMinnville Tennessee off Hwy. 8

Activities: Camping (in the Cave)
Hiking (in the Cave)

Facilities: Water and Breakfast

Fee: see yellow highlighted sections of following pages

Contact: Cumberland Caverns
1437 Cumberland Caverns Road
McMinnville, Tennessee 37110
Phone: (931)668-4396
Fax: (931)668-5382

RESERVATIONS:
- ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP DATE.
- Fill out a “Trip Request Form” and send with full payment or make your reservation by phone. We accept AMERICAN EXPRESS, DISCOVER, MASTERCARD, and VISA.
- Your group does not have a reservation until you receive your confirmation and brochures from our office.
- Make the reservation in the name of the adult leader who will be present on the date of the trip.
- Each individual Troop, YMCA Tribe, Church, School, Family, etc. should make a separate reservation.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:
- If your group has a Tennessee Certificate of Tax Exemption, mail or fax a copy to receive your admission tax-free.

GROUP SIZE:
- 20 person minimum. If your group does not meet the minimum, we can coordinate your trip on a night when other groups have scheduled. Call our office for dates.
- 300 person maximum capacity
WE OFFER 2 OVERNIGHT PACKAGES:

1. GYPSUM CRAWL OVERNIGHT PACKAGE:
   - Available for bookings at all times EXCEPT Saturday nights during the months of September and October.
   - Includes a guided sightseeing tour of the fully lighted portions of Cumberland Caverns.
   - Includes the spelunking route which begins at the “Devil's Quarry” and encounters such infamous places as the “Lemon Squeezer” and “Bubble Gum Alley.” You will encounter several tight squeezes and lots of crawling.
   - You will also receive a continental breakfast at 7:30 am the morning after your trip.
   - $24.00 + $2.34 tax = $26.34 per person
   - $26.00 + $2.54 tax = $28.54 for each additional person added to your existing reservation less than 14 days from the date of your trip

2. HISTORIC ROUTE OVERNIGHT PACKAGE:
   - Available for bookings on Saturday nights during the months of September and October ONLY.
   - ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 12 YEARS OLD.
   - Includes a guided sightseeing tour of the fully lighted portions of Cumberland Caverns.
   - Includes a mile hike to the Historic Higgenbotham entrance where you will begin your spelunking trip.
   - Includes the spelunking route of the early explorers. You will encounter high climbs and low crawls. You will also encounter the infamous “Bubble Gum Alley.” This is a much longer and advanced tour.
   - You will also receive a continental breakfast at 7:30 am the morning after your trip.
   - $29.00 + $2.61 tax = $31.83 per person
   - $31.00 + $3.02 tax = $34.02 for each additional person added to your existing reservation less than 14 days prior to your trip

ADDITIONS TO EXISTING RESERVATIONS:
   - If you need to add participants, call us immediately. We will only be able to accept your additions IF there is space available.

REFUND POLICY:
   - There will be NO REFUNDS given.
   - You may reschedule your trip for your entire group up to 2 times within 2 years of the date of your original reservation.
   - In order to reschedule you MUST notify the office at least 7 days prior to the date of your trip. If your group cannot notify at least 7 days prior to the date of the trip, management reserves the right to use their own discretion.
   - In the event of inclement weather, groups will be allowed to reschedule.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND CHECK-IN TIMES:

- Don’t forget to eat dinner before arrival.
- **6:30 pm Friday nights** - Group leader CHECK-IN your group at the desk.
- **5:30 pm Mon-Thurs, Saturday and Sunday** - Group leader CHECK-IN your group at the desk.
- 7:30 am breakfast is served the morning following your trip. Groups generally leave the cave the next morning between 8:00-8:30 am.

GROUP LEADERS, HERE’S WHAT WE NEED:

- ONE SIGNED and DETACHED release form for EACH ADULT AND EACH CHILD at the door at your specified check-in time. Releases are provided for your group in the brochure.
- An accurate count of children and adults that you have in your group on the night of the trip.
- BE ON TIME! LATE ARRIVALS ARE BIG PROBLEMS! MISSED TOURS WILL NOT BE REPEATED. IF YOU SEE YOU WILL BE LATE, CALL THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CANCEL TRIPS FOR LATE ARRIVALS!

EACH PERSON NEEDS TO BRING:

- Arrive dressed in your spelunking tour clothes: Jeans or pants, NO SHORTS, hiking boots, and layer a long sleeve shirt with a T-shirt.
- A backpack or duffel packed with all of your gear. You will carry your gear ½ mile from the parking area to your campsite in the cave.
- Helmet. If you don’t have one, we'll loan you one for free or sell you one for $4.50 + tax.
- A sturdy flashlight with extra batteries is MANDATORY!
- A small pack to carry a water bottle and extra batteries on the Spelunking tour.
- Change of clothes, socks, shoes, and a jacket.
- Plastic bag for dirty clothes. You will get wet and MUDDY!
- Sleeping bag, ground cloth, and sleeping pad.
- Money for snacks and souvenirs.

DO NOT BRING:

- CHEWING GUM
- ALCOHOL OR DRUGS
- FOOD OR DRINKS. If you medically must have food, call our office for details.
- PETS, RADIOS, VIDEO GAMES, LASER POINTERS, OR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
- WEAPONS OR FIREWORKS
- SMOKELESS TOBACCO, PIPES, OR CIGARS. A designated cigarette only smoking area is provided for adults.
- TENTS
PROpane, white gas, kerosene lanterns or stoves

Snacks and souvenirs:
- Don’t forget to eat dinner before arrival, but if you get hungry don’t worry. We have a snack bar facility that is open during your tours.
- Gem-seeded bags of mining rough are also available for purchase at the snack bar in the cave. Miners are then permitted into the special mining area where every bag is guaranteed to yield a variety of gems and minerals in our old-time sluice.
- If you would like a souvenir to remember your trip, our gift shop on the surface will be open for you when you leave the cave in the morning. We have a variety of patches, T-shirts, and other Cumberland Caverns souvenirs.

It is illegal to damage the cave!
- Unruly groups pose a threat to the safety of the cave and participants. Unruly groups will be ejected from the cave.
- Do not touch cave formations
- Do not throw rocks or mud
- Vandalism, damaging rocks and formations, defacing artifacts, collecting samples, and harming cave animals are punishable by law! We will prosecute!
- Tennessee State Law provides for fines and imprisonment for persons convicted for any damage or vandalism.

Caution!
- The spelunking tour is extremely strenuous.
- Do not participate in the spelunking tour if you have experienced heart conditions, severe respiratory conditions, knee or back problems, recent surgeries and claustrophobia. Women who are pregnant should not participate in the spelunking tour.
- The smallest crawl space is only 11 inches high!
- There are several tight crawls and you will get wet and muddy!
ITTAWAMBA LODGE
WEST TENNESSEE AREA COUNCIL #559, B.S.A.

TRIP REQUEST FORM
Cumberland Caverns Spelunking Trip

Make the reservation in the name of the adult leader who will be present and responsible for the group on the night of the trip. Mail to: Cumberland Caverns 1437 Cumberland Caverns Rd. McMinnville, TN 37110

Adult Leader’s Name: ___________________________ ( ) Boy Scout Troop # ________ ( ) Cub Pack # ________

Home Address: ___________________________ ( ) Girl Scout Troop # ________

City, State, Zip: ___________________________ ( ) Church

Home Phone #: ( ) Other (specify) ___________ ( ) Work Phone #: ( ) EMAIL: ___________________________

Group Size: Children Paying Adults *FREE Adults GROUP TOTAL: ___________________________

YOU RECEIVE 1 FREE ADULT FOR EVERY 10 CHILDREN AGES 17 AND UNDER (ONCE YOU HAVE PAID FOR 20 TOTAL)

REQUESTED DATE OF TRIP: ___________________________ 2ND CHOICE DATE: ___________________________

AMOUNT: $ ________ Payable by credit card or one check made to Cumberland Caverns.

( ) AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD NUMBER: ___________________________ EXP.DATE: ___________________________

( ) DISCOVER

( ) VISA

( ) MASTERCARD Signature of Card Holder: ___________________________

RESERVATIONS:
- PAYMENT FOR ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE TRIP.
- Your group DOES NOT have a reservation until we receive full payment and you receive a confirmation and brochures from us.
- All non-profit groups must provide a copy of the group’s Tennessee Certificate of Tax Exemption to receive tax-free admission.

GROUP SIZE:
- 20 person minimum. If you do not meet the minimum, call our office for dates when other groups have scheduled.
- 300 person maximum capacity.

GYPSUM CRAWL:
- Available for bookings at all times EXCEPT Saturday nights during the months of September and October.
- See our brochure for detailed information regarding this route.
- $24.00 + $2.34 tax = $26.34 per person
- $26.00 + $2.54 tax = $28.54 for each additional person added to your existing reservation less than 14 days from trip date

HISTORIC ROUTE:
- Available for bookings on Saturday nights during the months of September and October ONLY
- ALL PARTICIPANTS ON THIS TOUR MUST BE AT LEAST 12 YEARS OLD.
- See our brochure for detailed information regarding this route.
- $29.00 + $2.83 tax = $31.83 per person
- $31.00 + $3.02 tax = $34.02 for each additional person added to your existing reservation less than 14 days from trip date

ADDITIONS TO YOUR EXISTING RESERVATION:
- If you need to make additions to your existing reservation, call us immediately. We can only accept additional participants IF there are spaces available.

REFUNDS: THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS GIVEN! SEE YOUR BROCHURE FOR DETAILED INFORMATION.

READ YOUR BROCHURE FOR CHECK-IN TIMES, NEEDED EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER VERY IMPORTANT INFO!
If you have other questions, call (931) 668-4596, Mon. – Fri. 9:00 – 5:00 pm Central time.

WHERE TO GO CAMPING GUIDE
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Name: Chickamauga National Military Park

Location: Near Chattanooga Tennessee

Activities: Camping
Hiking
Other Gift Shop, Museum, National Military Cemetery

Facilities: Water
Handicapped Accessible

**ENTRANCE FEES**

**Fee:**

**Cravens House**

**Fees**
Free!

**Point Park**

**Fees**
$3.00 - Day

**Details**
The user fee for Point Park is $3.00 per person (16 years or older). With the Golden Age pass (62 years or older), the fee is $1.50. Children age 16 and under are free.

Contact: Chickamauga National Military Park
P.O. Box 2188
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742
Chickamauga Battlefield features an 7 mile self-guiding auto tour, monuments, historical tablets, hiking trails and horse trails. The visitor center contains exhibits and a 26 minute multi-media program, the Battle of Chickamauga, that provides unique orientation to this Civil War battle.

Lookout Mountain Battlefield contains monuments, historical tablets, hiking trails, scenic vistas, and the historic Cravens House. The Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center also houses the "Battle Above the Clouds" painting by James Walker.

The History Behind Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP

On these fields and hills, Union and Confederate armies clashed during the fall of 1863 in some of the hardest fighting of the Civil War. The prize was Chattanooga, key rail center and gateway to the heart of the Confederacy. The campaign that brought the armies here began late in June 1863 when General William S. Rosecrans' Army of the Cumberland, almost 60,000 strong, moved from Murfreesboro, Tennessee against General Braxton Bragg's 43,000 Confederates dug in 20 miles to the southwest defending the road to Chattanooga.

Six months earlier, these same armies had clashed at Stone River where, after a 3-day struggle, the Confederates had retreated. Now, once more, through a series of skillful marches, Rosecrans forced the Southerns to withdraw into Chattanooga. There Bragg dug in again, guarding the Tennessee River crossings northeast of the city, where he expected Rosecrans to attack. But early in September the Federals crossed the Tennessee well below Chattanooga and again Bragg had to withdraw southward.

Eluding his Federal pursuers, Bragg concentrated his forces at LaFayette, Georgia (26 miles) south of Chattanooga. Here reinforcements from East Tennessee, Virginia, and Mississippi swelled his ranks to more than 66,000 men. Twice he tried unsuccessfully to destroy isolated segments of Rosecrans' army. Then, on September 18, hoping to wedge his troops between the Federals and Chattanooga, Bragg posted his army on the west bank of Chickamauga Creek along a line from Reed's Bridge to just opposite Lee and Gordon's Mill.
Fighting began shortly after dawn on September 19 when Union infantry encountered Confederate cavalry at Jay's Mill. This brought on a general battle that spread south for nearly 4 miles. The armies fought desperately all day, often hand-to-hand, and gradually the Confederates pushed the Federals back to LaFayette Road. On September 20, Bragg again tried to drive between the Union force and Chattanooga, but failed to dislodge Rosecrans' line. Then a gap opened in the Federal ranks, and General James Longstreet's Confederates smashed through the hole, routing Rosecrans and half his army. General George H. Thomas took command of the remaining Federals and formed a new battleline on Snodgrass Hill. Here his men held their ground against repeated assaults, earning for Thomas the nickname "Rock of Chickamauga." After dark, Thomas withdrew his men from the field. The defeat forced the Union troops to retreat into Chattanooga. The Confederates pursued, occupying Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, and Chattanooga Valley. By placing artillery on the heights overlooking the river and blocking the roads and rail lines, the Southerners prevented Federal supplies from entering the city. Unless something was done to break the Confederate stranglehold, Rosecrans' army must surrender or starve.

Aware of Rosecrans' plight, Union authorities in Washington ordered reinforcements to his relief. General Joseph Hooker came from Virginia late in October with 20,000 men and General William T. Sherman brought in 16,000 more from Mississippi in mid-November. Thomas replaced Rosecrans as head of Army of the Cumberland and General Ulysses S. Grant assumed overall command.

Within days of Grant's arrival at Chattanooga in October, the situation began to change dramatically. On October 28 Federal troops opened a short supply route (called the "Cracker Line") from Bridgeport, Alabama. On November 23 Thomas' men attacked and routed the Confederates from Orchard Knob. On the 24th, aided by a heavy fog that enshrouded the slopes of Lookout Mountain during most of the day, Hooker's soldiers pushed the Confederates out of their defenses around the Cravens House. On November 25, with most of Bragg's army now concentrated on Missionary Ridge, Grant launched Sherman's troops against the Confederate right flank, and sent Hooker's men from Lookout Mountain to attack the Confederate left. Thomas soldiers, in the center at Orchard Knob, were held in reserve.

Hooker was delayed crossing Chattanooga Creek and the Confederates halted Sherman's attack. To relieve the pressure on Sherman, Grant ordered Thomas' Army of the Cumberland to assault the rifle pits at the base of Missionary Ridge. This was quickly accomplished. Then, without orders, Thomas' men scaled the heights in one of the great charges of the war. The Confederates line collapsed and Bragg's troops fled to the rear. During the night they retreated into Georgia. The siege and battle of Chattanooga were over and Union armies now controlled the city and nearly all of Tennessee. The next spring, Sherman used Chattanooga for his base as he started his march to Atlanta and the sea.
Name: Shiloh National Military Park

Location: Most is in Hardin County and reaches into McNairy County Tennessee

Activities: Camping (although camping is no longer permitted on the National Park Battleground many other camping opportunities are nearby)
            Hiking
            Other: Gift Shop
                    Museum
                    National Military Cemetery

Facilities: Handicapped Accessible

Fee: Usually for scouts it is $.50-$1.00 per person.

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

         By Phone
         Shiloh Visitor Center
         731 689 5696
         Park Headquarters
         731 689 5275
         Corinth Interpretive Center
         662 287 9273
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.

Upon arrival, view our orientation film and museum exhibits. Walk through the National Cemetery and to Pittsburg Landing on the Tennessee River. Along the ten-mile, self-guided auto-tour, stop at each of the fourteen wayside exhibits.

The bookstore offers an audio tape tour.

Living history events are offered near the battle's anniversary, on Memorial Day weekend, and periodically during summer months.

A variety of interpretive programs, including rifle-firing demonstrations, are offered daily June through mid-August. During fall and spring, ranger-led programs are available on week-ends.
Name: Fort Donelson

Location: West of Dover Tennessee; Near Land Between the Lakes

Activities: Hiking
Other Museum National Military Cemetery

Facilities: Water
Handicapped Accessible

Fee: FREE!!!

Contact: By Mail
P.O. Box 434
Dover, TN 37058-0434

By Phone
Headquarters
(931)232-5348X0
Visitor Center
(931)232-5706X0

By Fax
931-232-6331/931-232-4085
Unconditional Surrender of Fort Donelson created jubilation throughout the North and silence in Dixie. It was the North’s first major victory of the Civil War, opening the way into the very heart of the Confederacy.

Days earlier Grant’s plan to capture Forts Henry and Heiman on the Tennessee River succeeded. Upon taking possession of the forts the Union army stepped out briskly as Grant focuses his sights on Fort Donelson.

February 14th, 1862 dawned cold and quiet. Early in the afternoon a furious roar broke the stillness. Foote’s Union gunboats arrived at Fort Donelson and began exchanging “iron valentines” with the Confederate heavy artillery. The gunboats suffered such damage that the decks became slippery with blood. The strong artillery bombardment from the Cumberland River bluff crippled the ironclads forcing them to retreat.

At daybreak the following morning, on a snow covered battleground, Southern forces launched a vigorous attack but failed to escape the clutches of Grants army. On February 16th General Buckner felt compelled to accept Grants ultimatum, “No terms except an unconditional and immediate surrender can be accepted.” The gate was open for a Union invasion into the Confederate Heartland.

The tour at Fort Donelson National Battlefield is self-guided. Most visitors gain a better understanding of the battle by first visiting the museum and viewing the 10-minute audiovisual program. A park brochure explains the six-mile, self-guided tour. Park Rangers are available for questions. An Eastern National bookstore offers a wide selection of music, books, souvenirs, and reference materials for teachers.

The park has 5.7 miles of hiking trails for nature lovers to enjoy. Visitors can pick up a trail guide at the visitor center.
Name: Land between the Lakes

Location: Dover Tennessee 19 miles east of Paris Tennessee

Activities: Camping
Canoeing
Hiking
Motorboating
Other Visitor Center, Planetarium, The Home place, Buffalo Herd, Nature Center

Facilities: Water
Showers
Electricity
Restrooms
Handicapped Accessible (some parts)

Fee: Varies Contact Park

Contact: 1-800-455-5897

Comments:

HISTORY:
Land Between The Lakes is an inland peninsula formed when the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers were impounded, creating Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley -- one of the world's largest man-made bodies of water. In 1959, when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began construction of Barkley Dam on the Cumberland River, many recognized the recreational and environmental education benefits of what would soon become a near-island between two man-made lakes.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy created Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area. LBL was formed to demonstrate how an area with limited timber, agricultural, and industrial resources could be converted into a recreation asset that would
stimulate economic growth in the region. LBL is the country's only such national demonstration area.

LBL became a reality in 1964 when Rushing Creek Campground, LBL's first public recreation facility, opened. Today, LBL is the focal point of a $600 million tourism industry; it remains one of the most visited attractions in Kentucky and Tennessee.

History comes alive at The Homeplace - 1850, a working 19th century farm. Each day interpreters in period clothing demonstrate the daily chores and activities of the period. The events and festivals highlight the spirit and times of this era throughout the season. Some examples include, sheep shearing in the spring, music making on a summer's night, or bringing in the harvest in the fall. The farm contains 16 log structures, 14 of them original. Most of the crops and livestock are historic varieties from the mid-19th century, grown and harvested using period tools and techniques.

The Golden Pond Planetarium (located inside the Golden Pond Visitor Center), operated by the Land between the Lakes Association, brings to life the fascinating world of outer space and modern space exploration. At the Planetarium and Observatory you can explore phenomena such as white dwarves, black holes, and life on Mars, all unveiled on the planetarium's 40-foot dome. You can also learn to identify the many constellations on a simulated night sky. Or head to the Golden Pond Observatory, where you can observe the stars through one of the four telescopes or spy solar flares through the Hydrogen-Alpha refractor. The Planetarium offers three different shows: Images of the Infinite, The Voyager Encounters, and Kentucky Skies, each is shown at various times daily throughout the March-December operating season.

For more information call: 1-800-455-5897
Name: Grimes Canoe Base

Location: Flatwoods TN

Activities: Camping
Canoeing

Facilities: Water (@ Grimes)
Snack Bar- limited (@ Grimes)
Gift Shop- limited (@ Grimes)

Fee: $21.00 per day per crew if paid prior to arrival.

$26.00 per day if not pre-registered.

(Group rate of $18.00 per canoe for ten canoes.)

$6.00 per night for a tent on a platform.

$6.00 extra for third person in the canoe. (This covers the extra paddle and life jacket).

$1.00 per night charge for using own tent

Contact: Middle Tennessee Council, B.S.A.
3414 Hillsboro Road
Nashville TN, 37215
www.mtcbsa.org

Comments: Operated by the Middle Tennessee Area Council, B.S.A
Open April 1 to November
Trips of 2 hours to 5 days can be arranged
Grimes is closed during periods of high water. Call before departing home
Grimes Canoe Base

The spring-fed Buffalo River is a world away from Tennessee’s urban areas. It meanders through several rural middle-Tennessee counties 1 1/2 hours south-west of Nashville. In Perry County near Flatwoods you will find Grimes Canoe Base. The base is open from April 1 through November 1.

The Tennessee Department of Tourism’s Official Vacation Guide lists the Buffalo River as Class I & II river with regular waves and occasional rapids, meaning it is suitable for beginners. Grimes is staffed year round by ranger Wayne Hamm, who can help advise you on trips that will suit your group. Trips can be arranged to last from two hours to five days.

There are over 110 miles of river available for canoeing on the Buffalo River. Camping is available at the Canoe Base, or along the river.

If you camp at the Canoe Base, two person tents on platforms are available. Each tent is equipped with cots. You may also bring your own tent if you prefer.

Showers and bathrooms are available along with a Trading Post for snacks, T-shirts and patches.

Cub Scout information

Cub Scout participants must be at least 8 years old. Cub/adult ratio for outing is one-to-one with an adult in each canoe. Cubs must have had at least 3 hours of flat-water paddling instruction prior to their initial river outing. No overnight trips are allowed. All canoes must be off the water before sunset. Cub activity is not permitted on any whitewater, including Class I. Only river courses selected and supervised by council personnel can be used for Cub river outings. Canoes, paddles and PFDs must be supplied or specifically approved by the council.

Directions to Grimes Canoe Base - From Nashville take I-40 West (towards Memphis). Exit at Waverly/Linden - Highway 13 (Exit 143). Turn left (South) on Highway 13. Grimes Canoe Base is 30 miles from the Interstate on your left. There is a wooden sign marking the entrance. Mile Marker 4 on Highway 13.

OR

Take Highway 100 West. (You will go through Fairview, East Hickman, Centerville, Pleasantville). Turn left (South) at the intersection of Highway 100 and Highway 13 in Linden. Grimes Canoe Base is on the left approximately 8 miles.

OR

From Huntsville or Florence, AL, go to Waynesboro, TN and take Hwy 13 North for 18 miles.
Additional Information about locations listed in this book may be found by using one of the following resources:

www.wtacbsa.org- West Tennessee Area Council B.S.A.

www.ittawamba.org- Ittawamba Lodge 235

http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks- Tennessee State Parks

www.nps.gov- National Park Service