



SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE VISITOR GUIDE

The Southeast Tennessee Visitor Guide is your roadmap to explore I all the places and natural spaces in the Chattanooga region of Southeast Tennessee. We've gathered the best hiking, biking, cycling, and water adventures, as well as food stops, festivals, music, and historic sites to help you plan your visit.

Locals and travelers find Southeast Tennessee to be one big outdoor adventure. The region is home to one of the premier whitewater rivers in the United States, the Ocoee River, and has become a capital for rock climbing in the South. We boast more than 50 waterfalls, and our rivers and streams are globally significant for aquatic life and diversity. All this, within one of the most beautiful settings on earth.

While here, you'll find that the spirit of the people in Southeast Tennessee is warm and welcoming, and there are plenty of opportunities for shopping and culinary adventures at locally owned food stops. Our communities invite you to visit and enjoy country cooking, small-town charm, music, and a rich cultural heritage that set the stage for who we've become today.

We hope this guide will help you find your adventure in the region - and be sure to check out our website at

SoutheastTennessee.com.





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#### **JANUARY**

#### First Day Hikes

**Tennessee State Parks** 

Tnstateparks.com

#### **Lookout Wild Film Festival**

#### Walker Theater

399 McCallie Ave. Chattanooga, TN

lookoutfilmfestival.org

#### **Tennessee Sandhill Crane Festival**

Birchwood Community Center, Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge & Cherokee Removal Memorial Park

5623 Hwy. 60, Birchwood, TN tn.gov

### **FEBRUARY**

#### **Tennessee Songwriters Week**

tnvacation.com/songwriters-week

# Cousin Jake Tullock Memorial Bluegrass Festival

Gem Theater, 700 Tennessee Ave., Etowah, TN facebook.com/EtowahArts

### MARCH

#### **Ocoee River Whitewater Season**

Season Opens: March Season Ends: October timetoraft.com

#### **Rock the Riverfront**

140 Riverfront Pkwy. Chattanooga, TN rivercitycompany.com/rock

#### **Sequatchie Valley Scenic Byway Cruise-In**

2nd Saturday – Dunlap – Main St. 3rd Saturday – Powell's Crossroads – Main St. sequatchievalleyscenicbyway.com

#### Spring Break Safari

Chattanooga, TN VisitChattanooga.com/spring

### **APRIL**

#### **Bessie Smith Big 9 Roots Festival**

200 MLK Blvd., Chattanooga, TN Bessiesmithcc.org

#### **4 Bridges Arts Festival**

1826 Reggie White Blvd., Chattanooga, TN avarts.org

#### **APRIL**

#### Sequatchie Valley Scenic Byway Cruise-In

4th Saturday – Crossville – Main St. sequatchievalleyscenicbyway.com

#### Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage Great Smoky Mountains

2009 Village Camp Rd., Spencer, TN 423-881-3297

wildflowerpilgrimage.org

#### **Trails & Trilliums Festival**

DuBose Conference Center and South Cumberland State Park

76 Assembly St., Monteagle, TN | 931-924-2623 Trailsandtrilliums.org

#### **National Cornbread Festival**

South Pittsburg, TN | 423-837-0022 Nationalcornbread.com

#### Sweet Tea & Sunshine Family Festival & Craft Fair Greenway Park & Pavilion

755 Raider Dr., Cleveland, TN | 423-650-1388 VisitClevelandTN.com touchtheskyevents.com

# Polk County Ramp Tramp Festival Camp McCroy

1058 Hwy. 30, Reliance, TN | 423-338-4503 Ramptrampfestival.com

#### Spring Around the Square

17214 TN-58, Decatur TN / 423-334-5496 Ramptrampfestival.com facebook - springaroundthesquare



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### MAY

#### Hiwassee River Scenic River & Blueway Recreation Season

Season Opens: May Seasons Ends: October (weekends only Sept.-Oct.)

#### **Sequatchie Valley Scenic Byway Cruise-In**

1st Saturday – Pikeville – Main St. sequatchievalleyscenicbyway.com

# Hiwassee Loop Train Rides Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum

9406 Hwy. 411, Delano, TN | 423-894-8028

#### Nightfall Free Concert Series (May-Sept)

Friday Nights - Miller Park, Chattanooga, TN Nightfallchattanooga.com

#### Valley Fest

15643 Rankin Ave., Dunlap, TN | 423-593-1444 Valleyfestonline.com

#### **Tennessee Strawberry Festival**

107 Main St., Dayton, TN | 423-775-0361 Tnstrawberryfestival.com

#### **Riverfront Nights (May-Aug)**

Ross's Landing, Chattanooga, TN riverfrontnights.com

# **Sounds of Summer Concert Series -** Athens Market Park Pavilion

Saturday nights (May-October) 106 S. Jackson St., Athens, TN Willsonthropic.org

### JUNE

# **Sounds of Summer Concert Series** - Athens Market Park Pavilion

Saturday nights (June-August) 106 S. Jackson St., Athens, TN Willsonthropic.org

#### MooFest

106 Jackson St., Athens, TN | 423-745-7782 First Saturday in June friendlycityfestivals.com

#### JULY

#### Nokian Tires Summer Nights Music - Dayton Rhea County Courthouse Lawn

Friday nights in July 1435 Market St., Dayton, TN | 423-680-9896 rheaheritage.com

#### **Dunlap 4th of July Parade**

Downtown Dunlap, TN VisitSequatchieValley.com

#### **Downtown Summer Nights**

17214 TN-58, Decatur TN / 423-334-5496 Facebook - DowntownSummerNights

# Etowah's Old-Fashioned 4th of July Celebration @ the L&N Depot Museum

727 Tennessee Ave., Etowah, TN | 423-263-7840 Cityofetowahtn.com

#### Miners Homecoming Days

Ducktown Basin Museum

212 Burra Burra St., Ducktown, TN | 423-496-5778 Ducktownbasinmuseum.com

#### Calhoun River Town Festival Hiwassee Meadowland Park &

Hiwassee Blueway 746 Hwy. 163, Calhoun, TN Calhounrivertown.com





# SOUTH PITTSBURG, TN NATIONALCORNBREAD.COM

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#### JULY

#### Blue Springs Valley Singing

150 Bryson Ln., Cleveland, TN Singingechoes.com

#### **Scopes Trial Play & Festival**

125 Court St., Dayton, TN | 423-775-7801 Scopesfestival.com

#### **Swiss Heritage Festival**

#### Stoker-Stampfli Farm Museum

Swiss Colony Cemetery Rd., Gruetli-Laager, TN swisshistoricalsociety.org

#### Monteagle Mountain Market for Arts & Crafts Hannah Pickett Park

16 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle, TN | 931-924-5353 Facebook@MonteagleMountainMarket

#### **AUGUST**

#### **Sounds of Summer Concert Series** Athens Market Park Pavilion

Saturday nights (June-August) 106 S. Jackson St., Athens, TN Willsonthropic.org

#### Hwy. 127 - World's Longest Yard Sale

Follows US-127 through Southeast Tennessee 127yardsale.com

#### Beersheba Springs Arts & Crafts Fair Beersheba Springs Assembly Grounds

55 Hege Ave., Beersheba Springs, TN | 931-692-3669 Beershebaassembly.com

#### **Battle of Athens Festival**

mcminntnhistorical.org

### **SEPTEMBER**

#### **International Cowpea Festival & Cook-Off**

Charleston City Park, Charleston, TN | 423-472-6587 Cowpeafestival.com

#### Niota Fried Green Tomato Festival Niota Depot

201 Main St., Niota, TN | 423-568-2584 cityofniota.org



### **OCTOBER**

# Cycle Sequatchie Sequatchie Valley, TN

CycleSequatchie.com

#### **Downtown Halloween Black Party**

Courthouse Square, Cleveland, TN mainstreetcleveland.com 423-479-1000

#### **Fall Foliage Cruises on the Southern Belle**

(Oct-Nov) Chattanooga Riverboat Co. 151 Riverfront Pkwy., Chattanooga, TN

#### **Fannie Moffitt Autumn Stomp**

Chattanoogariverboat.com

Altamont, TN | 931-924-5353 Facebook@FannieMoffittAutumnStomp

#### **Pumpkintown Festival**

#### @ Market Park Pavilion

106 S. Jackson St., Athens, TN friendlycityfestivals.com

#### **Cleveland Apple Festival**

155 N. Ocoee St., Cleveland, TN | 423-479-1000 Clevelandapplefestival.org

#### **Ketner's Mill Country Arts Fair**

658 Ketner Mill Ln., Whitwell, TN | 423-267-5702 Ketnersmill.org

#### Historic Fort Hill Cemetery Walking Tour Fort Hill Cemetery

92 Oak St. SW, Cleveland, TN | 423-472-6967 Leeuniversity.edu

#### Pumpkinfest

#### **Rhea County Courthouse**

1435 Market St., Dayton, TN 423-775-9847 mainstreetdayton.org

#### **NOVEMBER**

#### Red Clay Cherokee Cultural Celebration Red Clay State Historic Park

1140 Red Clay Park Rd. S., Cleveland, TN 423-478-0339 Tnstateparks.com

#### Winter Wonderland at the Chattanooga Choo Choo (Nov-Jan)

1400 Market St., Chattanooga, TN Choochoo.com/holidays

#### **Pikeville Hometown Christmas**

3056 Main St., Pikeville, TN pikevilletn.com/htcc

#### **DECEMBER**

#### **Christmas at the Courthouse**

1475 Market St., Dayton, TN 423-775-9847 downtown.mainstreetdayton.org

#### **Christmas at Red Clay** Red Clay State Historic Park

1140 Red Clay Park Rd., SW, Cleveland, TN 423-478-0339 Tnstateparks.com

#### **Rock City Enchanted Garden of Lights**

1400 Patten Rd., Lookout Mtn., GA 706-820-2531 seerockcity.com

#### Santa Train

#### Hiwassee River Rail Adventure

701 Tennessee Ave., Etowah, TN 423-263-2202 tvarail.com





# **THE CAVERNS**

### **Home of Bluegrass Underground**

555 Charlie Roberts Rd, Pelham, TN 931-516-9724 thecaverns.com

In a timeless valley near the base of the South Cumberland Plateau in Southeast Tennessee, you'll find The Caverns—a jaw-dropping concert hall located deep underground.

The Caverns is home to the Emmy Award winning PBS television series, Bluegrass Underground. With a concert calendar that spans all genres of musical expression, The Caverns draws music fans from all over the world. Live music inside a cave - it's a bucket list experience that keeps fans coming back to The Caverns time and again for "The Greatest Show Under Earth."

In 2022, The Caverns opened The Caverns Amphitheater, with stunning views of the Cumberland Plateau. There is reserved chair seating in front of the stage for most shows. The natural grade of the mountainside allows for a great view form every spot and guests are welcome to bring their own chairs or blankets for general admission. New concessions and restrooms have been added, and space for food trucks and pop-up bars can host crowds of up to 5,500 quests. The cave operates year-round, and there are cave tours from chill to challenging in addition to the music. In the summer, Camp Caverns offers kids 8-13 the chance to explore, discover, and create above and underground.

The cave is equipped with state-of-the-art sound and lights, restrooms, and delicious food and beverage concessions, including craft beer, wine and cocktails. The gentle slope of the room and its smooth concrete floor make the venue accessible to music fans with mobility concerns or physical disabilities, as well.







# **JIM OLIVER'S SMOKE HOUSE**

850 W Main St, Monteagle, TN 800-489-2091 thesmokehouse.com

Jim Oliver's Smoke House is located within the heart of the South Cumberland Plateau, which is home to Tennessee's largest state park, South Cumberland State Park. This comfy restaurant and lodge offers Southern fare, cabin rentals and lodging, live music each weekend, and easy access to miles of hiking, waterfalls, scenic views, and rock climbing adventures.

Since 1960, visitors have stopped by Jim Oliver's Smoke House to enjoy Southern cooking inspired by generations of family cooks.

Every Friday and Saturday night, the Smoke House hosts Music on the Mountain (7-10:30 pm Central Time). Each show features some of Nashville's legendary and up-and-coming songwriters and musicians. Performers share songs they've written and the stories behind the music - especially if a major artist has recorded the

Music on the Mountain offers cabaret-style seating in a comfortable music room attached to the restaurant. Food and beverages are served during the show. All shows are family-friendly and free to the public.

Visit TheSmokehouse.com for the weekly schedule.

# **SONGBIRDS FOUNDATION**

206 West Main Street, Chattanooga, TN 423-531-2473 songbirdsfoundation.org

Songbirds is an interactive learning experience and live music venue featuring historic exhibits that spotlight Chattanooga's vibrant musical history, especially how the guitar helped shape pop culture history in the heart of Chattanooga's Southside district.

Between the 1920's and 1950's, 9th Street (now MLK Boulevard) was a thriving entertainment district known as The Big 9, and its clubs played host to Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Lois Armstrong, and Chattanooga's own Blues Queen, Bessie Smith.

Songbirds is now home to many of the most famous guitars, belonging to Loretta Lynn, Duane Allman, John Entwistle, and pioneering electric guitarist Mary Kaye, housed in a self-guided museum. All revenue generated from The Songbirds Museum will further the "Guitars for Kids" program, providing students across the South with free guitars, music lessons, and in-depth music therapy.

# **MOUNTAIN OPRY**

Bachman Community Center 2815 Anderson Pike, Signal Mountain 423-664-3280 visitchattanooga.com/event/the-mountain-opry

The Mountain Opry is a live stage performance featuring bluegrass, county, gospel, and Americana music. The event is held every fourth Saturday from 6:00 -9:00 PM EST. Admission is free but a \$5 donation at the door is appreciated to pay for the sound system, electricity, and other Opry expenses.

The Opry began in 1979, and before the pandemic, had only been cancelled twice, for bad weather. The performers, from around the region, gather ahead of time in small clusters backstage, or out under the trees when the days are long and the weather warm. You are welcome to bring food or enjoy some BBQ from King's Pig BBQ food truck. They tune their instruments and share songs, awaiting their turn on stage. Jammers are encouraged to bring their instruments and play in the side picking rooms.



# **TIVOLI THEATRE**

709 Broad St, Chattanooga, TN 423-757-5580 tivolichattanooga.com

The Tivoli Theatre, known as "The Jewel of the South," has entertained Chattanoogans and visitors for over 90 years, offering everything from silent movies to Broadway shows. Located downtown on Broad Street, the Tivoli opened its doors in March of 1921.

In 1924, a \$30,000 Wurlitzer organ was installed. In 1926 the Tivoli became one of the first public buildings in the country to be air-conditioned. Throughout the 20s, 30s, and 40s, the Tivoli was Chattanooga's premiere entertainment venue. However, in the 50s, the birth of television put the Tivoli on hard times. The theater fell into disrepair and was almost demolished, but in 1962, a grant from Chattanooga's Benwood Foundation saved the theater and the Tivoli was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Tivoli is one of Chattanooga's three historic theaters, partnering with The Walker Theater and Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium to hold many events at one time. The Tivoli now hosts world renowned musicians, comedians, and Broadway performances, and is host to the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera and the Chattanooga Ballet.





#### **Apple Valley Orchard**

351 Weese Rd. SE, Cleveland, TN

423-472-3044

Applevalleyorchard.com

Seasonal hours of operation.

Family-owned apple orchard, bakery and gift shop recently named one of the "Best Apple Orchards in Tennessee" by Southern Living magazine. Check the website for seasonal events. Group / student tours available by appointment.

#### **Crabtree Farms**

1000 E. 30th St., Chattanooga, TN

423-493-9155

crabtreefarms.org

Come pick your own tulips, strawberries, sunflowers, and wildflowers in season. Professional photographers are welcome as well for a daily admission price or season pass. Keep up with weather closures on their social media.

#### **Fairmount Orchard**

2204 Fairmount Pike, Signal Mountain, TN

423-886-1226

Facebook@Fairmount Orchard, Inc. Seasonal hours of operation.

Stop in to this small family-owned orchard for fresh cider and a bag of apples grown on-site.

#### **High Meadows Farm**

421 Sally Branch Rd., Tracy City, TN

931-212-8317

Facebook@highmeadowstracy

Pick your own daffodils, blueberries, and wildflowers on the beautiful Cumberland Plateau.

#### **Little Trails Farms** 280 Leilani Ln., Dunlap, TN

423-455-2136

littletrailsfarms.com

Stay and play and reconnect on this 50 acre family farm on the Cumberland Plateau. Tiny homes or small loft can be rented to stay on the property as well.

#### **Loof'n Round Gardens** 8375 Dalton Pike SE (By appointment only.)

LoofnRoundGardens.com

loofnroundgardens@gmail.com

Did you know loofah grows on a vine? At Loof'n Round Gardens, we grow hundreds of all natural loofah for skincare and beyond! Book your hands-on loofah peeling experience with our unique loofah garden tour and workshop. Find out more!

#### **Lorenzen Family Farm** 1374 New Bethel Rd., Dayton, TN

We provide everything you need for picking! Tulips (March & April), Sunflowers/Wildflowers (July & August) \$5 per person entrance fee includes a bouquet of flowers. Children 10 and under are free. lorenzenfarm.carrd.co Seasonal hours of operation.



#### **Morris Vineyards** 346 Union Grove Rd., Charleston, TN 423-419-7311

morrisvineyards.com

Pick your own raspberries, blueberries, grapes, muscadines, and blackberries in season at this family-owned winery. The vineyards are nestled in the foothills of Charleston with spectacular views of the Appalachian Mountains.

#### **Ocoee Riverside Farm** 1087 Reynolds Bridge Rd., Benton, TN 423-241-3738

ocoeeriversidefarm.com

This thirty-acre riverfront farm offers farm events and experiences including farm tours, horseback riding, camel rides, and water adventures. The farm features lodging in their two-story riverside cabin, one of three covered wagons, or a barn loft.

#### Oren Wooden's Apple House 6351 New Harmony Rd., Pikeville, TN

423-447-6376

Woodensapplehouse.com

Seasonal hours of operation.

The region's oldest continuously operated apple house, Wooden's grows and sells apples, pumpkins and a host of other fruits and vegetables. Enjoy lunch and delicious fried pies at Oren's Orchard Cafe. Group tours available by appointment.

#### **Sequatchie Cove Farm** 320 Dixon Cove Rd., Sequatchie, TN

423-942-9201

sequatchiecovefarm.com

Trading post open on Saturdays. Pick your own options: Blueberries.

Family farm in the beautiful Sequatchie Valley, specializing in pasture-raised beef and lamb, forested pork, chicken, eggs, seasonal vegetables, shiitakes and native plants.

#### Wheeler's Orchard & Vineyard 956 Wheeler Rd., Dunlap, TN

423-949-4255

wheelersorchard.com

Seasonal hours of operation.

Pick-your-own options: blueberries (July-Sept.) and grapes (August).

This family-owned orchard and vineyard on Fredonia Mountain focuses on sustainably grown apples and produce. Be sure to try their fresh cider and other homemade treats.





Jordan's Bar-B-Q

910 Stuart Rd. NE, Cleveland, TN 423-478-2171

Kitsch-filled spot serving up classic pulled pork, ribs, stuffed potatoes and other comfort foods.

Dave's Spiced Right BBQ 12914 TN-58, Georgetown, TN

423-961-9079 Barbecue (and more) that is notoriously "spiced right."

Edlev's Bar-B-Que

205 Manufacturers Rd., Chattanooga, TN 423-498-2772

Banana pudding is considered a side dish at this Nashville-based barbecue institution. edleysbbq.com

Nooga-Q Smokehouse Grill

301 Signal Mtn. Rd., Chattanooga, TN 423-752-1935

BBQ plates, sandwiches and more in a casual setting.

Shuford's Smokehouse

924 Signal Mtn. Rd., Chattanooga, TN

423-267-0080 | Shufordsbbg.com Shuford's offers classic Southern barbecue, including smoked meats, traditional sides and their famous homemade banana pudding.

**Sugar's Ribs** 

2450 15th Ave., Chattanooga, TN

423-826-1199 | Sugarsribs.com Award-winning barbecue and ribs on historic Missionary Ridge overlooking downtown Chattanooga.



#### **DAYTON**

Banjo's BBQ

1410 Maley Hollow Rd., Dayton, TN

423-785-7606 | facebook@banjosbbg Pork, chicken, ribs, brisket and the BOOMER prepared with a special blend of 17 seasonings. All sauces made in-house.

Momo's BBQ

7481 Rhea County Hwy., Dayton, TN

423-775-6868

Ribs, pulled pork and other barbecue staples are featured at this casual stop with picnic tables.

#### **SOUTH CUMBERLAND PLATEAU**

Jim Oliver's **Smoke House Restaurant** 

850 W Main St., Monteagle, TN

800-489-2091 | Thesmokehouse.com Barbecue and Southern-style breakfast, lunch and dinner and buffet served at this landmark establishment on Monteagle Mountain. Fried pies and fudge are legendary.

### **SEOUATCHIE VALLEY**

Jerome's Fine Swine & BBQ 13212 TN-28, Whitwell, TN

423-658-8550

Chicken and pork barbecue served with a variety of sides of sauces. Mac and pepperjack cheese is a crowd-pleaser.

Ramsey's BBQ

7096 Hwy. 28, Whitwell, TN

423-939-0433

Facebook @RamseysBBQ

Enjoy old-school barbecue and daily specials, as well as homemade desserts prepared daily.

Sequatchie Valley BBQ 7000 TN-28, Dunlap, TN

423-949-5900

A tiny place with Big BBQ.

**Morgan Brothers BBQ** 

38408 US-127., Pikeville, TN | 423-447-6423 Facebook @morganbrothersbbg

#### **WATTS BAR LAKE**

Uncle Gus's Mountain Pit Bar-B-que 810 Peakland Rd., Decatur, TN

423-334-2487

unclegusbarbeque.com

Barbecue and American favorites in a fun, eclectic setting near Watts Bar Lake.

### ATHENS-ETOWAH-ENLEWOOD

Michael's Casual Dining

Two locations:

925 Congress Pkwy. North, Athens, TN

423-649-0000

**862** Tennessee Ave., Etowah, TN | 423-263-2603

Michaelsgreatfood.com

Sink your teeth into their fresh fall-off-the-bone, slow-cooked barbecue flavored with their own mix of herbs, spices and dry-rubbed seasonings.

**Navarro's Smokehouse** 

3268 Hwy. 411, Englewood, TN

423-519-7665

Facebook@Navarrossmokehouse Barbeque, ribs, wings, pulled pork served with all

the Southern fixin's.

**Midway Milkshake** 

2220 Hwy. 30, Athens, TN 423-781-7352

Facebook@MidwayMilkshake Milkshakes, burgers, pizza and more!

### **OCOFE & HIWASSEE RIVER CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST**

**Blue Hole BBQ** 130 US-64, Ocoee, TN

423-769-2012

ocoeeriverexperience.com

Enjoy authentic smokehouse barbecue with a unique twist.

#### Athens - Etowah -**Englewood**

Angela's Miami Grill 509 W. Madison Ave., Athens, TN

423-453-5064 Great Cuban food in Athens. angelasmiamigrill.pizzamica.com

**Dairy Barn** 

1108 Congress Pkwy. S., Athens, TN

423-745-2286

Tasty ice cream treats and fast food in Athens. Seasonal hours.

**Jenkins Grille & Market** 

**411 S. Jackson St., Athens, TN** | 423-745-7388 Jenkinsdeli.com

Sixties décor offering tasty rib-eye sandwiches, chicken salad, soups and more.

**Lotus Thai Cuisine 420 S. White St., Athens, TN** | 423-453-2152

lotusthaicuisine.net

Family-owned restaurant serving authentic Thai cuisine.

#### Maddie Mae's Café

**10 S. White St., Athens, TN** | 423-649-3627 maddimaescafe.com

Italian subs that never fail to impress – especially the

Michael's Casual Dining - Two Locations 925 Congress Pkwy. North, Athens, TN 423-649-0000

862 Tennessee Ave., Etowah, TN

423-263-2603 Michaelsgreatfood.com

Sink your teeth into their fresh fall-off-the-bone, slow-cooked barbecue flavored with their own mix of herbs, spices and dry-rubbed seasonings.

**Open Door Café** 

**3** N. Jackson St., Athens, TN | 423-744-3020 Romantic setting in the historic Robert E. Lee Hotel featuring a Mediterranean menu.

**Smalls Drive-In** 

**802 S. White St., Athens, TN** | 423-745-6650 Hamburgers the locals boast about

#### **Farmhouse Restaurant**

**1201 Ohio Ave., Etowah, TN** | 423-263-3276

Facebook@Farmhouse Restaurant Enjoy a porch rocker or shop in the country gift shop before enjoying this country-style restaurant offering homemade pies and cakes.

**Caiun Lady Seafood** 

**1440** Hwy. **411**, Etowah, TN | 423-435-3581 Facebook@CajunLadySeafoodOnTheRun Best Cajun food you'll find outside of the bayou.

**Silver Springs Vineyard** 

**3725** Hwy. **11**, Riceville, TN | 423-730-0008 silverspringsvineyard.com

Vineyard, Tasting Room, Event Center and Greek Café.

**Navarro's Smokehouse** 

**3268** Hwy. **411**, Englewood, TN | 423-519-7665 Barbeque, ribs, wings, pulled pork served with all the Southern fixins.

**Tellico Junction Café** 

17 Main St., Englewood, TN | 423-887-7770 Facebook@Tellico Junction Café Full breakfast buffet every morning – and don't miss the chocolate gravy and biscuits as part of their Saturday buffet.

#### Benton - Delano - Reliance Ocoee - Copperhill -Ducktown

**Bakery on Main** 

**6232** Hwy. **411**, Benton, TN | 423-599-0656 bentonbakeryonmain.com

Beautiful and delicious cakes, cookies, fudge, pies sandwiches, soups, and breakfast! Sugar and gluten free options as well.

Blue Hole BBQ

**130 US-64, Ocoee, TN** | 423-769-2012

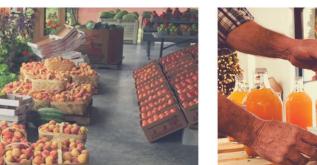
ocoeeriverexperience.com

Authentic smokehouse barbecue with a unique twist.

The Old Country Porch

**55790 Old Hwy 411, Benton, TN** | 423-338-2118 Southern style home cookin'.





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#### Benton - Delano - Reliance Ocoee - Copperhill -Ducktown

#### Reliance Fly & Tackle 588 Childers Creek Rd., Reliance, TN 423-338-7771

relianceflyandtackle.com

Oldest locally owned fly shop and country store in the area, serving smoked ribs and chicken dinners each weekend. Bagged fisherman lunches available.

#### **Apricot Place Café**

283 Hwy 64, Ocoee, TN | 423-299-9560 Facebook @apricotplacecafe Breakfast, burgers, sandwiches, salads, and more.

#### Honey + Clove Bistro

**108 Lifestyle Way, Benton, TN** | 423-597-2989 Facebook@Honev&CloveBistro Restaurant & coffee shop with daily specials.

#### **Steelwheel Corner**

8783 Hwy. 411, Benton, TN | 423-299-9413 Facebook@Steel Wheel Corner Cozy American restaurant and gift shop with a river view, counter service, and a kids' menu.

#### Ocoee Dam Deli

**1223 US-64, Ocoee, TN** | 423-338-8184 Facebook@ocoeedamdelianddiner Located near all the action on the Ocoee River, this popular stop serves American favorites with a

#### **Ocoee Coffee Joint**

touch of the South.

**409 US-64, Ocoee, TN** | 423-299-9943 ocoeecoffeejoint.com Great coffee and good vibes abound.

#### Los Poblano's

**4133 US-411, Ocoee, TN** | 423-338-3983 Facebook @Los Poblanos Authentic south of the border taste!

#### The Bus Bar & Grill 522 TN-64 Hwy., Ocoee, TN

423-338-4325

adventuresunlimited.net/food Serving American Fare, from pizza to burgers, salads, wings & more.

#### **El Rio Mexican Restaurant**

**113 Ocoee St., Copperhill, TN** | 423-496-1826 ElrioMexicanRestaurantandCantina.com Classic cantina and restaurant offering authentic Mexican flavor.

#### **Habanero's Fresh Tex Mex**

**120 Ocoee St., Copperhill, TN** | 423.548.2111 Facebook @habs.tn Just a Touch of Tex-Mex!

#### **Waterfront Bar**

**205 Ocoee St., Copperhill, TN** | 423.548.1535 thewaterfront.bar

Relaxed restaurant and bar offering a menu of Southern cooking, plus live music.

#### Rod's Rockin' Rolls

**327 Main St., Ducktown, TN** | 423-761-5000 rods-rockin-rolls.business.site Asian cuisine.

#### **Chattanooga Highlights**

Visit ChattanoogaFun.com for a full listing of Chattanooga-area restaurants.

#### **Bea's Restaurant**

4500 Dodds Ave., Chattanooga, TN

423-867-3618

Facebook @beaschattanooga

All-you-can-eat fried chicken and Southern favorites served family-style since 1950. Closed Mon.-Tues.

#### **Bread & Butter**

3955 Dayton Blvd., Chattanooga, TN

423-803-4446

Butterthebread.com

Artisan bakery and local market.

#### **Burger Republic**

203 W. Aquarium Way, Chattanooga, TN

423-475-5119

burgerrepublic.com

Gourmey appetizers, burgers and shakes, steps away from the TN Aquarium.

#### Champy's - Blues, Brews & Birds

Two locations:

**526 E. MLK Blvd., Chattanooga, TN** | 423-752-9198 **6925** Lee Hwy., Chattanooga, TN | 423-803-2800

Champyschicken.com

Fried chicken is the draw at this country-hip Southern eatery with live music and a long beer list.

#### Hi-Fi Clyde's Chattanooga

**122** W. Main St., Chattanooga, TN | 423-362-8335 hificlydeschattanooga.com

Laid-back spot featuring sofas, shuffle boards and ping pong tables, plus bar food and draft beers.

#### **Frothy Monkey**

1400 Market St., Chattanooga, TN | 423-680-

Frothymonkey.com

Local coffeehouse chain serving breakfast, sandwiches and Southern comfort food at the Chattanooga

Choo Choo.

#### Herman's Soul Food & Catering

3821 Brainerd Rd., Chattanooga, TN

423-624-5715

Hermanssoulfood.com

Family-friendly restaurant specializing in fried chicken and home-cooked soul food.

#### Lakeshore Grille @ Lakeshore Marina

5600 Lake Resort Tce. #300, Chattanooga, TN 423-710-2057

lakeshoregrille.com

American food with an amazing view of Chickamauga Lake. Include deck and dog-friendly patio.

#### **Public House Restaurant**

1110 Market St., Chattanooga, TN

423-266-3366

publichousechattanooga.com Updated, locally sourced Southern fare.

#### **Puckett's Grocery & Restaurant**

2 W. Aquarium Way, Chattanooga, TN

423-708-8505

Puckettsaro.com

Located next to the Tennessee Aguarium, serving Southern-style favorites for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

#### Scottie's On The River

491 Riverfront Pkwv., Chattanooga, TN

423-269-7487

scottiesontheriver.net

Airy, casual riverside outpost prepping steaks, seafood & cocktails, plus a patio with a fire pit.

#### **Shuford's Smokehouse**

924 Signal Mountain Rd., Chattanooga, TN

423-267-0080

Shufordsbbg.com

Shuford's offers classic Southern barbecue, including smoked meats, traditional sides and their famous homemade banana pudding.

#### STIR Chattanooga

**1444** Market St., Chattanooga, TN | 423-531-7847

Stirchattanooga.com

Creative dishes using fresh, local ingredients and specialty cocktails in a festive, community atmosphere.

#### Sugar's Ribs

2450 15th Ave., Chattanooga, TN | 423-826-1199 Sugarsribs.com

Award-winning barbecue and ribs on historic Missionary Ridge overlooking downtown Chattanooga.



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931.592.3171 www.thedutchmaid.com

109 Main Street Tracy City, TN 37387 Cindy Day, owner dutchmaid@blomand.net

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423-635-2005

#### **Chattanooga Highlights**

#### Tony's Pasta Shop & Trattoria

**212 High St., Chattanooga, TN** | 423-321-0235 bluffviewartdistrictchattanooga.com Handmade pasta, fresh sauces and bread in the historic Bluff View Art District overlooking the

Urban Stack Burger Bar

Tennessee River.

**12 W. 13th St., Chattanooga, TN** | 423-475-5350 Urbanstack.com

Inventive burgers and a bustling bar scene in Chattanooga's oldest building (1868).

#### **Cleveland - Charleston**

See VisitClevelandTN.com for a full listing of Cleveland restaurants.

#### **Big Tom's Backyard Grill & Bar** 88 Mouse Creek Rd. NW, Cleveland, TN

423-790-7391

bigtomsbackyardgrillandbar.com Our goal at Big Tom's is to make the best darn food you ever had.

#### Bon Life Coffee

**1807 Keith St., Cleveland, TN** | 423-464-6160 bonlifecoffee.com

Exceptional coffee with a global cause.

#### Café Roma

**220 N. Ocoee St., Cleveland, TN** | 423-339-1488 Caferomatn.com

Fresh Southern-inspired Italian dishes.

#### Café Indigo

**166 1st., Cleveland, TN** | 423-473-3282

indigocafecleveland.com

Indigo Cafe is a Mediterranean fusion restaurant and bar located in the heart of downtown Cleveland.

#### Catch Bar & Grill

**233 Inman St. E, Cleveland, T**N | 423-790-1235 Catchbarandgrill.com

Fresh seafood featuring Gulf Coast and Asian cuisine.

#### **Farmhouse Restaurant**

**2260 Harrison Pike, Cleveland, TN** | 423-339-9998

farmhouserestaurantcleveland.com

Family-style restaurant – food just like grandma used to make.

#### **Gabriel's Pizza**

**2625** Keith St., Cleveland, TN | 423-728-2222

Gabrielspizzas.com

Local art-filled parlor making deep-dish pizza with gourmet toppings and other Italian eats.

#### **Gardner's Market**

**262 Broad St. NW, Cleveland, TN** | 423-478-3906 Step back in time to an old-world deli. gardnersmarket.com

#### Jenkins Deli

**2390 Spring Creek Blvd., Cleveland, TN** 423-478-1648

Jenkinsdeli.com

Top-rated regional restaurant featuring American-style cooking.

#### Jordan's Bar-B-Que 910 Stuart Rd NE, Cleveland, TN

423-478-2171

Facebook @jordans.barbeque

Kitsch-filled spot serving up classic pulled pork, ribs & stuffed potatoes, plus other comfort eats.

#### Lasater's Coffee & Tea

2450 Spring Creek Blvd., Cleveland, TN 423-790-0513

lasaterscoffee.com

Custom-roasted award-winning coffee and a large selection of teas.

#### Little Diner on 1st 490 1st St. NW. Cleveland. TN

423-472-5550

Facebook@littledineron1st.com

Family owned breakfast and lunch spot. With great food, service, and the best small town atmosphere.

#### **Old Fort Restaurant**

**1422 25th St. NW, Cleveland, TN** | 423-339-0446 Facebook @oldfortclevelandtn

Home cooked meals in a family atmosphere.

#### Marthie Ann's Hot Chicken and Cold Treats 3625 Keith St., Cleveland, TN

423-813-7044

mar thie ann schicken. com

A Chicken centered fast casual restaurant featuring, salads, an array of the best chicken sandwiches

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#### **Cleveland - Charleston**

#### Stadium BBQ

**773** Keith St. NW, Cleveland, TN | 423-790-0002 StadiumBBQ.com

Enjoy this Southern barbecue with all the fixings - and save room for their homemade fried pies.

#### The Press

168 1st St. NE, Cleveland, TN

423-584-6077

thepressonfirst.com

Wine, ciders, beers and yummy food make The Press an instant favorite.

#### **Town House Bake Shop**

2524 Keith St. NW, Cleveland, TN | 423-478-2822 Townhousebakeshop.com

Sweet stop for bakery items and cakes since 1963.

#### Inman Social

**201 Keith St. SW, Cleveland, TN** | 423-472-6000 inmansocial.com

A contemporary Southern neighborhood restaurant.

#### Village Bake Shop

**201** Keith St. SW, Cleveland, TN | 423-476-5179

thevillagebakeshop.com

Established in 1961, this bakery offers a wide variety of delicious sweets and treats.

#### **Dayton - Spring City**

#### Carrabelle's

4370 Rhea County Hwy., Dayton, TN

423-428-9441

carrabelles.net

Check out Dayton'ss favorite family-friendly destination for Exceptional food & fantastic brews.

#### **Dayton Coffee Shop & Restaurant**

280 2nd Ave. #1, Dayton, TN | 423-775-6156 Coffee and Southern favorites.

#### Delia's Mexican Restaurant

8796 Rhea County Hwy., Dayton, TN 423-570-1813

Facebook@Delia's Mexican Restaurant Your destination in Dayton for authentic Mexican food.

#### **Harmony House Coffee**

378 1st Ave. B, Dayton, TN | 423-570-7656

harmonyhousecoffee.com

Fresh roasted coffee, tea and a full-service espresso bar in downtown Dayton.

#### **Ristorante Luca**

**185** Chickamauga Dr., Dayton, TN | 423-428-9052 dineluca.com

Simple, local, Italian food.

#### Monkey Town Brewing Co.

**287 1st Ave., Dayton, T**N | 423-775-1800

Monkeytownbrewing.com

Craft beer made in house - open 7 days lunch &

#### 1st Avenue Pizza, Books & Treats

**283 1st Ave., Dayton, T**N | 423-570-1000

1stavenuepbt.com

Fast and casual pizza restaurant with an adorable and unique bookstore. Also serving house-made gelato and desserts.

#### **Screen Door Kitchen**

**449** Delaware Ave., Dayton, TN | 423-428-9493

Screendoorkitchen.com

Homestyle meals made from scratch.

#### Banjo's BBQ

1410 Maley Hollow Rd., Dayton, TN

423-785-7606

Faceboo @Banjo's BBQ

Pork, chicken, ribs, brisket and the BOOMER - prepared with a special blend of 17 seasonings. All sauces made

#### Yamato Japanese Steakhouse

**2668** Rhea Co. Hwy., Dayton, TN | 423-478-9162 daytonyamato.com

Offering a wide array of authentic Japanese food.

#### Winstead's American Grill

22456 Rhea Co. Hwy., Spring City, TN

423-365-2261

facebook@winsteadsamericangrill

Casual eatery serving up pizza, burgers and other American comfort food, plus beer and cocktails.

#### **Decatur - Ten Mile**

#### **Angie's Decatur Diner**

**17315** TN-**58** N. Decatur, TN | 423-334-3354

Facebook@Ourfamilytablerestaurant Family-friendly restaurant serving country-style favorites. Breakfast served all day

#### La Hacienda

135 W. Memorial Dr, Decatur, TN | 423-334-3354

Facebook@LaHacienda

Fresh Mexican and Italian favorites

#### **Driftwood Diner**

2601 State Highway 304, Ten Mile, TN

(423) 454-0393

driftwooddinertn.com

Near Watts Bar Lake, a country eatery offering delicious lunch and dinner options, topped off with delightful desserts & Blue Bell Ice Cream.

#### **Countryside Cafe**

**28821 TN-58, Ten Mile, TN** | 423-454-0165

facebook@countrysidecafe

Family-friendly restaurant serving country-style favorites

#### **Camp Willow**

**2430** Highway **304**, Ten Mile, TN | 423) 454-0188 campwillowtn.com

Outdoor resort offers something for everyone, from camping & mini-golf to a full-service restaurant.

#### **Euchee Grill & Brewhouse**

**200** Euchee Ln., Ten Mile, TN | 423-454-0165

eucheegrill.com Seasonal hours Enjoy dinner and craft beer overlooking beautiful Watts Bar Lake. Indoor and patio seating available.

#### Mr. Twister

2593 TN-304, Ten Mile, TN | 423-334-1984

Facebook@Mr. Twister

Ice cream, burgers and dinners next to Watts Bar Lake.

#### **Uncle Gus's Mountain Pit Bar-B-Que**

810 Peakland Rd., Decatur, TN | 423-334-2487 Barbecue and American favorites in a fun, eclectic setting near Watts Bar Lake.

### Dunlap

#### Andy's Pizza & Steak House

**7291 TN-28, Dunlap, TN** | 423-949-3633

andyspizza.business.site Great stop for pasta, pizza, steak and a salad bar.

#### Anthony & Theresa's Homecookin'

**6028 TN-28, Dunlap, TN** | 423-949-4089

Facebook @Anthony & Theresa's Homecookin' Homecookin' passed down from our grandparents. Open Thursday through Sunday for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

#### **Cagle Mountain Trading Post & Restaurant**

**5734** Old State Hwy. **8**, Dunlap, TN | 423-949-5063

Facebook @Cagle Mountain trading post Offers three meals a day with all-you-can-eat catfish every Friday night.

#### Cookie Jar Café & Johnson Family Farm

**1887** Kelly Cross Rd., Dunlap, TN | 423-949-5852 thecookieiarcafe.com

Home-style cooking and decadent desserts in a rural farm setting with the beautiful Sequatchie Valley.

#### **Dunlap Restaurant**

**17238** Rankin Ave., Dunlap, TN | 423-949-2595 Facebook@dunlaprestaurant

This restaurant has been serving breakfast, brunch and burgers in the beautiful Sequatchie Valley for more than 50 years.

#### El Metate

**16952** Rankin Ave., Dunlap, TN | 423-949-6132 elmetatemexicanrestaurants.com

Family-owned authentic Mexican restaurant.

#### Patron Mexican Grill

**182** Walnut St., Dunlap, TN | 423-308-2692 Facebook @Patron Mexican Grill

Fresh Mexican favorites.

#### Sequatchie Valley BBQ

**7000 TN- 28, Dunlap, TN** | 423-949-5900 Barbecue drive-through in the Seguatchie Valley.

#### Harrison - Georgetown

#### **Dockside Café @ Harrison Bay State Park** 7855 Bay Marina Cir., Harrison, TN

423-344-9998

docksidecafe.biz Seasonal hours Casual atmosphere serving American favorites, country cooking and seafood on Chickamauga Lake.

#### Fresh Burger Grill 6306 TN-58, Harrison, TN

423-713-9131 freshburgerarill.com

Fresh, never frozen meat. Great food and fast service.

#### Dave's Spiced Right BBQ 12914 TN-58, Georgetown, TN

423-961-9079

Facebook @DavesSpicedRightBbq Barbecue (and more) that is notoriously "spiced

#### **Pikeville**

#### **The Butter Dish**

**3651 Main St., Pikeville, TN** | 423-447-3663 thebutterdishtn.com

Fresh Ingredients & Home-Style Meals.

#### **Duke's Place**

**1444 Bellview Rd., Pikeville, TN** | 423-881-4444 Pizzas are awesome, very good service, friendly staff and great atmosphere.

#### **Ember's Ice Cream Shoppe**

**3089 Main St., Pikeville, TN** | 423-447-3500 Facebook@Ember's Ice Cream Shoppe

#### **Morgan Brothers BBQ**

**38408 US-127.**, Pikeville, TN | 423-447-6423 Facebook @morganbrothersbbg

### **Oren Wooden's Apple House**

6351 New Harmony Rd., Pikeville, TN 423-447-6376

Woodensapplehouse.com Purchase seasonal fruits and veggies and enjoy Oren's Orchard Café and Pie Shop. Group tours available. Seasonal hours.

#### Pizza King

**3729** Main St., Pikeville, TN | 423-447-7564 Facebook@Pikeville Pizza King

Pizza and Italian food in a casual atmosphere.

#### Scottie's

**3211 Main St., Pikeville, TN** | 423-447-6892

Facebook@Scottie's Restaurant

Enjoy burgers and fries on a barstool in downtown Pikeville.

#### **Soddy-Daisy**

#### **Zois Harbor Lights Restaurant**

9718 Hixson Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN | 423-541-7287 Overlooking the Tennessee River, this family-friendly restaurant offers food and entertainment with indoor and outdoor seating. Private boat dock available for boats.

#### **Home Folks Restaurant**

8981 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN | 423-332-5724 Facebook@homefolksrestaurant

#### Rafael's Italian Restaurant 9607 Davton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN

Comfort food in a comfortable setting.

423-332-4559

rafaelsitalianrestaurantmenu.com All of your Italian Favorites prepared and served with love, and lots of garlic.

#### Ricko's Pizzeria and Italian Cuisine 10330 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN

423-682-8050

rickospizza.com Great food served in a casual, comfortable, and fun atmosphere.

#### Steve's Landing Waterfront Grill

1145 Poling Cir., Soddy-Daisy, TN | 423-332-4098

Steveslandingsoddv.com Overlooking Chickamauga Lake, this marina restaurant has a large deck with a menu that ranges from seafood to steak.

#### **Wimpies Country Restaurant** 9826 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN

423-332-6201

Facebook@Wimpies Country Restaurant Old fashioned meat and three also offering burgers, hotdogs & breakfast items.

#### **South Pittsburg - Jasper** - Whitwell - Powell's Crossroads

#### **Dixie Freeze**

200 Elm Ave., South Pittsburg, TN | 423-837-6423 Facebook@Dixie Freeze

Walk up or dine in on burgers, fries and shakes.

#### **Stevarinos Italian Eatery & Pub** 238 S. Cedar Ave., South Pittsburg, TN

423-837-5420 Stevarinos.com

Italian eatery and pub in historic building in downtown South Pittsburg.

#### Café 41

**15 Courthouse Sq., Jasper, TN** | 423-942-3800

Facebook@Cafe41inJasper Popular spot for breakfast, sandwiches, salads, soups and homemade desserts near South Cumberland State Park.

#### Rafael's Restaurant

**4725** Main St., Jasper, TN | 423-942-8287 Italian favorites served hot and fresh.

#### Top of the Rock Restaurant & Brewery 1584 Jasper Highlands Blvd., Jasper, TN

423-939-9037 Topoftherockbrewery.com.

#### Lookout Winery & Wood Oven Pizza **11848** Hwy. **41**, Guild, TN | 727-499-8974

Lookoutwinery.com

Serving hand-crafted wines using old-time winemaking techniques, as well as wood-fired pizza and desserts. Indoor and outdoor seating with beautiful views of Nickajack Lake.

#### Jerome's Fine Swine & BBQ

**13212 TN-28, Whitwell, TN** | 423-658-8550

Chicken and pork barbecue served with a variety of sides of sauces. Mac and pepperjack cheese is a crowd-pleaser.

#### Landing Zone Grill

**13060** Hwy. **28**, Whitwell, TN | 423-815-4014 Fish, chicken and burgers served in a casual atmosphere in the beautiful Sequatchie Valley.





#### **South Pittsburg - Jasper** - Whitwell - Powell's Crossroads

#### Ramsey's BBQ

7096 Hwy. 28, Whitwell, TN 423-939-0433

Ribs, barbecue, chicken and lots of fixins' and desserts in the Sequatchie Valley.

#### The Chef's Restaurant 13329 TN-28, Whitwell, TN

423-658-0333 Facebook@The Chef's We have down home cooking, pizzas, burgers, and the best catfish east of the Mississippi.

#### **Whitwell Dairy Bar**

**13292 TN-28, Whitwell, TN** | 423-658-6050 Facebook@Whitwell Dairy Bar Popular stop for ice cream and frozen desserts.

#### The Hype

2630 TN-283, Powell's Crossroads, TN

423-364-6879 the-hype-2630.square.site

Coffees, Teas, Smoothies and More.

#### **Mountain Mart**

**4351** Hwy. **150**, Sequatchie, TN | 423-619-8616 mountainmart.net

Family-owned market near Denny Cove serving hot food and grocery items.

#### **Monteagle - Tracy City** Pelham - Gruetli - Laager **Coalmont - Palmer**

#### **Depot Cafe**

**403** W. Main St., Monteagle, TN | 931-924-2233 Facebook@The DEPOT CAFÉ

Family-style restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and homemade desserts.

#### **High Point Restaurant**

**224** E. Main St., Monteagle, TN | 931-924-4600

Highpointrestaurant.net Enjoy fine dining in this 1929 three-story mansion, presumably financed by Al Capone.

#### Jim Oliver's Smokehouse Restaurant, **Lodge & Trading Post**

850 W Main St., Monteagle, TN | 800-489-2091 Thesmokehouse.com

Southern-style breakfast, lunch and dinner served at this landmark establishment on Monteagle Mountain. Live music every Friday and Saturday night.

# **Dayton Mountain Farm District:**

#### **Oren Wooden's Apple House**

6351 New Harmony Rd., Pikeville, TN 423-447-6376

### **Phillip Wooden & Sons Farm Market**

3687 New Harmony Rd., Pikeville, TN 423-447-6621

#### **L&D Swafford Family Farm**

5394 Summer City Rd., Evensville, TN 423-618-2969

#### **Gary Swafford Farm**

489 Summer City Rd., Pikeville, TN 423-447-7480

#### **R&R Kuntry Pumpkin Center**

46901 TN-30, Pikeville, TN 423-447-6352

#### **Eddie Wooden Farms**

3762 New Harmony Rd., Pikeville, TN 423-468-0497

#### **Rodriquez Produce**

3157 Wooden Loop Rd., Pikeville, TN 423-447-2553





### **Monteagle Inn & Retreat Center**

204 W. Main St., Monteagle, TN 931-924-3869

Monteagleinn.com

931-924-7400

Breakfast served daily. Special occasion and wine dinners scheduled throughout the year.

#### **Mooney's Market & Emporium** 1265 W. Main St., Monteagle, TN

mooneysmarketandemporium.com Vegan juice bar and health food market.

#### **Mountain Goat Market**

**109** Main St., Monteagle, TN | 931-924-2727 mtngoatmarket.com

Popular stop for breakfast, lunch, dinner and coffee, desserts and a few grocery store goods.

#### Papa Ron's Pizza & Italian Steakhouse 402 W. Main St., Monteagle, TN

931-924-3355 Paparons.net Italian steakhouse and pizza in a casual atmosphere.

#### Dari-Delight

740 Main St., Tracy City, TN | 931-592-2226 dari-delight.business.site

Serving grill favorites.

#### **Dutch Maid Bakery**

109 Main St., Tracy City, TN | 931-592-3171

dutchmaid.net

Breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee and traditional bakery sweets and treats served at Tennessee's oldest familyowned bakery and café.

#### **Henry Flury & Sons Grocery**

**223 Main St, Tracy City, TN** | 931-592-5661 Facebook@Henry Flury & Sons Grocery

Established in 1905 by Henry Flury, this old-fashioned store serves sandwiches for lunch.

#### **Hank's Corner Grille**

**24 Main St., Tracy City, TN** | 931-592-4499

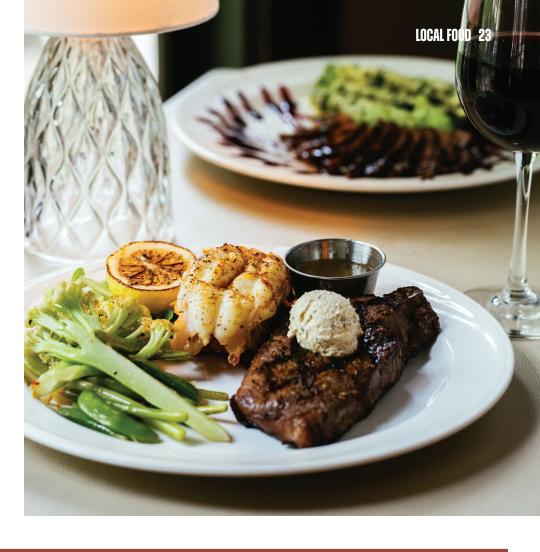
Facebook@hankscornergrill

Hank's Corner is a family friendly restaurant with a sports bar feel.

#### **Potbellies Family Restaurant** 268 Colyar St., Tracy City, TN

931-592-4662

Facebook @Potbellies Family Restaurant Family Restaurant featuring a Meat and Three and plenty of your Southern favorites.



# **VEGETARIAN & VEGAN OPTIONS** See ChattaVegan.com for additional information

#### Cashew

**149 River St., Chattanooga, TN** | 423-355-5486

Cashewchattanooga.com

Vegetarian / vegan restaurant in Chattanooga. Open Wed.-Sat.

#### **Clark's Bakery at Stone Cave** 612 Stone Cave Lp. - Unit A, Dunlap, TN

423-949-4333

Clarksretreat.com

Natural foods store specializing in whole grain breads and desserts.

#### Mooney's Market & Emporium 1265 W. Main St., Monteagle, TN

931-924-7400

mooneysmarketandemporium.com Vegan juice bar and natural foods grocery store.

#### Plant Power Café & Juice Bar 6215 Lee Hwy. Suite 137, Chattanooga, TN

423-702-2233

plantpowercafe.com

Vegan-raw-vegetarian meal friendly, as well as smoothies, juice and more.

#### Sluggo's North Vegetarian Café

505 Cherokee Blvd., Chattanooga, TN 423-752-5224

sluggos.weebly.com

Vegetarian / vegan restaurant in Chattanooga.

#### Real Roots Café

607 N. Market St., Chattanooga, TN 423-206-4802

Realrootscafe.square.site

Come and see for yourself how plant-based should

#### **Mountain Goat Market** 109 Main St., Monteagle, TN

931-924-2727

Mtngoatmarket.com Feed your face with local freshness.





#### **Monteagle - Tracy City** Pelham - Gruetli - Laager Coalmont - Palmer

#### **Rosie's Farmhouse Kitchen** 13947 US Hwy. 41, Tracy City, TN

931-592-2530 Facebook @rosiesfarmhousekitchen Family Restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and

#### Tess's Kitchen Café & RV Sites

1553 US-41, Pelham, TN | 931-467-8113 Facebook@tesskitchencafe Southern home cooking.

#### **Simply Southern Café**

1749 US-41, Pelham, TN | 931-467-2600 Facebook@SimplySouthernCafe Southern home cooking.

#### **Brown's Dairy Bar** 27210 TN-108, Gruetli-Laager, TN

931-779-5168 Grill favorites.

#### **The Southern Oven**

139 TN-399, Palmer, TN | 931-779-6836 Facebook@southernoven399 Southern home cooking.



# WINE,

#### Chattanooga Whiskey **Experimental Distillery** 1439 Market St., Chattanooga, TN

423-760-4333

Chattanoogawhiskey.com Public tours offered hourly (with paid admission). Pre-booking recommended. Private tours for groups of 10 or more available with reservation.

#### **Lookout Winery & Wood Oven Pizza** 11848 Hwy. 41, Guild, TN | 727-499-8974

Lookoutwinery.com Serving hand-crafted wines using old-time winemaking techniques, as well as wood-fired pizza and desserts. Indoor and outdoor seating with beautiful views of Nickajack Lake.

#### Monkey Town Brewing Co. **287 1st Ave., Dayton, TN** | 423-775-1800

Monkeytownbrewing.com Craft beer made in-house. Open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. Check website for live entertainment and events

#### **Morris Vineyard & Tennessee Mountainview Winery**

346 Union Grove Rd., Charleston, TN 423-479-7311

Morrisvineyard.com

Free wine tastings. Established in 1965, this vineyard grows grapes, muscadines, raspberries, blackberries and blueberries to produce 17 wine varieties. Pick-your-own berries offered seasonally.

#### **Ocoee Winery** 5365 Waterlevel Hwy., Cleveland, TN

423-614-5100

Ocoeewinerv.com

Offering a wide array of wines produced at the winery. Free tours by reservation only. Open seven days a week.

#### Savannah Oaks Winerv

1817 Delano Rd., Delano, TN | 423-263-1513

Facebook @Savannah Oaks Winery Free wine tastings. This family-owned winery grows their own grapes and produces 23 wines, specializing in muscadine. Located near the scenic Hiwassee River Blueway, this venue has an event hall and hosts weddings, receptions and special events.

#### **Tanasi Brewing** 3701 Hixson Pk., Chattanooga, TN

423-263-1513

tanasibrewing.com

Delicious Beers and Friendly Atmosphere Veteran owned Nanobrewery, Taproom, Homebrew Supply Shop with a Beer Garden & Dog Park out back. Kid and dog friendly.

# BEER & WHISKEY

#### Top of the Rock Restaurant & Brewery 1584 Jasper Highlands Blvd., Jasper, TN 423-939-9037

Topoftherockbrewery.com

Located at the top of Jasper Mountain in Jasper Highlands, you can see for miles from this expertly designed and situated restaurant and brewery. Try a range of house-brewed beers, a cocktail from the full-service bar, and fill up a growler to go. After a meal, walk the short bridge across to Pat's Summit pavilion, which also offers a lovely view of the valley below.

#### **Copperhill Brewery & Tap Room** 105 Ocoee St., Copperhill, TN & 307 Main St., Ducktown, TN

423-548-3030

copperhillbrewery.com

Welcome to Southeast Tennessee's first womenowned brewery! These two have a passion for great beer and community. A welcoming venue complete with spacious outdoor seating.

#### **Buck Bald Brewing** 160 Ocoee St., Copperhill, TN

706-431-7141

buckbaldbrewing.com

Named for this beautiful open peak in the Cherokee National Forest, this family-owned nanobrewery is a gem of Copperhill's west side. Buck Bald Brewing is the gathering spot for locals and travelers alike.

#### **Bankwalker Brewing Company** 405 Spring St., Pikeville, TN

423-447-3006

facebook, bankwalkerbrewingco Bankwalker Brewing Company brings a little bit of everything to Pikeville, TN. Bankwalker offers cold beer, live music, their Sunday evening SINGO, and good food

#### **Sequatchie Valley Brewing Company** 15662 Rankin Ave., Dunlap, TN

423-949-7468

svbrewco.com

We started our passion as homebrewers, which grew into the opening of Dunlap's first brewery. Our goal is to supply good times, good food, and good drinks to anyone who enters our doors

#### **Naked River Brewing & BBQ** 1791 Reggie White Blvd., Chattanooga, TN

423-541-1131

nakedriverbrewing.com

A massive evolving menu of beers on tap from traditional to wildly unique, creating experimental flavors with lactose, habaneros, and locally made Moon Pies. There is something for everyone, even BBQ smoked in-house daily.

#### **Chattanooga Brewing Company** 1804 Chestnut St., Chattanooga, TN

423-702-9958

chattabrew.com

Offering their "Four Core" beers and a wide array of seasonal brews, they also have a solid snack and pub fare menu. Not only can you enjoy a delicious craft beer in one of Chattanooga's oldest buildings or in their outdoor beer garden, but you can also purchase some to take home.

#### **Five Wits Brewing Company** 1501 Long St., Chattanooga, TN

423-541-5300

fivewitsbrewing.com

Tasty eats, knowledgeable staff, and their fabulous beers make Five Wits a great gathering place. Five Wits builds on the traditional foundation beers and creatively steps them up with a range of subtle to multi-dimensional flavors that truly will "tap into your senses".

#### **WanderLinger Brewing Company** 55 Station St., Chattanooga, TN

423-269-7979

wanderlinger.com

They're not just a brewery with great beer; they have amazing food selections, live local music, local art on the walls, and frequent events. It's a family-friendly atmosphere until 9pm daily.

#### **Oddstory Brewing Company** 1604 Central Ave., Chattanooga, TN

423-541-8560

oddstorybrewing.co

Oddstory utilizes four different 'house strains' of yeast to keep their draft wall as differentiated as possible. Those strains are responsible for their four flagship beers and allow them to push the boundaries of modern brewing.

#### **Hutton & Smith Brewing Company** 431 E MLK Blvd., Chattanooga, TN

423-760-3600

huttonandsmithbrewing.com You might know them as World Cup status winners. A solid, consistent range of styles keeps beer lovers coming back for more. With 20 beers on tap, finding a favorite won't be a problem!

#### **Tailgate Brewery** 1464 Market St., Chattanooga, TN

423-654-3850

tailgatebeer.com/chattanooga

Chattanooga is home to the fourth taproom of this East Nashville-based brewery. They opened in June of 2022 in the historic Strong Building across from the Choo-Choo, with 30 craft beers on draft, a craft pizza kitchen, and a seven-barrel brewhouse with Chattanooga-specific brews!







#### **Experience the Southeast Tennessee Brewery Trail**

Find your quide at welcome centers across the area and by visiting: southeasttennessee.com

A helpful guide to the area's best breweries.

















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# ON THE WATER



rom calm lakes to rushing rivers, Southeast Tennessee is woven together by water. Choose to raft the Ocoee River's premier whitewater rapids, paddle the family-friendly Hiwassee River Blueway, or spend the day fishing on any one of our scenic lakes. Grab your swimming suit and shades and plan for some wet and wild fun during your stay.



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The Ocoee River is known as the one of the premier whitewater rivers in the United States. Whether you're shooting the rapids along the 5-mile long Olympic whitewater course or paddling through rapids on the 5-mile middle section, the Ocoee River promises unbeatable thrills. The river runs through the Cherokee National Forest and is regulated by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Guided trips are scheduled March through October. Learn more at www.OcoeeCountry.com.

#### **OUTFITTERS:**

#### **Adventures Unlimited**

522 US-64, Ocoee, TN | 423-338-4325 Adventuresunlimited.net

#### **Big Frog Expeditions**

1278 Welcome Valley Rd., Benton, TN 877-776-2633 Ocoeeriver.biz

#### **Bigfoot Ocoee Outfitters**

702 Welcome Valley Rd., Benton, TN 423-225-5000 Bigfootoutfitters.com

#### **Ocoee River Experience**

414 Parksville Rd., Benton, TN 423-281-4959 ocoeriverexperience.com

#### Ace Ocoee Adventures

1697 US-64, Benton, TN 423-299-3909 aceocoeeadventures.com



#### Cascade Outdoors

1248 US-64, Ocoee, TN | 800-338-7238 Cascadeoutdoors.com

#### Cherokee Rafting

869 US-64, Ocoee, TN | 423-338-5124 Cherokeerafting.com

#### **Ocoee Watersports**

1025 US-64, Ocoee, TN | 423-650-6116 ocoeewatersports.com

#### **NOC Ocoee Outpost**

1680 US-64, Benton, TN | 423-212-1195

#### Ocoee Adventure Center (OAC)

4651 US-64, Copperhill, TN | 1-888-723-8622 Ocoeeadventurecenter.com

#### Ocoee Inn Rafting

Ocoee River Mile Marker 12.8 2496 US-64, Benton, TN | 423-338-9375 ocoeeinnrafting.com

#### Ocoee Rafting

1548 TN-68, Ducktown, TN | 423-496-3388 Ocoeerafting.com

#### Outdoor Adventure Rafting (OAR)

629 Welcome Valley Rd., Benton, TN | 423-338-5746 ocoee.com

#### **Outland Expeditions**

6501 Waterlevel Hwy. SE, Cleveland, TN 800-827-1442 Outlandexpeditions.com

#### **Quest Expeditions**

281 US-64, Ocoee, TN | 800-277-4537 Questexpeditions.com

4599 US-64, Copperhill, TN | 1-888-723-8663 Raft1.com

#### Whitewater Express

703 Golf Course Rd., Copperhill, TN | 423-496-9126 ocoee.whitewaterexpress.com

#### Wildwater LTD

4596 US-64 W, Ducktown, TN | 423-496-4904 Wildwaterrafting.com



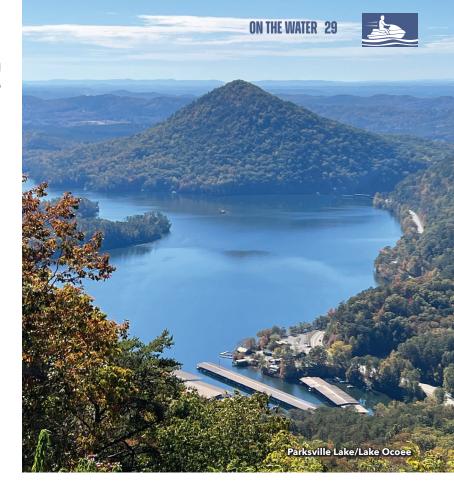
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# **PARKSVILLE LAKE** (LAKE OCOEE)

Parksville Lake, also known as Lake Ocoee, is a reservoir on the Ocoee River formed by the Tennessee Valley Authority's Dam No. 1. Completed in 1911, the dam was among the first hydroelectric projects in the region. It was acquired by TVA in 1939. The lake is set within the boundaries of the Cherokee National Forest near Benton, Tenn.

#### Lake Ocoee Inn & Marina

2496 US-64, Benton, TN | 423-338-2064 Ocoeeinn.com

#### Parksville Lake Campground

3171 US-64, Benton, TN | 423-338-3300 Fs.usda.gov

# **MCKAMY LAKE** (CHILHOWEE LAKE)

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McKamy Lake, also known as Chilhowee Lake, is located on top of Chilhowee Mountain overlooking the Ocoee River within the Cherokee National Forest. This 7-acre lake is popular for swimming, fishing, paddling, and camping.

#### Chilhowee Recreation Area & Campground 3171 US-64, Benton, TN | 423-338-3300 Fs.usda.gov



The Hiwassee River offers family-friendly whitewater adventure and trout fishing in the upper section of the river and motorized water recreation, bass fishing, and bird watching in the lower section. The river meanders through the Cherokee National Forest and the historic towns of Reliance, Delano, Charleston, and Calhoun, offering spectacular views of the regional natural landscape and numerous cultural heritage sites. Visit www.HiwasseeBlueway.com for more information.

#### Webb Brothers Rafting & General Store

3708 TN-30, Reliance, TN | 423-338-2373 Webbbros.com

#### **Hiwassee Outfitters**

155 Ellis Creek Rd., Reliance, TN | 423-338-8115 Hiwasseeoutfitters.com

#### **B&B Marina**

Hiwassee River Mile Marker 12.9 117 Marina Dr. NW, Charleston, TN | 423-336-2341 Facebook@B&B Marina

#### Gee Creek Campground

@ Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park

404 Spring Creek Rd., Delano, TN | 423-263-0050 Tnstateparks.com

#### John Muir National Recreation Trail

Reliance, TN

Ocoee-Hiwassee Ranger Station: 423-338-3300
The 20.7-mile John Muir National Recreation Trail winds through the scenic Hiwassee River Gorge and Cherokee National Forest. It is said to follow the path taken by naturalist John Muir in 1867, which he outlined in his book "A Thousand-Mile Walk to the Gulf." The trail begins at Childers Creek in Reliance and follows alongside the Hiwassee River for 4.2 miles to Towee Creek before heading to Coker Creek Scenic Area.

# **HIWASSEE RIVER**





# SUCH A RIVER IS THE HIWASSEE,

WITH ITS SURFACE BROKEN TO A THOUSAND SPARKLING GEMS, AND ITS FOREST WALLS VINE-DRAPED AND FLOWERY AS EDEN.
AND HOW FINE THE SONG SHE SINGS.
~JOHN MUIR

# FISHING GUIDES & SUPPLIES

#### **Chattanooga Fishing Guides**

391 Skip Ln., Soddy-Daisy, TN | 423-240-5389 Chattanoogafishingguides.com Bass fishing guides on Chickamauga Lake and the Tennessee River.

#### **Real Deal Tackle**

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7787 Rhea Co. Hwy., Dayton, TN | 423-285-5032 realdealtackle.com
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#### Reliance Fly & Tackle

588 Childers Creek Rd., Reliance, TN | 423-338-7771 relianceflyandtackle.com

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#### **Scenic City Fishing Charters**

Chattanooga, TN | 423-509-4655 Sceniccityfishing.com Tennessee River fishing guide service based in Chattanooga, specializing in trophy catfish, bass and crappie.

#### **Southeastern Anglers**

107 Riverview Ln., Reliance, TN | 770-655-9210 southeasternanglers.com
Fly fishing outfitter and guide service focusing on regional rivers and streams.

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#### **Sullivans Bait & Tackle**

US-72, Chattanooga, TN Old-time bait and tackle shop located near Sullivan's Landing on the Tennessee River.



# THE LITTLE FLOWER THAT COULD!

#### Ruth's Golden Aster is the tiny flower that embodies the spirit of Polk County!

Our county was founded by strong people who made a life out of these hardscrabble mountains just as this extremely rare, yellow-petaled, silvery-leaved perennial herb clings to the tiny soil deposits in the rock that anchors these flowers to the source of the limited nutrients that they need to survive. Similar to our river guides and recreational boaters, these plants need the repetitive flooding of the rivers to keep them alive! Only Polk County's Hiwassee and Ocoee River locations have the precise confluence of hydrology, location, and geology to provide the perfect habitat that allows this proud little flower to continue to fight for its survival.

Ruth's Golden Aster's main threats include its specific habitat, pollution of the water system through drainage, spills, and runoff from farms and industrial operations (especially on the Ocoee), as well as accidental trampling by hikers and boaters. Other issues include climate change and the changes in weather patterns that it brings, as well as the plans to widen Hwy 64 through the Ocoee gorge.

This is where you come in! By purchasing this patch or sticker, through the Hiwassee State Park office, the funds generated by this purchase will be used to restore or stabilize current populations, increase monitoring beyond the 3-season mark to determine the true efficacy of the restoration efforts, and continue positive steps toward reintroducing this species and hopefully someday removing it as an endangered plant.







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# **TENNESSEE RIVER**



The 652-mile Tennessee River is formed at the confluence of the Holston and French Broad rivers to the east of Knoxville and flows south into Alabama and Mississippi and then north into Kentucky where it empties into the Ohio River. In the Southeast Tennessee, three dams create reservoirs along the river: Watts Bar Lake, Chickamauga Lake, and Nickajack Lake.

Water recreation on the Tennessee River and its tributaries is a growing activity in the Chattanooga region. A number of communities and businesses throughout the region provide river access, fishing, marinas, outfitters, food, lodging and camping. For more information, visit www.TVA.gov.

#### **OUTFITTERS:**

#### L2 Outside

L2outside.com Located in downtown Chattanooga, offering SUP board

131 River St., Chattanooga, TN | 423-531-7873

and kayak rentals, lessons and various group options.

#### **River Canyon Adventures**

21726 River Canyon Rd., Chattanooga, TN 423-488-8211

Rivercanyonadventure.com

Located 10 mins from downtown Chattanooga, offering kayak and SUP boards to individuals and groups to

#### **Gearhead Outfitters**

Office: 1530 Riverside Dr., Chattanooga, TN 423-265-1836 gearheadoutfitters.com

#### Rusty's Kayaks and Paddle Boards @ Harrison Bay State Park 8332 Harrison Bay Rd., Harrison, TN

423-591-5526 Rustyskayaks.com Rent sit-on-top kayaks or stand up paddle boards for up to a full day on Chickamauga Lake.

#### Scenic City Safari Shuttles & Outfitters

1111 Cranbrook Cir., Hixson, TN 423-653-4845

Facebook@sceniccitysafarishuttles&outfitters Full-service canoe, kayak, and stand up paddleboard rental and shuttle service.

#### Southeastern Adventure Tours

1117 Dayton Blvd., Chattanooga, TN 423-800-4644

Southeasternadventuretours.com Outdoor recreation company offering 4-hour tours of the Tennessee River Gorge in inflatable rafts propelled by outboard motors.

outshineadventures.com | 423-763-7357 Outshine Adventures provides unique, quided and equipped paddleboard tours on Chattanooga waterways. We can customize tours for you and your group, and we provide all the equipment and planning.

# **CHICKAMAUGA LAKE**

that stretches 59 miles from Chickamauga Dam in Chattanooga to Watts Bar Dam in Ten Mile, Tenn. The lake features several parks and is popular for boating, visit www.TVA.gov.

TN River Mile Marker 504.4 220 Blue Water Campground Rd., Dayton, TN 423-775-3265 Bluewaterdayton.com

#### Booker T. Washington State Park Marina

5801 Champions Rd., Chattanooga, TN 423-894-4955

#### **Outshine Adventures**

Chickamauga Lake is a reservoir on the Tennessee River fishing, swimming, and camping. For more information,

#### Blue Water RV Resort & Marina

Tnstateparks.com



parks.hamiltontn.gov

#### **Cottonport Marina and RV Resort**

797 Cottonport Ferry Rd., Decatur, TN 423-454-4110 cottonport.wixsite.com/marinarvresort

#### **Dayton Boat Dock**

175 Lakeshore Dr., Dayton, TN | 423-775-4701 Fishdayton.com

#### Harrison Bay State Park Marina

TN River Mile Marker 478 8411 Harrison Bay Rd., Harrison, TN 423-344-6214 Tnstateparks.com

#### **Island Cove Marina & Resort**

TN River Mile Marker 477.5 6701 TN-58, Harrison, TN | 423-344-8331 islandcove.com

#### Lakeshore Marina

TN River Mile Marker 471 5600 Lake Resort Terr., Chattanooga, TN 423-870-2000 Lsmarina.com

#### Soddy Lake Public Fishing Pier

11306 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 423-332-5323 soddydaisy.org

# **NICKAJACK LAKE**

Nickajack Lake is a reservoir on the Tennessee River that extends 46 miles from Nickajack Dam to Chickamauga Dam. The reservoir offers wide expanses of water for boating, paddling, swimming, and other outdoor recreation activities. For more information, visit www.TVA.

#### Hales Bar Marina & Resort

TN River Mile Marker 431.1L 1265 Hales Bar Rd., Guild, TN | 423-942-9000 Halesbarmarina.com



# **WATTS BAR LAKE**

Watts Bar Lake is a reservoir on the Tennessee River that extends 72 miles from Watts Bar Dam in Ten Mile, Tenn., to Fort Loudon Dam in Lenoir City, Tenn. Watts Bar Lake is popular for boating, fishing, swimming, camping, and other outdoor activities. For more information about attractions on Watts Bar Lake, visit www.MeigsTN.com and www.TVA.gov.

#### **Arrowhead Resort & Marina**

TN River Mile Marker 544.6 261 Bennett Dr., Spring City, TN | 423-365-6484 Arrowheadresort.com

#### **Cottonport Marina & RV Resort**

TN River Mile Marker 513.7 797 Cottonport Ferry Rd., Decatur, TN 423-454-4110 cottonport.wixsite.com

#### **Spring City Resort & Marina**

TN River Mile Marker 532 2109 New Lake Rd., Spring City, TN 423-365-5150 springcityresortandmarina.com

#### **Euchee Marina Resort & Campground**

TN River Mile Marker 540.5 200 Euchee Ln., Ten Mile, TN | 423-334-1004 Eucheemarinaresort.com

#### Sam's Boat Dock

TN River Mile Marker 538.5 322 Sam's Boat Dock Rd., Ten Mile, TN 423-334-5620 Facebook@samsboatdock

#### Terrace View Marina, Resort & Restaurant

3367 Euchee Chapel Rd., Spring City, TN 423-365-6060 Terraceviewmarina.com

#### Whites Creek Marina & Lakeside Resort

1190 Whites Creek Rd., Spring City, TN | 423-365-9521 whitescreeklakesideresort.com







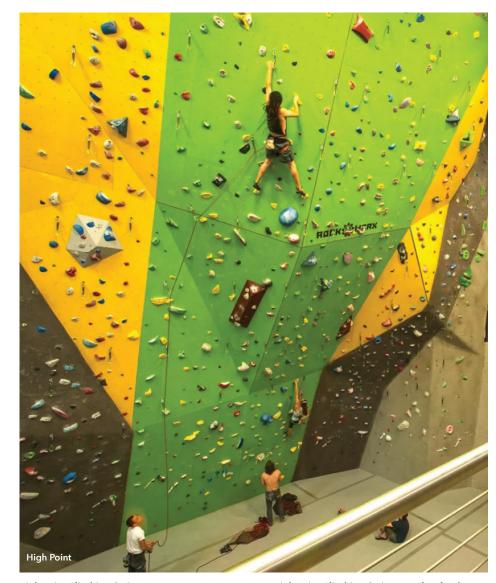
Southeast Tennessee calls to those who love the outdoors. The region's lush landscape, contoured by majestic rivers, ridges, and mountains, offers a wide range of outdoor activities for visitors of all ages.

# SOUTHEASTTENNESSEE.COM

# ROCK CLIMBING IN SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE

Southeast Tennessee is recognized as the southeastern capital for rock climbing. This incredible climbing destination offers it all - classic climbs to steep sport routes to perfect boulder problems – and there is an expanding inventory of crags and boulder fields that are being established and opened to the public.

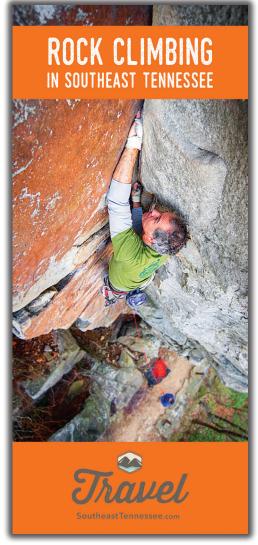
The Southeast Tennessee Tourism Association partnered with regional climbing advocates to create a rock climbing guide that highlights a collection of the most popular climbing areas within an hour's drive of Chattanooga. A pdf version of the guide is available at SoutheastTennessee.com.



#### High Point Climbing & Fitness

Two locations: 219 Broad St., Chattanooga, TN 423-602-7625 1007 Appling St., Chattanooga, TN | 423-475-6578 Highpointclimbing.com

Highpointclimbing.com Indoor rock-climbing gyms in downtown Chattanooga. High Point Climbing & Fitness - Cleveland 2499 Keith St. NW., Cleveland, TN 423-250-8023 Highpointclimbing.com Indoor rock-climbing gym.



**Synergy Climbing and Ninja** 427 E. Main St., Chattanooga, TN synergyclimbingandninja.com

Lisa Rands and Wills Young are world-renowned climbing coaches, and American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) certified instructors with over 60 years of climbing experience between them.



# STATE PARKS



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# The Cumberland Trail (CT) Cumberland Trail State Park: 423-566-2229 Cumberlandtrail.org

The Cumberland Trail is a Tennessee scenic footpath that follows a line of high ridges and deep gorges along East Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau. Currently, 15 segments of trail have been developed, with more than 210 miles of trail open for hiking. The southern terminus of the trail is located at the Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park on Signal Mountain just outside of Chattanooga. The northern terminus of the trail is located at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park at the TN/KY/VA borders.

#### Fall Creek Falls State Park

2009 Village Camp Rd., Spencer, TN | 423-881-5298 Tnstateparks.com

In addition to Fall Creek Falls, one of the tallest waterfalls in the eastern United States, the park features smaller waterfalls and more than 34 miles of trails.

#### **Harrison Bay State Park**

8411 Harrison Bay Rd., Harrison, TN | 423-344-6214 Tnstateparks.com

Harrison Bay State Park lines 40 miles of Chickamauga Lake shoreline and features marina facilities, RV and tent campsites, a 4.5-mile loop trail, and the Bear Trace Golf Course at Harrison Bay, a Jack Nicklaus course.

#### **Booker T. Washington State Park**

5801 Champions Rd., Chattanooga, TN 423-894-4955

Tnstateparks.com

Situated on the shores of Chickamauga Lake featuring a 6-mile mountain bike trail, Olympic-sized swimming pool, three large picnic pavilions and individual picnic sites.

#### Piney Falls State Natural Area

Part of the Cumberland Trail Firetower Rd., Grandview, TN | 423-566-2229 A 440-acre natural area featuring hiking trails, creeks, waterfalls and old-growth forest.

#### **Red Clay State Historic Park**

1140 Red Clay Park Rd. SW, Cleveland, TN 423-478-0339

Instateparks.com

This park brings to life the reality of the removal of Cherokee life during the 19th century. Located on the land where the Cherokee council once met, this park provides opportunities to learn about Cherokee heritage. Amenities include an amphitheater and a picnic area.

#### Savage Gulf State Park

1183 Stone Door Rd, Beersheba Springs, TN 931-779-3532 Tnstateparks.com

Tennessee has a new state park, and it's an area that has split from another state park! Savage Gulf State Park used to be part of South Cumberland State Park, but it deserves its own title.

Located in Grundy and Sequatchie counties, this new park will feature the almost 19000-acre Savage Gulf State Natural Area. The park offers approximately 60 miles of hiking to remarkable vistas, waterfalls, and historical locations such as the Stagecoach Road. The highlight of the new park is the Great Stone Door, which is an impressive cliff line overlook. It gets its name from the top-to-bottom crack in the cliff that runs from the top to the bottom, resembling a door left slightly ajar.

#### North Chickamauga Creek Gorge State Park

354 Montlake Road, Soddy Daisy, TN 423-708-8313

Tnstateparks.com

Cut into the sandstone of Walden's Ridge, a beautiful new state park makes up a deep gorge and spans about ten miles. North Chickamauga Creek Gorge State Park is located in Hamilton and Sequatchie counties, and it offers a wide variety of diverse wildlife.

This area was designated as a state natural area in 1999, but its popularity for activities like whitewater kayaking and trout fishing pushed the state to give it the title of state park. The park offers over 20 miles of hiking trails, which form a portion of the 300-mile Cumberland Trail.

Upcoming plans for the park include improved parking areas, a visitor's center, ADA viewing platform, and trail improvements. With its close proximity to Chattanooga, this new state park is sure to be a huge hit for tourists and locals

#### **Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Parks**

404 Spring Creek Rd., Delano, TN 888-867-2757

Tnstateparks.com

Currently managed jointly, the separation of these two distinct areas will mean there's technically a new state park. Hiwassee Scenic River State Park was founded in 1972, with the management of the Ocoee River being added in 1984. In 2024, the ten-mile stretch of the Ocoee River was designated as the first-ever Olympic River due to its history hosting the kayaking competitions from the 1996 Summer Olympic

The Hiwassee State Scenic River offers 85 acres of public access to the river, including public launch ramps, picnicking area, campground, Visitor Center, and support facilities. Prized for rafting, canoeing, and kayaking, it also provides high quality, resource-based recreation and educational opportunities through camping, picnicking, and hiking. Operation will continue under Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park as initial activities are conducted to develop both as state parks. All reservations and permits will be honored. No action is required from guests or outfitters related to the separation of operations.



# **OUTDOOR RESOURCES**



#### **Outdoor Chattanooga**

200 River St., Chattanooga, TN | 423-643-6888 Outdoorchattanooga.com

Located within Coolidge Park on the banks of the Tennessee River, this resource center offers outdoor information for the region and outdoor programs for all ages and abilities.



#### **Experience Chattanooga**

423-834-4197

experiencechattanooganow.com

Seeking adventure? Experience Chattanooga offers guided tours for all ages & skill levels. Let them lead you to the best mountain views & waterfalls around!"



#### REI

2507 Lifestyle Way, Chattanooga, TN | 423-485-1249 rei.com

The REI Chattanooga store is a premier outdoor gear and sporting goods store serving outdoor enthusiasts in Southeast Tennessee.



#### **Velo View Bike Tours**

veloviewbiketours.com | 423-834-8388

Velo View Bike Tours provides a personalized cycling experience through private custom bike tours. From our home base in Chattanooga, Tennessee, we have access to some of the best cycling in the country - road riding, mountain biking and gravel grinding!



#### **Outshine Adventures**

outshineadventures.com | 423-763-7357

Outshine Adventures provides unique, guided and equipped paddleboard tours on Chattanooga waterways. We can customize tours for you and your group, and we provide all the equipment and planning.

# **SOUTH CUMBERLAND STATE PARK**

South Cumberland State Park is Tennessee's largest state park, comprised of 30,845 acres in nine separate sections of the park along the South Cumberland Plateau. The area features nearly 100 miles of walking and hiking trails, spectacular waterfalls, blue holes, and opportunities for rock climbing and back country camping.

### Visitor Center - South Cumberland State Park

11745 US-41, Monteagle, TN | 931-924-2980 Hours: Monday-Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST TNstateparks.com

#### Savage Gulf Ranger Station

3157 TN-399, Palmer, TN | 931-779-3532 Overnight parking for camping only. Distance from Visitor Center: 27 miles The Savage Gulf ranger station is the eastern access point for the Savage Gulf-Stone Door trail system.

#### **Stone Door Ranger Station**

1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, TN 931-692-3887

Overnight parking for camping only.
Distance from Visitor Center: 25.7 miles
The Stone Door ranger station is the western access
point for the Savage Gulf-Stone Door trail system.

# Foster Falls Campground @ South Cumberland State Park

Camping type: 26 rustic campsites 498 Foster Falls Rd., Sequatchie, TN Reservations required: 931-924-2980 TNstateparks.com

#### Backcountry Camping @South Cumberland State Park

Reservations: 931-924-2980 The park has over 90 miles of backpacking trails with 93 campsites and eight group sites.

#### Hobbs Cabin Rustic Lodge @ South Cumberland State Park

Reservations: 931-924-2980 This rustic tin roof cabin lies along the park's North Plateau Trail and is approximately a 9-mile hike from both the Stone Door and Savage Gulf ranger stations.



#### Trailheads • South Cumberland State Parks BEERSHEBA SPRINGS SAVAGE GULF NORTH 108 (56) SAVAGE GULF EAST [41] SAVAGE GULF WEST GREETER FALLS RANGER FALLS BIG CREEK GULF ALTAMONT SAVAGE GULF SOUTH 108 GRUETLI-LAAGER PALMER COALMONT ALTO FIERY GIZZARD NORTH WHITWELL SEWANEE GRUNDY FOREST 41 FIERY GIZZARD SOUTH 41A SEQUATCHIE LOST COVE NORTH **DENNY COVE** (56) LOST COVE WEST LOST COVE CAVE ('BUGGYTOP') & PETER CAVE State Parks SOUTH PITTSBURG 72 156

# FRIENDS OF SOUTH CUMBERLAND



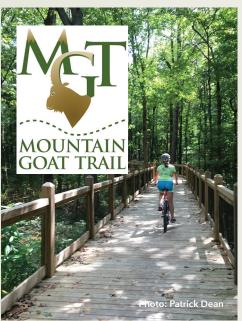
#### Friends of South Cumberland Sewanee, TN

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The Friends of South Cumberland is a group of volunteer citizens dedicated to supporting the South Cumberland State Park, at 30,837 acres, Tennessee's largest state park. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit membership corporation, funding for the Friends of South Cumberland is derived from individual and corporate memberships and from private donations.







#### **Mountain Goat Trail**

The Rail-Trail of the South Cumberland Plateau
The Mountain Goat Trail is a rail-to-trail system that
connects communities along the historic path of the
Mountain Goat Trail in a region known as the South
Cumberland Plateau in Southeast Tennessee.



Currently, the 4.6-mile Sewanee-Monteagle section of the trail begins in Sewanee, Tenn., and ends at Mountain Outfitters in Monteagle, Tenn. A new 3-mile segment connects Tracy City Elementary School to downtown Tracy City.

The Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, a nonprofit organization, is working to complete the entire 40-mile trail, retracing the railroad's former route from Cowan to Palmer.

MountainGoatTrail.org

# **CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST**

#### Visitor Center: Ocoee Ranger District Office

Hours: 8 am - 4:30 pm / Mon-Fri 3171 Hwy. 64, Benton, TN | 423-338-3300 Fs.usda.gov

The Cherokee National Forest is comprised of four ranger districts: the Ocoee, Tellico, Unaka, and Watauga. The Ocoee Ranger District (94,628 acres) in Southeast Tennessee is the southernmost district in the forest. It includes the following areas: Chilhowee Recreation Area, Rock Creek Gorge Scenic Area, Little Frog Wilderness Area, Big Frog Wilderness Area, and Cohutta Wilderness Area. This section of the forest offers camping, boating, hiking, biking, horseback riding, whitewater rafting, kayaking, picnicking, and swimming.





#### Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park

3370 Lafayette Rd., Fort Oglethorpe, GA 706-866-9241

The oldest and largest of America's Civil War parks.

#### Moccasin Bend National Archaeological District

Moccasin Bend Rd., Chattanooga, TN | 423-648-5623

A 750-acre historic park features two trails: the Brown's Ferry Federal Road Trailhead and the Blue Blazes Hiking Trail.

#### **Red Clay State Historic Park**

1140 Red Clay Park Rd. SW, Cleveland, TN 423-478-0339

Tnstateparks.com

This former capital of the Cherokee Nation is today a historic park that features a museum, replicas of Cherokee structures, the Eternal Flame, and a loop trail that passes the sacred Blue Hole Springs.

### **HISTORIC PARKS & STATE FORESTS**



#### **Bledsoe State Forest**

310 Firetower Rd., Sewanee, TN | 615-202-9393 This forest is used for hunting and small amounts of fishing. Some hiking and horesback riding occur on the 8,274 acre Cumberland Plateau forest.

#### Franklin State Forest

310 Firetower Rd., Sewanee, TN | 615-202-9393 The forest offers 20 miles of marked trails for hiking. bird watching, mountain biking, horseback riding and hunting on the Cumberland Plateau.

#### **Prentice Cooper State Forest**

Office: Suck Creek Drive on Suck Creek Mtn., Chattanooga, TN 423-658-5551

Prentice Cooper State Forest protects nearly 26,000 acres and highlights the spectacular Tennessee River Gorge along the Tennessee River. Recreation activities include hiking, rock climbing, camping, horseback riding, mountain biking and hunting. The forest offers 35 miles of hiking on three main trails: the 12-mile Pot Point Loop Trail, the 10-mile Mullen's Cove Loop Trail, and a 14-mile section of the Cumberland Trail. The section of Prentice Cooper east of Highway 27 is a designated Wildlife Management Area, managed in cooperation with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency for deer, turkey, raccoon, squirrel and several nongame species. Call or check the website for hunting closure dates before visiting

# **BENTON MACKAYE TRAIL (BMT)**



# HORSEBACK RIDING



#### **Blanche Manor**

the year.

160 Blanche Manor Ln., Copperhill, TN Blanchemanor.com Explore the mountains by saddle any time during

#### Fall Creek Falls Riding Stables

2532 Archie Rhinehart Pkwy., Spencer, TN 931-946-1969

fallcreekfallsridingstables.com Two-mile guided rides available, as well as trail rides (with reservations). March-November.

#### Hidden Hills Farm & Saddle

5900 Edgemon Rd., Ooltewah, TN | 423-488-3993 Hiddenhillsfarm.com A 500-acre family farm offering boarding, riding lessons, guided trail rides, horse shows and events.

#### Ocoee Horseride

515 Old Bacon Rd. NE, Charleston, TN 423-432-2376 Ocoeehorseride.com Privately owned ranch offering guided horseback trail rides for all ages and experience levels.

#### **Tennessee Dude & Guest Ranch**

1050 Ray Hixson Rd., Dunlap, TN | 423-554-4677 Tnhorsevacation.com

Enjoy dude ranch stays, farm stays and horseback riding adventures in the beautiful Sequatchie Valley.

Trail (BMT) in Tennessee! Enjoy scenic hikes by the Hiwassee River, marvel at waterfalls like Upper Bald River Falls, and soak in the panoramic views from atop Buck Bald and Whigg Meadow. Perfect for family hikes, leisurely strolls, or backpacking wilderness adventures, the BMT spans 288 miles across Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. In Tennessee, the trail winds through the Cherokee National Forest as well

as five Wilderness Areas. Discover colorful wildflowers - lady slippers, dwarf crested iris, a wide array of trillium, fire pink and more. Tree-size rhododendrons and flame azaleas will not disappoint in the spring. Catch a glimpse of wildlife – bear, deer, bobcats, turkey, wild hogs and foxes.

Explore the stunning beauty of the Southern

Appalachian Mountains on the Benton MacKaye

Lost Creek is a stunning, kid and dog-friendly hike near Reliance, Tennessee. The 2.7-mile trail runs alongside the creek and kids and dogs can play below gentle waterfalls in a limestone gorge.

The Hiwassee River offers an 8.6-mile hike beginning at the BMT's Childers Creek Trailhead. It offers lovely river views, a picnic spot at the rocky point, as well as a campsite with a swimming beach further upstream. At 22.9 miles, the Upper Bald River Falls Wilderness Loop is a backpacker's delight! Start your hike at the Brookshire Creek Trailhead. Check out the glistening

cascades of whitewater rushing over Upper Bald River Falls. The trail meanders through several scenic gaps to reach Waucheesi Bald, a perfect camping spot on a beautiful grassy bald.

Bring your family and dog for a picnic on Whigg Meadow, just 1.6 miles from the BMT's Mud Gap Trailhead. In the spring, striking flame azaleas are scattered around the emerald green bald. Snack on blueberries and blackberries while admiring the far-off mountains!

Located near the Tennessee/North Carolina state line, Unicoi Gap is a site on the historic Unicoi Turnpike National Historic Trail (UTNHT), which intersects the BMT just south of the gap. After the Cherokee Removal the UTNHT was recognized as a segment of the Trail of Tears. The trek from the BMT's Unicoi Gap Trailhead offers a strenuous nine-mile hike. including a beautiful ridge line walk along the Tennessee/North Carolina state line, an engraved stone marker on the state line as well as the ruins of the historic Doc Rogers' House. It's a perfect mix of history and nature!

To learn more about these hikes on the BMT, go to bmta.org or contact Joy Forehand, jforehand@bmta.







#### Appalachian Bee Farm

1943 Old Federal Rd., Ocoee, TN | 423-338-1149 Honeybeesrock.com

Producing 100 percent pure raw unfiltered artisan honeys and hone products, as well as natural skincare products. Visit the farm, sample products, peek at the observation hike, and learn more about honeybees. Call for tour information.

#### **Guthrie Pumpkin Farm & Corn Maze**

490 County Rd. 67, Riceville, TN | 423-650-2939 guthriepumpkinfarm.com Bring the family for fun farm activities including a hayride, corn maze, petting barn, and more.

#### **Mayfield Dairy Farm Park**

257 TN-307, Athens, TN | 423-746-9859 mayfieldfarmpark.com Dedicated to providing genuine, fall family fun for all ages with 40 acres of safe, old fashioned attractions.

#### Ocoee Valley Farms

1371 Hwy. 64, Benton, TN 423-650-0710 ocoeevalleyfarms.com Come pick sunflowers, cosmos, zinnias, and pumpkins. Experience the 8-acre corn maze and other attractions for the whole family.

#### River Maze - Ocoee Valley Farms

1371 Hwy. 64, Benton, TN 423-650-0710 Therivermaze.com Corn maze, pumpkin patch, hayrides and more.

#### **Ocoee Riverside Farm**

1087 Reynolds Bridge Rd, Benton, TN 423-241-3738 ocoeevalleyfarms.com Come stay a night in the camel condo or a covered wagon and have encounters with kangaroos, sloths, camels, horses and more at this family owned farm.

# **FARM FUN**

#### Sequatchie Cove Farm 320 Dixon Cove Rd., Sequatchie, TN

423-802-0516 Sequatchiecovefarm.com Saturday trading post with seasonal vegetables, meat, and eggs.







### **GARDENS**

#### **Delano Davlilies**

153 County Rd. 854, Delano, TN | 423-263-9323 Four acres with over 1,400 varieties of daylilies during bloom season. (May-July)

#### **Ponds & Plants**

1668 Rhea County Hwy., Dayton, TN | 423-570-1234 Pondsnplants.com

Nature and art collide at this unique venue that includes wildlife exhibits, sculpture gardens and a natural playscape. Admission fee

#### **Reflection Riding Arboretum & Nature Center**

400 Garden Rd., Chattanooga, TN | 423-821-1160 Reflectionriding.org

Visit the arboretum to enjoy walking trails, wildlife exhibits, the Discovery Forest Treehouse, educational programs and paddling on Lookout Creek.

Admission fee.

#### **Sunshine Hollow**

198 County Rd. 52, Athens, TN | 423-745-2936 Sunshinehollow.com

Visit the nursery and display gardens to enjoy 1,750 varieties of daylilies, dahlias, roses and hostas. Enjoy bakery treats at Sunshine Hollow Bakery.

#### Lorenzen Farms

1374 New Bethel Rd., Dayton, TN 423-883-4400 Lorenzenflowerfarm.com Pick your own flowers!









## **OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE FUN**

#### Adventure Off-Road Park

1040 Ellis Cove Rd., South Pittsburg, TN 423-582-7060

Adventureoffroadpark.com A 500-acre private property offering off-road experiences on more than 120 trails with a variety of difficulty levels. Camping available.

#### **Aetna Mountain Adventures**

319 West Hills Dr., Chattanooga, TN 423-933-2198 sfwda.org Chattanooga's #1 off-roading outdoor adventure park

#### **Trials Training Center**

300 Woodland Rd., Sequatchie, TN | 423-942-8688 Trialstrainingcenter.com

A motorcycle vacation destination offering training to improve riding skills and techniques.

## **URBAN PARKS & TRAILS**

#### Armstrong Ferry Recreation Area

6450 Armstrong Ferry Rd., Decatur, TN 423-618-3715

#### Audubon Acres

900 N. Sanctuary Rd., Chattanooga, TN | 423-892-1499 Chattanoogaaudubon.org

#### Brainerd Levee Trailhead

Trailheads @ Shallowford Rd. and Camp Jordan Park City of Chattanooga Parks | 423-425-6311 Outdoorchattanooga.com

#### Camp Jordan

323 Camp Jordan Pkwy., East Ridge, TN 423-463-4391 Eastridgeparksandrec.com

#### Chester Frost Park

2277 N. Gold Point Cir., Hixson, TN 423-209-6894 parks.hamiltontn.gov

#### Cleveland/Bradley Co. Greenway

2487 Keith St. NW, Cleveland, TN | 423-479-4129 Cbcgreenway.com

#### Coolidge Park

150 River St., Chattanooga, TN | 423-643-6311 Chattanooga.gov

#### **Enterprise South Nature Park**

190 Still Hollow Lp., Chattanooga, TN 423-209-5350 parks.hamiltontn.gov

#### Eureka Trail

1400 E. Madison Ave., Athens to Engelwood, TN 423-744-2700 Cityofathenstn.com

#### **Greenway Farms**

5051 Gann Store Rd., Hixson, TN | 423-643-6311 Northchick.org

#### Harris Park

245 Cedar St. Dunlap, TN

#### Stringer's Ridge

Trailheads @ Spears Ave. and Bell Ave., Chattanooga, TN 423-643-6888 Chattanooga.gov

#### **Tennessee Riverwalk**

Paved greenway stretches 16 miles from Chickamauga Dam through downtown Chattanooga to the base of Lookout Mountain, and from downtown to Camp Jordan. 423-209-5370 Parks.hamiltontn.gov

#### Walnut Street Pedestrian Bridge

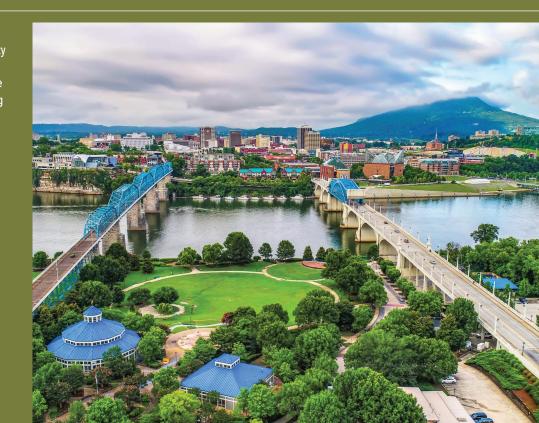
1 Walnut St., Chattanooga, TN | 423-643-6311 walnutstreetbridge.com



# NORTH AMERICA'S FIRST NATIONAL PARK CITY!

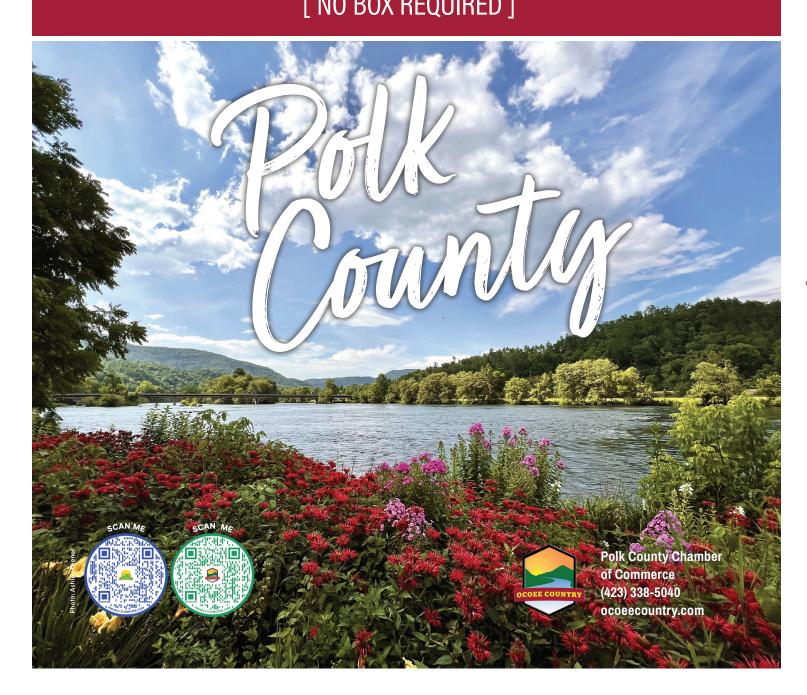
Chattanooga is officially North America's first
National Park City! Everyone in a National Park City
is able to benefit and contribute every day. It is a
large-scale and long-term vision that is achievable
through many actions. Much is already happening
but by working, learning, sharing and acting
together, across communities and governments,
we can achieve even more.

Chattanooga is a place unlike anywhere else: a city that is not merely close to nature and diverse, but whose citizens are close to nature and each other. Our identity as a National Park City will not be a new direction for Chattanooga - it will be in recognition of who we have always been and a commitment to the journey to include more faces and places along the way. As a National Park City, we are excited to commit to this work and share what we learn from it with the world.





# THINK OUTSIDE [NO BOX REQUIRED]



### **ZIPLINES & SOARING**

**Bigfoot Adventure TN Zipline** 514 Brawley Rd., Tracy City, TN | 931-488-8652 Bigfootadventuretn.com

#### **Chattanooga Skydiving Company**

300 Airport Rd., Jasper, TN | 855-776-5867 Chattanoogaskydivingcompany.com Tandem skydiving instruction in the beautiful Sequatchie Valley.

#### **Chilhowee Gliderport**

8261 US-411 N., Benton, TN | 423-338-2000 Chilhowee.com

Motorless flight over the beautiful Tennessee countryside.

#### Flying Camp Paragliding

1692 Window Rock Rd, Dunlap, TN | 423-355-1477 Flying.camp

Paragliding tandem flights, instruction and equipment sales in the Sequatchie Valley. Seasonal operations from April to October with flying almost every day.

#### **Lookout Mountain Flight Park**

7201 Scenic Hwy., Rising Fawn, GA | 706-383-1292

Hang gliding resort and school at the base of Lookout Mtn.

#### Ocoee River Basin Canopy Tours @ Wildwater LTD

5000 US-64 W, Ducktown, TN | 423-548-5100 Wildwaterrafting.com

Nine zip line sections and three swinging sky bridges on this fully wooded canopy tour.

#### Ocoee Ziplines & Canopy Tours @ Raft One 4599 US-64, Copperhill, TN | 888-723-8663

Ocoeeziplines.com More than a mile of cable racing through the Cherokee National Forest.

#### **Ruby Falls ZIPStream Aerial Adventure**

1720 Scenic Hwy., Chattanooga, TN | 423-821-2544 rubyfalls.com Suspended obstacle course, zip line adventure and climbing tower.

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#### Tennessee Tree Toppers

1570 Window Rock Rd., Dunlap, TN tennesseetreetoppers.net Launch site for hang gliding flights.

#### Canopy Challenge Course at Fall Creek Falls

1997 Village Camp Rd., Spencer, TN | 615-499-5779 challengefcf.com Zip line and ropes course near Fall Creek Falls State Park.

## **CAVES & ROCKS**

#### Raccoon Mountain Caverns & Campground

319 West Hills Dr., Chattanooga, TN 423-821-9403

Raccoonmountain.com

More than 5 ½ miles of cavern passageways to explore. Wild cave tours available.

#### **Rock City Gardens**

1400 Patten Rd., Lookout Mountain, GA 706-820-2531

Seerockcity.com

This boulder paradise features massive ancient rock formations, gardens with over 400 native plant species, and breathtaking "See 7 States" views.

#### Ruby Falls

1720 S. Scenic Hwy., Lookout Mtn., TN 423-821-2544 Rubyfalls.com

See a 145-feet high underground waterfall in Chattanooga's most historic cave destination.





### DISC GOLF

#### **Athens Regional Park Disc Golf Course**

18-hole course 2405 Decatur Pike, Athens, TN | 423-744-2404

#### 9 on Top Disc Golf Course

9-hole course over some challenging terrain 1836 Taft Hwy., Signal Mountain, TN | 423-505-5605

#### **Camp Jordan Disc Golf Course**

19-hole course 323 Camp Jordan Pkwy., East Ridge, TN 423-490-0078

#### **Carver Rec Center Disc Golf Course**

9-hole course 600 N. Orchard Knob Ave., Chattanooga, TN 423-697-1280

#### **Johnston Woods Retreat Disc Golf Course**

9-hole course (Private - reservations required) 298 Brymer Creek Rd., McDonald, TN | 423-476-5586 johnstonwoods.org

#### Portland Park Disc Golf Course

9-hole course 98 Weeks St., Chattanooga, TN 423-309-1685



#### **Shepherd Recreation Center Disc Golf Course**

9-hole course 2124 Shepherd Rd., Chattanooga, TN 423-855-2697

#### **Southern Adventist University Disc Golf Course**

14-hole course 4881 Taylor Cir., Collegedale, TN | 423-236-2850

#### Fletcher Park Disc Golf Course

18-hole course 121 Stonewood Dr., Cleveland, TN | 423-236-2850

#### The Sinks Disc Golf Course

18-hole course 4502 N. Access Rd., Chattanooga, TN 423-309-1685

#### **Valley Fest Disc Golf Course**

9-hole course 292 Pine St., Dunlap, TN 423-949-7608

## **DOG PARKS**

#### **Chattanooga Chew Chew Canine Park**

1801 Carter St., Chattanooga, TN 423-757-2076

#### **Play Wash Pint**

113 Johnson St., Chattanooga, TN 423-643-2275

#### **Greenway Farms Dog Park**

5051 Gann Store Rd., Hixson, TN Northchick.org

#### Collegedale Dog Park

5225 Tallant Rd., Ooltewah, TN

#### Red Bank Dog Park @ White Oak Park

798 Ben Miller Pkwy., Red Bank, TN 423-877-1103

#### Soddy-Daisy Dog Park @ Soddy Daisy Veterans Park

9009 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 423-332-5323

#### **Prof. Powers Pup Park**

17 Slack Rd., Athens, TN athenstn.gov

#### **Chew Chew Park**

600 Louisiana St., Etowah, TN cityofetowahtn.gov



# WATERFALL WONDER IN SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE

Rivers, creeks, and waterfalls are part of Southeast Find your waterfall adventure with the Waterfall Tennessee's natural charm, and there's just no better way to experience the region's lush landscape than by sitting on a boulder in the misty realm of a waterfall or hiking along a cascading creek to a breathtaking waterfall.



Wonder Guide, produced by the Southeast Tennessee Tourism Association.

The guide features 16 of the most scenic and accessible waterfalls on public lands in the greater Chattanooga area, including spectacular waterfalls in South Cumberland State Park, the Cherokee National Forest, Cumberland Trail State Park, and Fall Creek Falls State Park.

Of course, please use caution when visiting any of the region's waterfalls. Be sure to wear stable shoes and avoid slippery rocks or crossing in dangerous places and keep children safe distances from dangerous ledges.

Download the Waterfall Wonder Guide at: SoutheastTennessee.com or pick up a guide at Outdoor Chattanooga, the Chattanooga Airport or one of the region's Tennessee Welcome Centers.





# CHCLING





# **LOCAL BIKE SHOPS**

#### **Battlefield Outdoors**

2871 Lafayette Rd, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 706-841-0040 battlefield-outdoors.com

#### **East Ridge Bicycles**

5910 Ringgold Rd., Chattanooga, TN 423-894-9122 eastridgebicycles.net

#### Owen Cyclery

423-875-6811 owencyclery.com

#### Scott's Bicycle Centre

2544 Georgetown Rd. NW, Cleveland, TN 423-472-9881 scottsbikes.co

#### Suck Creek Cycle

630 W Bell Ave., Chattanooga, TN 423-266-8883

#### Trailhead Bicycle Co.

225 1st St. NE, Cleveland, TN 423-472-9899 trailheadbicycle.com

#### **Trek Store Chattanooga**

307 Manufacturers Rd. #117, Chattanooga, TN 423-648-2100 trekstorechattanooga.com

# **BIKE TN**

Bike Tennessee is a statewide road cycling initiative featuring professionally curated routes that showcase the small towns, natural landscapes, and hidden gems that can only be found along Tennessee's backroads. Administered by the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, Bike Tennessee aims to inspire visitors to experience Tennessee's scenic beauty and rich heritage on two wheels.

Bike Tennessee's collection of road cycling routes have been crafted in collaboration with a professional cycling guide and developer, Shannon Burke, of Velo View Bike Tours in Chattanooga. The routes feature mostly rural, low-traffic cycling experiences in some of Tennessee's most scenic and historic landscapes including multiple state parks.

Bike Tennessee is designed for seasoned road cyclists and offers diverse ride options and landscapes – all mapped using the Ride With GPS app. In addition to the maps, ride descriptions are included with each route, offering insight into the character of the ride, points of interest, and potential modifications to shorten or lengthen the distance



### FAMILY-FRIENDLY CYCLING IN THE CHATTANOOGA REGION

# Looking for a safe place to take the family for a bike ride?

Southeast Tennessee has plenty of car-free recreation paths that are perfect for a leisurely bike ride without having to worry about traffic.



#### Chattanooga Riverwalk

The most popular rec path in the region is the 13-mile Chattanooga Riverwalk, which follows the Tennessee River from the Chickamauga Dam all the way to the foot of Lookout Mountain. The Riverwalk also provides access to the South Chickamauga Creek Greenway, which provides another 3.5 miles of scenic cycling alongside the creek.

#### **Brainerd Levee**

Trailheads @ Shallowford Rd. and Camp Jordan Park City of Chattanooga Parks | 423-425-6311 This path is 5.5 miles from the trailhead at Shallowford Road in Brainerd to Camp Jordan Park in East Ridge. The trail is gravel for 3.5 miles and paved for 2 miles.

#### Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway

This beautiful Greenway runs through central Cleveland for four miles with no street crossings and is lighted 24/7, making it an excellent option for exploring the city by bike.

2487 Keith St. NW, Cleveland, TN

#### **Mountain Goat Trail**

mountaingoattrail.org

The Mountain Goat Trail is a multi-modal rail-trail in Tennessee's South Cumberland that connects communities along the historic path of the Mountain Goat Railroad (1856-1985). A 5-mile section of trail runs from Sewanee to Monteagle. Park in Sewanee at the gravel lot on Highway 41A at Hawkins Lane. In Monteagle, park at Mountain Outfitters to access the trail.) Also, the Mountain Goat Trail in Sewanee is part of the 20+ mile Perimeter Trail around the University Domain, which is why it's labeled that way on Google Maps. A 3.5-mile section of trail in Tracy City can be accessed from Tracy City Old Roundhouse Park and Tracy City Elementary School.

#### Eureka Trail

1400 E. Madison Ave., Athens to Engelwood, TN | 423-744-2704 athenstn.gov

Following a former railroad bed, this gravel trail winds nearly 5 miles through the woods and rural landscape before ending at the outskirts of Englewood, Tenn.



#### **MOUNTAIN BIKING**

There are over 75 miles of single-track heaven in Southeast Tennessee within 30 minutes of downtown Chattanooga. Visit www.mtbproject.com for route details.

#### Stringers Ridge

5 miles of intermediate single-track trail. Primary Trailhead @ Spears Ave. and Bell Ave. Chattanooga, TN | 423-425-6311

#### **Raccoon Mountain**

24 miles of mixed-level single-track trail with some challenging technical sections.

- Laurel Point Trailhead Electric Ave Two, Chattanooga, TN
- Overlook 3800 Racoon Mountain Dr., Chattanooga, TN

#### **Booker T. Washington State Park**

6 miles of single-track trail, all intermediate. 5801 Champions Rd., Chattanooga, TN 423-894-4955

#### Harrison Bay State Park

4 miles of easy single-track trail. 8411 Harrison Bay Rd., Harrison, TN 423-344-6214

#### **Enterprise South Nature Park**

10 miles of single-trail trail, mostly easy with some intermediate-level. 8015 Volkswagen Dr., Chattanooga, TN 423-893-3500

#### Walden's Ridge Park

Although Chattanooga has existing mountain biking opportunities, the proposed trails will be the first purpose-built, progressive, downhill trails in the Chattanooga region, offering the potential for more than 10 miles of new options for both local and regional riders. The property will offer a variety of terrain and technicalities for riders of many levels. 4232 W Rd, Signal Mountain, TN 423-209-6899

#### Collegedale/Southern Adventist University Trailheads:

19 miles of single-track trail split between two parks - White Oak Mountain and Bauxite - with something for all skill levels.

- White Oak
- 4707 Morningside Dr, Collegedale, TN

College Dr. (near Collegedale Memorial Park Cemetary), Collegedale, TN

#### **Johnston Woods Trail System**

4 miles of easy trail. 298 Brymer Creek Rd., McDonald, TN 423-476-5586

#### **Guild-Hardy Trail**

498 Ochs Hwy, Chattanooga, TN Following the path of a former railroad bed, this relatively easy double-track trail begins on Ochs Hwy and wraps around Lookout Mountain to the John Smart/Jackson Gap trail.

#### Chilhowee Recreation Area -**Cherokee National Forest**

12 miles of mixed-level single-track trail. Ocoee Ranger Station, Benton, TN | 423-338-3300

#### Tanasi Trail System @ the Ocoee Whitewater Center **Cherokee National Forest**

30 miles of mostly easy and intermediate single-track trail. The Tanasi Trail System has been designated by the International Mountain Bike Association as "Hall of Fame Epic."

4400 US-64, Copperhill, TN | 423-496-0100



#### **GRAVEL BIKING**

Southeast Tennessee has plenty of off-the-beaten path gravel roads, but the greatest concentration (and the best place for gravel grinding adventure) can be found in the Cherokee National Forest (about an hour from downtown Chattanooga). There are numerous places to enter the forest, but here are a couple of options for parking.

#### **Cherokee National Forest**

Thunder Rock Recreational Area 3171 Hwy 64 | 423-338-3300 Provides access to: Forest Road 45 & Forest Road 221

#### **Cherokee National Forest**

Sugar Loaf Boat Ramp Sugar Loaf Road Provides access to: Forest Road 55 and 302

#### Eureka Trail

1400 E. Madison Ave., Athens to Engelwood, TN 423-744-2702 athenstn.gov

Following a former railroad bed, this gravel trail winds nearly 5 miles through the woods and rural landscape before ending at the outskirts of Englewood, Tenn.



City of Chattanooga Parks | 423-425-6311 Outdoorchattanooga.com/land/brainerd-levee-camp-

an easy ride for beginners and families. The trail is 5.5 miles from the trailhead at Shallowford Road in Brainerd to Camp Jordan Park in East Ridge. The



# **VELO VIEW BIKE TOURS**



Shannon Burke and Celeste Cyr of Velo View Bike Tours relocated from Austin, Texas to Chattanooga in 2016 in large part to have access to the incredible variety of scenic road, gravel and mountain bike routes available in the Chattanooga region. While their bike tour business continues to offer tours all over the country, the focus has shifted to offering more regional tours that showcase the unique beauty of southeast Tennessee.

Since its founding in 2012, Velo View Bike Tours has specialized in personalized bike vacations for small groups, with all-inclusive, fully supported bike tours. In addition to these pre-scheduled vacation packages, they also offer "build-your-own" custom tour options, which allow cyclists to choose their own distances, destinations and level of the support rather than buying a pre-set package. These custom options are a new service Velo View is offering, made possible by the number of amazing cycling choices so close to their new home base in Chattanooga.

For more information, check out their website at www.veloviewbiketours.com or call 423-834-8388.



# SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE MINING TRAIL



Various mining, quarrying, iron and copper production and metal manufacturing industries once formed the backbone of the economy in Southeast Tennessee.

These intriguing sites include coal and copper

mines, coke ovens, iron works and foundries, and transportation corridors. Download the detailed Mining History Trail at www.SoutheastTennessee.com to learn more about these historic mining industries and their significant impact on communities and the natural landscape.

#### Ducktown Basin Museum

212 Burra Burra St., Ducktown, TN | 423-496-5778 Ducktownbasinmuseum.com Journey through 150 years of copper mining history in the region. Admission fee.

#### **Dunlap Coke Ovens Park & Museum**

Mountain View Cir., Dunlap, TN | 423-949-2156 Cokeovens.com

Explore this 88-acre park and its coke ovens. The museum features the history of coal mining and coke production in the region.

# Marion County Coal Miners Museum

900 Main St. S., Whitwell, TN 423-658-6868

Coalminersmuseum.com

This one-of-a-kind coal mining museum is filled with objects and stories that mark more than a century of coal mining in the Whitwell community.

### RAILROAD HISTORY

Tennessee railroads date back to 1845 when the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad was chartered to connect its namesake cities. Explore Tennessee's fascinating history with trains at the following sites in the region.

#### **Etowah Railroad Depot & Museum**

727 Tennessee Ave., Étowah, TN | 423-263-7840 Tennesseeoverhill.com

Listed on the National Register of historic places, this two-story Victorian-style railroad station was the first building erected in Etowah. Exhibits include the history of the Old Line Railroad, built in 1890. Purchase tickets here for the Hiwassee River Rail Adventure.

#### **Hiwassee River Rail Adventure**

9406 Hwy. 411, Delano, TN 423-894-8028

tvrail.com

Climb on board a restored vintage passenger train for a ride through the beautiful Hiwassee River Gorge and over the famous Hiwassee Rail Loop. Trains run April-November offering standard coach seating and luxury seats in the dome car. Choose from two trip options – the Hiwassee River Loop Trip (half-day) and the Copperhill Special (full day). Call for information about popular holiday excursions.

#### Niota TN Southern RR Depot

201 E. Main St., Niota, TN | 423-568-2584 Constructed from handmade bricks in 1853, the Niota Depot is the oldest remaining pre-Civil War railroad in Tennessee. Now used as offices for the Town of Niota, pre-scheduled tours are available.



# CHILDREN'S HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

### @ Whitwell Middle School

1 Butterfly Ln., Whitwell, TN | 423-658-5635 Whitwellmiddleschool.org

Whitwell Middle School is home to one of the world's most profound memorials to the Holocaust victims of Nazi Germany, the Children's Holocaust Memorial. The memorial, which opened in 2001, features an authentic German rail car that was once used to transport detainees to Nazi death camps. Thirty-million paper clips are encased with the railcar, along with letters and mementos sent from around the world, to honor the memory of the millions of people who were murdered during the Holocaust. This memorial project was featured in the 2004 documentary, *Paper Clips*.

Student-led tours are offered on Friday mornings when school is in session. To book a tour, visit www.whitwellmiddleschool.org or email lhooper@mctns.net. Self-guided tours are also available. Visitors may gain access by picking up a key from Castle's Grocery at 13563 Hwy. 28 between 9 am-5 pm Central. The store can be reached at 423-658-6542.





National Medal of Honor Heritage Center, Downtown Chattanooga

# Exploring the Past







he Charles H. Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center memorializes the history of our nation's highest military award for valor, and the recipients who demonstrated the six characteristics of Patriotism, Citizenship, Courage, Integrity, Sacrifice, and Commitment. Chattanooga is home to the first Medal of Honor awarded and where visitors can experience the powerful stories of ordinary people accomplishing extraordinary feats. The Medal of Honor Heritage Center is located downtown in Chattanooga at 2 W. Aquarium Way, Suite 104, Chattanooga, TN, and is open seven days a week. For more information, visit mohhc.org.

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### **CIVIL WAR HISTORY**

The Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park, located in northern Georgia and eastern Tennessee, preserves the sites of two major battles of the American Civil War: The Battle of Chickamauga and The Battles for Chattanooga. Established in 1895 through the efforts of Civil War veterans from both north and south, the park is the oldest and largest military park in the nation. The military park consists of four main areas: Chickamauga Battlefield, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain Battlefield / Point Park, and Moccasin Bend.

#### Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park Visitor Center

3370 LaFayette Rd., Fort Oglethorpe, GA 706-866-9241

Nps.gov/chch

The Battle of Chickamauga takes its name from West Chickamauga Creek, which meanders through northwest Georgia and into the Chattanooga area. Union and Confederate troops fought the Battle of Chickamauga on September 18-20, 1863. Although the Confederates were technically the victors, driving Union troops to Chattanooga, they did not achieve their objective of restoring Confederate control of East Tennessee. The battle caused the second-highest number of deaths in the Civil War: 34,000 Union and Confederate casualties.

The park's visitor center features interpretive exhibits, a book store, an artillery display, and a multi-media program about the battle. The 5,200-acre battlefield park contains hundreds of monuments, interpretative tablets, wayside exhibits, and hiking and biking trails.

#### **Point Park**

110 Point Park Rd., Lookout Mountain, TN 706-866-9241

Point Park is a 10-acre memorial park that overlooks the Lookout Mountain Battlefield and Chattanooga. In December 1863, a photographer from Ohio, Robert "Royan" M. Linn, established a photo studio at Point Lookout, naming it Gallery Point Lookout. He and his brother, J. Birney Linn, took hundreds of photos of Union officers, soldiers and civilians posing at Point Lookout and nearby Umbrella Rock.

Point Park features a paved walking trail that highlights historic tablets, monuments and scenic overlooks. The largest monument in Point Park is the New York Peace Memorial, which was erected by the state of New York as a tribute to peace and reconciliation between Union and Confederate veterans after the war. The Ochs Memorial Observatory features exhibits, photographs and overlooks of Chattanooga and the Tennessee River.



#### Lookout Mountain Battlefield - Visitor Center 110 Point Park Rd., Lookout Mtn., TN

706-866-9241
After the Confederate victory at Chickamauga, troops occupied Lookout Mountain, where they could peer down upon and watch Union activities in Chattanooga. On November 24, 1863, Union troops attacked the Confederates and drove them from the mountain during the "Battle Above the Clouds." The following morning, the American flag flew from the mountain's pinnacle. For the rest of the Civil War, Lookout Mountain was a tourist destination for Union soldiers and civilians. A visitor center is located outside Point Park and features exhibits about the Civil War campaign for Chattanooga, including a



large painting "The Battle Above the Clouds."

# Tennessee Civil War Trails tnvacation.com/civil-war Civil War sites span across the Southeast region, and we have mapped out over 350 significant places across about people, artifacts, battles, and historic parks



### **CHEROKEE HERITAGE**

Native American towns and villages thrived for thousands of years along the rivers and within the valleys of Southeast Tennessee. One of the tribes that inhabited the region was the Cherokee, who by 1700 claimed land that included parts of Southeast Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. However, by 1837, 46,000 Native Americans had been forcibly removed from their lands East of the Mississippi River through what became known as the Trail of Tears.

Despite this tragic chapter in American history, the Cherokee people today live on as a renewed, invigorated nation – and their legacy continues in this region through the natural, historical and cultural landscape. Historically significant sites throughout the region offer a deeper understanding of the cultural heritage of the people who lived in Southeast Tennessee prior to European settlement. Download the guide to Cherokee Heritage in Southeast Tennessee at www.SoutheastTennessee. com to learn more about important historical sites and stories relating to Cherokee history in the region.

#### **Hiwassee River Heritage Center**

8746 Hiwassee St., Charleston, TN 423-665-3373

Hiwasseeheritage.com

Discover a compelling story of human spirit and tragic sacrifice at this certified site on the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. The center also details Charleston's pivotal role in the Civil War, as well as its industrial and agricultural history.

#### Red Clay State Historic Park

1140 Red Clay Park Rd. SW, Cleveland, TN 423-478-0339

**Instateparks.com** 

This site served as the last Eastern Capital of the Cherokee Nation before the Cherokee Removal in 1838

#### **Cherokee Removal Memorial Park**

6615 Blythe Ferry Rd., Birchwood, TN 423-339-2769

Facebook@Cherokee Removal Memorial Park meigscounty.org/visit/cherokee-removalmemorial-park

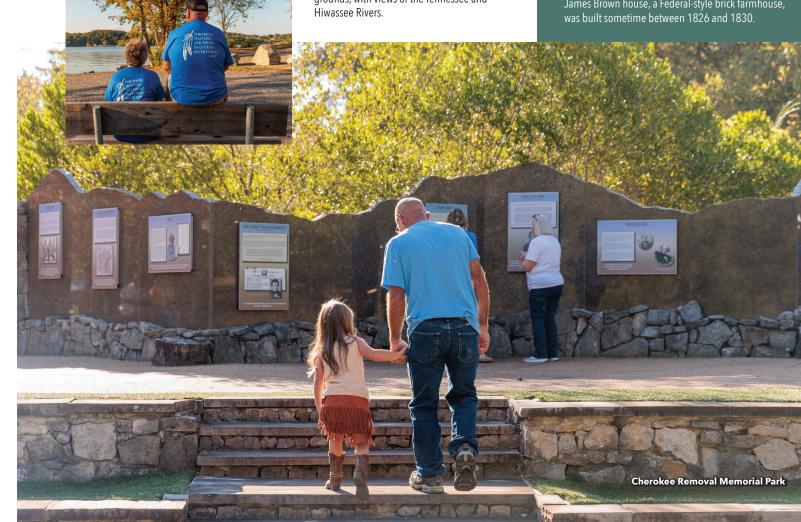
View the nation's only Cherokee Removal Memorial and explore the visitor center and grounds, with views of the Tennessee and Hiwassee Rivers.



James Brown Cherokee Plantation 9521 Ooltewah-Georgetown Rd. Ooltewah, TN

Privately owned. View from street.

James Brown was a Cherokee Supreme Court judge who signed the 1839 Cherokee Constitution. The James Brown house, a Federal-style brick farmhouse, was built comptime between 1826 and 1830.





# CHEROKEE HISTORY EXHIBITS AND "VOICES FROM THE PAST" TRAIL AT HIWASSEE RIVER HERITAGE CENTER IN CHARLESTON

The banks of the Hiwassee River in Southeast Tennessee were witness to nationally significant history involving the Trail of Tears and the Civil War. Present-day Charleston, Tenn., was once the site of the federal Indian Agency and eventually Fort Cass, the U.S. military headquarters for the entire Cherokee "Trail of Tears" Removal. The Hiwassee River was also a pivotal crossing point for troop movement in the Civil War, and several officers on both sides of the conflict made Charleston a stop in their operations.

In 2019, the Hiwassee River Heritage Center expanded its footprint and education efforts to include a National Historic Trail experience, exhibits and an education room.

The first segment of Charleston's new National Historic Trail Experience, Voices from the Past, connects the Hiwassee River Heritage Center to Charleston Park. The paved trail features signage with quotes about the Cherokee Removal at Fort Cass from Cherokee people, missionaries and U.S. military figures.

"The trail sets the stage for learning more about the Trail of Tears and bringing the struggle of that time to a personal level," says Melissa Woody, vice president for Tourism Development of the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce and Development Chair for the CCH Historical Society. "Presenting quotes from the people affected by this difficult time in history really brings this story to life and to a relatable place for all of us as human beings."

The center's new George Robert & Doris Bolen Johnson Exhibit Hall features artifacts that help interpret pre-Cherokee native peoples, Cherokee settlements, the federal Indian Agency, Fort Cass and the Cherokee Removal. The exhibit also examines the area's role in the Civil War, as well as industrialization in the region.

The museum is honored to house artifacts from the region, as well as a special set of images, which are all on loan from the Frank H. McClung Museum of Natural History & Culture at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. The images feature colorized versions of sketches drawn by Madeline Kneberg, who is known for her work on excavations in the Tennessee Valley beginning in the 1930s. Kneberg was the first female to become a full professor at UT outside of the home economics curriculum and one of the first prominent female archaeologists in the U.S.

The trail experience and the heritage center are two components of a master plan for heritage development in the Charleston and Calhoun communities. The trail will eventually extend beyond Charleston Park to the Hiwassee River, with plans to connect with the Cleveland/Bradley Greenway.

The Hiwassee River Heritage Center, located at 8746 Hiwassee Street in Charleston, serves as an educational resource, welcome center and a gateway to other regional historic sites. For more information, visit HiwasseeHeritage.com.











#### **Updated Trail**

The Cherokee Removal Memorial Park in Meigs County has updated their trail. It highlights the beginning of the actual path the Cherokee people took on the Trail of Tears. It's an important place to visit to remember the suffering the Cherokee endured when they were forced to leave their homeland. After visiting the trail, you can go to the Memorial Wall to read the names of those who walked the same path.

# **REGIONAL HISTORY MUSEUMS:**

# ENGLEWOOD TEXTILE MUSEUM

#### **Englewood Textile Museum**

101 S. Niota Rd., Englewood, TN | 423-887-5455 Townofenglewood.com

Explore the history of the region's 1850 textile industry in Englewood.



#### **Grundy County Historical Society Heritage Center**

465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City, TN | 931-592-6008 Grundycountyhistory.org

Includes a library and research center, assembly hall, and exhibit hall with artifacts.



#### **International Towing & Recovery Museum**

3315 Broad St., Chattanooga, TN | 423-267-3132 International towing museum.org
Tow truck and towing equipment dating back to 1916. Admission fee.



#### **McMinn County Living Heritage Museum**

522 W. Madison Ave., Athens, TN | 423-745-0329 Livingheritagemuseum.com

Thirty permanent exhibits, including a recreated log cabin, general store and early doctor's office.



#### **Jasper Regional History Museum**

715 Phillips Ave., Jasper, TN | 423-942-2233 tennesseerivervalleygeotourism.org
Offers an exceptional collection of regional artifacts and memorabilia.



# Scopes Trial Museum & Festival @ the Historic Rhea County Courthouse

1475 Market St., Dayton, TN, | 423-775-7818

rheacountyheritage.com

By far the most celebrated court case in perhaps all of Tennessee history, the Scopes Trail took place in the Rhea County Courthouse in Dayton, Tenn., in 1925.



#### **Museum Center at 5ive Points**

200 Inman St. E, Cleveland, TN | 423-339-5745

Museumcenter.org

Explore the Ocoee region through exhibits, creative programming, local art. and more. Admission fee.



#### **Meigs County Historical Museum**

200 Smith Ave., Decatur, TN | 423-334-4424 meigstnmuseum.org
Artifacts and genealogy research material.



#### **South Pittsburg Heritage Museum**

316 Cedar Ave., South Pittsburg, TN | 423-837-8714 historicsouthpittsburgtn.org

South Pittsburg Historic Preservation Society's museum outlines the city's history.



#### **National Medal of Honor Heritage Center**

2 W Aquarium Way Suite 104, Chattanooga, TN 423-877-2525 mohhc.org

Chattanooga is the birthplace of the Medal of Honor, and here visitors can experience the powerful stories of those who earned the nation's highest military honor for valor.



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